

Regional Training Facility
on Prevention and
Suppression of Sexual and
Gender Based Violence in
the Great Lakes Region



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Training to Combat SGBV in the Great Lakes Region : The Role of ICGLR-RTF

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- Adverts and conclusions





ICGLR Member states undertake to combat sexual violence against women and children through *preventing, criminalising and punishing* acts of sexual violence... both in times of peace and in times of war....” Art 11 of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the GLR (2006)



● Put in place **special regional facility** for training and sensitizing judicial officers, police units, social workers, medical officers and others who handle SGBV issues
(art 6 (9)- *Protocol on Preventions , suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children (2006)*)

● *Resolution 14 of Kampala Declaration (2011)- Uganda offered to host the RTF*

African Union View of the RTF

"There is no doubt that the RTF is a needed mechanism in Africa generally and the Great Lakes Region in particular. Although a number of training centers and institutions on the continent provide courses for preventing and responding to sexual and gender based violence, no institution has a comprehensive program on SGBV that is comparable to the RTF concept"

African Union Commission – Peace and Security Department Report on RTF, 2015

We therefore aspire to be a Centre of Excellence for the GLR and the Africa continent

UN's View



"Very Happy to be back to the Regional Training Facility to reinstate my support and encouragement to the Director and his team for the good work they are doing in serving the cause of Preventing and suppressing Sexual and Gender based Violence in the Region." -

Ambassador Said Djinnit, United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region, 27th April 2018

ICGLR- Forum of Parliament's view

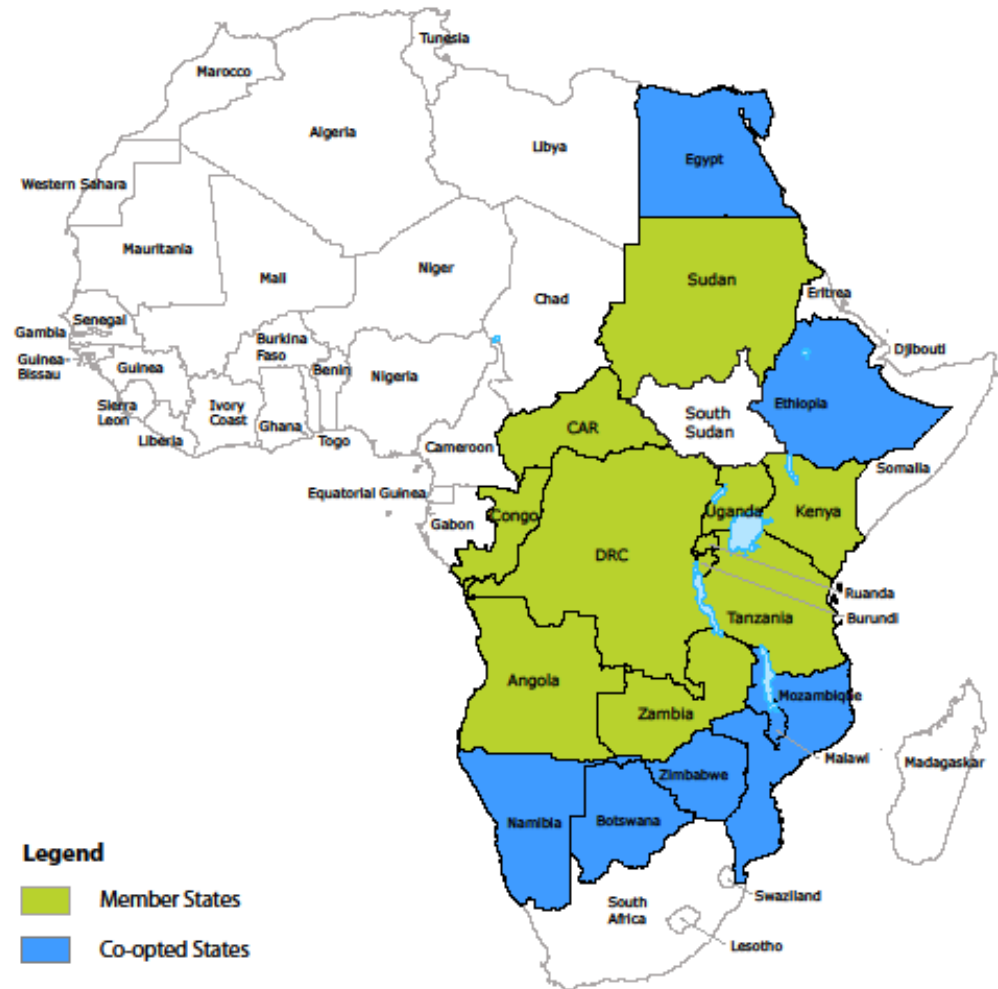
- *Mobilize our respective parliaments to support the work of the ICGLR Regional Forum and ICGLR -Regional Training Facility on SGBV;*
- *Work with the Forum of parliaments and the Regional Training Facility in organizing regular sensitization meetings for parliamentarians on Sexual and Gender Based violence , Report of the 1st Statutory Meeting of the Committee on Women, Children and Vulnerable Persons of the Forum of Parliaments of Member States on the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, 21-22nd August 2018, Nairobi , Kenya*

