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APPROACH TO JUSTICE: Administration of Justice through the Lens of Stakeholders"

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OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION

- 1. My View of the "People-Centred Approach"
- 2. Who are the "People" and what kind of Justice?
- 3. Who are the Stakeholders? Primary & Secondary
- 4. Discussion & Conclusion

"A People-Centered Approach"

* A "basket of INNOVATIVE Approaches" that put the People at the Centre, rather than ONE e.g. Judiciary (Plea bargain, SGBV special sessions, Daily hearings, establishment of field stations) ODPP (Guidelines, coaching and mentorship teams for new state Attorneys and Court of Appeal, radio programs in creating awareness, ODPP Barazas), Prisons, Police, Victims, Defense.





Who are "the People"?

- ❖ We are Guided by the Constitution Art1, 126, 127.. On the People are and how they shall be Governed based on norms, values, aspirations,...
- ❖ WE must make EFFORT to learn our peoples idea of JUSTICE? What unique & positive practices can we borrow eg Acholi, Karamoja...
- ❖ They are the PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS!
- ❖ Often VICTIMS of CRIMES, The VOICELESS MASSES,
- Largely reside in the Rural Areas!
- So, A "PEOPLE-CENTERED APPROACH" TO JUSTICE MUST PROVIDE JUSTICE TO THEM IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE &ACCESSIBLE



The Stakeholders

- Primary Stakeholders are "The People"
- Secondary Stakeholders: Police, ODPP, JUDICIARY and Prisons
- *Tertiary Stakeholders: CSOs, Media, etc.
- The Secondary & Tertiary Stakeholders work for the Primary Group!! (ROLES)

- As Stakeholders, How do we View the Administration of Justice? STRATEGIES
- 1. LISTEN to Our Primary Stakeholders more than ourselves & Technicalities; Amplify the Voices of the Victims through People-Centred Approaches e.g. PB, ADR, Traditional Justice approaches, Restorative Justice Mechanisms, etc. =restore Wellbeing

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- 2. **CAPACITIES** have to be BUILT across Board (police, ODPP, Judiciary, etc...)
- 3. We need to Leverage IT Systems that "TALK" to each other for efficiency
- 4. Upholding human rights and the rule of law.

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- 5. **ACCESS IS KEY:** Not only Infrastructure but most Importantly, the **HUMAN RESOURCE**
- ❖ EXAMPLE IS THE ODPP HR GAP! (ODPP structure of 853, we have only 400 prosecutors!!!) JOs 658 hence 1,316 Prosecutors needed

CONCLUSION

❖ I end by simply saying that in order to Deliver Justice to our People Efficiently, and Effectively, we must work together because the Failure of One is the Failure of ALL!

THANK YOU

