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2023 World Social Work Day Report –Uganda.

Theme:

"Respecting diversity through joint social action"

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The World Social Work Day Celebration 2023 brought together over 700 social work students, lecturers, frontline social workers, government officials, and community leaders in all regions of Uganda to share ideas, research, and best practices under the theme" Respecting Diversity Through Joint Social Action."

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About NASWU

The National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU) brings together professional Social Workers in Uganda, Social Work Teaching Institutions, and Social Work Agencies. It operates under the oversight of the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development. NASWU's aim is to promote and facilitate social welfare and social development, promoting professional practice and shaping social policies while minimizing social risks and harm and ensuring delivery of high-quality social services in Uganda https://www.ifsw.org/uganda-association-pubshesannual-report/ NASWU is a member of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) https://www.ifsw.org/ and a member of Global Social Workforce Alliance.

About the World Social Work Day Celebrations

World Social Work Day is a celebration that aims to highlight the achievements of social work, to raise the visibility of social services for the future of societies, and to defend social justice and human rights. In 2023 this day fell on March 21st with social workers all over the world coming together to promote the contributions of the profession.

2023 World Social Work Day Themes

Global: "'Respecting diversity through joint social action"

Uganda: "Respecting diversity through joint social action-The role of social workers"

Rationale: The theme presented a vision and action plan for creating new global values, policies, and practices that develop trust, security, and confidence for all people and the sustainability of the planet.

The celebration created an opportunity for the social work profession in Uganda to engage with all the networks we work with.

Prioritizing interconnected, diverse values as a basis for forming a holistic, inclusive framework for our everyday relationships and actions-based love and care for people and the planet.

Social workers' responsibilities and holistic rights, respect, dignity, harmony and social justice, Diversity, belonging, reciprocity and equity, Ubuntu. Togetherness, accountability and community, Solidarity, equality, inclusion and collaboration.

Theme Interpretation in Major languages of Uganda

'"Respecting diversity through joint social action."

n	Language	Region	Theme Interpretation
1	**Luganda**	**Central Uganda**	Okussa ekitiibwa munjawulo z'abantu nga tukolera wamu. Traslation in Luganda
2	**Karamajong**	**North - Eastern Uganda**	Akerit eyiakae a'ngitunga ka ngipitesio ka akec kwap itiyao ka'apei -Traslation in Karamojong
3	**Ateso**	**Eastern Uganda**	Aijaikit angosibib nejai agelegeuna kotoma aimorikikina iswamai nepepe- Traslation in Ateso
4	**Lusoga**	**Eastern Uganda**	Okwisa ekitibwa mubintu eby'endhawulo ngha tubita mukukolera awalala mumbera edhabulidho- Traslation in lusoga
5	**Runyakitara**	**Western Uganda**	Okuteeka Ekitinisa omubintu bitari bimwe nabimwe tukurabira omukukwatanisa- Tras;ation in Runyakitara
6	**Kishahili**	**All regions of Uganda**	Kuheshimu utofauti kupitia hatua za Pamoja za kijamii- Traslation in Kishwahili.
7	**Langi**	**Northern Uganda**	Woro tam ajo apapat pi kelo niangere opore ikin lwak kun beo itic karacel, obedo tic ajo ducu.- Traslation in Langi.

Objectives of the celebrating 2023 world social work day in Uganda

- To celebrate the unique achievements of individuals and institutions within the social work fraternity who have worked tirelessly for 'respecting diversity through joint social action.
- To use the celebration as a platform to advocate for strengthening and respecting diversity through joint social action.
- To create a platform/ opportunity for free exchange of ideas among early career professionals, policy makers, social work teaching institutions, social work agencies and community leaders to dialogue and build synergies for 'respecting diversity for future generations in Uganda.
- To join the global social work community in commemorating the World Social Work Day in order to raise global awareness and advocacy for all governments and development partners.

Advocacy activities to mark the 2023 World Social Work day.

Bishop Barham University

In preparation for World Social Work Day 2023, Social work Students and staff of Uganda Christian University - Bishop Barham Kabale, demonstrated to community members of Bugongi- Kabale district in western Uganda the importance of environmental management through maintaining hygiene and sanitation of their surroundings. This was done through cleaning the community water points and the drainage system that was causing air pollution due to water logging.

Kabale University

In western Uganda, Students of social work, lecturers and top management from the faculty of Social Sciences Kabale University mobilised community members to clean Kabale Central Market, Kabale town and the university neighbourhood as a pre-event activity to commemorate World Social Work Day 2023.

