



October 2019 - Eagle Uganda Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from 1st-31st October, 2019.

2. INVESTIGATIONS

The Vietnamese case is an ongoing investigation although not much has been done this month. We talked to A4 suspect again when the interpreter was in town and talked to one of the lawyers from one of the suspects- A5. Didn't get any useful information.

We know Lien's sister came to see her, from Vietnam and has been trying to get her on bail. A4 and A5 are the only suspects who remain in prison without bail being granted to them.

All bank accounts found since the investigation have not surfaced any results yet. Pending.

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS		
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations	# new targets identified
66	0	9

Four new candidates for the investigators department have been put on test after passing the recruitment process. Working actively are a total of five; one has delayed her starting day due to personal reasons, but has been given a new starting date for next week.

A new investigation in collaboration with URA has started. The investigation is based on past information of two new targets believed to be operating actively in wildlife trafficking. We were able to connect into the URA system where we found their Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) personal and also for some of the linked companies. We also visited Ovino mall- the OPS and the head of investigations for URA trying to check for some addresses found among the documents. We got a better understanding of the location of the place and got the names of the three managers of the place which rent out the shops, plus another guy who works in one of the shops which showed us around and introduced us to the management office of the Ovino mall. We also got the blueprints of the Ovino mall with the location of the shops.

For this investigation, we've also engaged with a private investigator who we are trying out to see if we can work in the future and become a long-term client of his. He's able to get information off the telephone numbers we provide. We are testing him with 5 phone numbers and see if he can deliver and what he delivers.

A URA app was also shared with the EAGLE team, called **AskURA** where you can insert a telephone number or an email and see if they are registered within their systems. Works only for Android phones.

OPS also met with an informant who has been passing information of someone within the airport who could potentially give us more insider information. Still pending to meet with this new airport contact. This same informant also has some leads to an Arua contact who might have future leads and has also mentioned another case a Chinese company exporting fish but is also exporting other animal parts.

OPS met with a financial investigator from the Basil Institute who provided some documents regarding a Chinese furniture shop and two suspects which were arrested with ivory chopsticks. Both individuals were released and pending their court case, although the investigator who shared the information with us, suspects there is much more to this case.

OPS met with another possible informant who is a local guy who speaks fluent Chinese. He also has insider information. OPS met this person awhile back during one of the investigations and

he's passed information before which has been useful. It's decided we will check him and see how to involve him more.

3. OPERATIONS

EAGLE Uganda had no results on operations, reason is investigators have just started their test period, end of September and other investigations are longer term, gathering intel for the time being.

OPERATION INDICATORS			
# of operations	# of operations that lead to arrests	# suspect traffickers arrested	Contraband (specify units)
0	0	0	-

4. LEGAL

LEGAL INDICATORS					
# of court prosecutions		Maximum sentence given	# of cases followed	# hearings visited	# jail visits
Court of first instance	Appeal court				
1	0	0	1	1	0

- Conducted two rounds of interviews investigators on test.
- Reviewed security contract for the office
- Fixed and attended a meeting with ANARDE where we sought information on how to set up our prosecution abilities
- Secured and attended a meeting with IJM to find out what it would take to obtain an MoU with ODPP

- Met with Kyampisi Child Ministries and established how we could work with them to improve their performance from a legal point of view.
- Observed the hearing of the URA Vietnamese traffickers’ case
- Followed up on the URA appeal against an order of the High Court to render ivory back to private possession
- Obtained a list of sureties from the Wildlife Court in a bid to develop an excel sheet data base of sureties in the wildlife crime sector

5. MEDIA

EAGLE Uganda hasn’t employed a media officer so this explains the reason for the lack of results in this department. Until we get the team of investigators fully on board this department will be dormant.

MEDIA INDICATORS				
# of total media pieces published	# of pieces on Radio	# of pieces on TV	# of pieces in national printed press	# internet articles in national press
0	0	1	0	0

- The legal advisor participated in a TV program for a local Ugandan TV station, called RECORD TV, in the Day Breakers show, where he discussed with other colleagues, about the new Human Rights Enforcement Act, its threats and opportunities.

6. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

Several activities have been on-going for the month of September as summarized below:

Finance

- Successful preparation, submission and approval of weekly operational budgets on time.
- EAGLE Uganda daily investigator's budgets were submitted and approved on time.
- EAGLE Uganda, weekly accountabilities for grants was done on time.
- September Financial Report was submitted.
- November Budget was submitted.

Administration

- Logistics for Hanh's visit during the month of October were handled well by office.
- Followed up on the NGO validation process, pending until we receive communication from the Bureau though we confirmed as having registered on line.
- Round 3 and 4 of short listed candidates process was conducted. Over 100 resumes were received and the first candidates were selected based on their cover letter and resumes.
- After these were selected, an email was sent to the candidates, giving more details on the job, and only those who replied positively got a second email asking them to write an answer to two questions regarding the position.
- To those who were quick to reply and had best answers, the final list of candidates was preselected to continue into the face to face interview.
- Round 3 and 4 interviews were successfully conducted and reports submitted to CCU.
- After the face to face interview, shortlisted candidates underwent a phone call interview with CCU.
- From the initial twenty, four successful candidates began their test period mid - October.

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- Hanh Nguyen returned to Uganda from the 10th - 11th of October to continue as an interpreter for the Vietnamese trial, held for one day, service provided by EAGLE for URA.
 - EAGLE Uganda received activist contracts after all necessary amends by CCU.
 - EAGLE Uganda was invited for a meeting with landlord, represented by the OPS and accountant, outcomes were discussed, and the best option was adopted for continuity.
 - The legal assistant and the accountant came up with an evaluation report format to be used for all EAGLE Uganda activists.
 - An incident report was sent to CCU and copy filed in line with a robbery against one of our volunteer investigators of personal items, however was not physically attacked wounded and sustained no injuries.
 - EAGLE Uganda safety rules were printed and training for team members will be done after confirmation of some of the investigators.
 - EAGLE Uganda and Simba Shield Security Force agreement was amended to suit the needs of both parties, awaiting approval from CCU,
 - October Activity Report was submitted in time.
 - The accountant participated in a meeting with Peter Sewakiryanga (Kyampisi Ministries) and agreed to offer support in regard to financial policy improvements. Meeting or visit is yet to happen and be planned for.

MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	
# investigators on test	5
# legal advisors on test	0
# advocates on test	0
# media journalists on test	0
# accountants on test	0
# internal trainings	0
# external trainings	0

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Meeting was held with Peter Sewakiryanga- founder and director of Kyampisi Ministries which is a local organization fighting child sacrifice and also child trafficking. There was an agreement among both organizations to give them support on structure and possible future trainings from EAGLE for his team.
- OPS accompanied Hanh Nguyen during the trial and after until she departed.
- THF and Eagle Uganda project agreement was discussed, and now waiting for THF to submit their draft version.
- Four pangolins were rescued through this project agreement with THF and released into Kibale national park.
- The OPS met with the legal department of UWA to check where the MoU with EAGLE and UWA stands. We were updated and now waiting for them to send their comments.
- EU meeting with EU Ambassador was set up via the OPS- meeting to take place on the 5th of November.
- FIA meeting with ED of FIA was set up via OPS- meeting to take place on the 4th of November
- OPS followed up on the MoU with URA. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs was going to introduce it to the Commissioner for approval and then to send to their legal team for proper wording and then for us to check.
- A field trip was organized with URA team to visit two border sites, Malaba and Busia for checking their scanners and how the team works and what procedures they follow. Trip is organized from the 6-7th of November

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS	
# of external meetings	5
# of requests for collaboration or support	0
# follow-up meetings related to ongoing agreements/ collaborations	2
# meetings to renew agreements/ collaborations	0
# EAGLE trainings requested from external parties	1
# EAGLE trainings carried out for external parties	0
# EAGLE presentations requested from external parties	0
# EAGLE presentations carried out for others	0

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RESUCES

