



**NATURE TALK AFRICA**

## **NATA'S IMPACT REPORT: JANUARY-MARCH, 2026**

**BUILDING COMMUNITY POWER FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE: NATA'S  
IMPACT REPORT (JANUARY-MARCH, 2026)**



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

From January to March, 2026, NaTA prioritized partnerships and collaborations, unity and solidarity, Environmental Human Rights Defenders' (EHRDs) well-being, and community-led livelihood initiatives and community organizing that strengthen community climate resilience and grassroots movement-building for justice action.

### **1. ABOUT NATURE TALK AFRICA (NATA)**

Nature Talk Africa (NaTA) is a youth-led, community-based non-profit organization founded in 2023 and registered as a CBO in 2024, based in Hoima District, Uganda. It was established by young people from oil-affected communities in the Albertine region (Hoima, Kikuube, and Buliisa) who were directly impacted by major oil and gas developments including the Tilenga, Kingfisher, Oil Refinery, and the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). The organization emerged in response to social, environmental, and human rights challenges linked to extractive activities, with a commitment to grassroots action and justice. NaTA's vision is a just, equitable, and sustainable society where communities live in harmony with nature and actively defend their rights and environment. Its mission is to empower and mobilize youth and frontline communities to advance climate justice, environmental protection, and sustainable livelihoods through community organizing, advocacy, research, and capacity building. NaTA promotes climate and environmental justice, strengthens community awareness and civic participation, supports sustainable livelihoods, protects environmental and human rights defenders, and enhances accountability in natural resource governance.

### **2. KEY MILESTONES DURING JANUARY-MARCH, 2026.**

- 2.1 Strengthening Youth Power for Civic Justice and Nonviolent Action.
- 2.2 Advocacy on Delayed Ugandan Refinery Peoples' Court Case.
- 2.3 Community Engagement on Trust, Resilience and Collective Action.
- 2.4 Community consultative and strategic planning meetings with partners.
- 3.0 Publications (January – March 2026): Amplification of community voices and our initiatives.

## 2.0 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: JANUARY-MARCH, 2026.

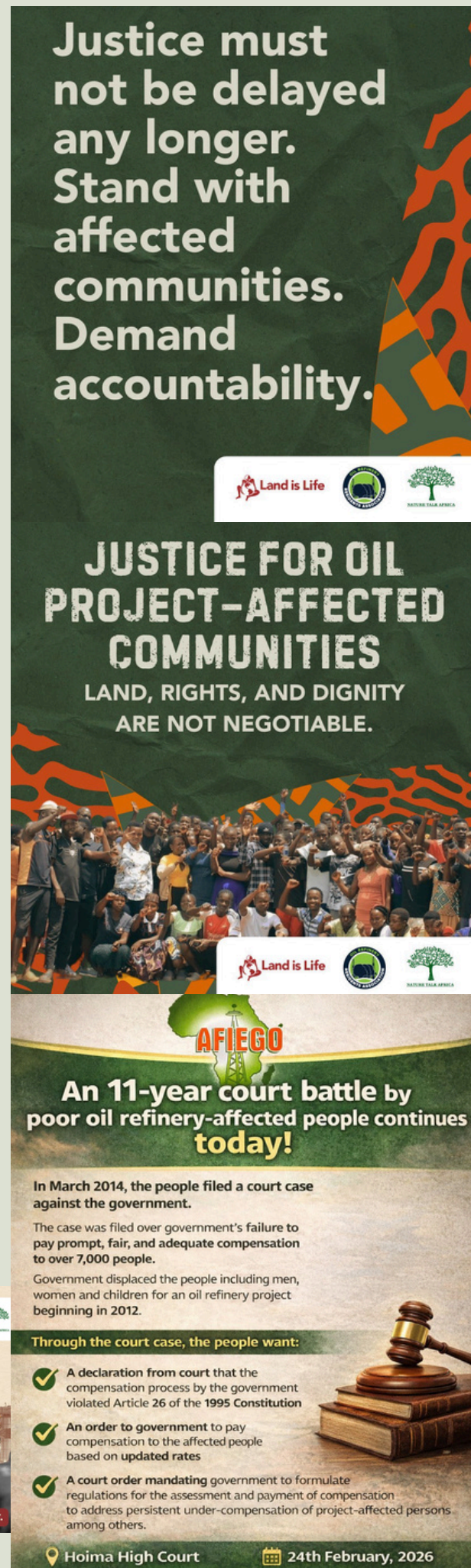
### 2.1 Strengthening Youth Power for Civic Justice and Nonviolent Action.

From February 23 to 26, 2026, NaTA conducted a four-day engagement on strengthening youth power for civic justice and nonviolent action in Uganda's oil-affected communities. Despite operating in a constrained civic space with limited resources, this initiative achieved meaningful impact. We conducted a 4-day capacity building training, 15 Environmental Human Rights Defenders (EHRDs) were trained, a secure WhatsApp coordination platform was established, a joint risk management protocol was drafted and developed, commitment was secured to expand mentorship to at least 45 additional grassroots EHRDs and organizers, and we planned to provide 3 shared cameras for the trained 15 defenders. We have noted increased Defenders' confidence, reduced isolation through strengthened solidarity within SNEHRDs hosted by EACOP HC that we introduced them to, achievement of skills in civic education, nonviolent action, risk assessment, and digital safety were enhanced for the defenders, and improved coordination and rapid response communication among organizers. We have also managed to establish and formulate a coordinated task force of these 15 defenders across Hoima, Buliisa, and Kikuube, each committed to mentoring at least two youth by the end of 2026 with potential expansion to targeted 45 defenders, strengthening long-term grassroots organizing and resilience, with follow-up actions including monthly check-ins, mentorship support, network integration, provision of shared equipment, and advanced training. We call upon more collaborations to strengthen and sustain this.



