



**Public Information and Outreach in Uganda  
Activity report – March 2009**

**Overall Objective:** Increase understanding of the ICC, its mandate and activities in Uganda amongst diverse constituencies.

Activity	Date	Place	Summary	Means of Verification
<b>Outreach with visiting American law students</b>	2 March	Makerere University, Kampala	<p>At the request of the course instructor, the outreach unit facilitated an interactive session for visiting American law students.</p> <p>The Outreach Unit provided detailed information about the activities of the Court and this was followed by a question and answer session.</p> <p><b>16 American law students attended the session.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard evaluation form.</li> <li>- Monthly reports.</li> </ul>
<b>Informative workshop for persons with disabilities</b>	4 March	Gulu municipality, Gulu district, Acholi sub region, northern Uganda	<p>Organized in partnership with the Gulu Union of Persons with Disabilities, the workshop discussed the mandate of the Court, including victims' participation issues.</p> <p><b>50 participants selected from the four districts in the Acholi sub region (Gulu, Kitgum, Amuru</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard evaluation form.</li> <li>- Feedback from the field</li> <li>- Monthly reports.</li> </ul>

			and Pader) were in attendance.	
<b>Facilitated a live TV transmission of press conference on the issuance of a warrant of arrest against Bashir</b>	4 March	Kampala, and the entire country	<p>In partnership with the Ugandan Broadcasting Cooperation, the outreach team successfully organized a nationwide live broadcast of the press conference that announced Pre-Trial Chamber I's decision to issue a warrant of arrest against President Omar Al Bashir of Sudan.</p> <p><b>About 2 million people from right across the country viewed the press conference through this link.</b></p>	- Feedback from viewers.
<b>Opening of a viewing center at the Kampala field office</b>	4 March	Kampala field office, Uganda	<p>The Outreach staff set up a viewing center for ICC Kampala field staff, representatives of NGOs and journalists to follow the press conference announcing the judges' decision to issue a warrant of arrest against President Omar Al Bashir of Sudan.</p> <p><b>20 viewers attended the session</b></p>	- Monthly reports
<b>Interface with the local media (Electronic media and Press)</b>	4 -9 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- K. FM in Kampala,</li> <li>- Vision Voice Kampala,</li> <li>- New Vision newspapers,</li> </ul>	Following the issuance of arrest warrants by the Pre-Trial Chamber I against President Omar Al Bashir, outreach staff organized several radio discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback from the field</li> <li>- number of callers</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor newspaper,</li> <li>- WBS TV ,</li> <li>- Transnile Broadcasting Service (Madi sub region)</li> <li>- Radio Pacis (Madi sub region)</li> <li>- Voice of Teso (Teso sub region)</li> <li>- Unity FM – Lango sub region,</li> <li>- Bukkede FM (Kampala)</li> <li>- Ddembe FM (Kampala)</li> </ul>	<p>across the country to explain the decision to diverse audiences.</p> <p><b>An estimated audience of about 4.5 million people</b> nationwide listened to these discussions.</p>	
<b>Circulation of the judges' decision to issue a warrant of arrest against President Omar Al Bashir</b>	5 March	Kampala and Gulu, northern Uganda.	358 copies of the judges' decision were delivered to the diplomatic community, NGOs, journalists and other interested parties in Kampala and Gulu district.	Acknowledgement of receipt of document
<b>Village Town hall meeting</b>	5 March	Lalar village, Alero sub county, Amuru district, Acholi sub region	<p>This community was very excited to receive the outreach team and they constructed an access road to the village for this activity.</p> <p>Outreach staff explained the mandate of the Court. The audience encouraged outreach team to continue its work of targeting other affected communities that are not easily accessible as</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard evaluation form.</li> <li>- Feedback from the field</li> <li>- Monthly reports.</li> </ul>

			<p>a result of bad roads.</p> <p><b>150 people attended the meeting.</b></p>	
<b>School Outreach with students and teachers</b>	6 March	Pabbo Secondary School, Pabbo sub county, Amuru district, Acholi sub region, northern Uganda	<p>The two-hour interactive session provided updates about the Court. Through the question and answer session that followed, the outreach team clarified a lot of misconceptions on the mandate and activities of the Court.</p> <p><b>540 students and teachers attended the session.</b></p>	<p>- Standard evaluation form.</p> <p>- Monthly reports</p>
<b>Women's meeting in Gulu district</b>	8 March	Paicho sub county, Gulu district, Acholi sub region, northern Uganda	<p>As part of the activities marking the International Women's Day celebration in Gulu district, the outreach team in partnership with the local administrations organized 2 gender outreach activities with women in Paicho sub county and Gulu town to commemorate the day.</p> <p>The two separate sessions provided opportunities for the outreach team to give a general overview of the Court, but also to elaborate on the gender crimes within the jurisdiction of ICC allegedly committed</p>	<p>- Standard evaluation form.</p> <p>- Feedback from the field</p> <p>- Monthly reports</p>

