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*Above is a group photo of Hope initiative inter-university Second and third quarter finals that happened on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. Makerere university business school, Mountains of the moon, Kampala international university, and Bishop Stuart University participated in the second quarter finals discussing the state of Uganda education system. Kampala International university and Makerere university business school made it to the semi finals. A video of the interface can be accessed through the links:*

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### **FOREWORD**

The year 2021 was very difficult for the NGO fraternity in Uganda. Civic Space kept shrinking from the effects of Covid-19 and its restrictions, post-election environment and the actions of state actors.

CCG, like all other players found itself in this working environment but none the less, we built resilience around digital advocacy and the necessary resilience for the protection of constitutionalism, human rights defenders and civic space in Uganda.

As per our mandate in 2021, we worked on the following areas; voter education, election observation of the 2021 Uganda general elections, reclaiming civic space through strategic litigation against civic space incidences, engaged communities through all the programs especially those on protection and promotion of human rights, constitutionalism, rule of law and worked with youth and students from over 24 universities

CCG remains committed to making a meaningful contribution towards deepening constitutional democracy as a constitutional watchdog whose mandate is to make the constitution a people's document with citizens at the centre their governance processes.

I hope that through sharing of our work together, we can develop best practices for the sustainability of the sustainability of the NGO Space in Uganda.

**Sarah Bireete**

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**Executive Director, CCG**



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### **About Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG)**

Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) is a constitutional watchdog established to promote constitutional governance by building a centre that empowers citizens to fully enjoy their constitutional rights. CCG key programs include; Constitutionalism and Constitutional Literacy through Hope Initiative a university student's programme, Reclaiming Civic Space, Social Justice Campaigns, Public Interest Litigation, Research and Documentation including citizen's civic engagements. On human rights protection, CCG championed various court processes to challenge the unfair laws and regulations that contradict the constitution and shrink civic space in Uganda and organize several push back activities to reclaim civic space.

#### **Mandate:**

Making the Constitution a Peoples Document

#### **Vision:**

Building a center that empowers citizens to fully utilize their constitutional rights and obligations so as to participate in their governance, promote constitutional governance and defend the Constitution

#### **Mission:**

To promote constitutional governance through carrying out constitutional literacy campaigns and advocacy across East Africa



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### Partnership engagement 1

#### Project implementation under OSIEA

##### Activities under OSIEA Project were as follows;

##### a) STRATEGIC LITIGATION

Center for Constitutional Governance legal team represented some CSOs whose activities had been halted by the NGO Bureau in August 2021. Two Organisations; Mindset Change Development Organization in Kumi and IDEA operating in Kampala resumed operations in December 2021. The organisations carry out activities in the fields of engaging communities in biodiversity conversation, offering educational support to orphans and the vulnerable, fighting against HIV/AIDS, educational and health centers country wide, civic education and agreed to conform to the staffing requirements as per section 45 of the NGO Act 2016 and to file annual returns 2019/2020.

These organizations' operations' halt was lifted due to the engagements of CCG and NGO Bureau through Lawyer Jude Byamukama, NGO Bureau, Mindset Change Development Organisation Executive Director Charles Ilukor and IDEA Executive Director Job Kijja because the organizations' activities and operations benefit many members of communities in Uganda.

CCG has also made available avenues of easy reporting of cases that require public interest litigation using the civic space incident app. We continue to work towards protecting and defending civic space, freedom of association and expression in Uganda and prevent or remedy situations of repression against human rights defenders.

- *A brief about the suspension of 54 NGOs in Uganda.*

National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations of Uganda (NGO Bureau) suspended the activities of 54 organisations On August 20, 2021, the NGO Bureau, mandated under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and announced in a press release that the activities of 54 organisations in Uganda were suspended because the organisations were found to be “non-compliant with the NGO Act, 2016.

According to the NGO Bureau, 23 NGOs were operating with expired permits, 15 NGOs failed to file annual returns and account audits, and six NGOs were operating without registering with the NGO Bureau. In all the three cases the organisations would be violating the NGO Act 2016.

Nonetheless, according to the Uganda National NGO Forum, most of the organisations were not informed of the Uganda NGO Bureau's decision or given an opportunity to respond in advance. Indeed, the Bureau did not respect the deadlines for informing the organisations, as established by Section 33 (2) of the NGO



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Act, which requires the Bureau to give 30 days' notice in writing to permit holders to enable them to show because why the permit should not be revoked.

In the press release, the Executive Director of the Bureau, Stephen Okello, also called upon the relevant national and local stakeholders to help the Bureau in enforcing the suspension. Furthermore, Mr. Okello asked the District NGO Monitoring Committees (DNMCs) to file an inventory of NGOs operating in their regions as of June 30, 2021 in order to monitor them for compliance with the law.

### **b) CSO LEADERS ENGAGEMENTS**

CSO leaders' engagements have been in the forms of both physical meetings like press conferences and online engagements; zoom meetings, Twitter spaces, Twitter chats, and Facebook live stream and Civic Space TV shows. These engagements have been very instrumental in pushing back and protecting and defending human rights and civic space in Uganda, in partnership with CSO actors including the media fraternity and CSO leaders on a number of issues arising.

