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REPORT**

Building
Uganda's movements
and
culture of civil resistance

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Letter from the director

Office raids by police. Deportation threats. Prolonged detentions of staff, trainees, and allies. Such acts by opponents of peace, justice, and freedom offer a mere window into the challenges Action Alliance (ActAll / “Solidarity Uganda”) faced in 2017. Yet no weapon formed against us has prospered.

In the course of one year, we have quadrupled our staff and drastically scaled up our activities and impact, nurturing the culture of civil resistance, especially within Uganda and the African Great Lakes region. By the year end, we were performing an average of one training a week, with coordinators based throughout Uganda providing regular coaching and support to activists and community organizers working tirelessly against authoritarianism, militarism, brutality, and exploitation.

Our networks continue to implement nonviolent actions and launch campaigns for land protection, women’s rights, public health services, and transparency in the public and private sectors. Thousands have been trained in building people power and strategizing for civil resistance through our network of staff, volunteers, and allies. Tens of thousands have taken action.

ActAll trainees have chased away land grabbers. They’ve forced corrupt companies to resume work on contracts awarded to them by Uganda’s government. Networks of artists, taxi drivers, farmers, students, elders, civil servants, clergy, journalists, and flower pickers have built friendships that strengthen our collective power and make life sweet.

Though we’ve come a long way this year, we’re not ready to call it quits in the face of adversity. In 2018, we will expand our geographic reach, deepen our existing networks (especially with unions and movements in neighboring countries), and develop unified umbrella platforms for campaigns and movements to synergize their existing power into something that challenges the neoliberal agenda and dictatorial tendencies intensifying in East Africa.

Your contributions of time, energy, and money are critical to this struggle. Our liberation is bound together. We invite you to embark on this increasingly treacherous but supremely rewarding trek with us this year.

Although Museveni succeeded in entrenching his rule in some respects, his system of support is dwindling. All around Uganda – including areas traditionally benefitting from embezzlement of state funds – corrupt politicians and elites are being shamed and ostracized by their home communities. Farmers are putting a stop to land grabs by the wealthy, and the rich and powerful are hiding from their own constituencies. A recipe for revolution is brewing, and ActAll has tapped into it.



Expanding our Geographic Reach

2017 was a year of mass expansion for ActAll. In addition to our northern Uganda coordinator, we hired coordinators in the three other geographic regions: western, eastern, and central Uganda. Each is responsible for carrying out no less than one training of some kind each month while providing ongoing coaching, financial aid, and other forms of support to our networks of activists, organizers, trainers, and other allies.

A new coordinator for building the power of unions was also hired, in addition to a media officer, community center manager, and numerous support staff and volunteers who have strengthened our impact drastically.

We have expanded our pool of trainees and allies all across Uganda, working on issues including but not limited to gender justice, employment and wages, environmental justice, state accountability, peaceful political transition, land protection, police brutality, ending war, and regional cooperation to thwart authoritarianism.

We have stepped foot in countries all across the region, and sometimes we have aided movements around Africa from afar. We have provided support in the form of training, research, and consulting to movements, unions, and progressive organizations in countries like South Sudan, Western Sahara, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. This pan-African cooperation undermines colonial borders and enables us to teach and learn from friends facing crises similar to our own.



Our free online class available at www.udemy.com/solidarityuganda continues to attract new students on a daily basis. Through this 101 crash course on nonviolent action and movement building, we have reached approximately 1000 seasoned or aspiring activists in about 80 countries.

Wii Otem Center

In addition to traveling physically and digitally across countries and continents, we've also developed a training center right at home at the Lira headquarters. Known as Wii Otem ("fireside gathering") Center, the facility offers space for using the wisdom of the past to solve problems of the present.

Wii Otem is equipped with the first free library of its kind in Lango, stocked with books and films relevant to our niche in activism and community organizing, as well as a wide range of other topics. Free internet is offered to the community, and profits from the restaurant support the activities of groups, individuals, organizations, and campaigns that champion worthy causes.

Space is also provided at Wii Otem for TokPower – a community organizing syndicate in Lango spearheading many issue-based campaigns – and for Corruption Brakes Crusade (COBRA) – a member-based network fighting corruption in the region.

The facility is frequented most by students, members of civil society organizations, and other residents of our local community. Inspired by the Free Skool model, free workshop and meeting spaces are availed to community groups and organizations holding trainings and other convenings. Overnight accommodation is also available, which we will begin to advertise in 2018. The establishment of Wii Otem is a dream come true. It has made ActAll a reputable organization locally and nationally, and it helps active community members incubate new ideas, campaigns, and projects.

In-kind donations in the form of books, furniture, kitchen equipment, and hotel accessories are welcome. Volunteers are encouraged to get involved.

