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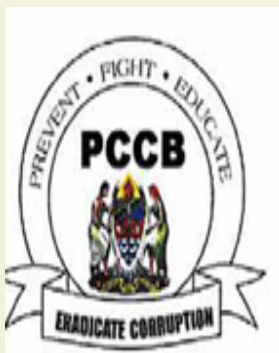
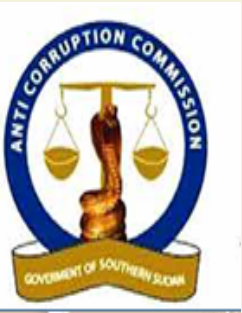


Asset Recovery Inter-Agency
Network For Eastern Africa (ARINEA)

ABOUT ARIN-EA

- The Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for Eastern Africa (ARIN-EA) ARIN-EA is the first informal network of practitioners in the Eastern Africa region to tackle the proceeds of all kinds of crimes.
- It was established following 4th Global Focal Point Meeting on asset recovery in 2013 with the support of StAR Initiative/World Bank, and was launched on 6th November 2013 in Kigali, Rwanda.
- The mandate is to ensure efficient and effective asset tracking/tracing and subsequent recovery within the Eastern African region and to cooperate with other asset recovery networks globally.
- The operations of the network is guided by the statement of intent. ARIN-EA consists of the Presidency, the Steering Group, and the Secretariat.

ABOUT ARIN-EA



- ARIN-EA was established under the East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, an association that brings together the Anti-Corruption Agencies in Eastern Africa
- Tanzania is the Presidency, Ms Lillian Kafiti is a Prosecutor with the Prevention and combatting corruption Bureau of Tanzania, the Lead Anti-Corruption Agency in Tanzania.
- The Steering Committee comprises a representative from each member country
- The network comprises 24 focal persons from 24 institutions from the 8 member countries.
- The Secretariat is located in Kampala, Uganda

Membership and Functioning of the ARIN-EA countries



Membership

- Membership is open to States and jurisdictions in the Eastern Africa region Member comprising of Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda;
- Each Member nominates three focal points, one from an Anti-Corruption Agency, the other two from either Prosecutorial/Judicial/Law enforcement and Asset Recovery/forfeiture Authority .
- The focal points must be involved in asset tracing and forfeiture and/or have direct access to practitioners in this area

ARINEA Objectives

- Focus on the proceeds of all crimes, within the framework of international obligations;
 - Establish itself as the center of expertise and develop best practices in all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime;
 - Promote the exchange of information and best practice;
- Form a solid international network with other related entities such as CARIN, ARINSA, RRAG, ARINWA, ARIN-AP; Global Focal Points on Asset Recovery.
 - Facilitate and promote training and research in all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime;
 - Act as an advisory group to other appropriate authorities;

