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Foreword



The year 2009 presented unique opportunities and challenges to the Women's Movement generally and UWONET in particular. It was the first year of implementing the new strategy (2009-2013). This strategy has been developed out of a desire to respond more meaningfully with renewed commitment and relevance in the more increasingly challenging CSO environment of operations for the attainment of gender equality and equity. The strategy reflects on lessons learnt for commitment to change, and presents UWONET with a fresh mandate to nurture an independent space for women to share and act to strengthen their role in influencing key governance and development agenda.

In response to the new strategy, UWONET launched the Local Activism project in two pilot districts. The project is intended to broaden and grow the women's movement in Uganda. It further seeks to initiate and nurture local advocacy initiatives that facilitate community activism and action on locally identified women's rights violations which will in turn inform UWONET's national level advocacy agenda. UWONET pays special tribute to the district based partners for their invaluable contribution and support to the initiative.

Some of the successes registered include among others re-thinking and drawing new advocacy strategies for bringing back the course of passing the Domestic Relations Bill (DRB) now the Marriage and Divorce Bill. The Bill was finally presented to Parliament. UWONET worked with other CSO to champion the campaign for the ratification of the African protocol to the Rights of Women in Africa at grassroot level to popularize the Protocol among different stakeholders and the grassroots communities.

In 2009 UWONET went out to assess the progress made by the political parties in fulfilling their promises to the women of Uganda during the 2006; The visit to the politicians were to enlist commitments from the party leadership. As Uganda gets into the next election period, There is need to keep the torch on the political parties' space to ensure effective women's participation. The new website (www.uwonet.or.ug) is testimony of the efforts of the Network to ensure a continuous flow of information between members, its partners, stakeholders and the general public. Information and reports of UWONET can be accessed on the website.

Finally I would like to thank the team at the Secretariat and the UWONET Executive Committee for steering the network through the year. I pay tribute to our partners for making UWONET shine. Special mention goes to Diakonia Sweden Uganda, Action Aid International, United Nations Millennium Campaign-Nairobi, CARE International Uganda, Oxfam Novib, UNIFEM and UWONET members.

Thank you all for your support and partnership

Rita Aciro-Lakor
Executive Director

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Abbreviations

ACFODE:	Action for Development
AGM:	Annual General Meeting
AIDS:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ART:	Anti-Retroviral Therapy
AUWMD:	Association of Uganda Women Medical Doctors
CBOs:	Community Based Organisations
CDRN:	Community Development Resource Network
CEDAW:	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CEDOVIP:	Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention
CEO:	Chief Executive Officer
CSOs:	Civil Society Organisations
CSW:	Commission On Status of Women
DRB:	Domestic Relations Bill
DVB:	Domestic Violence Bill
DWNRO:	Disabled Women's Network and Resource Organization
EC:	Executive Committee
FIDA-U:	Association of Women Lawyers in Uganda
FOWODE:	Forum for Women in Democracy
HIV:	Human Immune-deficiency Virus
GDP:	Gross Domestic Product
ICT:	Information Communication Technological
IEC:	Information Education Communication
MDG:	Millennium Development Goal
M&E:	Monitoring and Evaluation
MP:	Member of Parliament
NAWOU:	National Association of Women's Organizations of Uganda
NDP:	National Development Plan

- NGO: Non Governmental Organization
- NRM: National Resistance Movement
- NUSAF: Northern Uganda Social Action Fund
- PEAP: Poverty Eradication Action Plan
- PMTCT: Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission
- PRDP: Peace Recovery and Development Plan
- SAP: Slum Aid Project
- SOB: Sexual Offences Bill
- S&T: Science and Technology
- UBOS: Uganda Bureau of Statistics
- UDHR: Universal Declaration on Human Rights
- ULA: Uganda Land Alliance
- UMWA: Uganda Media Women's Association
- UNIFEM: United Nations Development Fund for Women
- UWFT: Uganda Women Finance Trust
- UN: United Nations
- UWONET: Uganda Women's Network
- WETSU: Women Engineers, Technicians and Scientists in Uganda
- WGS: Department of Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University

Chairperson's Word

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the UWONET 2009 Annual report.