Support in whatever way you can by emailing us at info@solidarityuganda.com.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Below is our financial performance for the year 2017. Indicated also is our financial position as of 31st December 2017

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017

	NOTES	31ST DECEMBER 2017 UGX
INCOME		
Project Grants	5	227,994,986.00
General Support		44,255,000.00
Other Income		2,705,916.00
TOTAL INCOME		274,955,902.00
EXPENDITURES		
Administration and General Expenses		119,210,371.62
Direct Program Expenses		112,773,750.00
Total Expenditure		231,984,121.62
Surplus/Balance carried to the Balance Sheet		42,971,780.38

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL POSITION AS
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

	NOTES	31st Dec 2017 UGX	31st December 2016 UGX
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash Equivalent	06	25,242,675.53	12,919,538.00
Accounts Receivable	07	213,002,300.00	18,952,000.00
Prepayments	08	14,491,464.10	-
Inventory		4,694,000.00	-
Sundry Debtors	09	3,387,000.00	-
Salary Advance		9,853,400.00	-
Total Currents Assets		270,670,839.63	31,871,538.00
Fixed Assets			
Property and Equipment (NBV)	03	27,927,200.00	3,133,600.00
Total Fixed Assets		27,927,200.00	3,133,600.00
Total Assets (Fixed and Current)		298,598,039.63	35,005,138.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Current Deferred Income	10	2,853,400.00	773,400.00
Account Payables	11	5,623,150.00	1,000,000.00
Total Current Liabilities		8,476,550.00	1,773,400.00
Long Term Liabilities			
Deferred Income	12	215,886,570.00	2,320,200.00
Total Long-term Liabilities		215,886,570.00	2,320,200.00
Equity			
Equity – Initial Deposit		351,601.25	-
Accumulated Fund		30,911,538.00	342,580.00
Net income		42,971,780.38	30,568,958.00
Total Equity		72,234,919.63	30,911,538.00
Total Liabilities and Equity		298,598,039.63	35,005,138.00

For our success in 2017, we give special thanks to:

Action Aid Federation	International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
Africans Rising Movement	Legal Aid Service Providers Network
Afrika Kontakt and its partners	Media houses of Uganda
Anataban	Mobilisation Lab
Anonymous allies	Movements throughout the African Great Lakes region
Beautiful Rising	National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders
Chapter Four	Progressive community organizations
CISU	Rhize
CRD	SEATINI
Defend Defenders	South Sudanese partners
FIDA	Unions of Uganda
FIDH	West Ankole Civil Society Forum
Frontline Defenders	Waging Nonviolence
Fund for Global Human Rights	Zinduka Festival
Independent lawyers	
Individuals like you	

Our Staff (2017)

Phil Wilmot	Director
Benedict Emuna	Finance & Administration Manager
Scovia Arinaitwe	Coordinator - Rapid Response
Brian Chanwat	Coordinator - Central
Dickens Otim	Coordinator - Northern
Regina Asinde	Coordinator - Eastern
Lucy Akoko	Wii Otem Center Manager
Angida Molly	Attendant
Geoffrey Canmera	Gatekeeper
Onyeko Francis	Gatekeeper

2018: A year for consolidating power

In the past, we have failed to galvanize a national coordinating platform capable of mobilizing nationwide actions on shared goals, but due to the heightened level of cooperation across the nations of Uganda evident during the later half of 2017, ActAll coordinators have agreed to pursue this objective again. By the end of 2018, we will have a national coordinating body of a minimum of four well-organized and dedicated movements delegating representatives to this platform to set national agendas and mobilize correlating actions and campaigns. Two changes are necessary in the internal structure of ActAll to make this happen.

First, we must extend our staff size to include departments for research, logistics, and coaching female activists and organizers. Our network of regular volunteers should be larger than our staff size.

Secondly, new chapters of the organization self-organized by communities that practice nonviolent direct action have been built. Decentralizing direct action and issue-based campaigning throughout Uganda will offer ActAll and the movements it supports more power to advance the causes it promotes.

How you can help

Grassroots organizations thrive on support from the grassroots. Here are the top three ways you can help most in this moment:

- 1) Pledge a monthly contribution of any amount at www.solidarityuganda.org/give-2 or to MobileMoney on +256 772333123 (Benedict Emuna, accountant). Email us at info@solidarityuganda.com about your contribution so that we can confirm receipt – or about getting involved in other capacities.
- 2) Collect new and used books, films, and gadgets (laptops, phones, cameras, tablets, etc.) for the development of Wii Otem Center.
- 3) Form your own chapter of Solidarity Uganda and practice nonviolent direct action. Learn how by getting in touch with us via Facebook, Twitter, or email.



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