Strategic Goal

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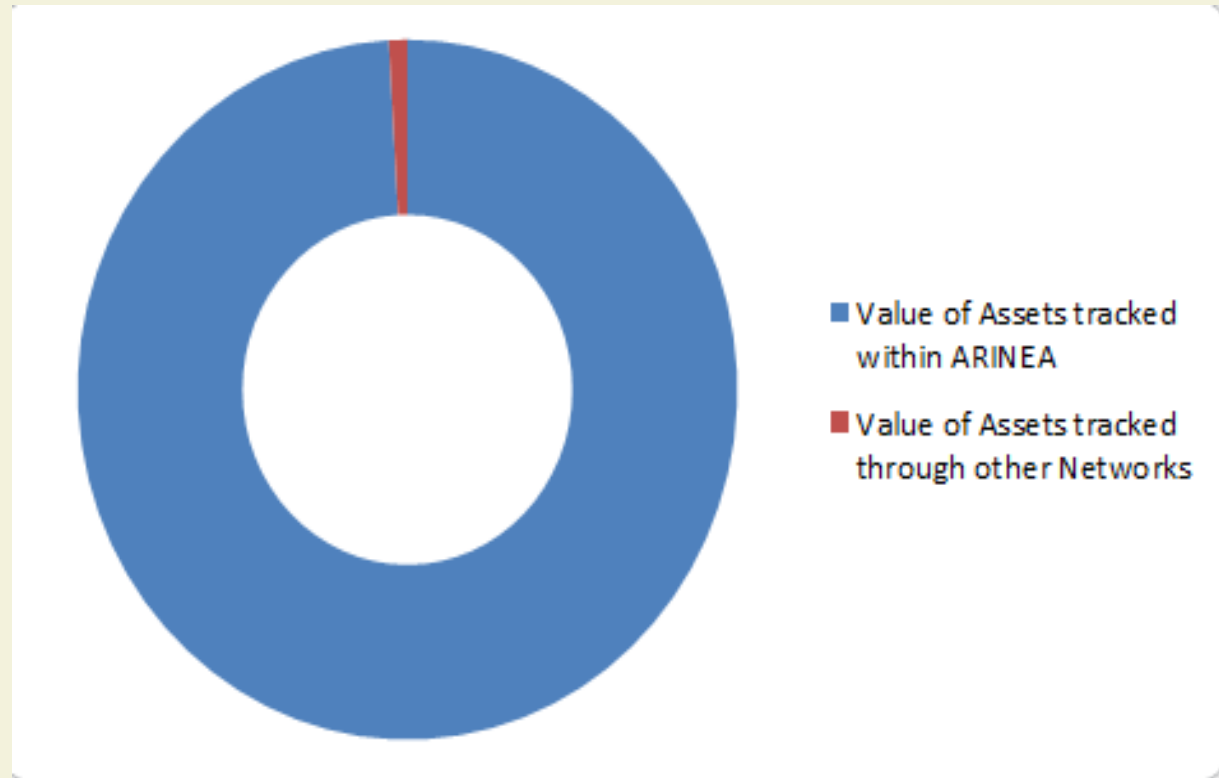
Strengthen asset tracing and recovery

To achieve this Strategic Goal, there are four Strategic objectives which the network has to accomplish in its 5 years.

1. Increase in the number of timely Mutual Legal Assistance requests and responses on asset tracing and recovery within the member countries
2. Designation of competent and empowered focal persons and structures within the country
3. Increase numbers and value of ill-gotten assets traced and recovered within the member countries and across border
4. Increase levels of regional and international cooperation in asset tracing and recovery

ACHIEVEMENTS

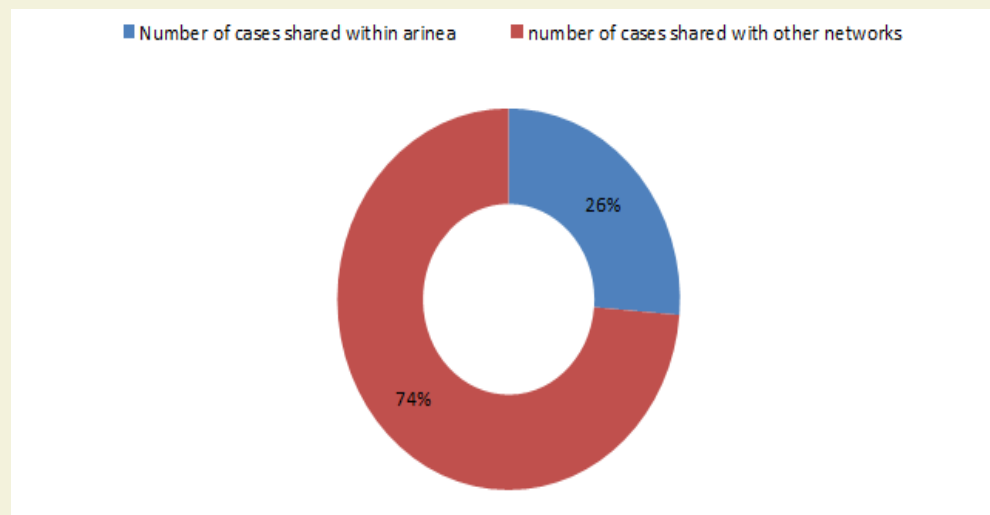
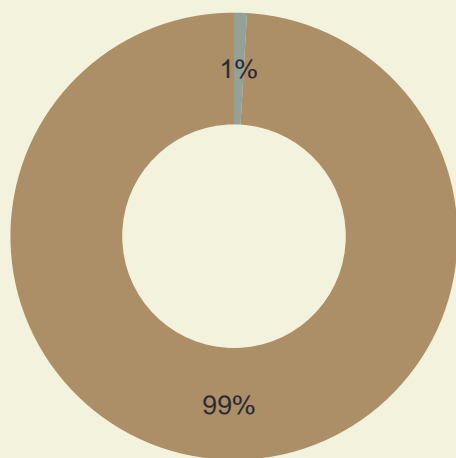
- Over \$1,011,358,000 value of assets has been tracked within ARINEA
- Over \$59,249,860 value of Assets tracked through other Networks