The empowerment of women has always been used as a primary indicator of the success of all of UWONET's interventions. UWONET continues to be guided by mandates already clearly stated in a number of both government and institutional policy documents.

In this year, like all the preceding years UWONET made great strides towards fulfilling this mandate. The year 2009 marked the beginning of 2009-2013 strategic plan in which we remain committed to working towards a society free of all forms of gender based discrimination. The new strategy has a distinct change in strategies all geared at deepening our networking and advocacy that is linked to grass root for effective national level advocacy that speak to the lived realities of women.

This strategy calls for undivided commitment of all of us who espouse gender equality, and with the support of all our partners and stakeholders, we will surely make this a reality.

My utmost gratitude to our development partners, members and staff who have made a varying contribution to UWONET and enabled the implementation most of major activities that have registered milestones.

Hon Sheila Kawamara-Mishambi
Chairperson-UWONET

INTRODUCTION

Who we are

Uganda Women's Network (UWONET) is an advocacy and lobbying coalition of national women's organisations, institutions and individuals in Uganda, and was born out of the East African Conference held in Kampala in 1993. The conference was in preparation for the UN World Conference on Women in Beijing, China in 1995. UWONET is a registered Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) with its Secretariat in Kampala, Uganda.

Our Vision

A Ugandan society free of all forms of gender based discrimination

Our Mission

To coordinate collective action among members and other stakeholders through networking, capacity building, resource mobilization, policy research and advocacy for the attainment of gender equality in Uganda

Our Values

- * Honesty
- * Justice
- * Gender Equality
- * Accountability
- * Volunteerism
- * Mutual respect
- * Unity in diversity
- * Participation

Strategic objectives

In the year 2009 UWONET was guided by the following strategic goals.

1. Advocate for enactment and monitor the implementation of gender responsive laws, policies and programmes.
2. Increase networking in eight districts and at national level to effectively engage institutions and governance structures for gender equality.
3. Increase knowledge and articulation of women rights and gender through information sharing amongst members and stakeholders.
4. Strengthen UWONET Institutional Capacity.

Indicators of achievement

1. A new strategic plan to guide the networks' programs for the period (2009-2013) was developed. It gave UWONET'S renewed mandate a new approach and methodology to work
2. The Divorce and Marriage Bill was presented to Parliament. This gave us more impetus to create awareness on the bill through regional meetings and production of information packs to popularise it.
3. The local activism project in the districts took off- giving us opportunity to share, interact and initiate district women's networks in the districts of operation. This has helped get a constant feel of women's lived realities in the communities.



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

UWONET executed its activities under the four programme areas listed below:

1. Policy Advocacy
2. Networking
3. Information Management
4. Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building

Under the aforementioned programme areas, UWONET was actively involved in a series of sub activities aimed at transforming the unequal gender relations in society and promoting networking amongst women and other development partners, based on mutual trust and respect for each other.

Programme 1

Policy Advocacy

Policy Advocacy is UWONET'S core programme under which the network seeks to make the policy and decision making space more democratic by way of highlighting and championing the voices and concerns of women in Uganda. Inclusion of women as a key constituency in the formulation and implementation of any law, policy, programme and practice is sought in order to improve their status and that of the society as a whole. The programme targets policy and decision makers especially at national level and is aimed at advocating for gender responsive of laws, policies, programmes and even practices that will contribute to gender equity and equality.

Advocacy on the family law

In line with its mandate to advocate for gender sensitive laws in Uganda, UWONET reinvigorated advocacy on the Marriage and Divorce Bill and Domestic Violence Bill.

The Bills were simplified into small user friendly information packs to increase the public and the different stakeholders understanding and articulation of issues in the Bills for easy advocacy support. Regional feed-back and consensus building advocacy dialogues on the Marriage and Divorce Bill and The Domestic Violence Bill with legislators, women activists, women Local Councilors and representatives of CSOs helped galvanise advocacy which culminated into the passing of the Domestic Violence Act by Parliament ahead of 2009 and 1st reading of the Marriage and Divorce Bill.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence Indexing

This initiative is meant to track SGBV cases in the media. The broad objective of the SGBV index is to generate information that can be utilized in public education about the problem of Violence against Women in Uganda with a specific focus on influencing public opinion about this problem and putting women's rights issues on the agenda of planning and development at all levels. The initiative has helped strengthen UWONET's working relation with the Uganda Police force.



Cross section of stakeholders after a meeting with the police.

Advocacy For ratification of international and regional instruments relating to women

The African Protocol to the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol).

During the year, the Network continued to lobby for bringing back on course the process of ratifying the protocol. UWONET together with Akina Mama Wa Afrika was involved in the implementation of a special project on the protocol- *Uganda Raising her Voices*.

Regional dialogues to popularize the protocol in the community were undertaken. Communities were also mobilized to sign petitions and these were handed over to the Speaker of Parliament. With all the mobilization, sensitization, lobby and advocacy, we await government's political will to ratify the protocol.



Maputo protocol task force members meeting with Minister of State for Justice and Constitutional Affairs in his office

UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

This resolution obliges governments to involve women in the implementation of activities related to peace building initiatives. It was imperative that UWONET embarked on the process of raising awareness on the resolution and train women especially those from conflict affected areas to effectively participate in all peace building activities. The training was organised with People's Voice for Peace (PVP) in Gulu district. Key women's issues in the post-conflict recovery initiatives, especially in the PRDP implementation, were identified and shared for further advocacy, lobbying, implementation and monitoring.



Cross-section of participants after the training on the UNSCR 1325 in Gulu

Advocacy for women's participation in politics and decision making positions

Women's Democracy Fair

UWONET in partnership with the International Republican Institute (IRI) organised a Women's Democracy Fair in Arua District. The objective of the fair was to bring together women and other stakeholders to share experiences on factors that enhance women's participation in leadership and decision making and also looking at barriers that affect women. Sessions run concurrently in the different tents on different topics such as economic empowerment, advocacy, women in the media, building and maintaining alliances with male counterparts, participating in local governments, building strategic partnerships and the women's minimum agenda, among others. The participating organizations were MAYANK Anti-Corruption Coalition, Electoral Commission of Uganda, CEFORD, Aids Information Center, Monitor publications and Radio Pacis. Approximately 1000 individuals attended the fair with more than half of this number being women. As a result of the fair a number of women declared their intentions to stand for elective positions in 2011.

Breakfast Colloquium on Maternal Health and the National Development Plan

Maternal health indicators for Uganda have generally remained poor in the last decades. Over the period 1995-2000, maternal mortality stagnated at about 505 (with slight improvement to 435-2005/2006 Uganda Demographic Health Survey) deaths per 100,000 live births. Against this backdrop, on November 15, 2009, UWONET in collaboration with UN Millennium Campaign organized a breakfast colloquium targeting officials from key government ministries: Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development (MoGLSD); Ministry of Health (MoH), journalists from key media houses in Kampala and representatives of Civil Society Organizations working on gender and health related issues to dialogue on key policy recommendations that government should put in place to reduce maternal mortality and hunger in the country

It can be adduced that maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity are characteristic of a health system with inaccessible services; poor quality services; inefficient human resource; lack of effective referral systems; inadequate essential drugs, supplies and equipment; weak supervision, monitoring and evaluation systems and poor coordination and management.

Workable interventions to improve health in Uganda need a comprehensive and multipronged approach to accelerate and make an attempt to attain the MDGs by 2015. These, must involve, among others, a strong campaign for local health development and financing, based on increasing the efficiency of domestic health financing, advancing government investment in health systems, demonstrating dignity for women, promoting gender equality by investing in reproductive and sexual health, increasing the budget on gender support as per the African Union (AU) Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality (CARMMA).

MDG Campaign

Stand Up, Take Action Campaign

On October 17, 2009 UWONET in collaboration with Gulu District Local Government organised the Stand Up, Take Action campaign in Gulu town that attracted over 780 people drawn from schools, women organizations, journalists, and the local community. The activities involved a public procession in Gulu town, radio spots, public dialogue and the hand-over of 46 mosquito nets to expectant mothers at Gulu Referral Hospital.



