

Team Europe Democracy (TED) Network Grants

Actionable People-Centered Research on Domestic Violence in Uganda

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Countries of implementation: Uganda



The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL) is dedicated to making justice accessible, affordable and easy to understand, a vision it calls people-centred justice. By working with justice providers, including ministries, judiciaries and community-based leaders, HiiL develops solutions that help individuals prevent or resolve their justice challenges. This approach strengthens societies, fostering stability, safety and conditions for economic growth and innovation.

Objective

To create evidence-based, people-centered justice solutions for survivors of domestic violence in Uganda by engaging with both formal and informal justice systems. The project aims to improve legal services, promote gender justice, and increase public trust in the justice system.

Key Activities

The mixed methods research will include analysis of datasets from Justice Needs and Satisfaction surveys previously conducted in Uganda, conduct 30 in-depth qualitative interviews with justice users and 15 with community justice providers, and include two in-person, one-day participatory workshops with formal and informal justice actors, as well as one online workshop to share results with the international community.

Target Groups / Beneficiaries

Domestic violence survivors and community-based dispute resolution providers, such as Local Council Courts. Beneficiaries extend across Uganda's justice system, including national actors, formal and informal providers, police, legal aid services, courts and civil society organisations.

Expected Outcomes

The project aims to provide qualitative and quantitative datasets, a people-centred and action-oriented report on domestic violence in Uganda, and active engagement of policymakers and practitioners to increase the rates of fair resolutions for domestic violence cases, and strengthen people-centred justice theory and practice.