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Corruption still hurting social service delivery, says MP Karuhanga

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Vice Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament, MP Gerald Karuhanga has pointed out corruption as one of the hindrances to social service delivery, particularly within the Local government. | @CSBAG2017

of capitation grants (money given to different local governments fixed to funding a given government project in the social service sector). Citing civil servants like foreign affairs minister Sam Kutesa, who allegedly solicited a \$500,000 bribe from Chinese investors, according to the complaint sworn before a US Magistrate Kevin Fox, Karuhanga said civil servants who use their offices to abuse public resources, are not fit to hold such offices.

The Kutesa factor

"The moment he knew about the charges in New York, he ought to have resigned immediately. Being a foreign minister, this puts Uganda in bad light, as a corrupt country," Karuhanga said. Karuhanga attacked Kutesa whom he advised to resign, saying he had ashamed Uganda, being the first former UN general assembly president, to be accused of taking a bribe. According to the complaint, as soon as Kutesa became president of the UN General Assembly, in September 2014, Ho "cultivated" a relationship with Kutesa, focusing on his ability to

connect him and the Energy Company to President Museveni and, thereby, assisting the company to obtain lucrative energy and financial opportunities in Uganda. Thomas McNulty, a Special Agent with Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), swore the complaint before US Magistrate Kevin Fox on November 16, 2017 following the arrest of Chi Ping Patrick Ho, Hong Kong's former Home Secretary, and Cheikh Gadio, a one-time foreign minister of Senegal over bribery allegations.

Convictions

In 2013, the Anti-corruption court in Kampala, convicted Geoffrey Kazinda, the then principle accountant in the office of the prime minister, for allegedly misappropriating sh21 billion from the NRDP funds meant to rehabilitate the war torn Northern Uganda. Kazinda together with a Clerk in the OPM Beatrice Keezabu unlawfully used their positions to process this payment, making the people of Northern Uganda fail to access social services because of corruption.

UPCOMING CSO EVENTS

Event: Taskforce meeting for the PPDA Act 2003 Amendment
Date: 30th November and 1st December 2017
Venue: Serena Hotel, Kigo, Lweza
Time: 8:30am-5:00pm

OUR WORK IN PICTURES



CSO members attending a Data and Budget analysis training at Eureka Hotel in Ntinda, Kampala last week. | @CSBAG2017



Agago district planner taking participants through budget related planning issues and key spaces for engagement during a CSBAG organized meeting in Agago district recently. | @CSBAG2017



One of the participants articulates a point during the Data and Budget analysis training at Eureka Hotel last week. | @CSBAG2017