Non-recovered/recovered assets

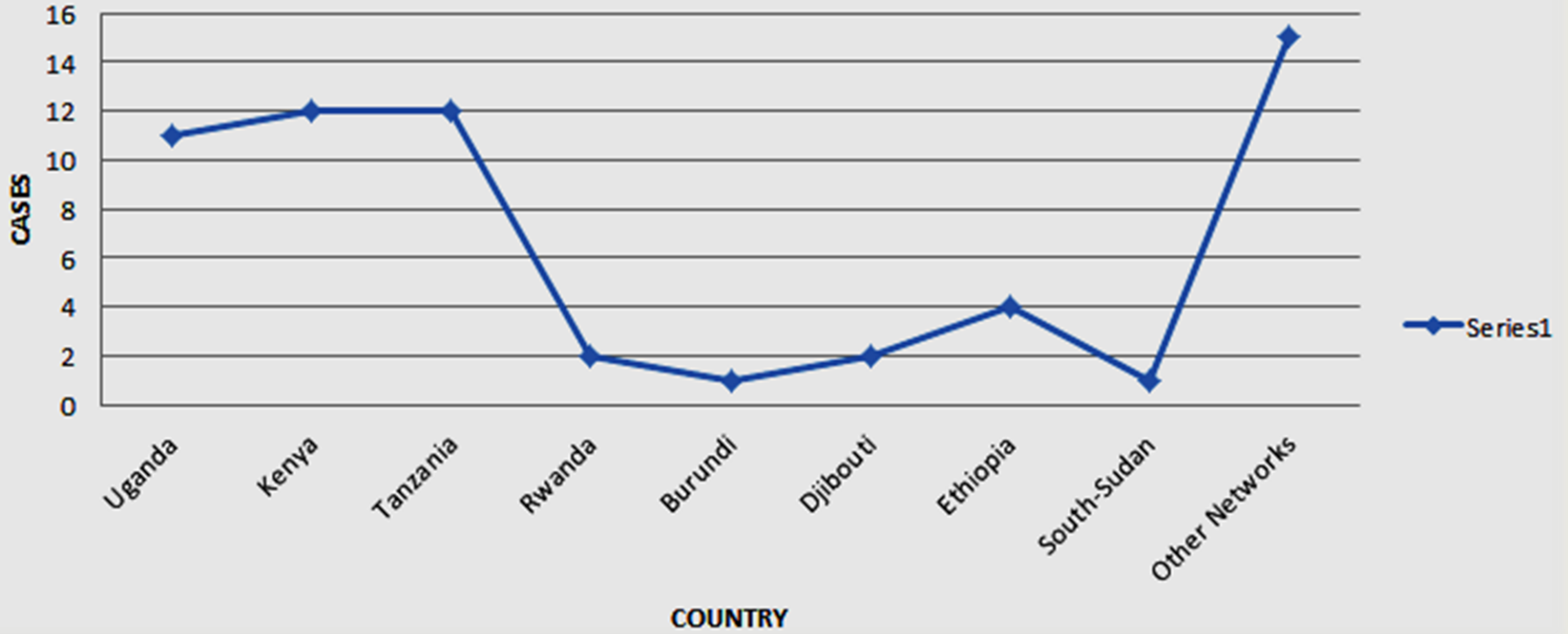
- The Network has recovered assets in value of over \$9,500,000.
- While value of over \$1,011,107,860 in non-recovered assets