The ICGLR-RTF: a few facts

- A decentralized organ of ICGLR -based in Kampala
- A center of excellence that trains professionals who deal with cases of SGBV (including journalists)
- RTF has been in Uganda since 2014
- Currently working on standardized training manuals and curricula for police, judicial officers, medical officers and psychosocial workers
- Is financed by contributions of Member states of ICGLR and cooperation and development partners
- Established by ICGLR instruments
- An institution of 12 ICGLR member states



ICGLR Member States =DRC+9n(DRC)+Ky+Sdn



*Boundaries and names shown on this map do not represent the official position of the ICGLR



ICGLR Follow-up Mechanism

Summit of
Heads of States

TROIKA

Regional Inter-Ministerial
Committee

Ad hoc Group
of Experts

Lusaka
Center

Goma
Center

Kampala
Centre-
RTF

Conference
Secretariat

National Coordination Mechanisms



Legal Basis

- ***The Pact on security Stability and development in Great lakes region (2006) (art 11)***
- **The Dar es Salaam Declaration on Peace, Security, Democracy and Development in the Great Lakes Region (2004)**
- ***The Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence against Women and Children” (2006) + art 6(9)***
- **The Goma Declaration (June 2008)**
- ***The Kampala Summit Declaration on SGBV (Resolution 14, Dec 2011)***
- The Kinshasa Communiqué (July 2012)
- ICGLR Protocol on Judicial Cooperation (2006)
- ICGLR Protocol on Non-Aggression and Mutual Defense (2006)
- Protocol on Prevention and punishment of the Crime of Genocide, war crime and crime against Humanity and all Forms of discrimination
- Regular RIMC/ Summit decisions on SGBV
- **Host Agreement between GoU and the ICGLR, 18th Feb 2014**



Legal basis (continued)

- All ICGLR member states have ratified the Pact (and hence its integral 10 protocols)
- All member states are therefore bound by obligations thereto including preventing, criminalizing and punishing the crime of SGBV (art 11)
- Operationalizing the ICGLR-RTF was an obligation under art 6(9) of the ICGLR Protocol on SGBV
- Kampala Declaration set it in Uganda



Achievements of RTF in the last 5 years

- Trained and sensitised over **1000 professionals** from the region
- Organized **13 major regional** training workshops , colloquia, symposia and conferences
- Acquired a **permanent home** / office space
- Recruited Master trainers and Nationals trainers from ICGLR member states (10 National Trainers/country) + 10 Master Trainers (**hence more that 130 experts by October 2018**)
- Development of curricula and training manuals for police, judicial officers, psychosocial workers and medical officers
- Over **90 major engagements** with stakeholders and partners - > visibility of RTF
- Website, reports and publications about the work of RTF



Training to Combat SGBV: Why?

- To **deepen understanding** of SGBV and the problem related to it
- Provide **skills** to facilitate prevention, punishment and support to survivors AND to rehabilitate perpetrators
- **Change attitudes** in relation to gender and power relations, negative vs positive masculinity, patriarchy, culture religion etc



How do we do it? The concept

- Training Professional trainers , Sensitization through workshops, conferences etc.
- We target professionals handling SGBV
- We use a cascading/ socio-ecological model
- A Training Manual is now in place



NT Trainings completed So Far

No.	ACTIVITY	DATES	VENUE
1.	Uganda National Trainers Training	11 th -15 th December 2017	ICGLR-RTF Offices, Kampala, Uganda
2.	Kenyan National Trainers Training	23 rd -27 th April 2018	Sarova Panafric hotel Nairobi, Kenya
3.	Rwandan National Trainers Training	7 th – 11 th May 2018	Marasa Umubano hotel, Kigali,Rwanda
4.	Zambian National Trainers Training	28 th May -1 st June 2018	Palm Wood Lodge Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia
5.	Tanzania National Trainers Training	1 st – 5 th October 2018	Holiday Inn, Dar es salaam , Tanzania

