

Key achievements of ICGLR-Regional Training Facility

4.2 Research and Knowledge Management

- 1) Research and Documentation have been conducted on several topics, including:
 - The implementation of the ICGLR legal framework and the Kampala Declaration on SGBV, 2011;
 - The Prevalence of SGBV in the Great Lakes Region;
 - SGBV in the Mining sector of the Great Lakes Region;
 - The use of forensic technology in the prosecution of SGBV cases in the Great Lakes Region; and
 - The role of religious institutions in prevention and response to SGBV.
- 2) Continuous research and advocacy for implementation of the ICGLR legal framework in the following areas: -
 - Increased demand for the establishment and scaling up of Recovery Centers/One Stop Centers for supporting victims of SGBV;
 - Establishment of special courts, sessions and procedures that utilize a victim centered and trauma informed approach for handling SGBV cases;
 - Documentation of good practices in handling SGBV cases in order to establish a new norm for criminal justice actors.
 - Positive masculinity and male engagement for effective prevention and response to SGBV.
- 3) Provided support for the development of a "Model legislation on the establishment of special courts and procedures in the Great Lakes Region.
- 4) Supported the development of an ICGLR Regional Action Plan for the Implementation UNSCR 1325 of 2018.
- 5) Participated in the development of the ICGLR Gender Barometer

4.3 Institutional Development

- 1) Establishment of ICGLR-RTF in 2014 via a Host Agreement with the Government of The Republic of Uganda.
- 2) Acquisition of a permanent office space and office equipment in 2017 with the support of the Government of the Netherlands.
- 3) Recruitment of the requisite human resource to implement the mandate of ICGLR-RTF.
- 4) Recruitment of 8 Master Trainers and 7 Experts, over 130 National Trainers composed of at least 10 trainers in each ICGLR Member State.
- 5) An established vibrant network with ICGLR National Coordinators, Gender Focal Persons in ICGLR Ministries of Gender, ICGLR institutions and Fora.
- 6) Set up a website and published several reports on ICGLR-RTF and its accomplishments.
- 7) Convened over 50 high level meetings, workshops, colloquia and symposia, physically or Online.
- 8) Establishment of an ICGLR Media Network on SGBV in the Great Lakes Region.

Funders and Supporters of ICGLR-Regional Training Facility

- ICGLR Member States,
- UN Women,
- World Bank,
- Government of The Netherlands,
- UN OSESG-GL,
- British High Commission,
- GIZ; Huffine Global Solutions;
- Population Council-Kenya,
- CARE International;
- FIDA-Uganda,
- Akina Mama wa Africa;
- Action Aid-Uganda,
- Soteria Interpol,
- COCAFEM,
- FECLAH.

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“The ICGLR Member States undertake ... to combat sexual violence...through preventing, criminalizing and punishing acts of sexual violence, both in times of peace and in times of war, in accordance with national laws and international criminal law.”
Article II, ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development for the Great Lakes Region, 2006.

Member States and Co-opted Members of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region



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International Conference on the Great Lakes Region – Regional Training Facility on Prevention and Suppression of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (ICGLR-RTF).

“Member States agree to set up a special regional facility for training and sensitizing judicial officers, police units, social workers, medical officers and other categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region.”
Article 6(9) ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children, 2006.



International Conference on the Great Lakes Region – Regional Training Facility on Prevention and Suppression of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (ICGLR-RTF)

1.0 What is the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region?

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is composed of twelve (12) core Member States, namely:

- Republic of Angola
- Republic of Congo
- Republic of Rwanda
- Republic of Burundi
- Republic of South Sudan
- Central African Republic
- Republic of Sudan
- Republic of Uganda
- Republic of Kenya
- Republic of Tanzania
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Republic of Zambia

The ICGLR was established by The Pact on Security, Stability and Development of the Great Lakes Region in 2006 (ICGLR Pact, 2006).

The objective of establishing the ICGLR was to, *inter alia*, “create conditions for security, stability, and sustainable development between Member States.”

