



PARTNER PROFILE

Name of Partner

Radio News Network Limited (RNNL)



Vision & Mission

Vision: A democratic and stable society in which free flow of information supports the participation of all people in development processes.

Mission: We aim to provide topical, timely, accurate and trusted news to our media partners around the country as well as researchers and other individuals and organisations interested in our services.

Partner Description

RNNL is a news agency and journalism training center started in 2005. It has 46 professional journalists and administrative staff, assisted by over 100 freelance writers and citizen reporters.

The thematic areas of focus are news production and training of reporters. RNNL offices are located in Kampala. RNNL has been a DGF partner since 2010.

Project Title

Quality media content for wider civic space.



Journalists in deployment at Parliament of Uganda. RNNL has over the years covered the Parliament. (Photo credit: RNNL)

Areas of Operation

RNNL operates in all the regions of Uganda, with coverage in all districts.

Project Description

The project goal is to build a stronger independent media promoting social accountability in Uganda. The project objectives are: (i) To improve citizen's inclusion and engagement in decision-making processes through the promotion of citizen agency and government responsiveness, through open compelling and engaging production of stories and programs discussions and debates on radio; and (ii) To strengthen flow of information through better collaboration between civil Society and media practitioners, expanding the space for freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

Project beneficiaries include radio stations, journalists, mid-career media practitioners and fresh media school graduates, civil society partners, youth, and active radio station listeners.



Journalists in a group discussion during a training in Luwero District, on February 15 and 16, 2021. (Photo credit: RNNL)

Key Results/Impact

1. The regular monitoring of the performance of journalists, bureaus, and freelancers to abide by editorial policy and quality has resulted in high quality investigations and media reports as lack of maternity wards and drug stock outs in hospitals.
2. The National Perspective Weekly Programme has attracted citizens through radio and online

publications (including Gambuuze belonging to the Buganda Kingdom), Government and more news subscribers have come on board. The National Perspective Weekly Programme grew from 48 to 87 stations, who receive it through both courier and online.

3. There is improved knowledge and skills of CSOs in deploying the media to advance reach and awareness of their actions. The regional engagement with CSOs in most parts of Uganda has strengthened CSO-Media relations. This has helped generate content on key thematic areas such as transparency and anti-corruption, environment and climate change, human rights, education, governance, as well as oil and gas. Overall, there is better appreciation and strengthened complementarity among the newsroom, bureaus, freelancers and CSOs linkages towards informing civic engagement on issues of governance and accountability.

Quote from Beneficiary

“You did a fantastic job in organising everything around the training, keeping everybody happy, attaining knowledge and skills, well done. I have and will talk about those three days a lot to everybody here and abroad on various media. On top of learning new media techniques, I really enjoyed having met all the knowledgeable instructors. Your excellent teaching skills and courteous personality has helped me greatly through my work at Infinity Network Development Foundation.”

Isabirye Aron, Executive Director at the Network Development Foundation Uganda.