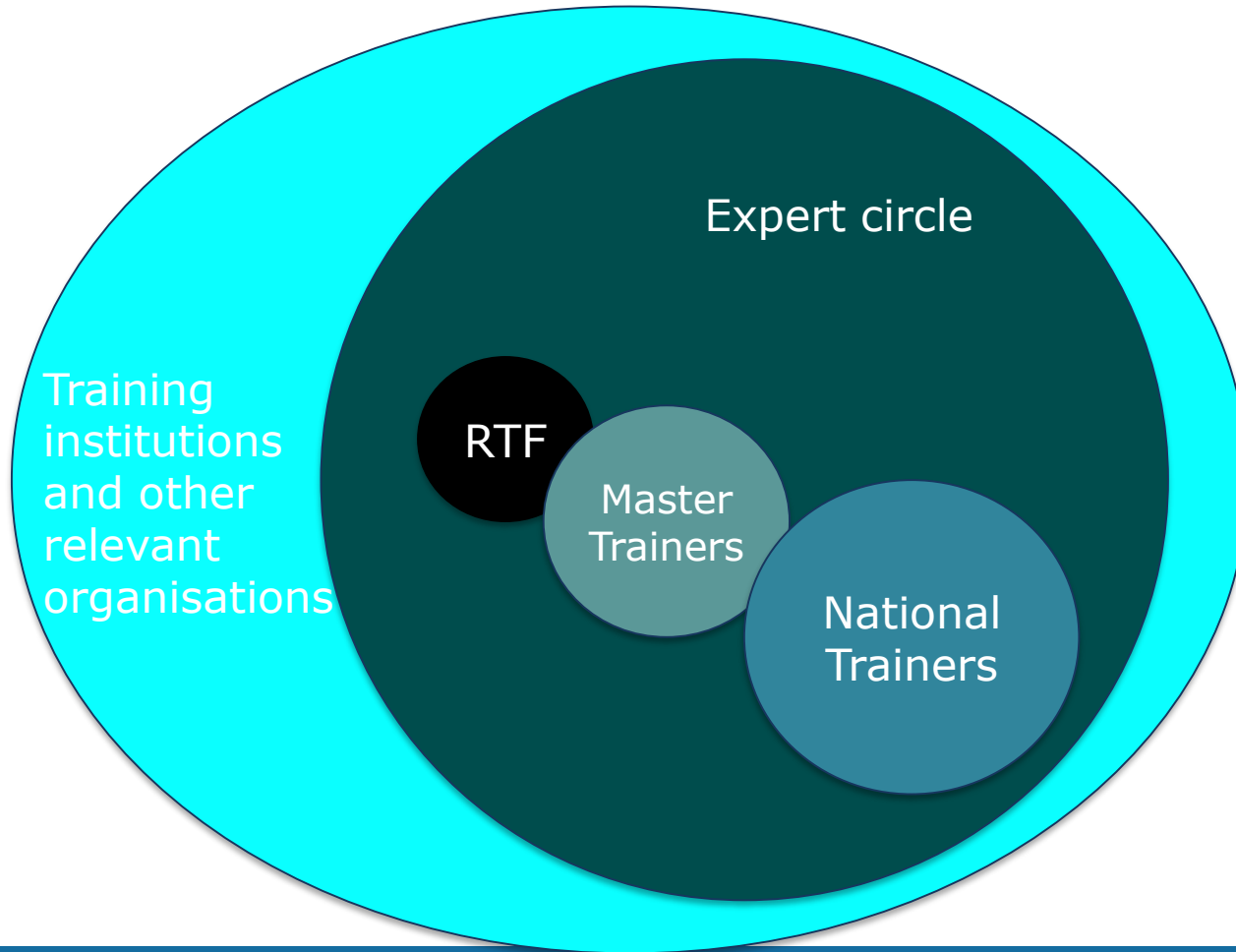
By January 2019 the remaining 7 members states will have been covered



RTF Training Model (Cascading)



RTF SETUP



Some Trainings in pictures:

Pilot training for **Uganda National trainers** at the RTF offices from 11th -15th December 2017



Training of **Master Trainers**

8th -12th May 2017 - Afrique Suites Hotel (Kampala)



