

**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA  
IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF UGANDA AT KAMPALA  
CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. 029 OF 2017**

- 1. INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS (ISER)**
- 2. UGANDA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (UNAD)**
- 3. WASWA RONALD**
- 4. NAMUSISI JOSEPHINE:.....PETITIONERS**

**VERSUS**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:.....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON. MR. JUSTICE FREDRICK EGONDA-NTENDE, JCC  
HON. LADY JUSTICE ELIZABETH MUSOKE, JCC  
HON. MR. JUSTICE CHRISTOPHER MADRAMA, JCC  
HON. LADY JUSTICE MONICA K. MUGENYI, JCC  
HON. MR. JUSTICE CHRISTOPHER GASHIRABAKE, JCC**

**JUDGMENT OF ELIZABETH MUSOKE, JCC**

The petitioners filed this Petition under **Article 137 (1), (3) (b) and 4** of the **1995 Constitution** and under **Rule 3 and 4** of the **Constitutional Court (Petitions and References) Rules, 2005**. The petition concerns the alleged failure of Government to make available enough sign language interpreters at public health facilities and the failure of Government to compel private health facilities to provide enough sign language interpreters, in order to ensure effective provision of health services to persons with hearing disabilities. The petitioners contend that the mentioned omissions are in contravention and/or inconsistent with various provisions of the 1995 Constitution.

**Background**

Persons with disabilities, and specifically those with hearing disabilities with which this Petition is concerned, face various challenges to accessing social