



# Criminal Justice System Reforms and Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda: An Empirical Analysis

Mwesige Nabiedde<sup>1,2</sup>, Kasukuwa Okokoroa<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Kampala International University (KIU)

<sup>2</sup> National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO)

**Published:** 26 September 2005 | **Received:** 06 May 2005 | **Accepted:** 28 July 2005

**Correspondence:** [mnabiedde@gmail.com](mailto:mnabiedde@gmail.com)

**DOI:** [10.5281/zenodo.18820472](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18820472)

## Author notes

*Mwesige Nabiedde is affiliated with Kampala International University (KIU) and focuses on Law research in Africa. Kasukuwa Okokoroa is affiliated with Kampala International University (KIU) and focuses on Law research in Africa.*

## Abstract

Uganda's criminal justice system has faced challenges in reducing pre-trial detention, leading to legal and human rights concerns. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including a review of existing literature and interviews with stakeholders from various sectors involved in the criminal justice process. Findings indicate that while some reforms have led to shorter detention periods for certain cases, there is still significant room for improvement, particularly in enforcing compliance across different levels of the system. The empirical analysis suggests that further targeted interventions and monitoring mechanisms are needed to effectively reduce pre-trial detention durations and improve overall justice outcomes. Stakeholders should collaborate more closely on implementing reforms consistently and ensuring their enforcement, with a focus on training for judges and prosecutors in applying new protocols.

**Keywords:** *African criminology, pre-trial detention, legal reform, human rights, qualitative research, restorative justice, jurisprudence*

## ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

**Email:** [info@parj.africa](mailto:info@parj.africa)

Request your copy of the full paper today!

## SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

**Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!**

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

**Submit at:** [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)



Scan to visit [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)

**Open Access Scholarship from PARJ**

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge