

CAMPAIGN FINANCE MONITORING EXERCISE IN JINJA DISTRICT



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PREAMBLE

Over the years, elections in Uganda have been marred by electoral irregularities which when traced has its back ground in excessive use of money by especially the contenders in the race. The spirit of conducting elections in Uganda is based on the principle of free choice and that for any person to vote for a particular candidate, must do so without any undue influence.

However, there has been a common thinking that most of the elections won in Uganda have been a function of excessive use of cash and so people haven't been making free choices.

It's against this background that ACFIM-Alliance for Campaign Financing Monitoring in collaboration with FABIO-The First African Bicycle Information Organization is carrying out a research to establish how much is spent in the elections particularly the Presidential aspirants and the members of parliament and how money influences the decisions of the electorates during the campaigns.

The research is done particularly by the recruited research assistants who practically go to the field to gather information and also witness different occasions when the aspirants are flooding money with cash in exchange for their votes.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY/RESEARCH

- ❖ To quantify the campaign expenditure by the presidential and members of parliament aspirants
- ❖ To rectify how money influences elections
- ❖ Document evidence of misuse of government resources

METHODOLOGY

A number of criteria's are deployed by the research assistants /observers which include:

Observation, Interviewing, Recording, Use of spy networking (informers from the different camps of the contestants) among others and through all these we have been in position to get the information we need and some evidence that is backing it up.

OUT COMES OF THE FIELD SURVEY

The table below show how the different aspirants are spending in the campaigns so far.

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATE	DATE OF EVENT	EVENT	EXPENSE	MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT	OTHER REMARKS
Jinja West	Hon Balyeku Moses Grace (incumbent)	13/9/2015	Campaign Opening Rally at Mpumude Estate Primary School	Transport Cars Coasters Trucks / Lorry Tents Food & Refreshments Water (bottled) Food (sacks of rice) Jerricans of Alcohol (local brew) Jerricans of cooking oil Cooking groups hired Advertising materials for the candidate Cultural dancers for entertainment Security guards in uniforms & in non uniforms		<p>It's imperative to note that on this event, this candidate did not spend physical cash on Public Address System the fact that he owns it. However he spent on fuel.</p> <p>It should also be noted that still on this event, the candidate pledged a scholarship donation to a one child from where she is to the university.</p> <p>Transport was only refunded to a few as selected elders on this function.</p> <p>A few capes were given out to the people that were taken as guests (government & other big offices)</p> <p>It was revealed that this candidate printed over 2000 T-shirts & these are stored in the stores. He normally gives them out on their rallies.</p> <p>He also held a talk show on Baba FM worth two hundred thousand Ug. Shillings but it should be noted that he did not spend on it since it's his own personal business.</p> <p>The candidate also pledged free air on burial announcements to the electorates of Jinja West</p> <p>A lorry of Nile special & Eagle lager was</p>

	<p>Hon Moses Grace Balyeku</p>	<p>11/9/2015</p>	<p>Meeting at two friends offices</p>	<p>Medium size Posters for the candidate Stickers Capes Usher tags labeled with the candidate's photo& name. T-shirts Openers with the candidates name in their party color. Physical cash Transport refund Physical cash was given to some few selected attendees. Campaign managers Campaign agents Driver</p> <p>Water</p>		<p>donated to the candidate on this event.</p> <p>This was just strategic meeting for the candidate confidants that do not even think money is important now, they only want him to go through & get the bigger share. Therefore no transport was refunded & so less was spent on.</p>
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Jinja West	Mr. Ceaser Lukalu	5/9/2015	Publicity	Car Medium posters Labor for display of posters.		
Jinja West	Mr. Mutaasa Geoffrey	8/9/2015	Moving around Jinja town	Cars Boda boda Kigali in form of wheel barrow. Public Address System Boxes of water Medium posters for the candidates. Djs/operators of the public address talking good about the candidate) all over the town. Cultural group for entertainment & their instruments Individual present Airtime through out the whole activity.		It should be noted that the Public address worth forty thousand that was used on this function belongs to the candidate. An accident occurred where one of his hired boda bodas knocked a kid and the candidate spent on treatment since this was his event.
Jinja East	Hon Igeme Nathan Nabeta	9/9/2015	Meeting 1	Cars Chairs Crates of soda Boxes of water Plates of food Transport refund		This was held at C'sand suites Hotel Its is important to note that this candidate does not spend on quite a number of things i.e. Offices, venues for meetings, talk shows & many other things on radio since he owns two big Hotels i.e. C' Sand suites & Cornerstone Inn a radio station, where he uses his very employees to serve his interests. However he spends on food (its prepared by the very cooks that he employed on the hotel)
		10/9/2015	Meeting 2	Transport refund Physical cash		
		11/9/2015	Camping	Cars		

