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## STATEMENT ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025

As we commemorate World Environment Day 2025 under the theme “Combating Plastic Pollution,” ASF Uganda reaffirms its commitment to environmental stewardship and public health. Plastic pollution in Uganda has escalated into a critical issue, with the country generating approximately 600 metric tonnes of plastic waste daily, of which less than 40% is properly managed. This mismanagement leads to environmental degradation, clogging of drainage systems, and contributes to health risks, including increased cancer incidences.

Despite legislative efforts, such as the ban on polythene bags (kavera), enforcement challenges persist due to inadequate and unclear laws. Recognizing these challenges, Uganda has developed the National Strategy for Promoting Plastics Circularity (2023–2028), aiming to transition towards a circular economy that emphasizes reuse, recycling, and sustainable alternatives.

ASF in Uganda has played a critical role to the respect and advancement of the constitutionally guaranteed right to clean and healthy environment by building the agency of communities to protect their rights through legal empowerment/ awareness sessions, public policy advocacy on sustainable natural resource extraction and utilization towards clean energy and a just energy transition.

We call upon all stakeholders—government agencies, civil society, and the private sector—to collaborate in strengthening regulatory frameworks, enhancing public awareness, and investing in sustainable waste management solutions. Together, we can combat plastic pollution and ensure a healthier environment for future generations.

At ASF Uganda, we believe that meaningful change begins with individual actions and collective responsibility. This year, we are documenting and sharing our initiatives towards combating plastic use and promoting sustainable practices. By showcasing these efforts, we aim to inspire broader community engagement and support for Uganda’s environmental policies.

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