Kampala International University

Social work Students and staff of Kampala International University, jointly engaged slum dwellers of Kikubamutwe ward, Kabalaga parish, Makindye division-Kampala City. Their intervention demonstrated solidarity through opening trenches and sensitising slum leaders on the importance of sanitation and joint community social action for improved health and community well-being.

Metropolitan International University

Social workers at Metropolitan International University took up the initiative to clean their campus and the neighbouring community of Lubaga Division-Kampala city as a pre-event joint action creating momentum for the World Social Work Day 2023.

All Saints University Lango

Students and academic staff of the All Saints University Lango participated in painting Zebra crossing along Obote Avenue and Lira Regional referral hospital as a pre-event activity to commemorate world social work day 2023 and as a hosting institution for Northern Uganda Region. They also appeared on 97.7 Unity FM radio to sensitise community members about the role of social workers focusing on respecting diversity through joint actions.

Summary of Universities and Frontline Social Workers Who Participated in 2023 World Social Work Day

n	University name	Region	Numbers of participants.
1	All Saints University	Northern Uganda	10
2	Kumi University	Eastern Uganda	97
3	Islamic University in Uganda	Eastern Uganda	48
4.	Uganda Christian University-Mbale	Eastern Uganda	8
5	Kabale University	Western Uganda	116
6	Bishop Barham University	Western Uganda	46
7	Makerere University	Central Uganda	21
8	Bugema University	Central Region	51

9.	Nkumba University	Central Region	16
10	University of Kisubi	Central Region	30
11	Ndejje University	Central Region	13
12	Kampala International University	Central Region	63
13	Kampala University	Central Region	06
14	Africa Renewal University	Central Region	12
15	Uganda Christian University-Mukono	Central Region	17
16	Metropolitan International University	Central Region	48
17	Practitioners	All regions	60
	Total participants	**All Regions**	**753**

The participants included students from participating NASWU social work teaching Universities, recent graduates and frontline social workers from all regions of Uganda.

A massage from the National coordinator-Mr. John Mary Ssekate

John Mary reported that the celebrations to mark World Social Work Day 2023 were organized in all regions of Uganda, at All Saints University –Lango on March 15, Kumi University on March 17, University of Kisubi March 21, and at Kabale University on March 24.

The celebration come at a time of great social concerns affecting all Ugandans but mostly the most vulnerable, the poorest, children, women, people living with disability, the aging, refugees among others.

At a critical time, where most leaders have betrayed their people, corruption biting society, increased mental distress, unemployment, low skills, and competencies among social workers, climate change and breakdown of value systems in our communities, online sexual violence and exploitation.

John Mary challenged every social worker in Uganda and beyond to ask these questions;

- What have we disrespected that calls for respect for diversity?
- Why have we failed to work in teams to address critical social concerns and challenges of our time?
- What actions can we take as individuals, groups, and a wider professional network that can

create a measurable significant positive change among the valuable individuals and communities?

- How can we use the resources around us, "resource-based interventions" rather than needs based approach to change our communities?
- How do we build synergies based on skills, differences among peoples, resources, best practices, promising stories, and Ubuntu values to bring the desired change?
- How can the ethical principles of social work be the software in reinforcing respecting diversity through joint social action?
- How can we collaborate with local communities and stakeholders to make sustainable actionable outcomes?
- How can social workers harness technology and social media in our action interventions?

The answers to the above and other many questions will create the difference we desire.

John Mary resounded the need to integrate values and ethical principles of social work including Recognition of the Inherent Dignity of Humanity, Promoting Human Rights while respecting the accepted values and beliefs of communities, Promoting Social Justice, Promoting the Right to Self-Determination, Promoting the Right to Participation, Respect for Confidentiality and Privacy, Treating People as Whole Persons, Ethical Use of Technology and Social Media, Professional Integrity to effectively make interventions that respect diversity through joint action.

He concluded by encouraging social workers to improve on their self-esteem, stop looking at a degree as an achievement and institutions where we went, but focus on creating positive change and not die as dogs, plus reinforcing each other to better serve humanity.

Summary from Northern Uganda

Adress By The Guest Of Honour Prof. Andrew Anthony Cula, At All Saints University Lango, Lira City, Northern Uganda On March 15, 2023

He thanked God the Almighty Father for bringing social Workers in Lira City, Northern Uganda. He emphasized that it is a great day in life of social workers and the All Saints University to reflect on the achievements of Social Workers in our country and the world over.

