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# List of Acronyms

ASOU Association of Surgeons of Uganda

CPD Continuous Professional Development

M&E Monitoring and Evaluation

AGM Annual General Meeting

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Association of Surgeons of Uganda (ASOU) is the officially registered body that brings together all surgeons; both in training and fully qualified; retired or practicing; in Uganda or in the diaspora to foster excellence and ethical conduct in surgical practice. The Association of Surgeons of Uganda was inaugurated following the resolution of its members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Kampala in 1987.

This five-year strategic plan of the Association of Surgeons of Uganda (ASOU) covers the period of 2022 – 2027. It defines the strategic direction of ASOU as it morphs into a proficient institution, responsive to the changes in world today. It also spells out the roadmap to the realization of our vision while anchoring our activities in the values we profess as being sacrosanct.

The plan will serve as the major strategic instrument through which ASOU seeks to attain its objectives in a more focused, effective, and results oriented manner. It will help in coordinating the work of different partners hence making our efforts more effective.

This plan is organized in five chapters:

Chapter one: Highlights our vision, mission, and core values and reiterates the aims for which ASOU exists and where it seeks to be.

Chapter two: Analyses the current state of ASOU, calling attention to its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Chapter three: Outlines the goals, strategic objectives and strategies that will be employed to get us to where we want and need to be.

Chapter four: Elaborates on the implementation framework, describing how we can translate the strategies into actions.

Chapter five: Describes the Monitoring and Evaluation plan. Defining targets, key performance indicators and how to track progress. The chapter describes how we can measure our achievements and adjust our approach if needed.

ASOU will operationalize this strategic plan through annual work plans. An annual report of the key activities undertaken by the Executive Committee toward the actualization of the annual work plan will be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

The preparation of this plan was carried out in a participatory manner to ensure ownership and participation during the implementation plan.

## Chapter One: The ASOU organization

Vision

To achieve a healthy society through quality surgery.

Mission

To provide equitable surgical healthcare to Ugandans.

#### Core Values

- a) Professionalism
- b) Equity
- c) Accountability
- d) Innovativeness

## Objectives

- 1. To promote continuous professional education in the science and art of surgery throughout the country
- 2. To enhance research in all aspects of surgery in general and specific surgical issues affecting Uganda

- 3. To advise government, universities, medical institutions and professional bodies in general to help influence surgical training and practice in Uganda.
- 4. To hold periodic meetings of the members of the association and promote scientific collaboration and co-operation.
- 5. To foster and promote the interests and welfare of its members.
- 6. To promote, develop, and maintain networking with national and international professional bodies.
- 7. To identify and carry out community based projects aimed at improving the social and economic welfare of the poor particularly in rural area.
- 8. To mobilize and coordinate resources for executing income generating projects including fundraising, soliciting of funds, receiving contributions and donations.
- 9. Publish journal, magazines and brochures in relation to the work of the association.
- 10. To advocate, develop and maintain high ethical and professional standards among members.
- 11. To co-operate and network with other associations to facilitate the attainment of the objectives of the association.
- 12. To carry out and engage in any other activities which in the opinion of the members will directly or indirectly promote the objectives of the Association.

#### Chapter Two: Situation analysis

In 2007, Uganda adopted a National Vision Statement, "A Transformed Ugandan Society from a Peasant to a Modern and Prosperous Country within 30 years," upon which the Uganda Vision 2040 was developed. The National Development Plan (NDP) III 2020/21 – 2024/25 that stipulates the Country's medium term strategic direction, development priorities and implementation strategies is also built on this same vision. NDPIII aims at harnessing both government and private sector strengths in a mixed economy approach to grow Uganda's real economy through domestic production of goods and services of at least the basic necessities of livelihood; food, clothing, shelter, medicine, security, infrastructure, health, education and services.

To achieve the health-related I aims of the NDPIII, the Health Sector Development Plan was developed with a goal of accelerating movement toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with essential health and related services needed for promotion of a healthy and productive life.

In our strategic plan, we also speaks to the national agenda by as we put emphasis on achieving a healthy society through quality surgery.

The strategic plan also addresses major challenges that have ravaged our healthcare system. There has been recurrent industrial actions by health workers due to poor remuneration and poor working conditions. Other challenges include the high cost of surgeries that are paid for with out of pocket expenditures that often lead to bankruptcy of many families.

