
THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL ACTORS IN UGANDA'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

A JOURNEY



ACRONYMS

ADINGON	–	Arua District NGO Network
AHEDI	–	Action for Human-rights and Education Initiative
AIDS	–	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AWYAD	–	African Women and Youth Action for Development
C4C	–	Charter for Change
C4C WG	–	Charter for Change Working Group.
CECI	–	Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation
CEO	–	Chief Executive Officer
CHS	–	Core Humanitarian Standards
CRETA	–	Community Responsibility in Enhancing Transparency
CRRF	–	Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework
CSBAG	–	Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group
CSO	–	Civil Society Organization
CTP	–	Cash Transfer Programming
CVA	–	Cash and Voucher Assistance
DDMC	–	District Disaster Management Committee
DGF	–	Democratic Governance Facility
DRC	–	Democratic Republic of Congo
DR-DIP	–	Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project
DRR	–	Disaster Risk Reduction
DRT	–	Development Research and Training
ECDs	–	Early Childhood Development
ECHO	–	European Commission Humanitarian Aid
ED	–	Executive Director
EFSVL	–	Emergency Food Security and Vulnerable Livelihoods
ELNHA	–	Empowering Local and National Humanitarian Actors
EUTF	–	European Union Trust Fund
FAO	–	The Food and Agriculture Organization
FMNR	–	Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration
GALS	–	Gender Action Learning
GAPs	–	Good Agricultural Practices
GBV	–	Gender Based Violence
GiZ	–	German International Corporation
HAF	–	Humanitarian Action Fund
HCDF	–	Humanitarian Capacity Development Fund
HECA	–	Horn East and Central Africa
HIV	–	Human Immunol Virus
HPL	–	National Humanitarian Platform;
HRGF	–	Humanitarian response Grant Facility
HuCoCa	–	Humanitarian Country Capacity Assessment
IASC	–	Inter Agency Standing Committee
ICAN-SS	–	I Can South Sudan
ICT	–	Information and Communications Technologies
IDP	–	Internally Displaced Person
IEC	–	Information, Education and Communication
IFSP	–	Individualized Family Service Plan

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IGA	– Income Generating Activity
IOM	– International Organization for Migration
IRRI	– International refugee Rights Initiative
JAP	– Joint Action Planning
KALNHA	– Karamoja Alliance of Local and National Humanitarian Actors;
KDLG	– Karamoja District Local Government
LNHA	– Local or National Humanitarian Actor
LNNGO	– Local or National Nong Government Organization
M&E	– Monitoring and evaluation
MADA	– Manna Development Agency
MIT	– Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MoU	– Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	– Non- Government Organization
NK -PAP	– Northern Karamoja Poverty Alleviation Program
NUSAF	– Northern Uganda Social Action Fund
NUWOSO	– Northern Uganda Widows and Orphans Support
OPM	– Office of the Prime Minister
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OVC	– Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PALNHA	– Platform for Acholi Local and National Humanitarian Actors;
PGD	– Post Graduate Degree
PTA	– Parent Teacher Association
PWDs	– Persons With Disability/ies
RLO	– Refugee Led Organization
RTR	– Real Time Review
S/C	– Sub - County
SGBV	– Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SMCs	– School Management Committees
STDs	– Sexually Transmitted Diseases
SWHP	– South West Humanitarian Platform;
TB	– Tuberculosis
UN CERF	– United Nations Central Emergency Response
UNHCR	– United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNNGOF	– Uganda National NGO Forum
URCS	– Uganda Red Cross
URDMC	– Uganda Refugee and Disaster Management Council
UWONET	– Uganda Women's Network
VEDCO	– Volunteers Effort for Development Concern
VHTs	– Village Health Teams
VSLA	– Village Savings and Loan Scheme
WASH	– Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WLO	– Women Led Organization
WN	– West Nile
WNHP	– West Nile Humanitarian Platform
WOF	– Women Own Forum
YSAT	– Youth Social Advocacy Team

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This book has been birthed based on the questions that the ELNHA project encountered countless times in our quest to promote localization in Uganda. Many stakeholders, government and international organizations working in the Uganda humanitarian response often ask who these local actors are, where they are working, and their capabilities. As we reached the close of the ELNHA project, the need was clear to have a record and literature on local actors that would provide information to interested stakeholders on the local actors in Uganda's humanitarian response.

This book is only the beginning and captures a few local and national actors. I hope that it sets a foundation for others to add to the body of knowledge in the future by capturing and showcasing new and emerging local actors, their work and potential. The book showcases the breadth and range of actors working in Uganda's humanitarian response, from refugee-led organizations to women-led organizations.

Some local actors such as AWYAD and CAFOMI have soared beyond national influence and provide global representation for local actors on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee – result Group 3; Grand Bargain Localization workstream and the Network for Empowered Aid Response, respectively.

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Empowering Local and National Humanitarian Actors (ELNHA)

INTRODUCTION:

The current humanitarian system has saved countless lives over the past 50 years. However, it is now overstretched and underfunded; unable to meet rising needs of crisis affected countries and providing assistance that is often insufficient, inappropriate and late. There is growing support for a shift of power and resources to local and national humanitarian actors. Local and national actors are the first responders when crisis hits and know the local context better than internationals, and yet receive a tiny fraction of international aid.