On suspension of some NGOs, several organisations that were affected denounced the false pretext on which the arbitrary decision was based. AFIEGO declared its registration with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) as a company limited by guarantee, and complied with all requirements, including filing annual returns with the URSB and ensuring that all other legal requirements were met. As for GLISS, the Executive Director, Godber Tumushabe, confirmed that the organisation was a policy think tank registered as a company limited by guarantee, but that the NGO Bureau informed them on August 20, 2021 that they had requalified the organisation as an NGO in view of its activities recalling that, on September 20, 2017, police officers raided the premises of GLISS in Kampala as well as the house of Godber Tumushabe.

The legal harassment against the 54 organisations is part of an ongoing, widespread repression of civil society actors in the country. Several individual cases of harassment and intimidation have been recorded, in addition to the broader efforts to harass civil society actors through legal or judicial channels.

CCG continued to express serious concern regarding the decision of the NGO Bureau to prevent the activities of the 54 organisations over alleged "non-compliance" issues as the decision impinges on their ability to operate freely and conduct their work without prejudice and by the extent of administrative harassment denounced in the past and urges the authorities to repeal any decision that may unduly restrict the rights to freedom of association.



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CSO leaders urge the authorities to respect the right of the organisations to be heard and to be registered according to the definition of their activities. Moreover, a clear definition of the elements of the NGO Act, 2016 must be discussed between the organisations and the NGO Bureau.

CSO leaders urge the authorities to immediately revoke the suspension, to establish an Adjudication Committee as required by the law, and to put an end to all acts of harassment -including at the judicial level- against environmental and human rights organisations in Uganda because this contravenes the right to freedom of association.

- CSO Leaders and members' arrest

The Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) is a public policy research and advocacy company limited by guarantee dedicated to influencing energy policies to benefit the poor and vulnerable people. AFIEGO works with communities and leaders to ensure that clean energy resources are used in a way that promotes equitable development, environmental conservation and respect for human rights.

Staff of AFIEGO; Catherine Atwongyeirwe, Mercy Nuwamanya, Racheal Amongin , Paul Kato, Patrick Edema AFIEGO Executive Director, Dickens Kamugisha were arrested on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 for operating without a permit, on instructions of the NGO Bureau.

AFIEGO had been under immense pressure for defending oil affected communities' rights as well as fighting to protect Bugoma forest hence opposing some oil development projects. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 saw police raids on AFIEGO offices in Hoima and Bullisa, western Uganda arresting the organization's field officers and later released on police bond.

CSO leaders went with media personnel to Jinja Road police to visit the incarcerated AFIEGO staff and called for their immediate release as the only punishment provided by the NGO Act in case an organization operates without a permit is a fine of UGX 2,000,000. CCG Executive Director, Ms. Sarah Bireete was joined by other CSO leaders to call for the unconditional release of AFIEGO staffers.



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*CSO leaders at Kiira Road Police to demand for the unconditional release of AFIEGO staff on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.*



*AFIEGO staff were later released on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

CIVIC SPACE TV



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Civic Space TV has grown to a tune of 32,000 subscribers (3.2k) and with support from OSIEA, the team has managed to record over 388 videos. These include live streams, interviews on issues about civic space in Uganda, CSO engagements and daily shows that encourage citizen engagements on different topics – both on trending weekly events and other thematic areas for advocacy purposes. The shows on Civic Space TV are; Community Show #CommunityVoicesUG, women’s show #Women Speaking, Youth Round Table show, #InterUniversityDebates, The Citizens Chatroom #ChatShowUG, Women at the frontlines #WomenRise, The Diaspora show #UgandansInDiaspora.

Link to the Civic Space TV YouTube channel is <https://youtube.com/c/CIVICSPACE-TV>



### c) Regional and International Meetings

Our Executive Director, Ms. Sarah Bireete has been able to participate in meetings in Nairobi and South Africa.

### d) Chat Shows

As part of the Center for Constitutional Governance’s efforts to push back and expand civic space in Uganda, CCG introduced CHAT-SHOW engagements linked to the Citizens Chart-Room. The Citizens Chart-Room a forum created in 2015 is composed of political and civil society leaders, Policy makers, Heads of Parastatals, Academia as well as other representatives of notable professional bodies like Uganda Law Society, Engineers, Musicians and Upcoming youth leaders who interrogate key national issues both in debate and practice.



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A vibrant, legitimate, and well-informed independent space is essential to help check for a healthy democratic system and government. Through the freedom to associate, assemble, and express themselves, citizens can shape the political and social structures that guide their lives. Consequently, it is in the interest of any interested partner particularly those who champion transparency, accountability, and civic participation to encourage open civic space engagements to flourish.

The Chat-Show identifies key emerging issues in the various sectors and creatively convene and have healthy conversations around the issues with proposed solutions as a way of influencing governance as well as expanding spaces for citizen's engagement.

Chat show is broadcast on YouTube Live via Civic Space TV <https://youtube.com/c/CIVICSPACE TV> , Twitter using hashtags #CivicSpaceTV #ChatShowUG and Civic Space TV, CCG Facebook Page through a series of mutual interactions and reactions, including retweets and shares, will enable members to make viral posts.