The lack of a social insurance scheme to cover for such surgeries remains a major issue that needs to be urgently addressed.

There is also the issue of affluent Ugandans who prefer to travel to Asia, Europe and America for surgical care that would otherwise be offered here in Uganda, sometime paid for by the government. In this plan, our efforts will be focused on advocating for building capacity of our hospitals to offer quality care here at home.

There are still few specializes surgeons in Uganda underscoring the need for education, training and mentorship. There are currently 250 fully qualified surgeons serving an estimated population of 46 million people. These surgeons are inequitably distributed within the various specialties'. The surgeons are unevenly distributed within the different regions of the country with majority of them in Kampala. A good number of Ugandan surgeons are also working in the diaspora

The institutions that are currently training surgeons in Uganda include, Makerere University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Gulu University, Uganda Martyrs University (UMU), Kampala International University (KIU), and the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA).

We are also positioned to harness emerging technology in surgery including laparoscopic, endoscopic and robotic surgeries, 3D printing and virtual reality.

The Association of surgeons of Uganda is an umbrella institution that brings together all surgeons in Uganda to foster excellence and ethical conduct in surgical practice.

The management of ASOU is vested in the Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The committee is composed of the President, Vice President, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Finance Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Ex-officious (the two immediate past presidents), and ten committee members to represent the different regions of Uganda, COSECSA and Surgery residents. The executive committee is accountable to the Annual General Assembly.

Since its establishment ASOU has achieved the following:

- 1. ASOU is a fully registered company under the Uganda Registration and Service Bureau (URSB).
- 2. ASOU has adopted a constitution
- 3. ASOU has an Annual General Assembly that meets periodically to elects an Executive Committee (EC) that oversee the day to day activities of the association
- 4. ASOU conducts a Scientific Conference, a registrar's symposium and a Kyalwazi Memorial Lecture annually.
- 5. ASOU has been holding surgical camps every year since 1997.

More recently, we have registered low subscription rates for our members that has been attributed to member apathy due to lack of benefits. We have also seen the establishment of a number of subspecialty associations which are autonomous.

The association also lacks an established secretariat. We have a single administrator and many activities depend on Council members who have full time jobs and multiple other engagements.

Table 1: SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
ASOU is a registered body with a guiding	Lack of funds to implement ASOU activities
constitution.	Lack of facilities to house ASOU secretariat
Existence of ASOU AGM and Executive which offers	Lack of staff working at the ASOU Secretariat
good and strong leadership	Lack of a National surgical and anesthesia policy
The good will of ASOU Members	and plan.
Existence of partnerships	Limited participation of members in ASOU activities
Participation of Members in ASOU activities	Limited systems for mentorship
including surgical camps and mentorship programs.	Lack of a communication strategy
Good accountability including audited books	Lack of a clear human resource policy
Scientific conferences, registrar's symposiums and	Need to reach out to more surgeons in all
Kyalwazi Memorial Lectures.	disciplines
Organization of successful camps	Need to have a rotating AGM
Ability to attract SHO's and Members of the	Poor communication
COSECSA training	Failure to publish ASOU journal
	Lack of a physical address and office space
	Membership programs need improvement

	Lack of information on members on their location
	and roles in the devolved units
Opportunities	Threats
Support from government, partners, civil society	High number of surgical professionals leaving the
and private sector	country
Improvements in Information, communication and	Limited access to resources
technology	Members default on payment of dues
Growing movement of global surgery	Membership is not enforceable
New and emerging innovations	Limited mandate to respond to key issues affecting
Social media	surgeons
Partnerships both locally and internationally	Sprouting subspecialty associations seeking to be
Growth in subspecialty groups	autonomous.
Increasing number of graduating surgeons	Dedication of members to competing organizations
	The gap between older and younger surgeons
	<ul> <li>Lack of stable source of income affecting financial stability</li> </ul>
	Lack of partnerships with commercial bodies
	Inadequate participation in regional, African and
	international for a.
	Lack of standardized training with poor regulation
	from UMDPC

