



Freedom and Roam Uganda (FARUG)

WOMEN'S DAY STATEMENT

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Freedom and Roam Uganda is a feminist womxn's human rights organization that addresses discrimination against lesbian, bisexual, Queer womxn. We envision our a healthy and vibrant LBQ community that is respected, well informed, competent, and committed to individual and community development by advocate for an environment in which the rights of LBQ Womxn are respected and protected, promote and equal access to SRHR services.



Economic empowerment is the capacity of women to participate in, contribute to and benefit from growth processes in ways, which recognize the value of their contributions, respect their dignity and make it possible to negotiate a fairer distribution of the benefits of growth. Economic empowerment increases women's access to economic resources and opportunities including jobs, financial services, property and other productive assets, skills development and market information. It is fundamental in strengthening women's rights and enabling women to have control over their lives and influence in society.



However, some women often face discrimination and persistent gender inequalities, experiencing multiple discrimination and exclusion because of their orientation. Under the prevailing legal system, the AHA amidst customs and religion in the country has presented obstacles for womxn inclusion and participation in economic opportunities and investments. It has come to realization that the presence of the law has been a challenge for womxn, having most of them loose employment, Discrimination in the labor market, Violence, abuse and harassment and hence exclusion in economic empowerment opportunities.

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International Women's Day celebrated is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women; it is also a mark of call to action for accelerating gender equality. Marked annually on March 8, it is one of the most important days of the year to celebrate women's achievements, educate and awareness raise for women's equality, call for positive change advancing women lobby for accelerated gender parity. This day also gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, violence and abuse against women.

In reflection with the theme ***"Count Her In. Accelerating Gender Equality through Economic Empowerment"***, the world has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation, however there is more room for Womxn's economic empowerment for the achievement of gender equality and the Sustainable Development Goals.

We take this opportunity to call for action to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes and create environments where all women are valued and respected. We also emphasize the need and the importance of everyone to recognize the unique perspectives and contributions for LBQ womxn hence create pathways for economic inclusion.

An empowered womxn community is a healthy and wealthy community.

Happy International Women's Day

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