		12/9/2015	Camping	<p>Crates of sodas Boxes of water Plates of food Spirits & Bon 7 Transport refund Posters</p> <p>Car (UAT 864) Crates of Sodas Boxes of water Bottles of spirits Food Security guard Posters Fliers Radio Adverts /Jingles Physical cash Material item</p>	<p>(Cornerstone Inn) for two weeks & it was observed that the candidate mainly bought food that would be prepared in the hotel and some cash to those that were not residing there. It should also be noted that the candidate could release money per day for each of his supporters in the camp (twenty thousand) through his personal assistant but these could sometimes release half of the money & some times don't completely release it to the supporters.</p>
		12/9/2015	Camping	<p>Cars Crates of soda Crates of Alcohol Boxes of water Plates of food Transport refund to supporters in the camp Posters</p>	<p>Camped at Cornerstone Inn</p>
		13/9/2015	Camping 4	<p>Cars Crates of sodas Boxes of water Crates of Alcohol Plates of food</p>	<p>Camped at Cornerstone Inn A pledge was made at All Saints Church Walukuba but it was not open & specific. This made it difficult for the observers to get information about it since the church leaders were</p>

				Physical cash Transport refund		hesitant to freely talk about it.
		14/9/2015	Meeting 5	Cars Crates of sodas Boxes of water Crates of alcohol Plates of food Transport refund Posters Physical cash		This was held at C'sand suites Hotel
		15/9/2015	Meeting 6	Cars Buses Chairs Crates of soda Boxes of water Plates of food Transport refund for attendees Capes T-shirts		This was held at C'sand suites Hotel
		16/9/2015	Meeting 7	Buses Chairs Crates of soda Boxes Plates Transport refund to the attendees Capes		This meeting was held at cornerstone hotel Radio adverts were ran on his radio station (NBS) It should also be noted that this candidate owns the biggest shares in NBS TV. It is also important to note that this candidate introduced a new campaign strategy where by he no longer gives out hard cash but gets people's numbers & sends on mobile money.
		17/9/2015		Cars		This was held at C'sand suites Hotel

				Chairs Crates of soda Boxes of water Plates of food Posters T-shirts		
Butembe	Hon Migereko Daudi (incumbent)	9/9/2015	Rally	Boda bodas Public Address System		
		11/9/2015	Meeting	Boxes of water Transport refund Tents		
Butembe	Mr. Lufafa Nelson	10/9/2015	Meeting	Transport refund to the attendees		
		12/9/2015	Meeting	Tents Boxes Transport refund to the attendees		The tents used for this meeting were not hired, it was given to him by one of his stonge supporters
		12/9/2015	Meeting	Tents Crates of soda Chairs Transport refund	This meeting was held at Mafubira Sub county headquarters and was not hires.	The chairs used in this meeting were not hired since they were NRM seats bought by the former NRM chairperson Jinja District.
Kagoma	Mbagadhi Nkayi	19/9/2015	Administrati on	Banners (pvc clothes) Office attendants Office rent Wooden sign post Office equipments Computer		The source of information was the secretary Ms.Batega Ruth

