

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the rule of law and access to justice through professional legal training, research, and advocacy to legal practitioners, policy makers and the public.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Deliver practical ethical and market relevant legal training

Broaden access to legal aid awareness and dispute resolution for vulnerable communities

Provide evidence based research and publications to inform policy and practice

Enhance LDCs internal governance, human resources and infrastructure

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025/26

Delivered lectures for 7 subjects one lecture per subject reaching cohorts of Bar Course and post-graduate students at all campuses

Supervisors guided student firm room research projects in 60 separate sessions supporting student independent legal research and firm room exercises

In a bid to create valuable student professional engagement and career networking a formal dinner was conducted for Bar Course students

Provided administrative research guidance to 120 post graduate students aiding them in thesis preparation and research administration

LAC handled a total of 10517 cases across various categories 8284 males and 2233 females Criminal cases constituted the largest share of the clinics workload with 6637 cases

Seventeen reconciliators or mediators were facilitated to undertake court-annexed mediation and reconciliation in the Magistrate courts The reconciliators or mediators received and handled a total of 1221 cases 859 male and 340 female in both mediations and reconciliations

During the reporting period 20 clerkship students deployed in hard to reach districts handled a total of 617 legal aid cases across 20 districts demonstrating substantial contribution to access to justice in hard to reach areas.

LAC handled 407 children 322 boys and 85 girls in conflict with the law in Kampala Jinja, Iganga Masindi Mbarara Kabarole Lira and Adjumani were provided with Legal and counseling services All of the above cases were completed within the reporting period

Lira LAC Participated in the High Court of Lira Plea Bargain camp held at Lira Main prison A total of 155 accused persons including 3 Female and 152 Male were cause listed for plea bargain Negotiated plea bargain agreements for over 29 Accused persons 2F and 27male who were presented before Court

The Centre implemented proper garbage disposal practices across all its campuses as part of its commitment to environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation Organic and inorganic wastes were segregated with recyclable materials recovered and organic waste composted where feasible

Assorted essential medicines were procured and supplied to the LDC Medical Units across all campuses during the reporting period

1 Child Care Centre at Kampala Campus operationalised

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections				
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
Recurrent	Wage	10.564	4.251	10.564	11.092	11.647	12.229	12.841
	Non-Wage	26.239	11.270	26.339	30.290	36.348	43.618	52.341
Devt.	GoU	4.050	0.293	4.050	4.455	5.346	6.415	7.698
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	40.853	15.814	40.953	45.837	53.341	62.262	72.880	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	40.853	15.814	40.953	45.837	53.341	62.262	72.880	
Arrears	0.407	0.000	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Budget	41.260	15.814	40.972	45.837	53.341	62.262	72.880	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	40.853	15.814	40.953	45.837	53.341	62.262	72.880	

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre**Table 4.2: Budget Allocation by Department for Recurrent and Development (Ushs Billion)**

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	Draft Budget Estimates FY 2026/27	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:19 Administration of Justice	36.903	4.050
Vote Function:01 Legal Training	36.903	4.050
001 Legal Aid	2.982	0.000
002 General administration and support services	7.977	0.000
003 Post Graduate Legal Studies	7.821	0.000
004 Human Resource and Administration Management	10.156	4.050
005 Financial Management	1.271	0.000
006 Academic Registration	3.155	0.000
007 Law and Continuing Legal Education management	1.526	0.000
008 Library Management	1.037	0.000
009 Research and Law reporting Management	0.980	0.000
Total for the Vote	36.903	4.050

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 19 Administration of Justice

Vote Function: 01 Legal Training

Department: 001 Legal Aid

Key Service Area: 000012 Legal and Advisory services

PIAP Output: Legal Aid and State brief services provided

Programme Intervention: 191131 Strengthen provision of legal aid services and state brief scheme.

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of cases successfully completed through legal aid by LDC-LAC	Number	2023/24	8000	5000
Number of functional legal aid clinics established/maintained	Number	2023/24	7	9
Number of indigent persons accessing state briefs	Number	2023/24	6187	5000

Department: 002 General administration and support services

Key Service Area: 000001 Audit and Risk Management

PIAP Output: Finance and Administration services provided

Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of audit reports produce (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4

Key Service Area: 000006 Planning and Budgeting Services

PIAP Output: Planning and Budgeting coordinated

Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
No. of statutory reports produced and submitted (LDC)	Number	2023/24	0	4

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre**Vote Function: 01 Legal Training****Department: 002 General administration and support services****Key Service Area: 000007 Procurement and Disposal Services****PIAP Output: Finance and Administration services provided****Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of audit reports produce (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4
Number of procurement reports produced (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4

Key Service Area: 000014 Administrative and Support Services**PIAP Output: Leadership and Management coordinated****Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
No. of leadership engagements undertaken	Number	2023/24	0	1
Number of management meetings held	Number	2023/24	24	23