Training of **Ugandan National Trainers:** December 2017 – ICGLR-RTF offices



Training of **Zambian National Trainers:** May, 2018 – Palm Wood Lusaka Zambia



KENYA NATIONAL TRAINERS 23rd-27th APRIL, 2018 cont'd



RWANDA NATIONAL TRAINERS 7th -11th MAY, 2018



Tanzania National Trainers 1st – 5th October 2018



Countries to Train by End of January 2019

- Burundi
- DRC
- Angola
- South Sudan
- Central African Republic
- Sudan
- Republic of Congo



Training to be completed by end January 2019

1	Burundi	10 th to 15 th December 2018	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF Burundian National Trainers	Interviewed	Ready for training
2	DRC	10 th to 15 th December 2018	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF DRC National Trainers	In progress	20/20) ready to shortlist , recruit and train
3	CAR	15 th to 19 th January 2019	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF CAR National Trainers	In progress	13/20 (looking for more applicants)
4	Republic of Congo	22 nd to 26 th January 2019	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF Republic of Congo National Trainers.	In progress	3/20 (looking for more applicants)
5	Sudan	5 th to 9 th January 2019	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF Sudan National Trainers	In progress	13/20 (looking for more applicants)
6	South Sudan	12 th to 16 th January 2019	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF South Sudan National Trainers	In progress	7/20 (looking for more applicants)
7	Angola	22 nd January 26 th 2019	Training of 10 ICGLR-RTF Angolan National Trainers.	In progress	2/20 (looking for more applicants)



What do Master Trainers do?

- Master trainers carry out research (formative research), design training curricula, develop course materials, train and monitor trainers



What do National Trainers do?

- National trainers refine general training curricula and course materials customising the materials to national realities and needs. They also cascade the training of professionals at respective national levels
- **NOTE all trainers pass through a competitive process**



Why Train?

- To deepen understanding of SGBV among professionals
- To provide skills related to effective handling of SGBV cases
- To change attitude surrounding SGBV crimes (including, power , cultural, religious and gender beliefs)



How we sensitize :workshops, conferences etc.

- We have convened over 13 major regional workshops /conferences , colloquia etc
- These meetings have had the effect of mobilizing support, changing policy and implementing ICGLR instruments and increasing demand for training



Training workshop for Ugandan Military and Police Officers: 13th-14th August 2015 - Imperial Royale Hotel



Training for military justice system: 10-12 August 2015 - Imperial Royale Hotel



Colloquium on Documentation, Investigation and Reporting of SGBV: 5-6 December 2016 – Hotel Serena



Sensitization and training Workshop on Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence cases in conflict: 19th -20th Sept 2016 - Afrique Suites Hotel



Regional Conference on Strategies for Implementation of the ICGLR Instruments 1-3 December 2017 - Speke Resort Hotel - Munyonyo



High Level Meeting for Ministers of Gender In GLR on implementation and Monitoring of WPS commitments



A case of Special Courts for SGBV in Uganda: Justice Bamwine Effect

- **August 2017**-Justice Bamwine , Principle Judge of Uganda opens RTF workshop of Assessing the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration . He reads the KD for the first time (including Resolution on Special Courts , special court sessions – challenges ICGLR to always disseminate instruments to relevant government organs



Justice Bamwine Effect cont--

- He Commits to establish Special Courts before he retires
- Works with Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOs) under the Ministry of Justice, and with FIDA Uganda
- 2nd November 2018, he launches Special Court Sessions (see pictures below)



Remember –Ingredients of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence (as per the ICGLR protocol) includes:

- ▶ rape, /defilement)
- ▶ sexual assault,
- ▶ grievous bodily harm,
- ▶ mutilation of female reproductive organs,
- ▶ sexual slavery,
- ▶ enforced pregnancy,
- ▶ enforced sterilization,
- ▶ sexual exploitation or coercion,
- ▶ trafficking in or smuggling of women and children for sexual slavery,
- ▶ enslavement, forced abortions or forced pregnancies, infection of women and children with sexually transmitted diseases, or any other act of comparable gravity (Art 1 of the ICGLR Protocol on SV) (even in many cases what is reported as Murder is SGBV connected (husband killing wife, children and viceversa



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RECRUITMENT

During the event on Friday, Ms Grace Akullo, the director of the Police Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Crime Intelligence, said: "We have built capacity. We recruited detectives specifically for sexual offenses, and we now have 80 per cent coverage of the whole country."

