



Quarterly Newsletter

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Building Momentum: Growing, Refining, Evolving!

A Note from the Founder

To everyone walking alongside us, This quarter has been a quiet reminder that real change doesn't always look dramatic. Sometimes it's a listening ear at a police station. A child being heard in court for the first time. A tough conversation that opens a door.

At Ikoku, our work is grounded in the belief that no child should be invisible in the justice system. And while the updates that follow will speak to what we've done that is, training, advocacy, legal support, I want to pause here and speak to why we do it.

Because behind every case, every visit, every podcast episode, is a child whose story could have gone unheard. And with each step, we're slowly helping to write a different ending.

Thank you for continuing to believe in this work and in us.

In solidarity,
Maria Aminat,

Team Lead, Ikoku Protection and Justice.

Here's a look at some of the work we've been doing on the ground to make that belief a reality.

Iko-Divert Project



This quarter, we delivered hands-on Iko-Divert trainings at Mukono and Katwe Police Station, the trainings brought in police officers from Ndejjeje Police Station, Makindye Police Station, Mutundwe Police Station and other Police Posts in the area like Kabawo Police post, Katwe Market police post, Kibiri Police post and Kibumbiro Police post. We equipped these officers with practical skills for handling child-related cases more humanely and effectively. Discussions focused on accurate documentation of diverted cases, building stronger referral pathways for psychosocial support, and using child-friendly communication during interviews. Officers were taken through core child rights principles, the respective roles of CFPU and CID, and non-custodial alternatives such as mediation and community service. Emphasis was also placed on recognising psychosocial needs, and maintaining ethical safeguards like confidentiality and informed consent.

The session was delivered through role-plays, case scenarios, and Q&A, and officers received copies of the 2019 Police Diversion Guidelines for continued use.

The A-Forty Podcast



This quarter, we set our microphones on a mission, to capture the voices shaping Uganda's juvenile justice system. From police officers and probation officers to child protection lawyers and psychologists, A-Forty dug beneath the surface to expose both the promise and the cracks in the system. The conversations were honest and raw. If you're curious about what really happens behind the scenes of juvenile justice in Uganda, this is a podcast you'll want to follow.





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