Link to Chat Show playlist: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61wemdMo3D7sfiMN0I\\_R57FF](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61wemdMo3D7sfiMN0I_R57FF)






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**CITIZENS**  
ChatRoom

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**TOPIC: ANALYSING THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON COVID 19**  
Friday, 24th September, 2021 | 2Pm - 4 Pm  
#ChatShowUG | #CivicSpaceTv




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**TOPIC: Increased citizens surveillance or improved community policing? Drawing the line between privacy and security - the car tracking saga in Uganda**  
Friday 6th August 2021 | 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
#ChatShowUG #CivicSpaceTv

**The CITIZENS**  
ChatRoom

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e) There have also been engagements with university leaders, National Youth Council and Uganda Youth Network about issues affecting university students in Uganda.

**Youth Round Table**  
Wednesday, 8th September 2021 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Topic: Casting a light on Uganda National Students Association: why is it gradually losing its shine?

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**Youth Round Table**  
Wednesday, 18th August 2021 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Topic: Call to Action from Students for Schools to Open: What is their Plan and future?

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CCG carried out voter education and election observation for the 2021 elections. One of the outcomes of our work is a legal analysis report aimed at improving the legal regime of Uganda's elections. The report was submitted to Electoral Commission and shared with other key stakeholders. It will be discussed in due course.



## A LEGAL BRIEF ON THE 2021 ELECTIONS IN UGANDA





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### Partnership engagement 2

#### Project implementation under Action Aid Uganda

CCG organized an interactive zoom meeting on Agenda setting on youth focused issues on post-election violence with 50 youth leaders from political parties, civil society, religious groups, private sector, public and the new incoming political leadership on 26th May 2021 inclusive of 23 female and 22 male. A version of this video can be accessed by following the link <https://fb.watch/5T9VdHQCyk/>

CCG developed 16 peace messages and did an animated video to reconcile the different political sections in communities on ending post-election violence. We also amplified the peace messages through social media campaigns. (Civic Space TV, Webinars, Facebook and Twitter) as channels for mobilization and communication of the peace messages April to May 2021 and dissemination started in June. A version of this vide can be accessed by following this link: <https://youtu.be/5E2pMacVoXo>. CCG recorded video animations and audios in 5 different languages namely; English, Luganda, Runyankole-Runyakitala, Lusoga, Lugbara and Kiswahilli from April to May 2021 and dissemination started in June.

CCG has conducted public University dialogues since September. Universities; Kampala, Kabala, Makerere, Bugema, Kyambogo, IUIU, Ndejje, UPU, MUBS, KIU ,Bishop Stuart and Mountains of the Moon university have had online engagements discussing the status of civic space, status of Uganda's education sector and the enjoyment of civil and political liberties in Uganda. Videos of all the engagements can be accessed through the links below; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXKWMjeg4u8&t=5s>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ7mEFPCIPs&t=14s>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TddrhNTzr6o&t=46s>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypTAFN0EXjw&t=7s> among others

The Universities have also met physically during the first quarter interface finals where Makerere University emerged winner followed by Kabala University, second quarter finals with Kampala international university as the winner followed by Makerere University Business School, third quarter finals with Uganda Pentecostal university as the winner followed by Islamic University In Uganda.

Second and third quarter finals happened on 2nd December 2021. Makarere university business school, Mountains of the moon, Kampala international university, and Bishop Stuart university participated in the second quarter finals discussing the state of uganda's education system. Kampala International university



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and Makerere university business school made it to the semi-finals. A video of the interface can be accessed through the links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wynNCpdEeTs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrsASL6rMbc&t=8s>

Third quarter finals happened on 2nd December 2021 in the afternoon with Islamic university in Uganda, Uganda Pentecostal university, Kyambogo university and Ndejje university discussing the enjoyment of civil and political liberties in Uganda. Uganda Pentecostal university and Islamic university in Uganda made it to the semi-finals. A video of the interface can be accessed through the links: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlpQSxEg\\_Zk&t=1084s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlpQSxEg_Zk&t=1084s)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcrsCzMXxJU&t=123s>

First quarter finals happened on 30th September 2021 with Kabale, Makerere, Bugema and Kampala university discussing the state of civic space in Uganda and how the shrinking civic space affect universities as market places of ideas. Makerere and Kabale universities made it to the semi-finals. A video of the interface can be accessed through the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PD6sGPRXMM&t=1219s>





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Luke Owoyesigire, Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Spokesperson of Uganda Police Force giving overall feedback from the panel of judges at the 1<sup>st</sup> inter-university interface competition on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcrsCzMXxJU&t=123s>



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CCG also organized a Zoom Webinar of youth leaders on fostering peace and justice in the post-election context under the hashtag #Youth4PeaceUG on 30th /June/2021 with over 30 participants 16 male and 14 female. A version of this video can be accessed by following the link; [https://youtu.be/DYB7PP\\_Xaqs](https://youtu.be/DYB7PP_Xaqs)

CCG organized an interactive zoom meeting on Agenda setting on youth focused issues on post-election violence with 50 youth leaders from political parties, civil society, religious groups, private sector, public and the new incoming political leadership on 26th May 2021 inclusive of 23 female and 22 male. A version of this video can be accessed by following the link <https://fb.watch/5T9VdHQCyk/>