Band takes the procession around Gulu Town

Programme 2

Networking & Capacity Building

UWONET recognises that the Network is only as strong as the sum of its members and a wider stakeholder's interaction. In order for advocacy to achieve the desired impact, networking, building coalitions and partnerships is key and must continually be built and strengthened. In 2009, UWONET engaged in a number of activities at National, Regional and International levels in a bid to strengthen networking.



Participants after the advocacy skills training in pader

The Local Activism Project

During the year, the network embarked on a vigorous movement building drive through local activism initiatives. Initially being implemented in the districts of Abim and Pader, the project aims at creating/ facilitating grassroots activism to strengthen national level advocacy for a strengthened, vibrant women's movement. It further aims at building capacity of young women and men at grassroots level and in institutions of higher learning to identify own local gender concerns/ issues that need advocacy which in tangible ways translates international and national human rights instruments. The project is intended to demystify women's quest for gender equality as an elitist movement and a 'club' of women only- there by transforming the women's movement into an all inclusive social movement in which young women and men see themselves as change makers.

UWONET was received with great enthusiasm because of the need for women specific empowerment programs at the grass root. The sustenance of this enthusiasm will trigger voices of women at the grassroots to influence processes at the local level but also give useful backing for national level advocacy. The project facilitated the equipping of two women's knowledge resource centers - the first of its kind in the country and is seen as a vehicle through which information sharing will be enhanced.

District women organisations were also trained in lobby and advocacy. The project also has its focus on attitude change (for men) in communities and partnership with local groups as a result through this projects, UWONET envisions strong women's networks formed at district level.

Mentoring

UWONET undertook the mentoring to broaden and strengthen the women's movement in Uganda by encouraging intergenerational dialogue and mentoring among women from different sectors and at different levels of society. For the last two years, UWONET took on thirty young women and men for mentoring. These were taken through various trainings and empowerment sessions that included Intergenerational dialogues, skills development that included understanding the context of the women's movement, milestones and the present and would be future happenings and their impact on women's rights. It dealt heavily with personal empowerment and development of the mentees.

In 2009, UWONET hosted a sharing and learning meeting with the beneficiaries of the program with the aim of furthering and strengthening the mentoring program. The mentees felt that the program was very beneficial for them both at a personal and professional level and the people they met during the program became like a family. Great improvement was registered at the workplace and dealing with personal challenges.

Mentees shared progress made at both a personal and professional level. Many gained confidence and belief in themselves, overcame barriers, reached out to those in need and invested in their personal growth.

Mentees speak out



Christine Ofwono Lukakamwa

Christine is a counselor and administrator. She has worked as a peer counselor with scripture Union of Uganda and now works with Uganda Women's Cancer Support centre.

"The program enhanced my skills in various areas such as supervision, communication as a counselor, facilitation, improved my interpersonal relationship, advocacy and assertiveness. It created more awareness about human rights especially women rights. Helped me develop a positive attitude towards life by learning to live positively even during hard times through perseverance".



Sylvia Nateembo

"The program gave me a very great exposure that has led to improvement in networking and managing my time.

The entrepreneurship skills acquired enabled me to start up a small scale business and this has enabled me not to depend on salary. It has also helped me to have a sense of value for people from different backgrounds and cultures".



Busingye Esther

"I have had a change of attitude. I have realized that gender issues are not just for women involved in NGOS, especially those that deal with women.

Anyone can be involved even outside organizations that deal with women. I was able to interact with different people and make friends and to share ideas with fellow mentees. I have now understood the women's movement ideology".



Diana Kacunguzi

Diana is a lecturer at the East Africa School of Library and Information Science- Makerere University.

"I have gained exposure as a result of the mentoring program by UWONET. I had good guidance from mentors and mentees I interacted with. This has helped me to be more focused person, ready to take on new challenges and make meaningful decisions on my own".

16 days of Activism

UWONET during the 2009 16 days of Activism Campaign co-ordinated CSOs. The CSOs that participated included; National Association of Women Organizations in Uganda (NAWOU), ACORD, Center for Domestic Violence Prevention, Action For Development, Empower Children and Communities against Abuse (ECCA), MEMPROW, CARE International Uganda, FOKAPAWA (Pader), Women and Rural Development Network (WORUDET) National Community of women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda (NACWOLA), Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE) among others, all these CSOs worked together on joint activities during the campaign. The Joint efforts eliminated duplication and enabled the campaign reach a wider audience. The Coalition closely worked with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development for a national campaign and this fostered effective coordination among CSOs and Government. The 2009 16 Days of Activism also brought women from the grassroots that joined the national level advocacy on GBV.