He noted that the country and communities in which we live are places of problems, difficulties and to some extent disasters making it difficult for people to live. He also talked about climate change, diseases and sicknesses, violence against children, youth unemployment, women participation in development, poor welfare systems, mental health and psychosocial issues that confront us, adding that social workers have been at the forefront of helping the affected people and vulnerable communities.

Social work has achieved so much for humankind through different practice domains like School Social Workers, Family Social Workers, Military Social Workers, Medical Social Workers, and Government Social Workers influencing policy, supporting Child Welfare Services, Crisis Intervention, Gerontology Services, Advocacy, and Family Planning putting Ubuntu values "I am because you are" at the center.

We live in a world of diversity of opinion, color, and social inclusiveness like ethnic variety as well as socio-economic differences in groups, society, communities or institutions. The Theme

"respecting diversity through joint action" is not only timely but also a catalyst for effective intervention of social workers at all levels. Without respecting diversity social work interventions would be impossible.

KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY TOM KABOS OGWANG -NORTHERN UGANDA AT ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY LANGO, LIRA CITY ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

I am a qualified Social Worker with Msc (Social Work) obtained from the prestigious Lund University, Sweden, Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Social Administration from Uganda Christian University – Mukono; a Diploma in Law from Law Development Centre – Kampala; a Diploma in Business Studies from Makerere University Business School, Nakawa. Currently, I am the Academic Registrar of All Saints University Lango. I am passionate about Gender and Children's wellbeing. I am also a Resilient Theorist.

We need to understand cultural-humility as an approach to diversity, identifying and defining dimensions of diversity, appreciating the complexity of identity, identifying important cultural considerations for working within diverse communities, accepting people's differences but find common ground, learning something new from people that are different from us, and not to shut them down, making sure we give everyone a chance to share their opinion, avoid using stereotypes and recognizing and addressing our own biasness.

It is important for us to consider the **differences in racial, ethnic, socio-economic, geographical, political and academic/professional backgrounds**. In other words, people with different shades of opinion, backgrounds (degrees and social experience), religious beliefs, political beliefs, heritage, and life experience etc are diverse in nature and origin but should work together for the common good.

We need to understand that human beings are equal participants in a common ethical world by virtue of their human status. Thus, recognizing each individual's uniqueness and differences is key in defining and respecting individuals in their own right.

Social workers should use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies. We should demonstrate high quality, evidence-informed engagement skills to address complex systems related to client or community needs in different fields of practice.

According to NASWU Code of Ethics, **"Social workers shall demonstrate an appreciation of their own cultural identities and those of others."** In other words, social workers should spend time learning about the cultures of the people they serve while being aware of the assumptions of their own cultural values.

Social workers must encourage children, young men and women, adults, the disabled and the elderly to recognize and appreciate people for the things that make them unique and special.

From L-R, Mr. Lawrence Egole the Resident City Commissioner for Lira City alongside social work leaders in Northern Uganda.

Mr. Lawrence Egole the Resident city Commissioner for Lira City shared the government commitment to supporting communities through programs like Parish development model, and appreciated the role of social workers in promoting unity and community change. He committed to work closely with social workers to effectively transform the lives of all people in Lira city and Northern Uganda.

In a way of creating momentum and awareness, social workers in Northern Uganda Marched on streets of Lira ahead of the World Social Work Day celebrations at All Saints University Lango-Northern Uganda. The march attracted over 200 social work students, and community leaders moving in solidarity to mark the important day on their professional calendar.
At the celebration venue at All Saints University Lango, the band also led the key invited guests to the venue and led the participants in singing the Ugandan anthem and East African Anthem making Northern Uganda celebrations the most entertaining and creative celebration.

Summary from Western Uganda

At Kabale University-Western Uganda, Social work students, lecturers and frontline social workers and community leaders engaged in a conversation on how they can work together to address critical social concerns like protecting children, environmental conservation, addressing gender based-violence, organized crime, drug abuse, and escalating HIV/ Aids among children and youth. They all agreed that all are equal stakeholders and pledged to work together for better outcomes.

Massage from Prof Joy Constance Kwesiga-Vice-Chancellor Kabale University, Guest of honor during the World social work day celebration Western Uganda on March 21, 2023.

She welcomed the students, social work practitioners, and academic staff, government and civil society stakeholders at Kabale University and congratulated social workers upon reaching their day and thanked social workers for the great service to humanity. She also thanked the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda for great leadership to organize social workers in Uganda.