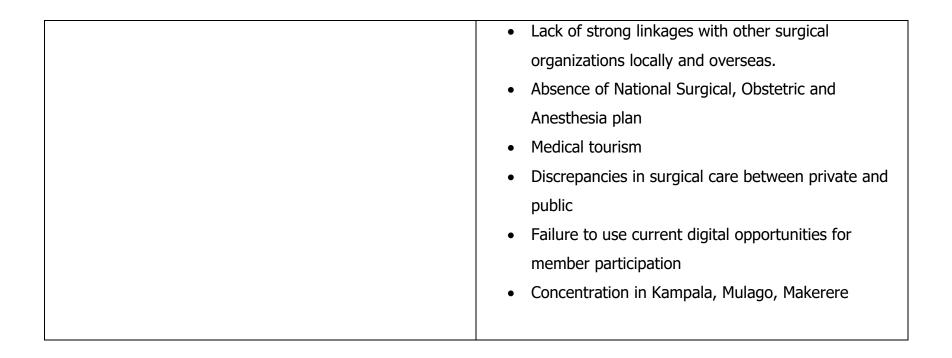


Table 2: Stakeholder analysis

No.	Stake holder	Stakeholder roles and responsibilities	
1.	ASOU AGM	1. Approving and enforcement of the relevant strategic and annual work plans.	
		2. Receive an annual report from the Executive committee.	
2.	Executive Committee	Spearhead implementation of the plan	
		2. Give oversight on the plan (Fundraising, co-ordination, administration)	

		3. Quality assurance			
		4. Promoting the plan			
3.	Government of Uganda	Enactment and enforcement of enabling laws, regulations and policies			
		which promote surgery in Uganda			
		2. Creating an enabling environment			
		3. Infrastructural support.			
4.	Ministry of Health	1. Liaison between various government organs to implement policy directives			
		2. Ensure compliance			
		3. Advise on implementation of the plan.			
		4. Licensing surgeons			
		5. Create public awareness			
		6. Supervision of surgical care			
		7. Provide financial support			
5.	Academic institutions	Offer appropriate training			
		2. Quality assurance			
		3. Promote and fund research in surgery			
6.	Public and Private	Offer employment opportunities			
	Healthcare facilities	2. Provide financial support for the program			
		3. Marketing the ASOU plan.			
7.	Affiliated Associations	Supervise adherence to code of conduct			
		2. Register members to the association			

		3. Marketing the ASOU plan
8.	ASOU Members	
9.	General Public	
10.	Private Sector	
11.	Civil society	
12.	International collaborating partners and institutions.	Provide funding     Provide technical support

# Chapter Three: Strategic goals, objectives and strategies

Table 3: Strategic goals, objectives and strategies

Strategic goal	Strategic Objective	Strategies	
1. Build institutional excellence and	1. Ensure adequate and sustainable	Develop and implement a	
financial stability	funding.	fundraising/ resource mobilization	
		strategy	
		2. Increase member subscription by	
		20% per year	
		3. Secure funds for buying ASOU	
		Land	
		4. Secure resources for construction	
		of ASOU house	
	2. Ensure good governance	Undertake a constitutional review	
	transparency and accountability.	so as to position ASOU as a	
		modern surgical association	

	2 Dayalan and implement a
	2. Develop and implement a
	communication strategy
	3. Establish the ASOU Secretariat.
	4. Establish ASOU regional offices
	5. Invest in Information technology
	and online platform for member
	subscription
	6. Conduct an annual financial audit
	of ASOU.
3. Engage in advocacy and policy	1. Participate in the development of
development	the national surgical, obstetric and
	anesthesia plan
	2. Participate in all relevant advocacy
	and policy making platforms.
4. Ensure gender equity	1. Advocate for an increase in the
	admission of female candidates
	to surgical disciplines.
5. Build research capacity within	Adopt an ASOU research
ASOU	agenda
	2. Establish an ASOU grants office

		3. Conduct a registrar's
		symposium per year
		4. Develop a pre-print server for
		members' publication and offer
		peer review services for those
		in need of them
		5. Rejuvenate the publication of
		the Journal of the Association
		of Surgeons of Uganda.
2. Identify and Conduct	1. Identify underserved communities	1. Select regions where annual camps
community based projects	and conducting outreach programs	are to be held over the next five
aimed at improving the socio-		years.
economic welfare of the poor		2. Establish partnerships with
		companies as a means of obtaining
		sponsorship for surgical camps.
3. Foster and promote the	1. Improve the socio-economic	Establish an ASOU Savings and
interests and welfare of ASOU	status of surgeons and protect	Investment club
members and stakeholders	them from catastrophic health	2. Establish and ASOU Medical
	expenditures	relief fund
		3. Establish a joint professional
		indemnity for ASOU members

