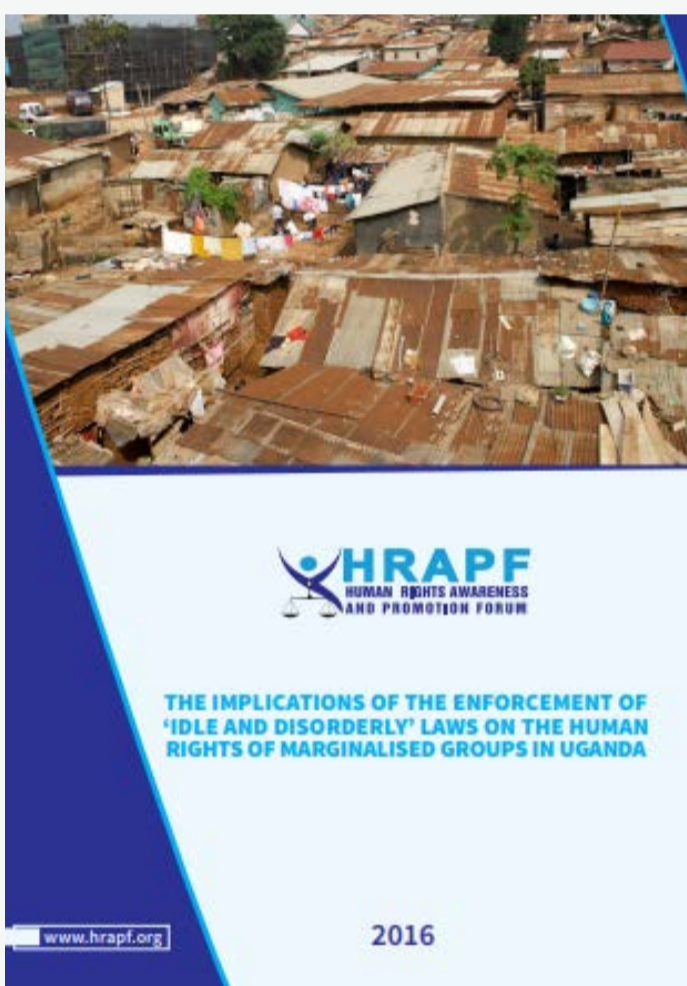


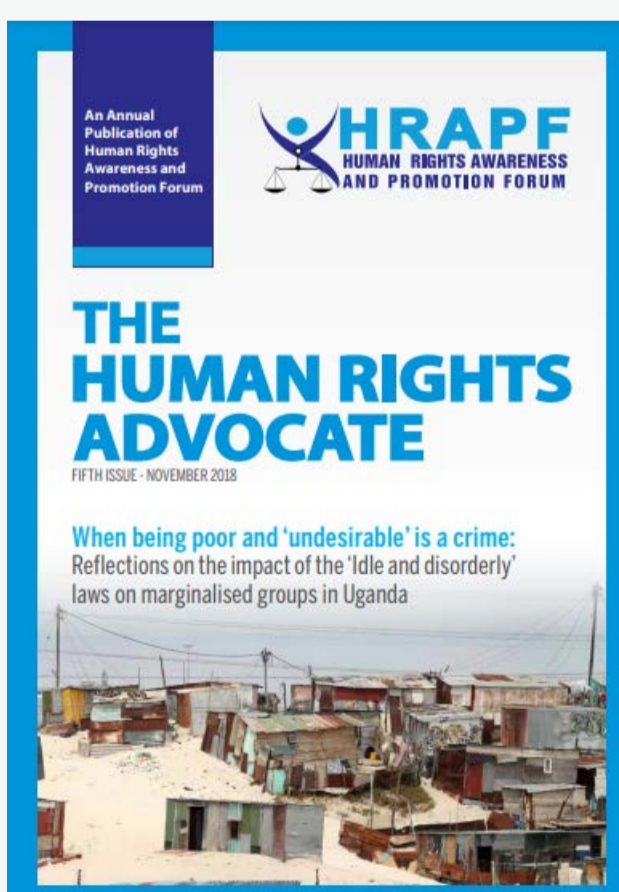
THE DECRIMINALISATION OF PETTY OFFENCES IN UGANDA

Research



Capacity strengthening

Create a critical mass of advocates for the decriminalising of petty offences.



Legal advocacy

Advocate for the decriminalisation and declassification of petty offences in Uganda - Research, legal & policy advocacy, litigation, networking, partnerships, capacity building and coalition building.

Litigation

Francis Tumwesige Ateenyi v Attorney General Constitutional Petition No. 36 of 2018

Section 168(1)(c) of Penal Code: "Every suspected person or reputed thief who has no visible means of subsistence and cannot give a good account of himself or herself" shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond.

Section 168(1)(c) of Penal Code: "Every person found wandering in or upon or near any premises or in any road or highway or any place adjacent thereto or in any public place at such time and under such circumstances as to lead to the conclusion that such person is there for an illegal or disorderly purpose" shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond.

Coalition

Build and maintain a robust, vibrant and sustainable coalition against petty offences in Uganda, Africa and Internationally.

The Coalition to Decriminalise and Declassify Petty Offences in Uganda (CODPO) (2019)

Arguments Hearing 19 September 2022



The offences violate the presumption of innocence, a key aspect of the right to a fair trial.



The offences facilitate arbitrary arrests of poor people in a manner which contravenes the right to liberty and freedom of movement.



The offences target poor people and create a distinction in the protection and application of the law based on social and economic standing, contrary to the right to equal treatment.

Awareness

Build local, national and regional awareness on petty offences and the need for their decriminalisation.