She said that respecting diversity through joint action is and should remain the guiding tool for all social workers given the diverse nature of the communities we live in and different people that social workers serve on a daily basis. She added that this should be adopted at all levels of government structures for better service delivery.

Prof Kwesiga also noted that in Uganda government, community structures has not yet attached a great value to social workers as compared to the developed world like England, despite the unique contribution of social workers to the challenges of our time like protecting children from all forms of abuse, climate change modification and adaptation, mental health, community mobilization and shaping policy and called on government to work closely with social workers to attain quality social service delivery but not to focus on natural science only.

Furthermore, she called upon all social workers to embrace key social work values embedded in "Ubuntu philosophy" including love, care, compassion and sense of community and the value of Empathy as a catalyst for promoting respect to diversity and joint action. She challenged all social work educators to integrate indigenous knowledge, models and community best practices in their social work programs as a way of promoting diversity and domesticating social work.

Additionally, she noted that social work opens doors to students and practitioners to diverse domains and social workers need to harness this great professional opportunity to positively contribute to community transformation, research, and publication for evidence-based innervations.

In her concluding remarks, she highlighted the unique social work programs at Kabale University from Bachelors, Masters and PhD in social work that embrace diversity that has attracted students from different backgrounds, nationalities, gender and age groups and called upon participants to refer their friends and colleagues to Kabale University.

Address from Prof Sabiti Makara, Key note speaker- Western Uganda-March 21, 2023.

He noted that the world is changing faster and transforming at a rapid pace, and social workers should be at the center of supporting communities to manage these changes. He added that

social workers are best placed to manage social challenges because of their professional values and training.

Prof Makara noted that unlike the traditional Africa society which guaranteed social protection of children and cherished the spirit of Ubuntu, "I am because you are" and where social workers were friends, family and community, our time requires professional social workers to address major social challenges like domestic violence, refugees and forced migration, child welfare concerns, mental health related challenges, aging, drug abuse and organized crimes, youth unemployment through establishing community change projects, supporting rehabilitation services in prisons supporting people living with disability, HIV and Aids, children in schools struggling with social pressures, addressing poverty and supporting individuals, families and communities in situations of emergency citing the cardinal role social workers played during COVID-19 health emergency.

Capitalism comes with a lot of social challenges entrenched in individualism with little care to the vulnerable groups drawing examples from the 18th and 19th century industrial revolution in Europe with experiences now being felt in the developing world including Uganda. He suggested that the best development is the one with human face-Capitalism with human face to take care of vulnerable groups and communities like a case in most European countries today.

Social workers are such unique professionals that can be trusted with peoples' secretes, initial hope, empower communities because their values and training, and the demand for social workers globally is increasing to address the challenges of our time and this will be better achieved through respecting diversity.

Prof Katusssime (L), the Dean of Social Sciences Kabale University underscored the need for early career social work professionals to interest themselves in acquiring practical skills that are relevant to the job market but also that will support them start inclusive and transformative initiatives within their communities that tackle critical social concerns and challenges of our time.

He noted that Kabale University offers social work programs from bachelors, masters and PhD levels adding that Social Work is the core program with the highest student numbers. He committed to work closely with the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda to strengthen social work Department.

Dr Karuhanga, the Head of Department Social Work Kabale University appricited students and staff plus the working committee for the effort made to ensure the first ever world social work day celeberations in Western Uganda. He reported that social workers make the biggest number in the Deapartment and Kabale University has reviewed social Work programes based on the Uganda Minimum Stardards and Compitancy Framework to ensure quality social work education at Kabale University.

Lydia Kemigisha –NASWU Vice-President -Western Uganda

On behalf of NASWU president and Board members, Lydia shared with participants the association strategic objectives including a deliberate effort to empower early career professionals through continuous professional development, mentorship programs and guiding them to start community change projects in order to effectively address

the critical social challenges of our time like climate change, poverty, and gender-based violence and social protection concerns.

Lydia who also doubles as the Executive Director of Ishaka Adventist Hospital challenged the young social workers and practitioners to think outside the box and be pro-active to harness opportunities in their communities based on the training skills to put all vulnerable groups and stakeholders in respect to diversity and effective community transformation.

Sharing her life experience as a mother, leader, master's student and entrepreneur with a community project supporting and skilling over 1000 school dropouts, Lydia challenged all social workers to improve their life skills beyond degrees and take lead in community transformation putting God at the center.