■ Value of recovered Assets ■ Value of non-recovered Assets

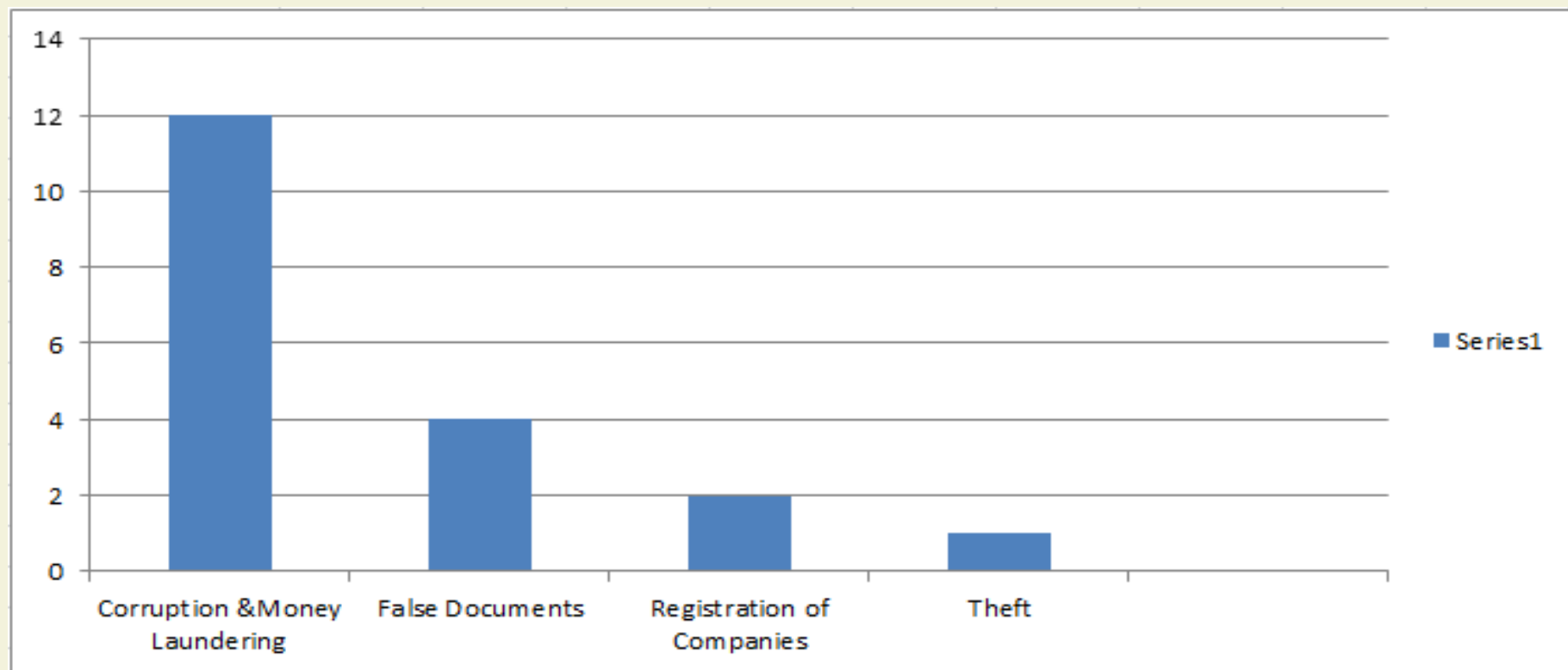


CASES HANDLED

LINE GRAPH SHOWING CASES HANDLED



Categories of cases completed in 2020

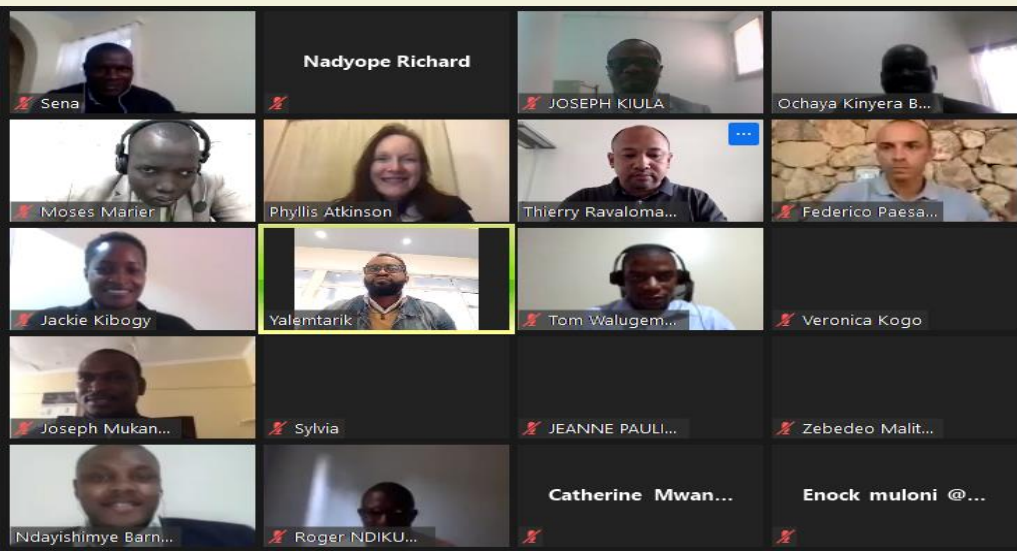


ARIN-EA TRAINING



The main objectives of the ARINEA Asset recovery trainings are;

- ❖ Share knowledge, experience and challenges among focal persons, and other members in the area of asset recovery
- ❖ To improve the ability of tax crime investigators to detect and combat tax offences and other financial crimes including money laundering and corruption.
- ❖ To enhance Focal persons and other members in the area of asset recovery with the capacity to trace and recover ill-gotten assets



Trainings conducted

- Crypto currency online training for intelligence development and investigations involving Crypto currency/ virtual Assets. The training was conducted in collaboration with the Basel Institute of Governance with 28 participants from ARINEA with support from GIZ.
- Online FIU & Asset Recovery training was the first online delivery of financial investigations and asset recovery with 18 participants. conducted with support from Basel Institute.
- Virtual training program on Managing Financial Investigations course organized by the OECD International Academy for Tax Investigations.

Trainings conducted

- Virtual Course on investigative Techniques for the Effective Use of Banking Information – Offered by OECD International Academy.
- in March 2021, ARIN-EA focal points were invited to attend an ECOFEL's virtual workshop on Public-Private Partnerships in Financial Investigations into Wildlife Crime

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Achievements

- Conducted a joint meeting with the West Balkans to share experiences, lessons and best practices of ARINs to help advance asset tracking and recovery within the regions.
