



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE NRM MANIFESTO 2021-2026  
COMMITTMENTS**

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# MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

## Introduction

Government of Uganda set the Vision of the country as; A transformed Ugandan society from peasant to a modern and prosperous country within 30 years. The Vision can only be realised with constitutional democracy, protection of human rights, rule of law, transparency, accountability and regulatory practices. These sum up the mandate of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MoJCA) whose Vision is; A Nation that Upholds the Rule of Law, Good Governance and Due Process for All.

# Institutions Allied to MOJCA

MOJCA is under the Governance and Security Programme which Contributes to NDPIII 2020/21-2024/25 Objective Five **“To Strengthen the Role of the State in Guiding and Facilitating Development.”**

The Institutions Allied to the Ministry include:–

1. Judicial Service Commission (JSC)
2. Electoral Commission
3. Office Of The Director Of Public Prosecutions (ODPP)
4. Uganda Law Reform Commission (ULRC)
5. Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC)
6. Law Development Centre (LDC)
7. Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
<p>Compensation of war-affected households in Teso, Lango, Acholi and West Nile veterans for their lost cattle. (pg 250 of the 2021-2026 manifesto)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ H.E the President the Republic of Uganda launched the compensation of War Debt Claimants at Soroti City on 26th March, 2022. The Ministry commenced processing payments for verified and validated claimants and beneficiaries in FY 2021/2022</li><li>➤ In FY 2021/22, Government provided UGX 50Bn for the cattle compensation. In the current FY 2022/23 UGX 30Bn was provided.</li><li>➤ As of 30th April 2023, the total number of claimants/beneficiaries stood at 41,318 giving a total claim of UGX 784.67Bn. Out of which 28,416 claimants/beneficiaries were cleared for payment giving a sum of UGX 525.51Bn and a total 12,907 (UGX 259.16Bn) claimants/beneficiaries were not cleared for payment due to various reasons (claimants who were minors, sharing of data card numbers, wrong account numbers etc.) and have since been classified as contingent liability.</li><li>➤ Of those verified for payment, 3,467 claimants and beneficiaries were fully paid (UGX 11.185Bn) while 14,667 claimants and beneficiaries were partially paid (UGX 38.138Bn)</li></ul>

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# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
Improve access to justice	<p data-bbox="733 454 1274 506">Other Achievements</p> <ol data-bbox="733 528 2471 1071" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="733 528 2471 1071">I. On going construction of JLOS House, Naguru at estimated cost of UGX 213.3bn to house various institutions including Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, the Judiciary (High Court), Ministry of Internal Affairs, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Prisons, Judicial Service Commission, Uganda Law Society, Uganda Human Rights Commission, Uganda Law Reform Commission, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Tax Appeals Tribunal, Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution among others.</li></ol> <p data-bbox="733 1156 2471 1349">This project intends to improve on institutional coordination and working environment of the staff and reducing on the government expenditure burden of UGX 30Bn per year on rent</p>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
Improve access to justice	<p>Other Achievements</p> <p>II. Extending access to Justice nearer to the people by establishing 7 fully operational regional offices of MOJCA in Arua, Fort portal, Gulu, Mbale, Mbarara, Moroto, and Soroti</p>

# Challenges

- a) Inadequate funding for cattle compensation;
- b) How to handle persons who were minors at the time of loss of cattle.

# Planned Interventions for FY 2023/24

- a) Payment of verified and validated war claimants and beneficiaries in the sub regions of Acholi, Lango and Teso. The intervention is expected to improve on the standard of living of the benefiting communities and continued fast tracking of post war recovery in these regions. To achieve the above, a budget allocation of UGX 80bns (Uganda Shillings eighty Billion) in the FY 2023/24 has been earmarked to pay verified and validated war claimants and beneficiaries.
- b) Completion of phase I of the construction of JLOS house project. UGX 20Bn has been allocated to this project in FY 2023/24 but we still need an additional UGX 21bn to enable us complete this phase.