Summary from Eastern Uganda

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At Kumi University, the Social Work Head of Department Gloria Angela Mukova who also represented the Vice-Chancellor of Kumi University Dr. Hong SeKee, highlighted the need to work in teams both at professional and academic levels to effectively address social work challenges in our communities. She encouraged all social work students to be proactive and seek mentorship from those in practice and their lecturers. Furthermore, she encouraged students to freely interact and network with students from other institutions during and after the celebrations so that interpersonal learning and sharing of best practices continue beyond celebrations.

Mr. Paul Ochen–Key note Speaker for Eastern Region

Mr. Paul Ochen, a renowned social worker educator, researcher, and Programme Manager-Church Action for Relief and Holistic Development-CAFRAHD posed questions that should be answered if we are to have a new diversity but also respecting our diversities for living harmoniously as he presented his keynote address to participants in Eastern Uganda.

1. What can we do together with our local communities, local leaders, or existing systems and government bodies?
2. What are those gaps that we can close in enhancing love and care for people and our planet?
3. How can we be tools for positive change in our communities?
4. What is your role in Disaster risk reduction and environmental protection in our communities?
5. How can you be of relevance in enhancing co-existence within ourselves and the other planet?

He noted that these questions should be ringing in our heads as we prepare, practice and advance social work as a profession. Societies have been changed by proactive and forward thinkers, people who are willing to learn, unlearn and relearn but above all try and test what you have learnt. Our determination should be premised on our abilities to think and develop models and ideas together with others that are going through the burden and being able to joint work for social action which will enhance advocacy and responses from the responsible stakeholder(s).

Mr. Ochen challenged all social workers to get into media and technological advancement where we can popularize achievements or concerns in our communities to enhance awareness and attention for action. For example, on the plight of children, the elderly, the women, and other social groups, popularize our work through publishing, support communities develop knowledge on the existing structures and services that can be tapped for their wellbeing, together roll-out activities that can be adapted by our communities, for example, tree planting, sensitization of communities on forecasted disasters like hunger, engage communities on their social responsibilities and rights, and establish projects as institutions that are social work led and let it be monitored by social workers in different communities.

At Kumi University, students, staff from participating universities and community leaders carried out a tree planting excise around the administration block and library in unity and as a joint action to mark the World Social Work Day celebrations in Eastern Uganda. Over 100 fruit trees were planted and social work students of Kumi University were tasked to ensure that these trees are well-protected. This exercise was led by Kumi University secretary Dr. David Adengu Emmanuel, NASWU coordinators for Eastern Uganda Mr. Ayub Namigugu, and Ms Gertrude Besiima alongside NASWU National Coordinator, Mr. John Mary Ssekate and the Secretariat team.

In Eastern Uganda, at Kumi University, Social Work students, lecturers and Frontline Social Workers and community leaders engaged in a conversation on how they can work together to address critical social concerns like protecting children, environmental conservation, addressing gender-based violence, organized crime, drug abuse, and escalating HIV/ Aids among children and youth. They all agreed that all are equal stakeholders and pledged to work together for better outcomes.

Summary from Central Uganda

The main celebrations were held at University of Kisubi and brought together over 500 early career social work professionals from 10 Social Work teaching institutions from Central Uganda, policy makers, and Frontline Social Service Workers and community leaders. Participants freely exchanged ideas, research, best practices and promising stories on key interventions being made and the need for further action through building synergies and taking the massage of respecting diversity deeper into communities.

The celebration focused on key areas of climate change prevention and adaptation, love and care for people and the planet, responsibilities and holistic rights, respect, dignity, harmony and social justice, diversity, belonging, reciprocity and equity, Ubuntu. Togetherness, accountability and community, solidarity, equality, inclusion and collaboration.

Social work students and frontline social workers participated through essay challenge along the theme and writing short stories of what their organizations are doing in relation to the theme, shared short videos, wrote articles, shared latest research work and poems to ensure that the World Social Work Day 2023 impacts the social workforce in Uganda.

Dr. Deogratias Mugema, the Vice-Chancellor University of Kisubi welcomed all participants and shared the core values including service, creativity, responsibility, integrity, professionalism and teamwork and linked them to social work ethical principles and theme "Respecting diversity through Joint social Action."

He challenged participants that to achieve the true meaning of the theme, social workers need to move from classroom social workers; " we need a paradigm shift in our teaching of social work, we need pragmatism and action led social work practice based on values". He added that we need to bring those theories, approaches and principles to fruition through; Collaboration with local communities and other stakeholders, Visiting fellow social workers in affected areas or communities, solidarity is Key, Evidence based research- moving away from needs based approaches to Resource based approaches- where we challenge communities to think through their communities and together identify resources that they can tap into for community development.