CCG organized a zoom webinar of youth leaders on the role of youth in promoting democracy on 21st September 2021. A total of 40 participants 27 male and 13 female logged in to the discussion. A version of this video can be accessed by the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL8IwRnc\\_A0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL8IwRnc_A0)

CCG held a zoom webinar of youth leaders, and other youth from different sectors on the role of youth in promoting peace and democracy on 23rd September 2021 with over 34 participants 25 male and 9 female. A version on this video can be accessed via the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vo\\_lecEBIQ&t=4633s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vo_lecEBIQ&t=4633s)

CCG held a physical training of university students in areas of debating, public speaking, constitutionalism, human rights and aspects of research. This was a two day training from 22-23rd October 2021. A total of 48 students from 24 universities, 21 females and 27 male students attended the training. A video of the training can be accessed through the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_5isewwjFNg&t=79s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5isewwjFNg&t=79s)

CCG held agenda setting meeting of youth leaders and other youths from different sectors on the participation of youth in governance processes in Uganda on 28th October 2021. A total of 51 participants, 24 female, 27 male participants attended the meeting. A video of the meeting can be accessed through the link below; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96lWYJuejtl&t=12s>

CCG held a zoom webinar of youth leaders and other youths from different sectors on how the proposed bail reforms will affect youth participation in politics on 11th November 2021. We had a total of 4 panelists, 28 participants, 12 female and 16 male participants. A video of the webinar can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=penPZfAwJBw&t=1011s>

CCG organized agenda setting meeting of youth leaders and other youths from different sectors on land ownership among the youths on 25th November 2021. A total of 63 participants, 34 female and 29 male youths participated in the meeting and gave their views about the topic. A video of the meeting can be accessed through the link below; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIz9be7hu2Q&t=460s>



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### Partnership engagement 3

#### Project implementation under FORD Foundation.

##### Background of the Project:

Civic space is created by a set of universally accepted rules, which allow people to organize, participate and communicate with each other freely and without hindrance, and in doing so, influence the political and social structures around them.

Uganda is faced with a situation of increasing restricted freedoms and government highhandedness especially on freedom of assembly, expression and association. There is an increasing pattern of repression against civil society organizations, journalists and artists and government is employing different methods to shrink the space including repressive laws/regulations, brutality, office break ins, closure of bank accounts, blocking of music concerts, banning of conscience music/artists, closure of political radio/TV talk shows and arrests/detentions/kidnaps of human rights defenders, among others.

The shrinking space in Uganda affects social justice because it affects human rights through: closing of spaces of organizations working to defend social, political, economic, environment and cultural rights which impacts on protection of rights broadly; in the process of repressing individuals or organizations, government fails in its duty to protect citizens and their fundamental rights and freedoms and the failure to protect human rights defenders is a violation of fundamental rights by the government.

##### Activities Included:

Activity 1.0 Running Civic Space TV, media content for artists, online TV and hosting costs

1.1: Civic Space TV, online TV and hosting

The Civic Space Tv is a platform that has offered platform for a vibrant, legitimate, and well-informed independent conversations which are essential in helping to help check for a healthy democratic system and government. Through the freedom for Ugandans to associate, assemble, and express themselves, citizens can shape the political and social structures that guide their lives.

With support from Ford Foundation, Centre for Constitutional Governance (CCG), and Copyright Institute of Uganda (CIU) embarked on the creation of the Civic Space Tv as an avenue to reclaim the shrinking civic space. It is a free reliable space that promotes the fundamental rights of Ugandans and other citizens of



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the world to engage freely in mobilizing, organizing, expressing themselves in the day to day governance of their affairs. It is a safe haven to air out sentiments that are not permitted on the traditional television.

The Civic Space TV currently runs Five (5) weekly programs capturing all groups and these are;

1. Community Show under the hashtag #CommunityVoicesUG; this airs every Monday 2pm-4pm EAT, the focus for this segment is to capture voices from the grassroots communities on issues that affect them on a day to day but equally as a result of the governance question in Uganda.
2. Women Speaking under the hashtag #WomenSpeaking; this programming is scheduled for every Tuesday 2pm-4pm EAT, this programming offers an opportunity for women to voice out on issues affecting them and also a platform intended to nurture young female leaders to take up leadership in their different spaces.
3. The Youth Round Table under the hashtag #YouthRoundTable; the Youth Round Table runs every Wednesday 2pm-4pm EAT and is a space for young people to have conversations that are important in nurturing and shaping them into responsible citizens and also catapult them into active participation and demand to participate in the governance decisions in the country.
4. Inter-University Debate Championships under the hashtag #InterUniversityDebates; these debates happen on Thursdays 2pm-4pm and they are run by 24 Universities under this programming on governance related topics and the aim here is to develop a crop of ideologically oriented citizens ready to advocate for inclusiveness.
5. The Citizens Chat show under the hashtag #ChatShowUG; runs every Friday 2pm-4pm, this is the mainstream program that brings together senior members from the different spectrum, Politicians, CSOs, Academia, Police, Journalists and all other professions to discuss topical events on Civil and Political issues in the country.