				/equipment Office chairs Plastic seats Benches Office rent electricity		
Kagoma	Mr. Kintu Brandon Alex	9/9/2015	Administrati on & Staffing	Posters Banner Rented office Office attendants Office equipments Computer Office chairs Labels Plastic banners Benches Painted office in yellow color		
		21/9/2015	Campaign Drive	Trucks (Canter UAR 227C) DJs Driver		A Public Address was used by this candidate to drive around Buwenge town council ,Buwenge Rural and Butagaya but it should be noted that it the candidate did not spend on it , they got it from Buwenge Catholic church and he grew up from the seminary
Kagoma	Dr Frank Nabwiso	11/9/2015	Consultation Meeting	Car (Premio) Soda Transport refund to Delegates & a few non delegates	Budondo sub county was used as a venue for this meeting and this not hired.	This meeting was intended to inquiry from the voters on who should be their next Member of parliament
Kagoma	Mr. Walyomu Muwanika Moses	Consultatio n Meeting with the elected		Van Tents Crates of Soda Boxes of water		This meeting was held at the contestant's home intended to lure the delegates to give him the NRM card since they are very key in that process. A buffet meal which comprised of Matooke, rice,



		delegates		Food Posters Fuel		Irish Meat, Chicken, Fish amongst others was served.
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Key important issues to note

It was noted by our observers that so far the big spenders in these campaigns are from the ruling party where some key personalities were noted to have come on board to seduce people with money to vote for their candidates of interest both at the presidential and MP level. In this case lieutenant General Tumukunde was seen in Jinja East Constituency supporting Igeme Nathan Nabeta, a contestant in Jinja East at C'sand Suites Hotel giving out money to some individuals in favor of His Excellence the President of Uganda and Hon Igeme. The highest was hundred thousand to ten FDC members on condition that they don't vote for Amama Mbabazi and also not to welcome him because that was time he was expected to be in Jinja the following day. However inside source from some of the strong FDC supporters has it that even though these people received money, they did not in actual sense agree to their conditions

He also gave out twenty thousand Ugandan shilling to around one fifty attendees. The same night ,Lieutenant General Tumukunde gave money between one hundred thousand was given to people twenty millions were given out to one Kanusu Robert , a strong UPC supporter and a pro Amama in this case on condition that he never comes up openly to support Amama

It should also be noted that most of the FDC contestants have not yet started spending in Campaign since their primaries are not yet on.

Summary of the Big Spenders so far in Jinja District in their respective Constituencies

Contestant	Political Party	Constituent	What they spend on most
Hon Igeme Nathan Nabeta	NRM& was recently elected the NRM Chairperson Jinja district	Jinja East	Transport refund Donations Perdiem to whoever spends a night at his camping hotels Agents Development groups called Baiseigeme
Hon Moses Grace Balyeku	NRM & the former NRM Chairperson who lost recently	Jinja West	Transport refund Donations



	to Hon Igeme		Women groups Development groups
Lufafa Nelson	NRM	Butembe	Village associations Rallies Transport refund

Challenges Faced by the Research Assistants/Observers.

- ❖ It is extremely risky to get information with evidence especially where the big persons are giving out money for example during the meeting at C'sand Suites in Jinja East where one of our observers witnessed Lieutenant General Tumukunde giving out money as explained in this report but our observer revealed that they were all ordered to switch off their phones .This became very risky and difficult to record, take photo or get any evidence using her phone.
- ❖ There is also a general challenge of lack of gadgets for the observers to capture the information required of them. This has to some extent hardened the work hence affecting the output for examples many our observers were in position to capture some evidence but photos are not clear just because of the quality of the phone cameras used.
- ❖ It is sometimes very hard to get information from the informers since most of them are so curious when it comes to giving out information concerning their candidates no matter what kind of approach you devise.
- ❖ There has also been a challenge of coordinating the many activities organized by the different contestants at the same time since we assigned one observer per constituency.
- ❖ The resources are sometimes not enough especially when it comes to the rural based constituencies which are extremely wide to cover by one person a day and also by the allocate resources.
- ❖ Un certain/changing campaign road maps from the different party secretariats has also affected the researcher's performance
- ❖ The adjustments made from joint campaign rallies to individual events caused inconveniences in tracking information

PHOTO GALLERY FOR SOME OF THE PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE DIFFERENT RALLIES



SOME OF THE TRUCKS CAPTURED DURING THE DIFFERENT CAMPAIGN RALLIES FOR THE DIFFERENT CANDIDATES



PHOTOS OF THE CHICHEN AND SOME OF THE SERVING CENTRES DURING ONE OF THE CAMPAIGN RALLIES FOR HON BALYEKU IN JINJA WEST



JERRICANS OF MALWA (LOCAL BREW), USHER TAGS AND A KEY HOLDER LABELED WITH A PHOTO OF THE