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# EMPOWERING SMALLHOLDER COFFEE AND HORTICULTURE FARMERS TO DEMAND FOR INCLUSIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT



*The Fair for All Project monitoring team at the coffee milling area in Erussi Subcounty, Nebbi District. [Oxfam | 2022]*

Power of Voices Partnerships- FAIR For ALL (PVP- F4A) project partners hosted the PVP- F4A project mission to Uganda. In this visit, partners shared updates on their work as well as their support needs.

They also reflected on the effectiveness of the PVP- F4A project interventions in influencing fiscal reforms that enable Government to promote inclusive and sustainable development. Partners and the mission team, which included representatives from the Dutch Embassy in Uganda and Oxfam Novib, also visited farms and plantations in West Nile to understand farmers' experiences and challenges.

During the visit, Resident District Commissioner (RDC) for Nebbi District, Mr. Omara Christopher recommended interventions on smart agriculture such as irrigation and further linkages to bigger markets for the horticulture and coffee farmers. He also urged farmers to document their annual produce, in order to make it easier for the district officials to lobby for a coffee factory for Nebbi district.

The Power of Voices Partnerships- FAIR For ALL project's objective is a strengthened Civil Society which is capable of creating space and mobilizing people across geographies to demand and contribute to more inclusive and sustainable trade and value-chains that respect

human rights, protect the environment and promote women's economic empowerment.

This implies rebalancing developing countries' reliance on dominant primary-commodity value chains, reforming tax and trade regimes and increasing investment/national budget allocations in local and national value chains that benefit small-scale farmers; in particular women and their communities.

Project partners in Uganda include Oxfam, Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group, Agency for community Empowerment, Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute, East and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum, and Uganda Agribusiness Alliance.

The partners join efforts to demand for transparent, accountable, and progressive fiscal, trade and value-chain regulations, and further empower citizens, youth, and small holder farmers to have oversight and voice over fiscal issues hence influencing the government to increase political will for inclusive and transformative development.

The project works on both resilient livelihoods (coffee and horticulture value chains) and governance and accountability (on budget, tax, and accountability) among small holder community farmers in Nebbi, Zombo and Arua districts.



PROMOTING GREEN INCLUSIVE BEEKEEPING FOR WEALTH AND HEALTH  
PROTECTION



**Dr. Juliet Ssentumbwe (C), Assistant Commissioner at the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries, and Fisheries (MAAIF) hands over a certificate of appreciation to Oxfam in Uganda, which was represented by Hope Agwang (R), a Project Manager at The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization (TUNADO). [Photo by TUNADO]**

The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organisation (TUNADO), with support from Oxfam in Uganda hosted the 2022 National Honey week in Kampala where bee keepers, majority of whom are women and youth, showcased their bee products.

The annual event took place from 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 under the theme; ‘Promoting green inclusive beekeeping for wealth and health protection.’

Over 150 participants showcased and sold their bee products and exhibited new innovation and technology in beekeeping. The participants also showcased new strides the sector was taking with new products such as lip balm, lotion, honey-wine, and candles.

Hon. Victoria Ssekitoleko, former Minister of Agriculture in Ugandan expressed her gratitude towards the apiculture sector’s effort in value addition.

She also encouraged the exhibitors to continuously engage young people in apiculture and also boost their production through the use of advanced equipment and the introduction of new bee products.

The award for the ‘Best Exhibitor ‘went to Bee House LTD, a team that showcased a variety of bee products with top-notch customer care and high-level honey processing equipment.

## OXFAM TRAINS PARTNERS AND STAFF ON FEMINIST PRINCIPLES



*Participants during the training on feminist principles for Oxfam staff and partners in Kyaka II, Rwamwanja, and Nakivale refugee settlements. [Oxfam | 2022]*

The Gender Justice and Women’s Rights team at Oxfam in Uganda undertook a capacity strengthening training on feminism for 40 staff and partners from Kyaka II, Rwamwanja and Nakivale refugee settlements. As amplified in it’s 10-year [Country Strategy Framework](#), Oxfam adopts the Feminist Principles in its programming hence the importance of providing safe space for staff and partners to learn and interrogate each on the organization’s feminist principles and values.

During the training, participants shared conversations on culture vis-à-vis the human rights of women and girls and sought ways of upholding the rights of all without discrimination. They also appreciated the power dynamics and approaches towards sharing and demystifying power.

“The involvement of men in doing domestic activities, and support of Village Health Teams (VHTs) in engaging the

community is key as we drive towards a feminist era,” said Alfred Odokonyero, a Public Health Engineering Officer at Oxfam in Uganda. Alfred urged participants to put the training into practice and requested for more trainings in other aspects.

The Gender Advisor at Oxfam, Jane Ocaya-Irama called for the need for stringent laws, improved community awareness, male involvement, and messages that aim at empowering women. She also called for the need for capacity strengthening on feminism and soft skill training in the community.

Oxfam and partners are promoting transformative leadership by empowering women to take up leadership positions within the private and public spheres. Women are represented at Village Water Committees, Village Health Teams (VHTs), and in making decisions at house hold levels for improved livelihoods.



# NEXT STEPS AFTER THE LAUNCH OF THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN



*Namale Rehema Aryema points at her house which was destroyed by the flooding of River Nyamwamba in Kasese district. [Oxfam | 2022]*

Oxfam attended the launch of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Plan at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) to generate commitment from donors and the government towards financing the commitments in the DRM plan.

During the discussions, the Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development committed to provide financial resources for the implementation of the DRM plan. The World Bank also committed to support and mainstream crisis management and preparedness in Uganda

While speaking at the launch, Hon. Esther Anyakun Minister of State for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees committed to engage

Parliament in their oversight and allocation role to implementation of the DRM plan and to also monitor and evaluate implementation of the DRM plan including its integration into Government Plans such as NDPIII and Parish Development Model.

She further pledged to follow up on commitments made during the Donor Conference to ensure they are realised and that they address budget shortfalls. Hon. Esther concluded that “an oversight committee will be put in place to guide implementation of the DRM plan through the Inter-ministerial and technical Disaster Management Commitments.

## OXFAM IN THE NEWS

1. [One person dying of hunger every four seconds worldwide- NGOs](#): Daily Monitor 20th September 2022
2. [Ruto vows tax overhaul to lower Kenya's inequality](#): Daily Monitor 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022



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