### Activities Conducted in The Month of June 2021

| DATE                 | TOPIC  | PANELISTS   |
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| 3rd June             | Advocacy of Civic Space in Uganda<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyODrq6mBBA&amp;t=46s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyODrq6mBBA&amp;t=46s</a>   | Michael Aboneka<br>Bireete Sarah<br>Ninsiima Edna<br>Mushambo Henry |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> June | What key issues Ugandans expect in Museveni's state of the national address<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emuceGExF6w&amp;t=1981s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emuceGExF6w&amp;t=1981s</a> | Joseph Ochieno, Godber Tumushabe<br>Bireete Sarah                   |



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| 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | The evolution of the women's movement in Uganda<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPL6FW3ot3I">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPL6FW3ot3I</a>   | Sarah Birete<br>Racheal Wanyana   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June | Cabinet perspective, budget priorities amidst the pandemic & threats to civic space<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ry9COk93Rw0&amp;t=599s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ry9COk93Rw0&amp;t=599s</a> | Ochieno Joseph<br>Luke Owoye Sigyire<br>Bireete Sarah<br>Xavier Ejoyi   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June | How the last election of parliament ties into movement building.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOmNsLg18CY&amp;t=179s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOmNsLg18CY&amp;t=179s</a>                    | Akiteng Isabella<br>Achom Rebecca<br>Adile Rebecca  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June | Budget, new taxes and the first 100 days of the new government<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Hr7y0Crbkk&amp;t=139s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Hr7y0Crbkk&amp;t=139s</a>                      | Ochieo Joseph<br>Bireete Sarah<br>Rubangakene Patrick<br>Mwambutsya Ndebesa   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | State of nation address; To what extent is the women agenda addressed?<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_DV6-pWko0&amp;t=250s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_DV6-pWko0&amp;t=250s</a>              | Nabaye Gloria Tricia<br>Orizaarwa Eliot   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June | Political Participation in Universities. Is there a levelled ground?<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2B3w5zYRSo&amp;t=117s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2B3w5zYRSo&amp;t=117s</a>                | Muhumuza Julia<br>Ogwang Robinson<br>Ssempijja Ivan<br>Mbaziira John Snr<br>Agaba Kenneth Amponda<br>Nantongo Bashira |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> June | Management of the pandemic and its effects on civic space in Uganda<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gD1YO7SaWmM&amp;t=2520s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gD1YO7SaWmM&amp;t=2520s</a>               | Bireete Sarah<br>Ochieno Joseph<br>Dr. Issa Makumbi<br>Dr. Nicholas Kamara<br>Arinaitwe Rugyendo                      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Women in the new cabinet; has our moment finally come?<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjpiPMESLrM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjpiPMESLrM</a>  | Akiteng Sarah<br>Musiime Flavia Nabagabe<br>Kalule  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June | Role of Universities in the National political dispensation<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yvoUwxq4j8&amp;t=808s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yvoUwxq4j8&amp;t=808s</a>                         | Amongin Prisca<br>Bwowe Ivan<br>Welunga Yusuf   |



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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> July  | Is Government on track in handling the second wave of COVID-19<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdJluAlu5U4&amp;t=6543s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdJluAlu5U4&amp;t=6543s</a>       | Dr. Safari<br>Ochieno Joseph<br>Arinaitwe Rugyendo<br>Bireete Sarah  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | COVID-19 through a gendered lens<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXc3p6pFFbY&amp;t=1899s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXc3p6pFFbY&amp;t=1899s</a>                                     | Dr. Fiona Kalinda<br>Keirungi Donna<br>Lumoya Faith  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July  | Effects of COVID-19 & the lockdown on the education system in Uganda<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ANYv-xJuqQ&amp;t=1153s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ANYv-xJuqQ&amp;t=1153s</a> | Dr. Jover Byarugaba<br>Namuyiga Petra Elizabeth<br>Felix Odur<br>Dr. Deus Kamunyu<br>Muhwezi<br>Mariam Arikosi |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Analysis of the economic impact of COVID -19<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8pjGx1LJA&amp;t=641s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8pjGx1LJA&amp;t=641s</a>                             | Ruhweza Clare<br>Nannozzi Victoria<br>Arinaitwe Rugyendo<br>Nsamba Eddie                                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Uganda's mental Health Dilemma<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM2xolLWBNA&amp;t=947s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM2xolLWBNA&amp;t=947s</a>   | Ananura Gladys<br>Obalim Grace   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July | Youth Unemployment; Is the e-commerce a solution during the lockdown<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeJWq0Nfmo4&amp;t=266s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeJWq0Nfmo4&amp;t=266s</a>   | Ahumuza Pesh<br>Owomugisha Blessing<br>Immaculate<br>Paul Muyobo<br>Turamuhawe Christine Joy<br>Paul Webs      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> July | Do we have safeguards for protection of fundamental rights<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bLMAbggOIM&amp;t=11s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bLMAbggOIM&amp;t=11s</a>               | Bireet Sarah<br>Byamukama Jude<br>Kirenge Robert<br>Karuhanga Elison   |



