

ADVOCACY PLAN JAN-FEB 2026

Advocacy for Property Ownership Rights, Property Inheritance Rights, Culturally Appropriate Translation and Interpretation of Succession Laws and Socio-Economic Empowerment to Prevent Gender Based Violence on Women and Girls in Gulu City, Acholi Sub-Region

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This advocacy plan addresses the critical intersections of property rights, inheritance justice, and Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Gulu City, specifically targeting Bardege-Layibi and Laroo-Pece Divisions. As a network and women-focused organisation, RENA INITIATIVE FOR HUMANITY, together with network members Her Worth Foundation and Second Chance, will carry out an intensive two-month advocacy intervention through community sensitisation, awareness, and dialogue.

RENA INITIATIVE FOR HUMANITY will strategically convene women-led organisations for joint reflection and learning to integrate experiences and lessons from the previous meeting at Lamaco Hotel and develop action points to be integrated into their respective organisation work plans.

This initiative will amplify the voices of women and girls, youth, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable persons facing systematic exclusion from property ownership and inheritance through:

- Targeted community mobilisation and dialogue in both Bardege-Layibi and Pece-Laroo Divisions
- Bringing together network members, community members, duty bearers, and stakeholders for collective reflection and strategic planning
- Participation in key national and local advocacy platforms to ensure succession laws are accessible and understood in local language (Acholi) and implemented by all responsible stakeholders

2. ADVOCACY OBJECTIVES

Overall Objective

To advocate for culturally appropriate translation and interpretation of property, inheritance, and succession laws into Acholi language and cultural context, strengthen their equitable implementation, and promote socio-economic empowerment of women, girls, youth, and vulnerable persons, thereby reducing and preventing Gender-Based Violence rooted in property ownership and inheritance conflicts in Gulu City, Acholi Sub-Region.

Specific Objectives

Objective 1: Community Awareness and Dialogue

To conduct community dialogue reaching at least 200 women and girls on succession laws, property inheritance, property rights, and GBV prevention by the end of February 2026.



Objective 2: Strategic Advocacy Engagement

To organise and conduct systematic advocacy meetings with division leaders, Gulu City Council, line departments within the city, and Members of Parliament to elevate property inheritance rights and property rights issues to the parliamentary agenda and secure commitments for policy actions by February 2026.

Objective 3: Women Network Members' Meaningful Participation in National and Local Events

To enable network members and partners to participate in at least two national advocacy forums to amplify Acholi women's voices on property rights, succession law reforms, and Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention, and build strategic partnerships with national advocacy actors.

Objective 4: Network Strengthening

To strengthen network coordination and collective advocacy capacity through joint reflection, learning, and strategic planning sessions with member organisations and draw commitments for integration of advocacy messages into their respective organisations.

3. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Context

Gulu City, particularly Bardege-Layibi and Laroo-Pece Divisions, continues to experience significant challenges related to women's property ownership and inheritance rights. Despite constitutional guarantees and statutory succession laws, cultural practices and language barriers prevent effective implementation and access to justice for women and girls.

Key Challenges Identified

Lack of Legal Knowledge and Literacy

Succession laws remain inaccessible due to lack of translation into Acholi context. Translated versions need to be made available and accessible for public use.

Cultural Barriers

Traditional inheritance practices often favour boys and men while excluding and denying women, daughters, and girls from property ownership. This patriarchal phenomenon increases women and girls' risk of abuse and Gender Based Violence.

Economic Vulnerability

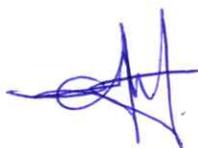
Property dispossession leads to economic disempowerment of women-headed households, increasing their vulnerability to all forms of abuse and violations.

Gender Based Violence (GBV) Connection

Property and inheritance conflicts escalate into domestic violence and gender-based violence, especially among couples and those in intimate relationships.

Weak Enforcement of Laws

Limited capacity or lack of goodwill by local authorities to enforce available laws on property rights and protection, especially for women and girls. This makes them lose their



properties, and they fear reprimand by both perpetrators and law enforcers when pursuing cases.

Information Gap

Communities, especially girls and women, lack awareness of their legal rights regarding succession and inheritance.

With these challenges, RENA INITIATIVE FOR HUMANITY has developed key advocacy strategies to improve the knowledge of women and girls on their rights to property inheritance and succession, and to empower them economically in their respective communities.

4. KEY ADVOCACY STRATEGIES

Strategy 1: Community Dialogue and Sensitisation

Approach

Conduct intensive community dialogue in two divisions within Gulu City to raise awareness on succession laws, property inheritance, property rights, and GBV prevention.

Target Groups

- Women and girls (including widows, single mothers, and young mothers)
- Men and boys (male youth and fathers)
- Community leaders (cultural leaders, Rwodi-Kweri, LC1 and 2, CDO, police)
- Opinion leaders

Activities

- Conduct 4 community sensitisation sessions: 2 for Laroo-Pece and 2 for Bardege-Layibi Division
- Formation of community-level women and youth activist groups (one for each division)

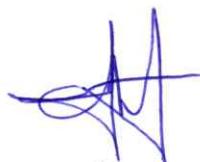
Expected Outcomes

- At least 200 community members understand their property and inheritance rights
- Community leaders commit to support women's and girls' property and inheritance rights
- Reduced stigma around women claiming inheritance from their marital and paternal homes
- Increased reporting of property-related GBV cases
- Police willingness to take on cases and investigate for prosecution of culprits

Strategy 2: Systematic Advocacy Meetings with Decision Makers and Duty Bearers

Approach

Organise strategic advocacy engagements with Division leadership, Gulu City Council, line



heads of departments, and Members of Parliament of Gulu City and neighbouring districts to elevate advocacy issues to policies and parliamentary agenda.