On December 2, 2009 the Speaker of Parliament of Uganda signed on the UN say No to Violence Against Women Petition. This was a sign of commitment of the Speaker and the Parliament of Uganda to join the rest of the world in bringing to an end the inhumane and degrading treatment of women.



Hon Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi Speaker of Parliament (L) signs the 'UN Say No To Violence Against Women' together with the Executive Director of Uganda Women's Network (R) Ms. Rita Aciro Lakor

Public Procession

On December 3, 2009 a multitude of SGBV activists from a number of regions with the majority coming from the Acholi Region to show solidarity with each other on GBV but particularly to urge the Parliament of Uganda to support the implementation of the DVA and the enactment of the Marriage and Divorce Bill.

A vigil for the women who have lost their lives to violence was also held at Parliament. During the vigil there were interactions that included poems, drama, testimonies, speeches and a performance from Mariam Ndagire who was the face of the campaign that year. 2009 campaign was supported by CARE, UNFPA & ACCOE

Regional and International Networking

UWONET continued to strengthen and establish links nationally, regionally and internationally. Some of the key meetings, workshops and advocacy drives carried out during the year included;

International Women's Day Campaign

UWONET joined the rest of the world to commemorate the International Women's Day. Commemoration activities included a peaceful demonstration, a press conference at the UWONET Secretariat, a mural and speeches.



Procession to Commemorate the International Women Day



Chairperson of UWOPA leads procession to Parliament during the 16 days of Activism



AWDF CEO Forum on Leadership and Management; Kampala, Uganda 14th-16th Sept 2009



MPs & CSOs in Parliament during the 16 days of Activism.

Chairpersons and directors forum

The Forum brings together chairpersons of Boards and Executive Directors of UWONET Organisation Membership. The Forum also provides for women to work in a cohensive manner.

Major Inter-networking meetings where UWONET was represented

Name	Type of Meeting	Venue/Place	Organiser
Solidarity for African Women's rights(SOAWR)	Strategy development meeting	Nairobi, Kenya	FEMNET/ Equality Now
Women Peace and Security meeting	Experience sharing	Garisa, Kenya	EASSI
African women Directors Forum	Strategy development	Kampala, Uganda	AWDF
SGBV strategy Africa UNFPA	Experience sharing	Namibia	UNFPA
Intergovernmental Authority on development (IGAD)	Experience sharing on Women & Leadership	Adiss Ababa	IGAD

UWONET Open Day



Partners exhibit their work during the open day

The very first UWONET open day brought together CSOs within and outside the women's movement. The event is planned to be an annual initiative intended to increase knowledge, sharing and articulation of women's rights and gender through information sharing amongst members, stakeholder and the general public and to increase UWONET members' visibility and their contribution to development

The open day offered space for interaction for members with development partners Government and the public, members shared best practices from each other and the great Public Debate under the theme, "Are Women's Organisations still Relevant?" Was a great opportunity for the public to raise questions which will inform UWONET's future interventions. A consensus was reached during the debate that women's organisations are still as relevant as before.

Programme 3

Information Management

UWONET appreciates the need to collect, package and disseminate information as a way of linking up with various stakeholders. Through information production, collection and dissemination, the network was able to strengthen its relationship with member organizations, partners and allies in the year 2009.

UWONET in the media

In the year 2009, UWONET established a good working relationship with the media and its activities were given extensive coverage. UWONET participated and facilitated various media activities. They included radio talk shows, TV and Radio news items and 15 press conferences on Women issues. The media advocacy strategy contributed to UWONET's visibility and ensured that women's rights violations were brought to the forefront of national discussions.

Monthly Press Briefings

UWONET as a national coalition of women's organizations worked towards keeping women's concerns high on the national agenda through holding monthly press briefings.