Promote continuous     professional development in     the science and art of surgery     throughout the country	<ol> <li>Develop a CPD program for ASOU Members.</li> <li>Dialogue with the Uganda Medical and dental Practitioners Council to gain CPD Courses accreditation</li> </ol>
3. Promote surgical research and innovation by providing opportunities for relevant surgical research.	<ol> <li>Apply for scholarships and grants.</li> <li>Ensure quality presentations and publication from the research projects.</li> </ol>

#### Chapter Four: Implementation Framework

The strategic plan will be operationalized through annual work plans and will guide all decision making of the ASOU executive.

Emphasis will be placed on building the institutional capacity of ASOU to make it responsive to the changes in the world and to enable it fulfil its objectives.

The executive committee will be responsible for the implementation of this plan by ensuring that the necessary resources are mobilized, collaborations and partnerships are built and proper co-ordination and accountability are enforced.

It's upon ASOU to strengthen existing partnerships and collaborations including those with relevant government agencies, civil society organizations and international institutions.

The understanding, support and ownership of this plan by the AGM is fundamental and hence the ASOU executive will ensure that this plan is widely disseminated among members and stakeholders in order to increase awareness and ownership and hence enhance support and ability to implement it.

The executive will also ensure adequate participation of all members during the plans implementation and review.

The ASOU executive will also seek to co-ordinate the activities of different partners in the promotion of surgical health care in Uganda to avoid duplication and even conflict but also to ensure that panthers realize tangible outcomes for their contributions.

The plan will be majorly funded by the annual subscription of the ASOU Members and from donations from the government, civil society, private individuals and businesses, international partners, and from the Auction of ASOU branded merchandise.

To ensure financial stability which is key to sustainable growth and service provision, ASOU will endeavor to;

- 1. Establish a strong and focused leadership for resource mobilization.
- 2. Ensure an accountable management for effective and efficient resource management.
- 3. Put in place effective controls and quality checks to ensure transparency and proper accountability
- 4. Effective co-ordination and utilization of donations and other resources mobilized.
- 5. Fundraising from the private sector.
- 6. Writing grant applications and feasible and funding proposals.

#### Risk Analysis

Risk analysis is key to identifying and assessing critical success and inhibiting factors that may influence the achievement of the goals of the strategic plan.

The risks facing ASOU in achievement of its aims include;

- Budgetary constraints
- Commitment and Good will of ASOU Members.

Table 4: Log frame of the implementation strategy

Strategy	Target/activity	Performance	Output/Outcome	Timeline	Resources	Responsible
		indicators				stakeholder
1. Develop and	a) Select a team	Select	Resource	2022	HR	ASOU
implement a	to draft a	committee on	mobilization		Finance	Executive
fundraising/	fundraising	resource	strategy		Budget	
resource	and resource	mobilization in	developed		UGX 10m	
mobilization	mobilization	place				
strategy	strategy					
	b) Initiate a	Number of	Amount of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	resource	fundraising	resources		Finance	Executive
	mobilization	drives held	mobilized		Budget	Private sector
	campaign				UGX:20m	Civil society
	c) Develop and	Number of	Sales from	2022 -2027	HR	ASOU
	market	branded	institutional		Finance	Executive

			institutional	merchandise	branded		Budget	
			branded	developed	merchandise		UGX 50m	
			merchandise					
		d)	Engage the	Number of	Amount of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
			surgeons and	surgeons and	resources		Finance	Executive
			partners in the	partners in	mobilized from		Budget	
			diaspora	the diaspora	the diaspora		UGX 10m	
				approached				
				for resource				
				mobilization				
	_	e)	Write grants	Number of	Amount of	2022-2020	HR	ASOU
			and fundable	grants and	resources raised		Finance	Executive
			proposals	funding	from grants and		Budget	Academic
				proposals	proposals		UGX 20m	Institutions
				written	awarded			
f) Incre	ase	a)	Carry out an	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
mem	ber		awareness	regions visited	members		Finance	Executive
subso	cription by		campaign to	on the	subscribed to		Budget	
20%	per year		improve	campaign tour	ASOU		UGX: 10m	
			member					
			participation					