Target Groups

- Division chairpersons (Bardege-Layibi and Pece-Laroo)
- Division Community Development Officers
- City Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and councillors
- Members of Parliament representing Gulu City and neighbouring districts
- Community women representatives
- Police Commander (Family Protection Unit)
- City Clerks and Chief Administrative Officers from invited districts
- Resident City Commissioner and Division Deputies

Activity

Organise a one-day non-residential engagement meeting at Boma Hotel with at least 50 participants, including:

- Members of Parliament from Gulu City, Gulu District, Amuru, Omoro, and Nwoya
- City Mayor and Deputy
- City Speaker and selected councillors
- Division Mayors
- Representatives from RENA INITIATIVE FOR HUMANITY, Second Chance, Her Worth Foundation, and invited network members

Expected Outcomes

- Members of Parliament commit to presenting women's petition in Parliament
- Agreement on which parliamentary committees to engage
- Clear timeline for parliamentary presentation established
- City authority commits to support the petition
- Media coverage of the meeting amplifies advocacy messages
- Formation of joint task force to follow up on parliamentary actions

Strategy 3: Participation in National Advocacy Forums

Approach

Strategically and meaningfully participate in national advocacy platforms to amplify local women and girls' voices, learn from national actors, and influence national policy on succession law reforms and GBV prevention.

Target

- National women's rights advocacy forums
- Land rights and property justice conferences
- Parliamentary sessions (when relevant)
- GBV prevention and response platforms

Activities



- Identify and attend at least two advocacy forums/conferences
- Prepare and present advocacy statements from Gulu women to the forums and return with feedback statements

Expected Outcomes

- Acholi women and girls' voices heard and considered at national level
- Strategic partnerships established with national organisations
- Access to advocacy resources and technical support

Strategy 4: Network Reflection and Feedback from Previous Engagement

Approach

Convene women-led organisations and network members for a one-day joint reflection session, integrating lessons learned from previous women-led organisation meetings and strategic planning for coordinated advocacy.

Activity

- Organise a one-day reflection session with women-led organisations and network members
- Develop a unified advocacy message based on feedback

Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened coordination among network members informed by past experience
- Unified advocacy messaging
- Enhanced capacity for evidence-based advocacy
- Lessons from previous women-led organisation meetings integrated into current advocacy
- Sustainable network and collaboration mechanisms developed

5. BUDGET

Strategy 1: Community Dialogue and Sensitisation

Particulars	Frequency	Cost/Unit	Amount
Venue Hire	2	150,000	300,000
Lunch	2 × 50 participants	6,000	600,000
Water	2 × 50 participants	1,000	100,000
Transport refund for participants	2 × 50 participants	10,000	1,000,000
Material cost	2 Lump sum	240,000	480,000
Community Mobilisation	3 Motorcycle hire × 2	35,000	210,000

Particulars	Frequency	Cost/Unit	Amount
Airtime	3 Lump sum	20,000	60,000
Field staff lunch	3 staff	20,000	60,000
Sub-Total			2,621,000

Strategy 2: Systematic Advocacy Meetings with Decision Makers

Particulars	Frequency	Cost/Unit	Amount
Hall hire	1 Day	350,000	350,000
Water small bottles	1 × 50 × 3	3,000	450,000
Lunch	1 × 50	35,000	1,750,000
Break tea and evening tea	2 × 50	15,000	1,500,000
Public address system	1	150,000	150,000
Projector	1	150,000	150,000
Documentary (videography and photo)	1 Lump sum	200,000	200,000
Materials	1 Lump sum	200,000	200,000
Transport refund for MPs and dignitaries	50 people	20,000	1,000,000
Mobilisation and airtime cost	1 Lump sum	200,000	200,000
Facilitators cost	3	150,000	450,000
Rapporteur	1	100,000	100,000
Moderators	2	150,000	300,000
Radio talk show	1	1,000,000	1,000,000
T-shirts corporate for participants with advocacy messages	50	35,000	1,750,000
Sub-Total			9,550,000

Strategy 3: Participation in National Advocacy Forums

Particulars	Frequency	Cost/Unit	Amount
Transport for 2 persons per organisation	2 × 3 × 2	200,000	1,200,000
Accommodations 2 persons for 2 nights, 2 conferences	2 × 3 × 2 × 2	150,000	3,600,000
Feeding, lunch	2 × 3 × 2 × 2	15,000	360,000
Feeding, supper/dinner	2 × 3 × 2 × 2	20,000	480,000
Out of pocket	2 × 3 × 2	50,000	600,000
Sub-Total			6,240,000

Strategy 4: Network Reflection and Feedback

Particulars	Frequency	Cost/Unit	Amount
Venue Hire	1	150,000	150,000
Break tea	25 persons	5,000	125,000
Lunch	25 persons	10,000	250,000
Water	25 persons	1,000	25,000
Materials (notebooks and pens)	25 persons	6,000	150,000
Flip charts and markers	Lump sum	120,000	120,000
Transport refund for participants	25 persons	20,000	500,000
Documentation	1	200,000	200,000
Press conference	1	200,000	200,000
Publicity	1	250,000	250,000
Sub-Total			1,970,000

GRAND TOTAL: UGX 20,381,000

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