			in northern Uganda since 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2002.  <b>200 women attended the sessions.</b>	
<b>Consultation meeting in Dokolo</b>	11 March	Dokolo town council, Dokolo district, Lango sub region, northern Uganda	Misconceptions, concerns and questions about the Court were addressed by the outreach team.  <b>40 district leaders of Dokolo attended the session.</b>	- Standard evaluation form. - Feedback from the field
<b>Circulation of the pre-trial judges' decision on admissibility of LRA case</b>	11 March	Gulu municipality, Gulu district, Acholi sub-region, northern Uganda	The decision on the admissibility of LRA case was circulated: - by hand to 23 key NGOs in Gulu municipality, Gulu district, Acholi sub-region, northern Uganda - electronically to 52 journalists and media organizations.	Acknowledgment of receipt
<b>Youth meeting in Oyam</b>	12 March	Oyam town council, Oyam district, Lango sub region, northern Uganda	Organized in partnership with Oyam Youth Council, the meeting provided an interaction between the youth and Outreach. Information about the activities of the Court was provided to the audience. A range of different questions and concerns were responded to by the Outreach team.  <b>500 youth attended the session</b>	Standard evaluation form. - Feedback from the field - Monthly reports
<b>Two hours live radio talk show</b>	12 March	Unity FM, Lira district, Lango sub	The two hour outreach funded radio talk show	Standard evaluation form.

		region, northern Uganda	<p>was conducted to communicate the decision of the Pre-Trial Chamber I with regard to the admissibility of the Ugandan situation. Several callers expressed that the judges' decision on this issue was a move to the right direction.</p> <p><b>An estimated number of 1.2 million people listened to the programme.</b></p>	<p>- Feedback from the field</p> <p>- Monthly reports</p>
<b>Information meeting with Women's groups in Apac</b>	13 March	Apac town council, Apac district, Lango sub region, Northern Uganda	<p>This activity was organized in cooperation with the National Association of Women in Uganda (NAWU), Apac branch. Women from different grassroots groups participated in the meeting as the outreach staff explained the Court to them. Women were particularly interested in issues of victims' participation and reparation and a lot of questions were raised on this matter.</p> <p><b>A total of 41 women attended.</b></p>	<p>- Standard evaluation form.</p> <p>- Feedback from the field</p> <p>- Monthly reports</p>
<b>Workshop for civil society</b>	17 March	Soroti municipality, Soroti district, Teso	The team provided representatives with	- Standard evaluation form.

<b>organizations</b>		sub Region; Northern Uganda.	<p>information about the ICC and with updates on recent developments, including the indictment of President Omar Al Bashir and the judges' decision on the admissibility of the Uganda situation.</p> <p>Several representatives expressed interest to collaborate with the Outreach section of the Court to reach out to other groups in their different areas of operations within the Teso sub region.</p> <p><b>32 representatives of civil society organizations attended.</b></p>	<p>- Feedback from the field</p> <p>- Monthly reports</p>
<b>Town hall meeting</b>	18 March	Kaberamaido town Council, Kaberamaido district Teso Sub Region; Northern Uganda.	<p>The town Council authorities of Kaberamaido district mobilized the community and outreach staff provided information about the work of the Court. Concerns and questions raised by the people were directly responded to by the outreach team.</p> <p><b>Over 100 town council and district leaders from Kaberamaido attended.</b></p>	<p>- Standard evaluation form.</p> <p>- Feedback from the field</p> <p>- Monthly reports</p>

<b>Bilateral meeting with the deputy Head of mission, Japanese Embassy in Uganda</b>	18 March	Japanese Embassy in Kampala, Uganda	At the invitation of the deputy Head of mission, of the Embassy of Japan, Outreach team held a two-hour session to explain the decision of the Pre-Trial Chamber I relating to the admissibility of the Ugandan situation.	- Monthly reports
<b>Bilateral meeting with a researcher from Makerere University in Kampala</b>	18 March	Kampala field office, Uganda	Outreach team provided updates and accurate information on the activities of the ICC relating to the Ugandan situation.	- Monthly reports
<b>School Outreach</b>	19 March	Olomet Secondary school, Bululu sub county, Kaberamaido district, Teso sub region; Northern Uganda.	Outreach staff explained the activities of the Court, including the non-prosecution of persons below the age of 18 years when the alleged crimes were committed.  <b>84 students and 4 teachers were reached.</b>	Standard evaluation form. - Feedback from the field - Monthly reports
<b>Outreach with Uganda Management Students</b>	22 March	Uganda Management Institute, Nakawa Division, Kampala.	At the request of the students and the course lecturer, outreach staff explained recent developments relating to the indictment of President Omar Al Bashir, provided information on the Court's jurisdiction in relation to crimes.  <b>32 students and 1 lecturer attended.</b>	- Monthly reports



<b>Consultation meeting with the Secretary General of the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda</b>	26 March	Kampala Field Office	<p>The meeting was held to discuss and plan the upcoming outreach activities targeting religious leaders nationwide.</p> <p>The Secretary General pledged to provide the necessary support to make the programmes successful.</p>	
<b>Bilateral meeting with the NGOs Human Rights Network (HURINET) and Uganda Coalition for the International Criminal Court (UCICC)</b>	27 March	HURINET offices, Kampala	<p>Two separate meetings were held with the Coordinators of HURINET and UCICC. The Outreach team shared its work plans of upcoming activities with partners and identified areas of partnership during the coming months.</p>	