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|                       |  | Mercy Munduuru   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July | With engagement on relief funds; is the economic impact of COVID-19 on women?<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLU9h3VfFcg&amp;t=85s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLU9h3VfFcg&amp;t=85s</a> | Joanna Atukunda<br>Elizabeth Kemigisha   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July | COVID-19 & the lockdowns' impact on the creative & Sports sector.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0ihxE_kLPE&amp;t=22s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0ihxE_kLPE&amp;t=22s</a>             | Andy Muzic<br>Nunu Umuringa Butare<br>Kagayi Ngobi<br>Baba Raa Muyindo                           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> July | Uganda – Rwanda relations & the identity politics in Uganda<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edUws-aFXh8&amp;t=4212s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edUws-aFXh8&amp;t=4212s</a>               | Bireete Sarah<br>Ochieno Joseph<br>Arinaitwe Rugyendo<br>Yoga Adhola<br>Gawanya Tegulle          |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July | Mitigating COVID-19 impact in communities.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONzByOZ0ksI&amp;t=5s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONzByOZ0ksI&amp;t=5s</a>                                      | Rev. Agustav Odongo<br>Gaianmungu Aminah<br>Mirembe Jackline<br>Rev Benjamin Muhereza<br>Kwizera |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July | COVID-19 women& leadership in this crisis for the unseen woman.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OB4cZHX33jQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OB4cZHX33jQ</a>                                   | Jackie Bless<br>Zawedde Asiinah<br>Patience kamugisha  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> July | Effects of inequality-The lessons for Youth from South Africa riots<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxYfDOHXMI&amp;t=213s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxYfDOHXMI&amp;t=213s</a>           | Ayeul David<br>Arcanjo Wacunzo<br>Khanya Bonani<br>Simon Ssenyonga                               |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> July | How best should Parliament facilitate MP's in delivery on their mandate.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttcqV4nGjhl&amp;t=376s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttcqV4nGjhl&amp;t=376s</a>    | Ababas Agaba<br>Bernard Sankara<br>Ochieno Joseph  |



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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug  | The crisis of Service delivery in Uganda<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jN8tSbJ4dA4&amp;t=2s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jN8tSbJ4dA4&amp;t=2s</a>                             | Guubi Kenneth<br>Nadunga Annet<br>Imalinga Sarah<br>Amiirah Kisha                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug  | Trafficking girls for sex abroad and covering he recent scandal<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTWQyJqZu0s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTWQyJqZu0s</a>                        | Bweite Lydia<br>Kayaga Beatrice<br>Kyamazima Monica<br>Faith A Chagara                        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | The relevance of the national youth council meeting<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODj0vGSm3FA&amp;t=34s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODj0vGSm3FA&amp;t=34s</a>                | Kidega Moses<br>Asasira Rachel<br>Kababiito Shamim<br>Ninsiima Hellen                         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Increased Citizens' surveillance V improved community policing<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrR2jNrfXKs&amp;t=1603s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrR2jNrfXKs&amp;t=1603s</a> | Bireete Sarah<br>Konde Nasser<br>Luke Owoyesigyire<br>Akampulira Walakira                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | What to expect from the Parish model<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfTjOCT3GS0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfTjOCT3GS0</a>   | Namulindwa Phoebe<br>Sam Evidence Orikunda<br>Nabwire Innocent<br>Kakuru Robert<br>Byamugisha |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Cultural Anthropology<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3_GDY4P_v4&amp;t=420s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3_GDY4P_v4&amp;t=420s</a>  | Owaraga Norah   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Transforming food systems for Human & Planetary Health<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO89hEMeuMo&amp;t=1885s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO89hEMeuMo&amp;t=1885s</a>         | Nuwagaba Patricia<br>Bwowe Ivan<br>Hon. Odoi Bernard Onen<br>Sserubiri Uhuru<br>Mutesi Oliver |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug | The fate of education in Uganda during the COVID-19 pandemic<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7kxpYm0GLg&amp;t=160s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7kxpYm0GLg&amp;t=160s</a>     | Dr. Ojambo Robert<br>Bireete Sarah<br>Dr. Denis Musinguzi                                     |



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| 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Economic resilience amidst COVID-19 pandemic; What is the performance of the real economy?<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpyaeM-Wnpl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpyaeM-Wnpl</a>                 | Zawedde Hasinah<br>Namaye Betty<br>John Jay Wasike<br>Muhirwe Francis                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Feminists organizing for changes. A chat with Ednah Ninsiima<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CMqusRcOLs&amp;t=6s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CMqusRcOLs&amp;t=6s</a>                             | Ednah Ninsiima  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Call to action from students for schools to open.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=am9ZQbdHLIE&amp;t=409s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=am9ZQbdHLIE&amp;t=409s</a>                                    | Awal Noella<br>Kirunga Joyce<br>Najib Kasole<br>Nabaasa Charity<br>Mbazira John Snr     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug | President Museveni's human rights address Zambia Elections: Lessons for democracy.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w1NI7-NDZs&amp;t=5157s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w1NI7-NDZs&amp;t=5157s</a> | Mwabutsya Ndebesa<br>Karamagi Andrew<br>Bireete Sarah<br>Obore Chris                    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug | Lockdown and education.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6Mwo-T1NZc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6Mwo-T1NZc</a>  | Nagujja Edith<br>Wadiko Irene<br>Herbert Anderson Burora<br>Okwaro Peter                |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Persons with disability.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx1sTbhRml">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx1sTbhRml</a>   | Akiteng Isabella<br>Nampijja Shamim<br>Nantaba Phiona Nicole                            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Shrinking Civic space & darkening hearts.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBsPT-SQdm4&amp;t=1751s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBsPT-SQdm4&amp;t=1751s</a>  | Nabaye Tricia Gloria<br>Eseru Abel<br>Otafiire Henry<br>Kidega Moses                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Closure of NGOs and the shrinking Civic Space in Uganda.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFR6qMQIBAk&amp;t=1240s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFR6qMQIBAk&amp;t=1240s</a>                           | Hudu Hussein<br>Mwamguhya Charles<br>Muguzi Henry<br>Bireete Sarah                      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug | The suspension of NGOs by the NGO bureau.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRKZ8ohUY_Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRKZ8ohUY_Q</a>  | Mushambo Kinyoro Henry<br>Zawedde Hasinah<br>Amanyisa Zadock<br>Burora Herbert Anderson |