## 2.2 Advocacy on Delayed Ugandan Refinery Peoples' Court Case

From January 26, 2026 to date, NaTA, ORRA and Land is Life jointly started amplifying the Uganda's oil refinery Peoples' voices, advocacy on the delayed Ugandan Refinery Peoples' Court case. This builds on already existing community struggles led by AFIEGO and ORRA since 2014 and addresses continuous adjournments affecting access to justice. We developed a joint advocacy campaign and it was launched, we initiated a public awareness amplification, and our collaboration with national and international partners was strengthened. This initiative has increased visibility of delayed justice concerns within our communities, strengthened community resilience and collective voice, and affected communities renewed their commitment to pursue legal accountability. We have sustained community mobilization around justice and accountability, empowered vulnerable communities to challenge corporations and government institutions through legal processes, and we are strengthening the environmental justice and land rights movement, with continued advocacy following the Hoima High Court adjournment of the case to 3 May 2026.



**Justice must not be delayed any longer. Stand with affected communities. Demand accountability.**

Land is Life NaTA ORRA

**JUSTICE FOR OIL PROJECT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES**  
LAND, RIGHTS, AND DIGNITY ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.

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**AFIEGO**

**An 11-year court battle by poor oil refinery-affected people continues today!**

In March 2014, the people filed a court case against the government.

The case was filed over government's failure to pay prompt, fair, and adequate compensation to over 7,000 people.

Government displaced the people including men, women and children for an oil refinery project beginning in 2012.

**Through the court case, the people want:**

- ✓ A declaration from court that the compensation process by the government violated Article 26 of the 1995 Constitution
- ✓ An order to government to pay compensation to the affected people based on updated rates
- ✓ A court order mandating government to formulate regulations for the assessment and payment of compensation to address persistent under-compensation of project-affected persons among others.

Hoima High Court 24th February, 2026



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**COUNTDOWN TO FEBRUARY 25**

Every day of delay deepens injustice. Every postponed hearing erodes trust.

**Justice cannot wait another year.**

## **2.3 Community Engagement on Trust, Resilience and Collective Action**

On March 10, 2026, in partnership with ORRA and Over 150 youth, women and men, we conducted a community engagement focused on rebuilding trust, strengthening resilience, and inspiring collective climate, environmental and human rights justice action in resource-rich communities. One large community engagement was conducted, reaching over 150 participants and featuring a knowledge-sharing session led by ORRA's Women and Gender Officer Ms. Abigaba Esther. This led to: increased community awareness on resilience and collective action, trust and solidarity were strengthened, and psychosocial support gaps for defenders were identified. In conclusion, a motivation for collective climate justice actions was enhanced, community ownership of advocacy initiatives increased, and calls for stronger partnerships to support defenders' well-being and protection were strengthened.



## **2.4 Community consultative and strategic planning meetings.**

In March 2026, in partnership with ORRA, EACOP HC and community organizers. NaTA conducted joint consultative and planning meetings to develop community-owned pathways for defending land, water sources, environment, and future along oil pipeline corridors. We conducted six strategic focus group discussions and meetings across Hoima, Kikuube, and Buliisa, engaging approximately 60 community organizers and environmental and human rights defenders (EHRDs). Strengthened community organizing structures were established, joint planning for long-term collaboration was initiated, and key community priorities were systematically documented. In conclusion, a joint five-year program is under development, a strengthened solidarity network of Environmental and Human Rights Defenders has been built, and community power for accountability in the oil and gas sector has been enhanced.



## **2.5 Publications (January – March 2026): Amplification of community voices and our initiatives.**

NaTA strengthened knowledge production and information dissemination through the following publications:

- **January 28, 2026: Last Quarter Report (2025) released.**
- **February 6, 2026: Annual Report 2025 published.**
- **February 19, 2026: Research report released: Safeguarding Environmental Human Rights Defenders in Uganda’s oil and gas sector: Assessing Risks, Protection Gaps and Enabling Mechanisms in the Albertine region.**

These have contributed to: increased awareness of risks facing defenders, provision of evidence for advocacy and policy engagement, and improved access to information for partners and communities. We have strengthened advocacy grounded in research evidence, increased visibility of defenders’ protection gaps, and enhanced engagement with partners and supporters from community to international level.

## **3. CROSS-CUTTING RESULTS (JANUARY – MARCH 2026)**

Across all activities, NaTA achieved the following: strengthened grassroots movement-building, increased defender coordination and solidarity, expanded community participation in justice actions, enhanced advocacy for accountability in vulnerable communities, strengthened partnerships with local and international allies and improved knowledge sharing and research-based advocacy.

## **4. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Organizational system updates and development.
- Traditional and cultural gatherings, storytelling and film screenings as learning events.
- Baseline research on developing local EHRDs’ wellness and protection strategies.

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3. **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/naturetalk.africa>
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