Speaking out: Principal Judge Yorokamu Bamwine addresses prisoners at Nyamushelera Prison in Bushenyi on June 23, 2016. Justice Bamwine says each judge will handle between 50 and 100 cases. PHOTO BY FELIX ANEYODI/ICGLR

training on October 29. The UNFPA country representative, Mr Alain Sibenaler, said they are happy to fund the pilot special sessions. He added that should the project be concluded according to plan, UNFPA may consider supporting the setting up of a special court for SGBV cases. In April, *Daily Monitor* report-

addressing SGBV. The deputy executive director of the Uganda Media Centre, Colban Bantariza, later told a session of the media, tongue-in-cheekly that some men had turned their backs into drums - often beat them. Quoting a 2016 police report, 163 women had died as a result of gender-based violence in that year. According to the report

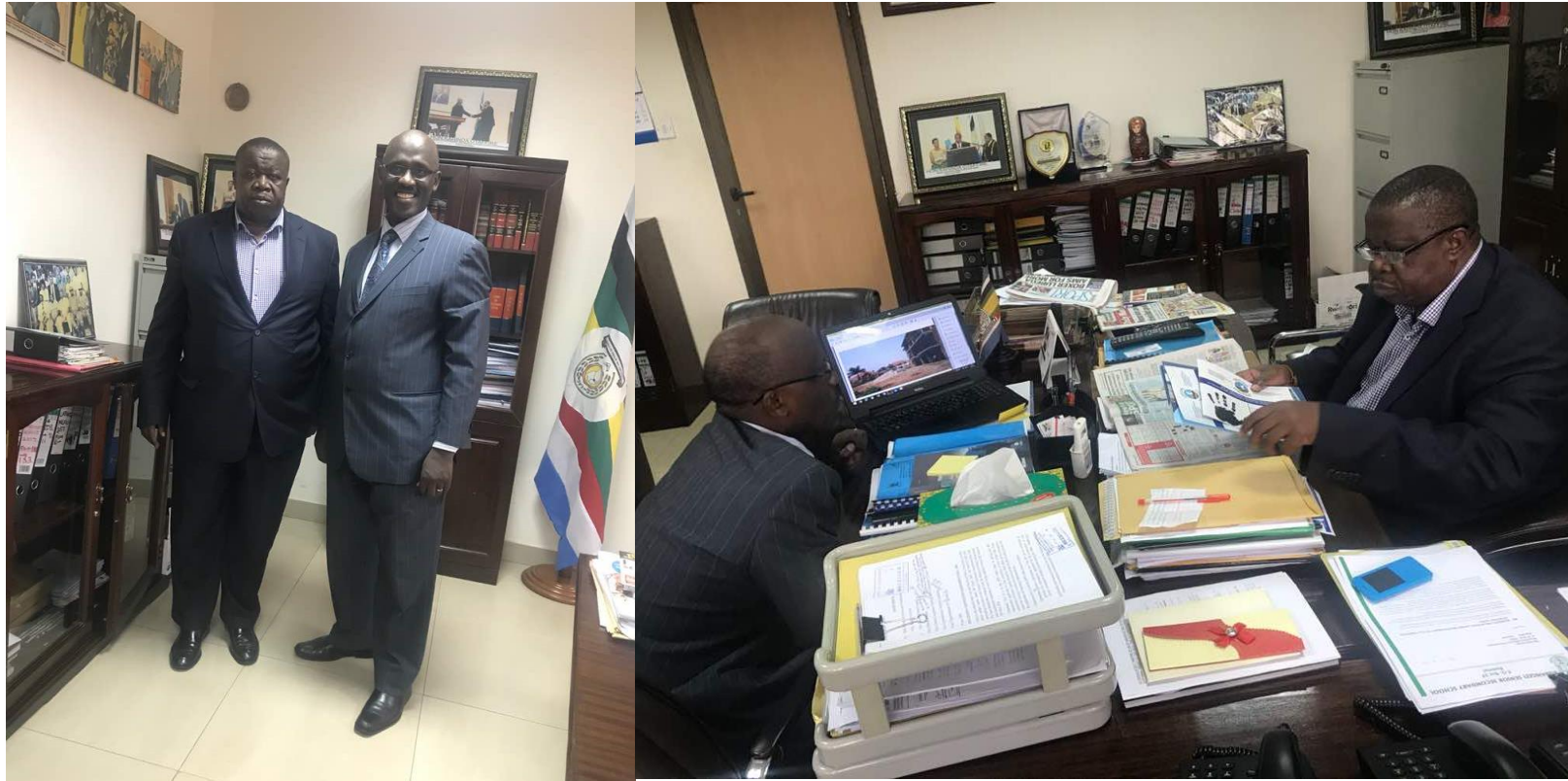


Bamwine effect Continue

- Important to note that more than 60% of cases received in courts, those in prisons and even those arrested by police are SGBV cases
- When Special Sessions are in place RTF will be happy to build capacity of the judicial officers accordingly
- If Uganda cases succeeds then the best practice for other member states will available



