### February 2024 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein covers the period from 01st – 29th February 2024. With focus on the projects core goal of deterring wildlife crime, major activities in the line of investigations have been at 60% with 1 candidate still on test.

The project emphasizes on proactivity and creativity therefore all team members flexibility and aggressiveness is expected in all departments.

Key areas that called for immediate action were partially handed at 60% that mainly centralized on government compliance procedures and requirements e.g successfully re-registered with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), PDPD (Personal Data Protection Database) handled by a counsel from Shunubi Advocates.

Rona Audit firm was taken on and will be conducting audits on EAGLE Uganda Financial Reports and standardize the formats and the process still ongoing.

1. **INVESTIGATIONS**

The search for good investigators continued with a follow-up on potential recommenders. The month ended with only one interview conducted There is need to re-strategize and adopt new recruitment methods for example

- Recruitment through the network branches with a motive of sending to Uganda, - Adopt job rotation/swapping program (investigators from the branch networks are sent to Uganda for the same role for a specified period of time

Several factor need to be taken into consideration for the 2 proposals to be effected for visible results to be realized.

One candidate started her test period bringing the number to 2 candidates on test.

The project has undertaken to work with informants as way to expand its scope of gathering information relevant and aligned to the goals and objectives of the project.

Investigations have been on-going at 70% field engagements with 2 candidate on test, with leading information, photos of contraband shared and of different animal species that will lead to an operation in the long run.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **28** | **0** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

No operations yet but with potential investigations that will lead to an operation in the long run.

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

1. **LEGAL**

The report outlines all the activities that were carried out in the month of February by the legal department with an explanation of each activity. The activities are as follows;

* Attended Anti-corruption Court for the case of Uganda v Nsambu Wilber and Lukwago

Godfrey 2021 before H/W Charles Opiti. The accused were charged with the offence of

being in possession of 4 pieces of ivory (wildlife products) C/S 200(d) I of EACCMA,

2004

The matter came up for hearing and the accused were in attendance. The state‘s last witness

Iroot Ezekiel from URA was not present for he had a sick child. Counsel Tony has presented

hard copies to the Magistrate to confirm the child’s sick.

The matter was adjourned to 19th March, 2024 at 11:00 am.

* The legal advisor carried out a search for Francophone speaking communities around

Kampala. The purpose for the search was to identify the places Winfred (the

Cameroonian investigate would visit and carry out investigations while in Uganda. The

following areas were identified;

1. Ponnus restaurant in Kabalagala.

2. Kachichi bar in Kabalagala.

3. Nomads in Gaba.

4. Shidoh grill and bar in Busiga

5. Billionaire in Busiga in Kamwani.

6. Canarova in Busiga near Kanyeimba road.

7. One for the road in Mkindye

8. Katwe Kagugi in Katwe slum

9. Kedenian hotel in Katwe slum

10. Restaurant Code ya Mboka hotel in copper complex

11. Restaurant Fraina in copper complex..

* The legal advisor participated in field investigations by first handling a matter raised by Cecile that required an extra eye and also involved in field investigations and identifying several potential leads to be followed up by investigators.

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| **LEGAL INDICATORS** | | | | | |
| **# of court prosecutions** | | **Maximum sentence given** | **# of cases followed** | **# hearings visited** | **# jail visits** |
| **Court of first instance** | **Appeal court** |
| **01** | **0** | **0** | **01** | **01** | **0** |

1. **MEDIA**

Department has not been operational.

**6.MANAGEMENT**

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| **MANAGEMENT INDICATORS** | |
| **# investigators on test** | **2** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **0** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **0** |
| **# accountants on test** | **0** |
| **# internal trainings** | **0** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* January ICS investigations and Field Investigation reports were compiled and submitted to CCU.
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* A new investigator was oriented and started her test period towards the end of the month of Feb 2024.
* The projects mandatory monthly reports to include the January financial and donor report, activity report, were submitted to the respective offices.
* The assistant Coordinator followed through the FIA (Financial Intelligency Authority) compliance requirements and the project registered as one of the requirements for renewing the operational permit… 60% of the process is done pending audit reports.
* The Assistant Coordinator followed on the meeting with the Uganda Wild Life Authority Executive Director which meeting had been proposed by the UWA ED in 2023 with a focus on the EAGLE Uganda-UWA pending MoU.
* The Assistant coordinator continued with the supervision and overseeing of the team members, having relevant contracts renewed.
* The Assistand Coordinator with continuous correspondence with CCU planned for the hosting of Wilfried (Camerronian Investigator) who was to be hosted in Uganda for 2 weeks between 11th and 24th March 2024. A planned schedule for followup was shared.
* Continuous performance evaluation and improvement meetings were conducted to foster performance for the Ugandan team.
* The Assistant coordinator followed through the permit renewal process and engaging respective offices, RONA Advocates (an audit form) was take on to audit the projects books of accounts for the years 2021-2023 and standardise the reports.
* An internal training on personal financial management was conducted to empower EAGLE Uganda team members for personal reporting.

1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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