	b) Recruit	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	surgical	training	surgical residents		Finance	Executive
	residents as	institutions	subscribed to		Budget	
	associate	visited	ASOU		UGX: 10m	
	members					
	c) Introduce life	Number of	Number of ASOU	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	membership	individuals	life members		Finance	Executive
		approved for			Budget	
		life			UGX:5m	
		membership				
	d) Introduce	Number of	Number of ASOU	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	institutional	institutions	institutional		Finance	Executive
	membership	approved for	members		Budget	
	for affiliated	institutional			UGX 5m	
	institutions	membership				
g) Secure funds	a) Locate and	Number of	ASOU Land	2022	HR	ASOU
for buying	survey land	plots visited	located and		Finance	Executive
ASOU Land	appropriate for		surveyed		Budget	
	the ASOU				UGX: 50m	
	Headquarters.					

	b) Allocate	UGX 100m	UGX 500m paid	2022-2027	HR	Committee
	funding to	allocated for	for ASOU Land		Finance	on acquisition
	acquisition of	ASOU Land			Budget	of ASOU
	ASOU Land	per year			UGX: 500m	Land
h) Secure	Develop	Number of	Architectural plan	2022-2023	HR	ASOU
resources for	architectural plan	developers	for ASOU House		Finance	Executive
construction of	and artistic	engaged in	developed and		Budget	
ASOU house	impression for	the	approved		UGX: 100m	
	ASOU House	development				
		of ASOU				
		House				
		architectural				
		plan				
	Earmark funds for	UGX: 300m	UGX 1.5bn	2022-2027	HR	Committee
	the construction	allocated to	available for the		Finance	on the
	of the ASOU	the	construction of		Budget	construction
	House	construction	the ASOU House		UGX: 1.5bn	of the ASOU
		of the ASOU				House
		House				

Undertake a	a)	Select a	A constitution	Number of sittings	2022	HR	ASOU
constitutional		constitutional	review	made by the		Finance	Executive
review so as to		review	commission	commission per		Budget	
position ASOU		commission.	put in place	year		UGX: 10m	
as a modern	b)	Conduct	Number of	Number of reports	2022	HR	Constitutional
surgical		consultations	consultative	written		Finance	Review
association		on	meetings held			Budget	committee
		constitutional				UGX: 20m	
		reforms					
		among					
		members and					
		partners					
	c)	Draft a new	Number of	A final	2022	HR	Constitutional
		ASOU	drafts made	Constitution		Finance	Review
		Constitution		approved by the		Budget	Committee
				ASOU AGM		UGX 5m	URSB
Develop and	a)	Draft a	Number of	A final	2022	HR	ASOU
implement a		communication	drafts made	communication		Finance	Executive
communication		strategy		strategy approved		Budget	
strategy				by the AGM		UGX 5m	
	constitutional review so as to position ASOU as a modern surgical association  Develop and implement a communication	constitutional review so as to position ASOU as a modern surgical association  C)  Develop and implement a communication	constitutional review so as to position ASOU as a modern surgical association  association  b) Conduct consultations on constitutional reforms among members and partners  c) Draft a new ASOU Constitution  Develop and implement a communication strategy	constitutional review so as to position ASOU commission. put in place as a modern surgical association  b) Conduct consultations consultative meetings held constitutional reforms among members and partners  c) Draft a new ASOU drafts made  Develop and implement a communication strategy  commission put in place  Number of consultative meetings held  constitutional reforms  among members and drafts made	constitutional review so as to review commission per year as a modern surgical association  Surgical constitutional reforms among members and partners  C) Draft a new ASOU ASOU ASOU Constitution approved by the ASOU AGM  Develop and implement a communication as a to position ASOU review commission per year year  Constitutional put in place year  Number of commission per year  Number of consultative written  Number of meetings held written  Number of A final Constitution approved by the ASOU AGM  Number of A final communication drafts made communication strategy approved	constitutional review so as to position ASOU as a modern surgical association  Constitutional review commission commission per year  b) Conduct Number of consultative meetings held reforms among members and partners  c) Draft a new ASOU ASOU AGM  Develop and implement a communication solution in place year  constitutional review commission commission per year  Number of Number of consultative written  A final 2022  A final 2022  A final 2022  Communication strategy approved	constitutional review so as to review commission per year UGX: 10m as a modern surgical association  ASOU constitutional reforms among members and partners  C) Draft a new ASOU Constitution  Develop and implement a communication strategy  Constitutional review commission per year UGX: 10m  Number of Number of reports 2022 HR  Number of reports written Finance Budget Written  Finance ASOU AGM  Finance Communication strategy  Made by the commission per year  Number of Number of reports Private Priva