He committed to continue working closely with the National association of social workers to ensure a strengthened Social Work Department at University of Kisubi.

Mrs Edith Namakula Tumwine, NASWU Board member for Central Region who also represented NASWU president Mr. Michael Byamukama Ntanda expressed joy and gratitude to interact with social work students, faculty and community leaders at a time when social workers need to work as a team to address critical social challenges confronting communities.

She noted that at a strategic level, NASWU is working with partners including Ministry of Gender, Ministry of Health, National Council for Higher Education, International and national social work agencies to position NASWU and protect her members including social work teaching institutions, social work agencies and frontline social workers amid emerging national and global social challenges and policy requirements.

Mrs. Namakula shared NASWU's commitment to empowering social work students and early career professionals through mentorship programs, continuous professional development initiatives, connecting students for internship and international opportunities and offering technical support to social workers to start community change projects.

Kampala International University and University of Kisubi both with the highest number of participants during 2023 World Social Work Day celebrations for central region posed for group photos after the main celebration on March, 21 2023.

Best Essay students and coordinators from different participating universities were awarded certificates of appreciation. Students' social work association form a great foundation of NASWU in over 25 social work teaching universities in Uganda. They are basis for effective youth engagements, and link to the professional body.

INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIAL WORK AGANCIES THAT SUPPOTED AND EMPOWERED SOCIAL WORKERS DURING 2023 WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY IN UGANDA

No	NAME OF INSTITUTION	INTERVENTION STRATEGY	Region
1.	Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative-REPSSI	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support	All Regions of Uganda
2.	Child I Foundation	Child Protection	East and Central Uganda
3.	Ishaka Adventist Hospital	Health and Youth empowerment	Western Uganda
4.	Africa Renewal Ministries-ARMS	Community Transformation	All Regions of Uganda
5.	INSPIRE Youth Network	Youth Empowerment	Northern Uganda
6.	National Water and Environment	Youth empowerment on Environment Issues.	Western Uganda.
7.	Kumi local Government	Probation and welfare	Eastern Uganda
8	GLOFORD	Rehabilitation Services for Street Kids and Sex Workers	Northern Uganda
1.	ADINA Foundation Uganda	Rehabilitation of Children with Disability	Northern Uganda
2.	Lango Civil Society Network	Coordinate activities of all NGOs & CBOs in Lango sub-region	Northern Uganda
3.	Eleazer African Foundation	Child Care, Guidance And Counseling	Northern Uganda
4.	Uganda Human Rights Commission	Advocacy Services (monitor and advance Human Rights in Uganda)	Northern Uganda
5.	All Saints University Lango	Education Services	Northern Uganda
6.	Uganda Technical College, Lira	Education Services	Northern Uganda
7.	Mentor Secondary School	Education Services	Northern Uganda
8.	Saint Gracious Secondary School	Education Services	Northern Uganda
9.	King James Comprehensive	Education Services	Northern Uganda
10	Lango Youth Development Network	Youth empowerment	Northern Uganda
11	Youth Alive	Youth Empowerment	Northern Uganda

Resolutions from the world social work day 2023 celebration in Uganda

Frontline social workers, students, lecturers, and community leaders in Uganda participating in the 2023 World Social Work Day celebration under the Theme "Respecting Diversity through Joint Social Action" resolved as follows:

1. That social work students, lecturers, frontline social workers and community leaders need to work as team using inclusive approaches to address critical social challenges like escalating cases of HIV/ AIDS, mental illness, child safe guarding, drug abuse, preserving environment, poverty and community empowerment.
2. That the government of Uganda acknowledge and support through policies and practices the unique role that social work and social workers play in society.
3. That social workers adopt practical approaches like resource-based intervention rather than need –based intervention with specific focus on the grass roots and local community levels, with a focus on the poorest of the poor: women, children, and the elderly.

4. That social workers integrate technology in their programing and interventions to effectively promote joint social actions for better outcomes at individual, group, community, and National levels.
5. That social worker integrates indigenous knowledge and Ubuntu philosophy as a core approach to respecting diversity through joint social actions.
6. That social worker integrates ethical principles at all levels of their joint action through respecting diversity.
7. That intervention strategies be designed by taking into account different social, cultural, economic, and political contexts.