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NAPE'S COMMUNITY GREEN RADIO WINS THE 2020 LIZ HUGHES AWARD FOR HER FARM RADIO

Uganda Community Green Radio (CGR) has won the 2020 Liz Hughes award from the Canada based Farm Radio International.

According to a statement issued by Katie Burnham, the Farm Radio Resource Coordinator, the radio was awarded in recognition of its *Nyinabwenge* (Mother of Knowledge) Programme that specifically amplifies the voices of rural women so that they can be heard, take part in policy-making and protection of their rights, improve food security and address gender gaps in the environmental arena among others. She said that CGR beat 59 other applicants (community radios) picked from all over the world to take the 2020 award.

"Your application clearly shows that you have identified gender equality issues in your community and are working with women, men, and gender experts to discuss and even change these dynamics. You also dedicate a lot of airtime to your women's programme, and make sure to air it at a time and in a language that is convenient for your audience. I congratulate you on your hard work on the radio programme and your fantastic storytelling," Burnham's email to the CGR reads in part.

Some of the other radios that participated in the 2020 Liz Hughes Award for *Her Farm Radio* include RTB Gaoua from Burkina Faso, Radio Munyu from Burkina Faso, Radio Kwizera from Tanzania, Kitulo FM from Tanzania and Fana Broadcasting Cooperation from Ethiopia.

The *Nyinabwenge* programme runs every Saturday evening for two hours, a time that is convenient for rural women who are often busy during the day. The programme is aired in local languages focusing on issues important to rural women in their area, like farming, environmental conservation, food security, domestic violence, health, and social issues among others.

Farm Radio is scheduled to hand over the award to the Community Green Radio on 8th March, 2020 in a colorful ceremony that will be held at the radio offices in Kiboga Town. The award giving ceremony will coincide with the International Women's Day Celebrations.

The Liz Hughes Award for Her Farm Radio is an award given by Farm Radio International to recognize radio programs that address gender equality and create opportunities for sharing the voices of rural women.

Mr. Frank Muramuzi, the NAPE Executive Director has expressed excitement over the award saying it depicts the great milestones achieved by the CGR in amplifying the voices of rural women and promoting gender equality. He invites all well-wishers of NAPE to come to the award giving ceremony in Kiboga.

The NAPE Director has also thanked and congratulated the staff that work on the Community Green Radio for the many milestones achieved in the short lifespan of the radio. For this particular achievement, he thanks in a special way Ms. Precious Naturinda and Ms. Sarah Kyeyune who gather information and host live radio talk-shows for the ***Nyinabwenge*** Programme.

Mr. Muramuzi expresses unreserved gratitude to NAPE development partners for their support to the work and development of the Community Green Radio. He particularly singled out the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (RLS) of Germany, the Open Society Initiative for East (OSIEA), the American Jewish World Service (AJWS) and the Fund for Global Human Rights (FGHR) that have since 2014 provided funds for the operations of the radio and capacity building of the staff.

The Community Green Radio was established by NAPE in 2014 in the oil region of Uganda to fill the gap left by many other radio stations in Uganda in covering environmental and natural resources governance issues. Much as the radio still has a lot of requirements in the infrastructure development section, NAPE right from its inception has always refused to compromise on the quality of its programming and service to the listeners. The main studios of the radio are in Kiboga Town but the radio covers many Districts which include Kiboga, Kyankwanzi, Hoima, Kikuube, Masindi, Kibaale, Mubende, Luwero among others. The radio currently has over 20 listeners clubs based in those districts. During the 5 years of its existence, the CGR has stood out as a mouthpiece for the grassroots communities promoting food sovereignty, rights of marginalised people such as women and giving a voice the communities affected by the oil activities.

More information on the CGR can be obtained at: www.greenradio.ug or nape@nape.or.ug

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