*(Left) Harriet Gimbo- ACTION AID, (Center) Rita Aciro Lakor-Executive Director UWONET
(Right) Hope Turyasigura-CEDOVIP during one of the press conference*

Redesigning of UWONET website

The new website (www.uwonet.or.ug) is testimony of the efforts of the network to ensure a continuous flow of information between it and its partners, stakeholders and the general public. Information and reports of UWONET activities were uploaded onto the website.

Exhibitions and Outreaches

In an effort to reach out to the General public, women and especially youth on Human rights issues, UWONET participated in two exhibitions; Women in Democracy Fair at Arua Hill Grounds organized by International Republican Institute in partnership with UWONET, and the Youth Democracy fair



Managing and upgrading the resource center

The Resource Center remained a source of up to date information throughout the year and attracted not only members of the network but also researchers and students both nationally and internationally.

The resource center was revamped by executing and implementing collection development activities. New information materials that added to the collection. Old, mutilated and outdated information materials were eased out of the collection. Today, the resource is more current

Some of UWONET 2009 publications

Title of Publications	
1.	2009-2013 Strategic Plan
2.	Policy Brief on Maternal Health
3.	Policy Brief on Gender and food Security
4.	SGBV index
5.	Information pack on MDB
6.	Information pack on DVB
7.	Annual report 2008



Hon. Betty Aol Ochen Launches UWONET Publications

Programme 4

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building

The institutional strengthening programme aims to bolster the institutional and organizational development of UWONET so that the organization can be effective both in lobbying and advocacy as well as networking - all in a bid to improve the status of Ugandan women.

A number of activities were undertaken in this programme area including:

Development of a new organizational strategy (2009-2013)

The strategy has enabled UWONET make significant policy and practice changes-significant of this being close interaction with grass root women groups. This significantly influenced the local activism project in the districts.

Quality assurance meetings

During the year routine monitoring procedures took place. These included among others: joint monitoring between UWONET and partners in the districts, Quarterly Executive Committee meetings and the monthly Finance Committee meetings; the quarterly Programmes Committee meetings; Annual General Meeting; Annual Planning retreat; staff appraisals; weekly staff meetings and Auditing books of accounts.

The internship and volunteer program

With support from DANIDA and NCG, one intern was recruited for a year to support the staff at Secretariat as well as grooming them for bigger responsibilities in future. Three more interns were brought on board and these boosted the timeliness and effectiveness in delivering on UWONET's targets.

Experience of one of the interns



Rita Dradrimiyo, intern, 2009

My internship with UWONET started in June 2009 up to date. It has been a very rewarding period for me both at a personal and professional level. I had a chance to have hands on experience in project implementation, facilitation of meetings and workshops, report writing and experience sharing at national and regional levels. I learnt to be audible, ask questions and make comments and engage in debates with people from diverse backgrounds-this way, my public speaking skills improved tremendously. I learnt a number of issues affecting women and their magnitude. For instance female genital mutilation, wife inheritance, Domestic violence.

It's hard to believe that these vices exist in our societies and victims who are usually women plus the communities keep silent about it, because of reasons such as culture above all, I got a chance to put theories learnt at University into practice;

from the lectures in class a lot of information is got, however, when one comes to the field things are a little bit different. For instance in social policy analysis there are so many theories and you do not have to stick to a particular theory, there is need to use them in combination.

I believe we still have a long way as women to achieve equality but we can't sit back and do nothing because acts like domestic violence, FGM are harmful. Countries like those in Europe started like this and are now very far in terms of protecting women's rights. So we are also headed for victory but this has to be with consistency and perseverance.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES:

Achievements

The network registered a number of achievements in the year 2009 as much as it did experience some challenges along the way. The achievements were as follows;

- ✱ A new UWONET strategy for 2009-2013 was developed. This is what has guided the network's activities during the year.
- ✱ Visibility of the Network at national, regional and international levels increased due to networking at all the above levels.
- ✱ Rolled out our program in the districts. This has enabled us have a feel of the real felt needs and lived experiences of women. The grass root voices are helping to feed into the advocacy agenda at national level.
- ✱ A replica of UWONET at the grass root level through district women networks in the districts is being nurtured.
- ✱ Increased awareness and sustained momentum of the Network increased The Network organs (Membership, Executive Committee and Secretariat) managed to keep united and work closely during the year. In addition, there was increased cohesion and joint activities among the membership.

Challenges

- ✱ UWONET's work is mainly around advocacy and in Uganda, there is a slow pace of legal reform especially when it comes to laws that promote and protect the rights of women. This often times has implied that our efforts do take long to be appreciated. Though the Marriage and Divorce Bill was presented to parliament, not much progress was registered in terms of debate.
- ✱ Despite the hard work, domestic violence increased during the year
- ✱ Movement to the districts were challenging because of the old vehicle

Without the support of our partners, donors, members and well wishers none of our successes would have been realized. Our sincere appreciations to you all.

UWONET Staff in 2009

No	Name	Title
1.	Rita Aciro-Lakor	Executive Director
2.	Manisurah Aheebwa	Networking & Capacity Building Officer
3.	Andrew Byaruhanga Bahemuka	Policy Advocacy Officer
4.	Bibuli Joachim	Information Officer
5.	Alice Ndyabawe	Finance Officer
6.	Margaret Mugenyi	Administrative Secretary
7.	Twalibu Kaggwa	Driver
8.	Alex Dralega	Office Assistant
9.	Rita Kalungi	Intern
10.	Elizabeth Kembabazi	Intern
11.	Rita Dradrimiyo	Intern
12.	Agnes Namara	Intern

UWONET had the following donors & partners in 2009

1. Oxfam Novib
2. Action Aid International Uganda
3. United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNFIEM)
4. International Republican Institute (IRI)
5. Diakonia-Sweden
6. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
7. CARE International Uganda
8. Eastern Africa Sub Regional support Initiative for the Advancement of women (EASSI)
9. Akima Mama Wa Afrika (AMWA)

Implementing Partners

1. UWONET membership
2. Akina Mama Wa Afrika
3. HURINET-U
4. NGO Forum
5. UWOPA

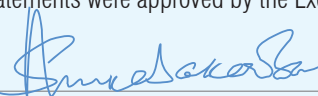
UGANDA WOMEN'S NETWORK(UWONET)

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

Statement of Expenditure at 31st December 2009

		2009 Ushs.	2008 Ushs.
ASSETS	Note		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3	24,166,689	28,063,756
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments	4	13,928,520	12,060,000
Bank and Cash Balances	5.1	576,736,931	127,747,656
		590,665,451	139,807,656
TOTAL ASSETS		614,832,140	167,871,412
FUNDS			
RESTRICTED FUND	6	51,634,005	100,558,126
CAPITAL FUND	7	24,166,689	28,063,756
GENERAL FUND	8	(96,181,554)	17,010,354
TOTAL FUNDS	9	(20,380,860)	145,632,236
LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals	109	107,613,000	22,227,000
Bank overdraft	5.2	-	12,176
Deferred income	11	527,600,000	-
		635,213,000	22,239,179
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		614,832,140	167,871,412

These financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 18-04-2010 and were signed on its behalf by


SHEILA KAWAMARA MISHAMBI

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UWONET Member Organisations

1.	Action for Development (ACFODE)
2.	Association of Uganda Women Medical Doctors (AUWMD)
3.	Association of Uganda Women Lawyers (FIDA-U)
4.	Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention (CEDOVIP)
5.	Community Development Resource Network (CDRN)
6.	Department of Women and Gender Studies Makerere University (WGS)
7.	Disabled Women's Network and Resource Organization (DWNRO)
8.	Empower Children and Communities Against Abuse (ECCA)
9.	Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE)
10.	Isis-Women's International Cross Cultural Exchange (Isis-WICCE)
11.	National Bahai Committee for the Advancement of Women
12.	Send a Cow
13.	Slum AID Project (SAP)
14.	Uganda Media Women's Association (UMWA)
15.	Uganda Women's Finance Trust
16.	Women Engineers Technicians and Scientists in Uganda (WETSU)

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7.	Mary Nabachwa Ssonko
8.	Maude Mugisha
9.	Veronica Namagembe

Pictures of the Year



Women Leaders with Hon.Edward Kiwanuka Sekandi-Speaker infront of the Parliament



Over 1500 led by UWONET Demonstrating at Parliament during the 16 days of Activism 2009

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