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Judicial Service Commission
<p>Instill zero tolerance to corruption in the judicial system by introducing systems and periodic performance monitoring of judicial officers. Pg 248</p>	<p>In FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23, handled 64 disciplinary cases against Judicial Officers.</p> <p>Conducted court inspections in 25 magisterial areas and one special inspection for Chief Magistrates Court of Jinja.</p> <p>Conducted twenty eight (28) Radio Talk shows on anti corruption awareness.</p> <p>Conducted four (4) Regional sensitization workshops on Anti- corruption mechanism in Judicial system.</p>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Judicial Service Commission
<p>Improve access to justice. We are going to recruit more judicial officers to fill the vacant positions in the judiciary. Pg. 249</p>	<p>In FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23, recruited 337 Judicial officers as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Justice of Supreme Court – 9</li><li>b) High Court Judge – 27</li><li>c) Registrar – 6</li><li>d) Deputy Registrar – 19</li><li>e) Assistant Registrar – 12</li><li>f) Chief Magistrate – 60</li><li>g) Senior Principal Magistrate Grade 1 – 20</li><li>h) Principal Magistrate Grade 1 – 10</li><li>i) Senior Magistrate Grade 1- 30</li><li>j) Magistrate Grade 1- 144</li></ul>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Judicial Service Commission
<p>We are going to defeat corruption of greed by strengthening the investigative and prosecution machinery so that corruption cases are thoroughly probed, tried and put before court for adjudication. Pg. 247</p>	<p>In FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23;</p> <p>Approved the Investigation Guide and Prosecution Manual.</p> <p>Held 22 sensitizations sessions and needs assessment for Court Support Staff.</p> <p>Received 242 complaints and of these 102 were investigated.</p>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Judicial Service Commission
Strengthen juvenile justice system Pg. 252	Customised copies of brochures on Children and Law, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence were procured and disseminated

# Challenges

- a) Inadequate resources to discharge the Scope of the Commission's mandate
- b) Competitiveness of the terms of employment for legal professionals within Government.

# Planned Interventions for FY 2023/24

- a) Continue to Recruit Judicial and non-judicial officers
- b) Continue to receive complaints, conduct investigations and disciplinary hearings for Judicial Officers
- c) Operationalise Masaka and Mbarara regional offices

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Electoral Commission
Improve access to Justice. NRM will continue consolidating and deepening democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Successful By-Elections; Following the conclusion of 2020/2021 Presidential and General Parliamentary and Local Government Council elections, some elective positions fell vacant as a result of death, resignation or court nullifications among others. All the vacancies that occurred after the said General Elections have been filled within the constitutional requirements.</li><li>b) Verification and Confirmation of Administrative Units across the country</li><li>c) Produced Voter Education Materials and undertook Voter Education Outreach programs</li><li>d) National Consultative Forum and Political Parties/Organisation Activities</li><li>e) Conducted 5 Parliamentary by-elections out of the 188 petitions filed challenging the outcome of the General Elections, 2020/2021.</li><li>f) Conducted consistent stakeholder engagement to address public inquiries and provision of vital information</li></ul>

# Challenges

- a) Commercialization of Politics
- b) Late Enactment/Amendment of Electoral Laws
- c) Negative Public Perception by some stakeholders due to mis information about the Electoral Commission
- d) Election Related Violence
- e) Under funding of the EC Budget
- f) The increasing “do or die” stance of candidates and their supporters has also contributed to the charged electoral environment in many areas
- g) Late Resolution of Court Cases by the Courts

# Planned Interventions for FY 2023/24

- a) Demarcation of Parliamentary Constituencies and Local Government Electoral Areas;
- b) Re-Organisation of Polling Stations;
- c) Construction of headquarter, regional, district offices and storage facilities;
- d) Facilitate Special Interest Groups (Workers, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Youth and Older Persons) committees and other traditionally marginalized groups to participate in the electoral processes;
- e) Advocate for early enactment/amendment of enabling laws and adherence to the deadline for creation of administrative units;

## **Planned Interventions for FY 2023/24 Cont'd**

- f) Capacity building/training of EC staff, Media, Judiciary, Police, Civil servants, CSOs and other stakeholder on electoral operations, human rights based approaches, gender inclusivity, voter integrity, fair reporting on elections, law and order maintenance in electoral processes, among others;
- g) Inclusive participation of citizens (including persons deployed on polling day) in electoral process and enhancing voting by PWDs;
- h) General Update, Display and processing of the Voter Registers for polling;
- i) Increasing civic and voter education of the population including traditionally marginalized groups.
- j) Conduct of Administrative Units (Local Council I and Local Council II) and Women's Councils and Committees Elections, 2023

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions - ODPP
<p>Roll out the Computerized Prosecution Case Management System (PROCAMIS) to an additional 20 stations. (pg 243 of 2021-2026 NRM manifesto)</p>	<p>Computerized Prosecution Case Management System (PROCAMIS) rolled out and operational at field stations. Since inception in 2016 the system is accessible in 34 out of the 42 stations.</p>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions - ODPP
<p>We are going to defeat corruption of greed by strengthening the investigative and prosecution machinery so that corruption cases are thoroughly probed, tried and put before court for adjudication(pg 247 of 2021-2026 NRM manifesto)</p>	<p>Implementation of the investigative and prosecution machinery has greatly contributed in the fight against corruption in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Attained conviction rate of 86%</li><li>b) Recovery of funds totaling to UGX 8.1bn in FY 2020/21 and UGX 8.6Bn in FY 2021/22</li><li>c) Imposition of Administrative Sanctions on officials convicted with corruption cases and barred from holding public offices for 10 years in accordance with Section 46 of the Anti-Corruption Act.</li><li>d) Constructed Regional Offices in Soroti, Mbale Mbarara, Jinja and Fortportal.</li><li>e) Constructed State Attorneys' offices in Pallisa, Kiira, Aleptong, Kamwenge and Amuria.</li><li>f) Elevated 2 Resident State Prosecutor offices of Serere and Katakwi to Resident State Attorney.</li></ul>