Courtesy Call to Minister of Justice



RTF TRAINING ACTIONAID STAKEHOLDERS 5th- 9th JUNE, 2018



Research and documentation: What is to be done?

- Baseline study per country on prevalence of SGBV
- Case / comparative study research (in collaboration with other research institutions) on practices that work in prevention and mitigation of SGBV e.g. special courts , one stop centers
- Research and Knowledge Production to feed into **documentation Centre and data base - including collecting secondary data, statistics, academic search models, case law (judgements/ jurisprudence), journals, magazines, newsletters and books, e-materials**



Some RTF publications @www.icglr-rtf.org



Who Funds ICGLR-RTF?

“The operating budget of the Conference Secretariat ..(including RTF)...shall be funded by mandatory annual contributions of the Member States and by resources mobilized from cooperation and development partners of the Great Lakes Region and by any other resource identified by the Conference.”

*Art 26(4) Pact on Security,
Stability and Development in the
Great Lakes Region*



Who is funding RTF

- Member states
- World Bank
- The Dutch Government

----- long term funding:3-4 years
Vs Activity Based funding

- The British Government
- UNWomen, UNOSE/GLR,UNSR-SV in Conflict
- AU-Peace and Security Department
- GIZ , FiDA (u), AMwA,, Population council - Kenya



Institutional Development : Opening of the New RTF offices: 1st Dec, 2017



Institutional development: What is to be done? cont'd



Cat.	Topic	Example
TRAINING	Train professionals	Training police, judicial officers , social workers , medical officers , military officers, prisons officers , journalists etc at national level
	Sensitising public	So that services of the RTF can be better utilised
	Quality assurance system	Establish and support quality improvement committee
	Strengthen expert circle	Identifying more experts
	Rehabilitation of perpetrators	Working with prisons services to develop programs for perpetrators
RESEARCH	Base line study	Identify challenges, best practices in all member states of ICGLR
	Case study research	Investigate the performance of a special courts (eg in Uganda)
	Data collection	Comprehensive desk research about current SGBV practices in selected member states
INSTITUTIONAL	RTF staff	A three year- 2 positions (renewable once) for multilingual employees from ICGLR MS (training coordinator and IT Research and knowledge production coordinator-see ICGLR and ICGLR-RTF website
	Experts/consultants/advisory Board	Keep engaging expert consultants
	Expansion and facilitation	Acquire more office space and provision of operational expenses
	Stakeholder platform	Hosting annual meetings of partners and friends in Uganda
	National Coordination	National meeting with stakeholders in each Member State of ICGLR

Check out : Job Adverts (Re-advertised)

1-Training Coordinator , RTF

2-IT/ Research and Knowledge
Production Coordinator

○ Links

- Training Coordinator: <http://icglr.org/index.php/en/job-opportunities/891-training-coordinator-kampala-center>
- IT, research and knowledge Coordinator: <http://icglr.org/index.php/en/job-opportunities/890-it-research-and-knowledge-coordinator-rtf-kampala>

French:

- Coordinateur de la Formation: <http://icglr.org/index.php/fr/offres-d-emploi/893-coordonateur-de-la-formation-centre-de-kampala>

- Coordinateur de la Technologie de l'Information, de la recherche et des

Etudes: <http://icglr.org/index.php/fr/offres-d-emploi/892-coordonateur-ti-et-etudes-kampala-center>

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In conclusion

- RTF is a case of State obligations implemented;
- A case of progress even with meagre resources
- A case of starting working to get resources as opposed to resources before work
- We have funds to train Master Trainers and National Trainers ; to Develop Training Manuals
- **WE NEED FUNDS TO CASCADE TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS AT NATIONAL LEVEL in the 12 Countries**

When we train & Sensitize to fight crime (such as SGBV), we eliminate excuses for impunity



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