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| 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug | Women and Land right: What are the challenges and opportunities.<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fg3MXm1TQWc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fg3MXm1TQWc</a> | Ngobi Jean<br>Nabaye Gloria Tricia |
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### Partnership engagement 4

#### Project implementation under Oxfam Uganda

#### Background:

Center for Constitutional Governance ran a series of Twitter Space, interviews, panel discussions, Zoom engagements and strategic litigation focusing on CLOSURE OF NGOS in UGANDA. The target was to involve NGO/CSO leaders in order to hear their thoughts and opinions of the closure of 54 NGOs in Uganda and how this has affected their operations.

The project has the following objectives include:

- To create awareness about the ongoing attacks and closures of NGOs.
- To create awareness about the current the work of CSOs and how it impacts citizens and the country.
- To get insights on why there is high rate of CSOs blackmailing and propaganda.
- Strategic litigation against suspension of NGOs.

In the implementation of this project during these two months we have been able to archive the following:

*Objective 1: To create awareness about the ongoing attacks and closures of NGOs.*

Center for Constitutional Governance hosted 2 Twitter Spaces that addressed the closure of NGOs.



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**@GodwinTOKO MODERATOR**

# CLOSURE OF NGOS

TWITTER SPACE 10 Nov 2021 4 - 6PM

**Sarah Birete**  
E.D. CCG  
@sarahbirete

**Godber Tumushabe**  
Associate Director - GLISS  
@GodberTumushabe

**Xavier Ejoyi**  
Country Director, ActionAid Uganda  
@xmusema

**Eunice Muslime**  
E.D. AMWA  
@muslime

**Burora Herbert Anderson**  
Deputy RCC Rubaga, Kampala  
@HenderHB

In the above Twitter Space poster, Godwin Toko moderated the conversation between Sarah Birete – Executive Director Centre for Constitutional Governance, Godber Tumushabe – Associate Director – Great Lakes Institute for Strategic Studies, Xavier Ejoyi – Country Director – ActionAid Uganda, Eunice Musiime – Executive Director – Akina Mama Wa Afrika and Burora Herbert Anderson – Deputy Resident City Commissioner for Rubaga.

**@mildredtuhaise MODERATOR**

# CLOSURE OF NGOS

TWITTER SPACE 26 Nov 2021 4 - 6PM

**Mercy Grace Munduru**  
Governance Expert  
@deuce\_mercy

**Diana Nabiruma**  
Senior Communications Officer - AFIEGO  
@DianaNabiruma

**Timothy Kalyegira**  
Researcher and Political Analyst  
@TimKalyegira

**National Bureau for NGOs**  
@NGObureau

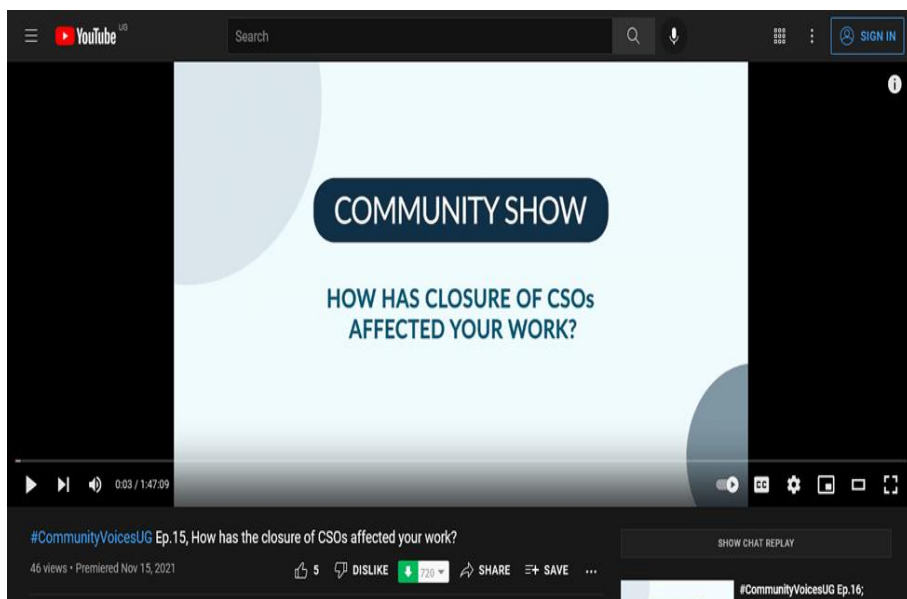


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Twitter Space poster above was moderated by Mildred Tuhaise. The panelists included Mercy Grace Munduru – Head of Governance – ActionAid Uganda, Timothy Kalyegira – Researcher and Political Analyst, a representative from AFIEGO and a representative from the NGO Bureau.

