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Judge Iulia Antoanella Motoc
Judge Haykel Ben Mahfoudh

SITUATION IN UGANDA

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**Forty-third periodic report of the Registry on applications received by the Victims
Participation and Reparation Section in the Situation in Uganda**

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V40 Ongwen LRV Team

V49 Kony LRV Team

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☐ **Unrepresented Victims**

☐ **Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

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Reparations Section**

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Trust Fund for Victims

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I. Introduction

1. On 12 March 2012, the Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II (in its previous composition) ordered the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”), following the submission of a comprehensive report on the *status quo* of all victim applications for participation in proceedings received in the Situation in Uganda (“Situation”),¹ to submit every four months a periodic report on further applications received and progress made by the VPRS on their assessment under rule 85 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.² The Registry hereby submits its forty-third periodic report in the Situation, covering the period from 10 May to 10 September 2026.

II. Applicable Law

2. The Registry submits the present report in accordance with article 68(1) and (3) of the Rome Statute, rules 16(1) and 89(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 86 of the Regulations of the Court.

III. Submissions

A. Status of applications

3. To date, approximately 24,000 victims have submitted to the Registry applications for participation and/or reparations in the Situation and the related cases.³

¹ Registry, “Comprehensive report on the *status quo* of all applications received in the Situation in Uganda and on other aspects related to victims' applications for participation in the proceedings”, 11 May 2012, ICC-02/04-193.

² Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision on Victim’s Participation in Proceedings Related to the Situation in Uganda”, dated 9 March 2012 and notified on 12 March 2012, ICC-02/04-191, para. 31.

³ This number does not include victim applications collected in the field but not yet registered in the VPRS database, as more than 35,000 victims have been assisted in completing their applications for participation and reparations in the Ongwen and Kony cases. Since the last periodic report, the Registry received and registered 940 new application forms for participation and/or reparations (120 individual forms and 820 household forms) in the *Kony* case and 1,055 new application forms for reparations (147 individual forms and 908 household forms) in the *Ongwen* case. Additional applications were collected in the field but not yet received at headquarters.

4. In the case of *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen* (“Ongwen case”), currently at the reparations stage,⁴ there are 4,096 participating victims.⁵ During the reporting period, the VPRS continued its eligibility and priority assessments for reparations. It received 3,690 applications from newly identified beneficiaries⁶ and transmitted to the Trust Fund for Victims (“TFV”) information on 1,763 victims assessed to be eligible for reparations.⁷
5. In the case of *The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony* (“Kony case”), Pre-Trial Chamber III authorised 5,795 victims to participate in the current stage of the proceedings.⁸ The VPRS has continued to receive further applications for participation and/or reparations in the *Kony* case throughout the reporting period.⁹

B. Activities undertaken by the VPRS during the reporting period

6. During the reporting period, the VPRS continued particularly in the *Ongwen* case: (i) the conduct of information sessions for victims and to engage in stakeholder meetings; (ii) the provision of training and support for intermediaries and field clerks in their interactions with victim communities; (iii) the identification of victims of both thematic crimes and relevant case locations to assist them in filling out their applications; (iv) the facilitation of victims’ access to identity documents where possible, and (v) the collection of supplementary information where needed.

⁴ Trial Chamber IX, “Reparations Order”, 28 February 2024, ICC-02/04-01/15-2074 (“Ongwen Reparations Order”). The *Ongwen* case was referred to Trial Chamber II on 12 March 2024. Presidency, “Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers”, dated 12 March 2024 and notified on 13 March 2024, ICC-02/04-01/15-2079.

⁵ Trial Chamber IX, “Decision on the Registry Additional Information on Victims”, 16 December 2022, ICC-02/04-01/15-2024, para. 18 and footnote 37.

⁶ This number does not include victim applications received in the field and not yet registered in the headquarters.

⁷ Emails from VPRS to TFV, 20 May 2026 at 09:47, 17 June 2026 at 11:14, 15 July 2026 at 10:48 and 26 August 2026 at 11:35. This includes a small number of victims already included in transmissions prior to the reporting period for whom substantial updates were received (e.g., resumption of action following the death of the victim).

⁸ Pre-Trial Chamber III, “Decision on victim applications for participation in the proceedings”, 12 August 2025, ICC-02/04-01/05-624.

⁹ See footnote 3 above.

7. However, activities that entailed gathering groups of individuals were affected by the outbreak of the Ebola virus in Uganda and were therefore suspended during the period recommended by the Ugandan Health authorities, from 22 May to 26 August 2026. Prior to suspension, activities aiming to raise awareness about the victim application process in the *Ongwen* reparation proceedings took place. During those information sessions, the VPRS responded to victims' questions and queries and clarified misconceptions raised by the participants. For example, on 18 May 2026, the VPRS conducted a meeting in Abok, where community members gathered from the 14 villages within Ajerijeri and neighbouring parishes. The meeting was attended by approximately 500 victims. Participants requested clarifications on eligibility criteria, the victim notification process, and the timing of implementation of reparation measures.
8. On 19 May 2026, the VPRS, together with the Public Information and Outreach Section ("PIOS"), participated in the "Inter-Religious Community Memorial Prayers" held in Lukodi in honour of the victims killed during the attack at the IDP camp. The Memorial was attended by more than 700 persons, including a large number of survivors of the attack, district and local government officials, religious leaders and others. The VPRS and PIOS shared up-to-date information on the *Ongwen* reparation process.
9. Throughout the reporting period, the VPRS and PIOS continued participating in radio talk shows, providing information about the *Ongwen* reparation process, and addressing several questions raised by the audience.
10. The VPRS continues to assess victims' needs by location, ensuring that it is able to address specific requirements in relevant localities efficiently and with a high degree of flexibility. An example is Pajule sub county, where the number of victims who wish to submit an application for reparations is high; the VPRS is in the process of increasing its capacity accordingly to meet the demands.
11. Again in the *Ongwen* case, the VPRS completed the notification for the first group of victims previously assessed as being in dire need of urgent assistance

(first priority category).¹⁰ One of the challenges encountered during the victim notification exercise was the lack of up-to-date contact information. Some victims and their legal representatives had provided intermediaries' or neighbours' contact details when completing their applications at the time. The VPRS attempted to reach out to those victims but remained in a number of instances unsuccessful. The VPRS is discussing with TFV avenues to resolve this issue.

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Dated this 11 September 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹⁰ Ongwen Reparations Order, para 665 (with respect to prioritisation among victims).