

OXFAM IN UGANDA



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OXFAM AND PARTNERS MEET IN KAMPALA FOR THE ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM



Oxfam in Uganda continues to strengthen its transformative partnership commitments. At the tail end of July, Oxfam invited its partners for its bi-annual Program review and staff meeting in Kampala.

This meeting served as an opportunity to reflect on power dynamics in order to promote transparent, effective and accountable partnership.

Francis Shanty Odokorach, Oxfam's Country Director commended partners and staff for their continued commitment to advancing social justice and sustainable development in Uganda.

"Today is not just another meeting in our calendar. It is a celebration of partnership, a reflection on our collective journey, and an opportunity to shape our shared future." He said.

The meeting also gave Oxfam an opportunity to disseminate Humanitarian Development and Peace Nexus partner capacity assessment findings conducted in May 2026.

The assessment involved 20 partners, including NGOs, CBOs, refugee-led organisations, and other local actors, building on the findings of the 2024 Nexus study.

The assessment highlighted most of the partners have a clear understanding of the Nexus programming. However, there are challenges with uniform understanding of the application in programming.

The participants emphasise the need for capacity strengthening for partners to adapt and implement HDP nexus programming.

The findings provided a clear basis for prioritising future capacity-strengthening efforts, with a focus on enhancing partners' ability to design and implement integrated HDP interventions, strengthen preparedness and response systems, and promote more inclusive and sustainable programming.

The findings also indicated that partners generally have strong organizational foundations, particularly in governance and leadership, financial management, reporting systems, participatory approaches, and community engagement.

Participants were able to identify priority actions to address capacity gaps, enhance mutual accountability, and strengthen collaboration between Oxfam and partner organisations as a way of supporting more coordinated, inclusive, and sustainable programming that responds to immediate humanitarian needs while contributing to long-term development and peacebuilding outcomes.

Recognising the existing challenges and complex realities facing Uganda and the region, including economic pressures on households and climate-related shocks and recurring disasters which have continued to lead to humanitarian challenges and displacement, Odokorach called for deeper collaboration. "The challenges before us are becoming more interconnected and complex. Yet they also remind us why partnership matters more today than ever before." He said.

The review provided an opportunity for Oxfam to assess progress, reflect on achievements and challenges, and ensure that programmes remain relevant, effective, and accountable to the communities it serves.

FROM SURVIVAL TO ENTERPRISE: HOW CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE CHANGED GEOFFREY KYOMBE'S LIFE



At 65 years old, Geoffrey Kyombe, a smallholder farmer from Cana Village in Paidha Sub-county, Zombo District, relied on traditional farming practices that were becoming increasingly unreliable due to climate change. He converted a 20-by-30-metre plot into a commercial horticulture garden after training on climate smart agriculture. From his first tomato harvest alone, he earned nearly UGX 1,000,000, compared to less than UGX 500,000 from previous harvests.

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PARTICIPATION IN UTILIZATION OF EARLY WARNING INFORMATION SYSTEMS



In July, Warrior Squad Foundation (WSF), in partnership with OXFAM and the Kotido Local Government Production Department, concluded a three-day training on the utilisation of Early Warning Information Systems (EWIS) in Kotido.

The training was meant to strengthen farmers' ability to use weather forecasts and early warning information effectively. The KAREP Project had previously identified knowledge gaps regarding how communities in Kotido and across Karamoja use forecasts from the Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA).

To bridge this gap, the training brought together Agro-Pastoral Farmer Field School facilitators and project staff.

It focused on understanding and interpreting weather forecasts, recognising the importance of trends and forewarnings and integrating traditional and scientific indicators to guide farmers to make informed decisions for timely action and response

The sessions facilitated were led by Okuda Robert Kennedy, the Kotido District Agricultural Officer and the Oxfam's Climate Justice Coordinator, Jackson Muhindo.

This training sought to enhance farmers' resilience, enabling them to adapt to changing weather conditions and safeguard livelihoods across Karamoja.

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OXFAM AND PARTNERS ORIENT PARLIAMENTARIANS ON LAND GOVERNANCE



In July, two months since the swearing-in of members of the 12th Parliament, Oxfam and partners; ESAFF and PELUM joined the Uganda Parliamentarians Land Management Forum for the orientation of Members of Parliament (MPs) on Land Governance.

Organised under the theme *"Strengthening Land Governance for Inclusive Development, Tenure Security and Sustainable Land Use in Uganda,"* the meeting was attended by members of the National Land Coalition, MPs, and other key civil society actors at the Parliament of Uganda.

Participants discussed emerging land governance issues and the role of Parliament in promoting equitable, transparent and sustainable land management.

In his opening remarks, Francis Shanty Odokorach, the Oxfam Country Director, commended government efforts in land governance and called on legislators to put ordinary citizens at the forefront of the sector and make laws and policies that are for the people.

Speaking as chief guest, Hon. Judith Nabakooba, Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD) made a rallying call to legislators to support legislative proposals on land governance and to back institutions working in the sector.

Hon. Nabakooba highlighted significant progress in Uganda's land reforms, including the digitisation of the National Land Registry. MoLHUD has further established 22 Zonal Offices to decentralise land services that have improved public access to land registration, title processing, and mortgage services across the country.

She noted that land registration coverage has increased from 18% in 2013 to 30.12%. However, she acknowledged that most customary land remains undocumented, leaving many Ugandans vulnerable to land grabbing.

To address this, Nabakooba urged MPs to support legislative reforms, address institutional gaps and improve land administration.

She also stressed the importance of early land planning to curb inheritance-related disputes, describing land as a "foundation of inclusive development."

Naomi Kabanda, a keynote speaker, and a former Commissioner for Land Administration at MoLHUD noted that Uganda is at a critical demographic and economic turning point.

With a rapid rise in population from 45.9 million and projected to be 62 million in four years, she warned that there will be pressure on land, employment, and public services.

She made a rallying call to MPs to fast-track the review of outdated land laws, lobby for increased budget allocation and support alternative dispute resolution systems as a way of reducing land conflict cases.

The meeting also featured plenary sessions enabling stakeholders to understand land governance and policy frameworks, as well as share knowledge on land tenure systems and registration, drawing on CSOs' experience and work across the country.

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