On 15th November Center for Constitutional Governance hosted a panel of CSOs leaders that included: Joanna Atukunda - Founder UPLIFT SLUM - AFRIKA, Turyatunga Rebecca Juna - Founder - Juna Foundation and Mbiheebwa Edward - Executive Director - Masindi district NGO Forum. They discuss how the closure of CSOs has affected their work.

How has the closure of CSOs affected your work: <https://youtu.be/h5qzfk5klCA>



Highlights from this conversation included remarks from:

Turyatunga Rebecca Juna: The closure has affected the financial bit of being able to implement work but also the networking bit to share ideas on how to tackle development challenges that are happening in the community. CSOs help monitor government programs through the education of the local grassroots persons to understand the role of government and how they can follow up their different projects and government programs they also use this capacity to be able to play their roles as citizens.

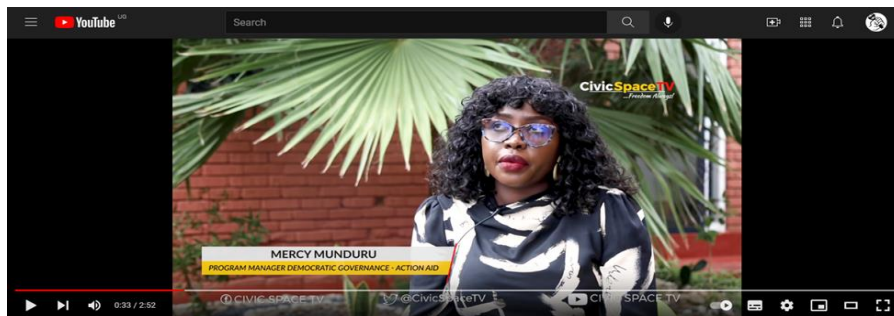


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Joanna Atukunda: Why does the government think that closing the organizations now is going to help? First of all, why were they accepted in the first place? It was to help the government to do all the other work that they cannot do on their own, to supplement their work. NGO/CSO activity add value to humanity in terms of extending certain services. NGO work has been helping people and has definitely impacted people positively in communities and every other arena. When it comes to politics, health and policy formation and implementation, NGOs have been involved in it all.

Edward Mbiheebwa: Ideally, the closure of NGOs has broadly affected us as a civil society organization. We see a lot of silence among the civil society organizations recently due to the closure of very many CSO. You'd see many of us suicide organizations were engaged in advocacy anti-corruption work, policy engagements and so on and in doing so, you point out the challenges the gaps in service and delivery like in roads, construction. Most of us are advocating organizations and that the work we do touches sensitive officials in the government.

The closure of NGOs in Uganda: <https://youtu.be/HhVlIQIScOQ>

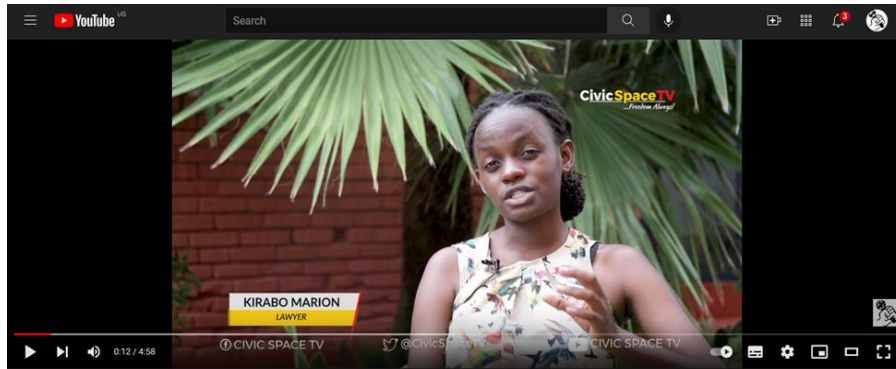


In this short 2 minute clip that aired on 7th December 2021, Mercy Munduru - Program Manager - Democratic Governance, Action Aid, further explains that when you shrink their space by closing them or freezing their accounts, you are paralysing services which may be vital for citizens. She expresses her concern that NGOs are not known for funding terrorist activities, she believes that unless there's a comprehensive report from the state or a person alleging this, these are just allegations.

The closure of NGOs in Uganda: <https://youtu.be/9TAJGpuzbr0>



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This short 5 minute clip that aired on 15th December highlights the challenges Kirabo Marion faces as an activist to continue doing her work as some of the partner NGOs she works with are closed.

The closure of NGOs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9u0Cu3sGU4>