ICGLR Member States undertook to combat sexual violence...through preventing, criminalizing and punishing acts of sexual violence, both in times of peace and in times of war, in accordance with national laws and international criminal law. Article 11 ICGLR Pact, 2006.

2.0 What is the ICGLR - Regional Training Facility?

The ICGLR-RTF is “a special regional facility for training and sensitizing judicial officers, police units, social workers, medical officers and other categories of persons who handle cases of sexual violence in the Great Lakes Region.” Article 6(9) ICGLR Protocol on the Prevention and Suppression of Sexual Violence Against Women and Children, 2006.

The ICGLR-RTF commenced its operations in 2014, and is located in Kampala, Uganda.

3.0 What is the Strategic Direction of ICGLR-RTF?

In order to ensure implementation of the ICGLR Pact, the ICGLR set up a Regional Follow-up Mechanism which consists –

- The Summit of Heads of State and Government,
- The Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee,
- The Conference Secretariat,
- The National Coordination Mechanisms, and
- The Collaborative Mechanisms and other specific structures or forums.

The ICGLR-RTF is a decentralized institution/structure of the ICGLR, a regional response to sexual violence that implements the ICGLR Pact in its operations.

The ICGLR-RTF is headed by a Regional Director, operates under the Conference Secretariat - which is the technical arm and coordinating body of the ICGLR.

Vision

A Great Lakes Region that is free from Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

Strategic Priorities

- Training and Sensitization,
- Research and Knowledge Management, and
- Institutional Development.

Mission

A Centre of Excellence that builds the capacity of professionals, and institutions to effectively prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the Great Lakes Region.

Strategic Objectives

- To strengthen the capacity of professionals and institutions that prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence.
- To enhance the capacity of communities to prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence.
- To enable the institution to effectively execute its mandate as provided in the legal and policy framework.



ICGLR Training workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation 2024

4.0 What are key achievements of ICGLR-Regional Training Facility?

4.1 Training and Sensitization

- 1) Conducted Training Needs Assessment, Formative Research and Developed Training Materials based on the Socio-Ecological Model; and an Integrated Model which encompasses the medical, psychosocial, legal, and socio-economic approach for prevention and response to SGBV;
- 2) Digitized the Integrated Model, which has been used to train over 250 professionals who handle cases of SGBV;
- 3) Conducted an impact assessment on utilization of Integrated Model – which revealed concrete impact in ICGLR Member States, for example –
 - Affiliated Trainers and Experts in all ICGLR Member States strengthened operationalization of a referral network – where professionals and other categories of persons who handle cases of SGBV increased collaboration;
 - Institutional development where ICT equipment and furniture was provided to a Resource Centre; and a model victim friendly space were provided by the Netherlands Government to the Uganda Police Force Senior Command and Staff College, Bwebajja, and the Judicial Training Institute;
 - Information on prevention and response to SGBV has been cascaded via its inclusion in the curricula of Training Institutions of the Police, Judiciary, Prisons Services in several ICGLR Member States;
 - In Zambia, Traditional Leaders adopted the integrated model and are currently utilizing it in settlement of disputes and disseminating information via different fora where they preside.
 - Translation of the Integrated Model on prevention and response to SGBV into the local language for ease of transmission of information in Rwanda.
 - Increase in conviction rates of SGBV cases from 20% to more than 70% in Uganda; and reduction of SGBV cases in several Member States as a result of joint training of criminal justice actors, advocacy for the establishment of special courts, and Recovery Centers that are user friendly, particularly to women, youth, children, Persons with Disabilities and men.
 - Based on success registered, ICGLR-RTF is part of the team implementing a GIZ supported Project entitled “Strengthening the prevention and response to SGBV through mainstreaming Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) and Peace Building in the Great Lakes Region” of 2022-2025.



ICGLR-RTF Consultation Meeting with Burundi National Trainers on SGBV at the ICGLR Conference Secretariat in Bujumbura, Burundi on 19th April 2024.



ICGLR- RTF Staff Meeting with the Executive Secretary at Serena Kampala Hotel on 1st May 2024



Representatives from different organizations during the Impact Assessment on the IntegraModel in Uganda 2023