k)	Establish the	a)	Employ a Chief	Number of	Human Resource	2022	HR	ASOU
	ASOU		Executive	personnel	for the ASOU		Finance	Executive
	Secretariat.		Officer and	recruited to	Executive		Budget	
			administrative	run the day-	employed and		UGX: 10m	
			secretaries for	to-day	remunerated.			
			ASOU	activities of				
				ASOU				
		b)	Rent property	Properties	Location for the	2022-2025	HR	ASOU
			to house the	surveyed for	ASOU secretariat		Finance	Executive
			ASOU	the housing of	rented		Budget	
			Secretariat	the ASOU			UGX:100m	
				Secretariat				
I)	Establish	a)	Select regional	Number and	ASOU regional	2022-2023	HR	ASOU
	ASOU regional		committees to	constitution of	Committees		Finance	Executive
	offices		represent	ASOU	established		Budget	
			ASOU	Regional			UGX:10m	
				Committees				
				defined				
		b)	Identify offices	Number of	ASOU Offices	2022-2023	HR	ASOU
			for ASOU	regions with	established in all		Finance	Regional
					regions of Uganda		Budget	Committees

	Regional	established	including the		UGX: 100m	
	Offices	offices	diaspora			
m) Invest in	a) Upgrade ASOU	Number of	ASOU website	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
Information	website to	functions	supports online		Finance	Executive
technology	support online	supported by	registration and		Budget	
and online	registration	the ASOU	subscription		UGX: 50m	
platforms	and	Website				
	subscription					
	b) Introduce	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	online CPD	online CPD	surgeons		Finance	Executive
	training	courses for	attending online		Budget	
		surgeons	CPD courses		UGX: 50m	
n) Conduct an	a) Put in place	Number of	Audited financial	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
annual	financial	financial	statements		Finance	Executive
financial audit	controls and	controls and			Budget	
of ASOU.	quality checks	quality checks			UGX: 50m	
		in place				
	b) Adherence to	Number of	Annual financial	2022-2027	HR	Auditors
	international	audit queries	reports		Finance	
	financing				Budget	

		reporting	raised by the			UGX: 50m	
		standards	auditors				
0)	Participate in	a) Engage in	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	all relevant	global surgery	partnerships	projects		Finance	Executive
	advocacy and	activities	and	conducted jointly		Budget	International
	policy making		collaborations	with global		UGX: 10m	partners
	platforms.		with global	surgery partners			
			surgery	within and			
			network	without Uganda			
		b) Harmonize	List of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
		procedure fees	procedures	Insurance		Finance	Executive
		for surgeons in	and	companies and		Budget	
		Uganda	harmonized	surgeons using		UGX:30m	
			cost	the billing			
			developed	schedule			

c)	Participate in	Number of	NSOAP developed	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	the	consultative	and implemented		Finance	Executive
	development	meetings			Budget	МоН
	of the national	attended on			UGX: 100m	Government
	surgical,	the				of Uganda
	obstetric and	development				
	anesthesia	of the NSOAP				
	plan					
d)	Advocate for	Number of	Number of female	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	an increase in	female	surgeons		Finance	Executive
	female	candidates	graduating per		Budget	
	surgeons in	supported to	year		UGX:500m	
	Uganda.	study surgical				
		displines				
e)	Advocate for a	Number and	Amount of money	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	reduction in	outcomes of	saved by		Finance	Executive
	the rate of	complex	conducting		Budget	МоН
	medical	surgical	surgeries here in		UGX: 500m	Gorvernment
	tourism	procedure	Uganda			of Uganda
		performed in				
		Uganda				

o) Develop	a)	Adopt an	Research	Number of ASOU	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
research Capacity		ASOU research	agenda	researches		Finance	Executive
for ASOU		agenda	adopted	conducted per		Budget	
				year		UGX: 100m	
	b)	Establish an	ASOU grants	Number of grants	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
		ASOU grants	office	handled by the		Finance	Executive
		office	established	ASOU Research		Budget	
				office		UGX:100m	
	c)	Conduct	Number of	At least one	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
		scientific	scientific	scientific		Finance	Executive
		conferences	conferences	conference and		Budget	Academic
		registrar's	and registrars	one registrars'		UGX:50m	Institutions
		symposiums	symposiums	symposium			
			conducted	conducted per			
				year.			