- Harmonization of Anti-Corruption Laws in the Eastern Africa Region to address the challenge of different legal provisions in different jurisdictions to enhance cooperation.
- Launched its Asset Recovery & Mutual Legal Assistance Guidelines in 2019, to seek MLA requests from or to the ARIN-EA member countries.
- Reviewed the EAC protocol on preventing and combating corruption within the Eastern Africa region to cater for asset tracing and recovery.

Achievements

- Conducting a study on crime types with cross border proceeds. This study aims to carry out a scoping review of most predominant organized crime types with cross border proceeds in the EAAACA/ARI-NEA sub-region. This research also aims to develop, test and institutionalize a rigorous methodology that identifies and assesses pathways that could antidote crime typologies with cross-border proceeds. This activity is being supported by GIZ and we are grateful for their support.
- ARIN-EA has an online system for sharing information called the SECURE PLATFORM. The system enables sharing of requests securely.

Best Practices

- ▶ Use of assets recovered to deliver services. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) of Kenya, used the Kshs 70m recovered to purchase ambulances which were distributed to health centres in the country. The function was officiated by the President.
- ▶ In Tanzania, the Prevention and Combating Corruption Bureau (PCCB) confiscated cars and buildings and they are considering using them for the anti-corruption authority given that they have limited resources.
- ▶ On Jan. 13, 2021, 179 Trucks were returned back to Ethiopia from Djibouti

Support and Partnerships

- Anti-Corruption Agencies of the member countries
- ARINEA has received support from GIZ, regional office based in Nairobi, Kenya
- CARIN and all the other regional and international networks.
- ICAR
- Basel Institute
- AML/THB
- West Balkans and ARINWA

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