Department: 003 Post Graduate Legal Studies**Key Service Area: 000066 Post Graduate Legal Training****PIAP Output: Capacity of training institutions enhanced****Programme Intervention: 193213 Strengthen legal training in administration of justice**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Overall pass rate/Completion rate of Bar Course	Percentage	2023/24	29%	40%

Department: 004 Human Resource and Administration Management**Key Service Area: 000005 Human Resource Management****PIAP Output: Staff Salaries and related benefits paid****Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery**

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre**Vote Function: 01 Legal Training****Department: 004 Human Resource and Administration Management****Key Service Area: 000005 Human Resource Management****PIAP Output: Staff Salaries and related benefits paid**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
All staff salary and related benefits paid (%) (LDC)	Percentage	2023/24	100%	100%

PIAP Output: Finance and Administration services provided**Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of audit reports produce (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4
Number of financial reports produced (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4
Number of procurement reports produced (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4

Department: 005 Financial Management**Key Service Area: 000004 Finance and Accounting****PIAP Output: Finance and Administration services provided****Programme Intervention: 193211 Strengthen government institutions for effective and efficient service delivery**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of financial reports produced (LDC)	Number	2023/24	4	4

Department: 006 Academic Registration**Key Service Area: 000075 Registration Services****PIAP Output: Capacity of training institutions enhanced****Programme Intervention: 193213 Strengthen legal training in administration of justice**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
No of students issued with transcripts and certificates	Number	2023/24	1800	2000

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre**Vote Function: 01 Legal Training****Department: 006 Academic Registration****Key Service Area: 000075 Registration Services****PIAP Output: Capacity of training institutions enhanced**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Overall pass rate/Completion rate of Bar Course	Percentage	2023/24	29%	40%

Department: 007 Law and Continuing Legal Education management**Key Service Area: 000071 Paralegals and Administrative Training****PIAP Output: Capacity of justice service delivery duty bearers strengthened****Programme Intervention: 193212 Strengthen human resources in the justice service delivery**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of duty bearers trained (LDC)	Number	2023/24	30	1350
Percentage of students graduating the diploma in law	Percentage	2023/24	78%	82%

Department: 008 Library Management**Key Service Area: 000008 Records Management****PIAP Output: Legal reference materials provided****Programme Intervention: 192114 Provide legal reference materials**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
No of legal databases subscribed to	Number	2023/24	4	3
No of legal reference materials distributed	Number	2023/24	21	100
No of reference materials procured	Number	2023/24	400	100

Department: 009 Research and Law reporting Management**Key Service Area: 610002 Research and Information****PIAP Output: Research on Administration of Justice Service delivery conducted****Programme Intervention: 192115 Strengthen research and innovation in administration of justice**

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre**Vote Function: 01 Legal Training****Department: 009 Research and Law reporting Management****Key Service Area: 610002 Research and Information****PIAP Output: Research on Administration of Justice Service delivery conducted**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Annual Uganda Law Focus Journal in place	Number	2023/24	0	1
Number of Research studies conducted	Number	2023/24	0	2

PIAP Output: Law reports produced**Programme Intervention: 192115 Strengthen research and innovation in administration of justice**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of law reports published	Number	2023/24	0	500

Project: 1830 Law Development Center Infrastructure Development Project**Key Service Area: 000017 Infrastructure Development and Management****PIAP Output: Presence of Justice service delivery points enhanced****Programme Intervention: 191211 Increase the coverage of justice service delivery points**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of new justice service delivery centres operationalised (LDC)	Number	2023/24	8	1

Project: 1891 Institutional Development of Law Development Centre Project**Key Service Area: 000003 Facilities and Equipment Management****PIAP Output: Justice service delivery points equipped****Programme Intervention: 191213 Retool Justice service delivery points**

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Percentage of LDC offices retooled with furniture, ICT equipment, office equipment and vehicles.	Percentage	2023/24	29%	60%

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

Inadequate funding has significantly constrained the progress of the construction of the multi-storied building at the Kampala Campus.

Old and dilapidated transport equipment continues to affect the Centre's operations and service delivery negatively.

Changes in terms (the third term is now for clerkship, and the fourth term is final written examinations) affected implementation of planned activities like marking, invigilation and conducting examinations

Plans to improve Vote Performance

Maintain continuous engagement with relevant stakeholders (MOFPED, Parliament, Administration of Justice Program) to advocate for funding support project implementation

VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

N/A

VOTE: 311 Law Development Centre**Table 7.2: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)**

Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2025/26	Projection FY2026/27
142111	Rent & rates – produced assets-From Private Entities	0.055	0.040
142114	Sale of publications-From Private Entities	0.150	0.150
142119	Sale of bid documents-From Private Entities	0.010	0.005
142149	Sale of Other produced assets-From Private Entities	0.000	0.010
142212	Educational/Instruction related levies	12.799	12.874
Total		13.014	13.079

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VIII. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Table 8.1: Staff Establishment Analysis

N / A

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Table 8.2: Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A