	d) Develop a pre-	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	print server for	publications	publications on		Finance	Exeecutive
	members'	posted on the	the ASOU pre-		Budget	
	publication	ASOU pre-	print server that		UGX 50m	
	and offer peer	print server	get published in			
	review		peer reviewed			
	services for		journals			
	those in need					
	of them					
	e) Rejuvenate the	Number of	Number of articles	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	publication of	articles	in the ASOU		Finance	Executive
	the Journal of	submitted to	Journal that are		Budget	
	the Association	the ASOU	cited in other		UGX:300m	
	of Surgeons of	Journal for	papers (impact			
	Uganda.	publication	factor)			
p) Design and	Conduct surgical	One surgical	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
conduct	camps	camp	patients treated		Finance	Executive
community		conducted per	during the		Budget	МоН
support		year	surgical camp		UGX: 500m	
programs	Coordinate	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	МоН
	surgical camps for	surgical	patients treated		Finance	

	other professional	camps	during surgical		Budget	ASOU
	bodies and	conducted in	camps in Uganda		UGX: 50m	Executive
	international	Uganda per	per year			
	partners	year				
q) Cater for the	Establish an ASOU	ASOU Savings	Amount of money	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
welfare of	Savings and	and	saved in the		Finance	Finance
ASOU	Investment club	investment	investment club		Budget	Committee
members		club				
		established				
	Establish and	ASOU Medical	Number of ASOU	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	ASOU Medical	Relief fund	Members		Finance	Finance
	relief fund	established	benefiting from		Budget	Committee
			the medical relief		UGX: 500m	
			fund			
	Establish an ASOU	ASOU	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	Bereavement fund	Bereavement	members		Finance	Finance
		fund	benefiting from		Budget	Committee
		established	the ASOU		UGX: 100m	
			Bereavement fund			

	Establish a joint	Joint	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	professional	professional	members		Finance	Finance
	indemnity for	indemnity	benefiting from		Budget	Committee
	ASOU members	negotiated	professional		UGX: 500m	
			indemnity			
r) Cater for the	Conduct online	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
professional	and physical CPD	CPD courses	surgeons		Finance	Executive
development	courses	conducted by	attending CPD		Budget	UMDPC
of ASOU		ASOU	sessions		UGX: 100m	UMA
Members	Increase the	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	number of	memorial	Surgeons		Finance	Executive
	memorial lectures	lectures	attending		Budget	Academic
	for prominent	conducted by	memorial lectures		UGX:100m	Institutions
	surgeons	ASOU per				
	conducted per	year				
	year					
	Dialogue with the	Number of	Number of	2022-2027	HR	ASOU
	Uganda Medical	CPD courses	surgeons		Finance	Executive
	and dental	accredited by	attending UMDPC		Budget	UMDPC
	Practitioners	UMDPC	accredited		UGX: 100m	
	Council to gain		courses			

CPD Courses		
accreditation		

#### Chapter Five: Monitoring and evaluation framework

The purpose of the Monitoring and Evaluation framework is to provide a mechanism for measuring and systematically tracking the activities laid out in the plan to determine if they are implemented as planned. This involves continuously collecting and analyzing data on the activities being implemented. It is also important in tracing the achievement of the target output, the set objectives and the goals of the plan.

The implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework is invested in the AGM, Executive committee and other stakeholders and hence all executive committee members will be trained on both the strategic plan and the M&E framework.

Monitoring will be done on an annual basis while evaluation will be done at mid-term (end to the third year of the implementation of the plan) and at the end of the strategic plan period.

Reporting to the ASOU AGM on the progress of the implementation of the strategic plan will be done annually.

Table 5: Monitoring and evaluation framework for implementation of the ASOU strategic plan

Strategies	Target/activities	Performance measure /	Time frame	Responsible person	Implementation progress		Remarks on implementation	Planned action
		output	mame	person	Previous	Current	status	detion