# Challenges

- a) Inadequate funding
- b) Inconsistences in the law that has created unclear legal issues on prosecution of cases
- c) Lack of ODPP office presence in 54 Districts, translating to 60% national coverage
- d) Under staffing of state prosecutors leaving a staffing gap of 60% translating to 537 staff less leading to high workload
- e) Security needs for staff & property

# Planned Interventions for FY 2023/24

- a) Rollout computerised prosecution case management information system in 12 ODPP stations.
- b) Continue prosecuting corruption related cases.
- c) Establish offices in Kakumiro and Kibuku districts to bring prosecution services closer to the people.
- d) Continue prosecuting criminal cases to contribute towards case backlog reduction.

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Uganda Law Reform Commission
Improve access to Justice	<p data-bbox="708 486 1327 544">Other Achievements</p> <p data-bbox="708 662 2125 815">Uganda Law Reforms undertook the process of reviewing the following Acts;</p> <ul data-bbox="708 929 2244 1339" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="708 929 1753 996">a) Industrial Licensing Act, Cap. 91,</li><li data-bbox="708 1015 1829 1082">b) Animal (Prevention of Cruelty) Act,</li><li data-bbox="708 1100 2244 1168">c) Warehouse Receipt System Act (No. 14 of 2006);</li><li data-bbox="708 1186 2193 1339">d) Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act No.19 of 2006</li></ul>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Uganda Registration Services Bureau
Improve access to justice	<p>Other achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Improved Business Registration; 49,155 companies and 70, 676 business names have been registered from 2021 to March 2023. In the same period, 4224 local trademarks and 5758 foreign trademarks were registered.</li><li>b) Enhancing access to credit through registration of secured interests in moveable property; 12,336 loans were extended to borrowers by financial institutions using the movable property as collateral and registered on Security Interest in Movable Property Registry.</li><li>c) Enhanced Revenue collections; URSB has collected Revenue of UGX 150.27 billion in the period 2021 to March 2023. Revenue collections have grown from UGX 26.88Bn in 2015/16 to 57.04Bn in 2021/22.</li></ul>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress - Uganda Registration Services Bureau
Improve access to justice	<p>Other achievements</p> <p>d) Establishment of two new regional offices at Masaka and the Albertine region (Hoima) bringing the total number of regional offices to 6. Other regional offices are in Arua, Gulu, Mbarara and Mbale. This is in addition to service centres within the central business district of Kampala.</p> <p>e) Establishment of 32 Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISC) spread in the different Higher Institutions of learning including Makerere University, Muni University, Kabale University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology etc. These TISCs aim at stimulating innovation and economic growth by facilitating access to technology information and strengthening the capacity to effectively exploit this information.</p>

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress – Law development Centre
Implementation of the National Transitional Justice Policy (NTJP) (pg 243 of 2021-2026 NRM manifesto)	Provided legal aid services and outreaches geared toward legal awareness at Police Stations, Prisons, schools and in the communities through Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) mechanisms.

# NRM Manifesto Commitments and key achievements 2021-2023

NRM Manifesto Commitment	Progress – UGANDA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Improve access to Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Monitoring and inspection of detention facilities and jails, and observed notable improvement in the conditions of inmates</li><li>b) Establishment of Human Rights Committees</li><li>c) Recognized and voted the best National Human rights Institution in Africa, a position it holds to date</li><li>d) Accredited as “A” status National Human Rights Institution in 2001 by the Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</li><li>e) Trained security agencies on issues of human rights and developed Human rights training manuals for UPDF and Police</li></ul>

# Challenges

- a) Inadequate funding.
- b) High case backlog at investigations and tribunal levels.
- c) Limited staff structure
- d) The Commission Act 1997 requires the Commission to establish offices at district and other administrative levels fit for better performance of its functions. However, the UHRC has only 12 regional offices and 10 field offices at sub regional levels.

# Planned Interventions for FY 2023/24

- a) Conclude the development of Uganda's National Human Rights Action Plan (NAP)
- b) Conclude the process of approval of the National Civic Education Policy
- c) Popularize the Uganda Bill of Rights; Intensify human rights and civic values awareness, sensitization, education and training campaigns for rights holders and duty bearers.

# Conclusion

Access to justice is fundamental for economic development to be registered and it is a corner stone to good governance. As a Ministry we will continue increasing the level of access to Justice.

Given that elections are a process through which the Government contributes towards deepening democracy and good governance, Government remains committed to enabling Ugandans have a stake in the electoral processes and in determining the leadership of their choice.

**Thank You**