



CSBAG BUDGET NEWS BRIEF

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Advocating for a People Centered Budget that Dignifies Humanity



KEY CSBAG 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

2016 was an exciting year for CSBAG. In our 1st 2017 #CSBAGBUDGET NEWS Edition, we share with you some of the key highlights that define our 2016 journey.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our individual and member organizations, Development partners that contributed to the success of 2016.

Happy 2017!



January –February 2016

This period was activity packed, with CSOs engaging Parliament and Ministry of Finance on the; 2016/17 National Budget. CSOs under CSBAG met 9 Parliament Committee of Parliament and 35 CSBG proposals were adopted by Parliament



March 2016

CSOs held a pre-budget dialogue during which a public campaign, #valueourhealth was launched calling for increased allocation to recruit health workers in FY 2016/17. It was launched by State Minister for Finance Fred Omach



April 2016

Citizens at the launch of the 5 million signature petition asking H.E the President to no assent to the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2016 on 20th April 2016 at



July 2016

CSOs added their voice to reject the UGX 1.3bn bailout mooted by some companies that were experiencing financial distress. Plan was eventually abandoned though there are rumors that some companies were paid undercover



August- September 2016

CSOs mobilized by CSBAG embarked on engaging local governments through the Ministry of Finance Local Government budget consultative workshops. CSBAG also presented CSO position at the National Budget Conference and 2 Annual sector reviews



September 2016

CSBAG in September came out strongly to demand for Government intervention on the high cost of credit. CSOs called for capping of interest rates and amendment of Financial Institutions Act. Today Banking institutions have reduced their interest rates though much more can still be done.



November 2016

CSOs and citizens relaunched the #TaxMPs campaign against MPs income tax exemption. Masindi, Gulu, Kabale, Katakwa, Kluku, Sheema are among the districts that held district based campaigns. President however signed bill into law



September 2016

CSBAG is proud to have worked with likeminded CSOs to establish a Parliamentary Forum on Public Finance Management



Jan-December 2016

CSBAG focused on strengthening CSO collaboration for effective budget advocacy. Capacities of 474 CSOs representatives strengthened in budget advocacy. We are proud to have established CSO budget coalitions in 13 districts to steer budget advocacy at district level



Jan-December 2016

CSBAG has this year worked with 720 Participatory Budget Club members in Abim, Kibuku Kibaale, Sheema and Kibuku to champion participatory budgeting