The Empowering Local and National Humanitarian Actors (ELNHA) was a five-year project that has been coordinated by Oxfam and funded by the Ikea Foundation with a total budget of €11,431,963 (€4,810,936 for Uganda). The project was implemented in Uganda and Bangladesh, where there is a significant refugee population and recurring natural disasters. In Uganda, the project was implemented in six

districts of northern Uganda, that is, Karamoja region - Kaboong and Kotido districts; West Nile region - Arua and Koboko districts; Acholi region - Agago and Lamwo districts; and at national level.

The programme proposed an alternative approach to humanitarian action, based on more equitable, collaborative partnerships between international and local responders, so that people affected by crisis are better served.

The project run on the principle of putting Local and National Humanitarian Actors in the driver's seat to define their agenda and strategies, and influence international humanitarian actors for their support.

Over 60 Local and national humanitarian actors (LNHAs) including Government institutions, Civil Society Organisations, media and private sector were engaged and supported to;

- design, deliver and lead in humanitarian preparedness and response in Uganda (STRENGTH)
- to influence the humanitarian agenda in Uganda (VOICE)
- push large international humanitarian donors and international NGOs, including Oxfam, to tailor their policies, strategies and systems in support of local/national humanitarian actor's leadership (SPACE)

This was done through tailored funding mechanisms, specifically availed to local actors.

- **Humanitarian Capacity Development Fund - HCDF (2016- 19);** The Capacity Development Fund was implemented in the first 3 years of the project to support the capacity strengthening of local actors. This was based on the joint action plan's (JAP) developed by local and national humanitarian actors themselves.
- **Humanitarian Response Grant Facility – HRGF (2016 – 21);** This was made accessible in the event of humanitarian emergency. Local NGOs in the ELNHA program network would apply to the HRGF to implement a self-designed response program for their affected area.

- **Humanitarian Action Fund – HAF (2020 – 21);** a model that funded longer term activities that local actors identified as key to improve the local capacity to prepare and respond to humanitarian emergencies. These activities ranged from organizational capacity strengthening in finance or procurement or identifying solutions to address system-wide issues.

In its five years of implementation, ELNHA has become a global flagship project promoting localization and humanitarian sector change. The ELNHA project intended to support the transition of communities and local aid actors away from subordination to the international humanitarian system, by strengthening local capacity in preparedness and response, collaboration between humanitarian actors, and local actors' contributing to humanitarian decision making spaces.

The central findings from ELNHA evaluations to date have shown that the system is changing and that the ELNHA, in its areas of operation, is a crucial contributor to that change by demonstrating how donors can provide funding differently, how capacity strengthening is a two-way process of growth, and how local actors can better access decision making spaces.

ELNHA TIMELINE



2016

- **January:** RTR Lite Exercise on the first response.
- **July:** Humanitarian Country Capacity Assessment (HuCoCa).
- **September:** Empowering Local & National Humanitarian Actors (ELNHA) project launch for Uganda, Bangladesh and Global- in Kenya, Nairobi.
- **October:** Mapping of Local actors and Identification of support partners through a competitive bidding process.
- Development of HCDF guidelines.
- Identification of National level partners (Contractors) DRT, CSBAG and URCS.
- **November:** Joint Action Plans (JAP) at district level.

Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees at the Empowering Local and National Humanitarian Actors Project launch.

- **December:** VEDCO & AYWAD advocated for the establishment of settlement in Lamwo and worked with OPM & UNHCR to establish a settlement in Palabek.
- **December:** ELNHA through the Humanitarian Response Grant Facility (HRGF) funded 5 responses in 4 districts.(Kaabong, Arua, Yumbe, Koboko).
- **December:** *New largescale influx of refugees from South Sudan.*

ELNHA TIMELINE



2017

- **HCDF** funding to the support partners.
- **HRGF** call for proposals put out and grants given to consortia.
- **7th June:** National reflection workshop by UNNGOF on the role of LNHA's – Gulu communique 7th June.
- **7th June:** The National Humanitarian Platform is born.
- **21st June:** Solidarity Summit in Kampala; 10 Local actors participated in NGO side event.
- **Lamwo local government secured funds from UNHCR** to finance its contingency plan for an amount of UGX 1,6 billion.

Staff of CEFORD visit a model home in Ariwa village, Rhino camp settlement.

- **October:** Mid-Term Review of the ELNHA project.
- **September:** Comprehensive Refugee response framework (CRRF) Steering Group co-opted LNHA representative.

ELNHA TIMELINE



2018

- **Karamoja Local and National Humanitarian Alliance (KALNHA)** is born.
- **West Nile Humanitarian Platform (WNHP)** is launched.
- **ELNHA** presented HCDF model to UNHCR to inform the “twinning program” for capacity development.
- **Platform for Acholi Local and National Humanitarian actors (PALNHA's)** is born.
- **March:** Oxfam publishes “Money Talks”
- **April:** INGO Forum publishes joint position on “Localization”

Oxfam together with the CRRF secretariat hold the first ever dialogue on financing Uganda's humanitarian response through localization.

- **July:** CRRF and ELNHA – Uganda Humanitarian Financing Dialogue

ELNHA TIMELINE



2019

- **January:** Uganda Refugee Disaster Management Council (URDMC), received direct funding from UNHCR, to manage reception centers in Adjumani and Lamwo.
- **September:** Kotido 4 Disaster Management Committees formed. (Central, West, South, North and main council).
- **October:** Humanitarian Action Fund (HAF) to support the regional platform functions.
- **November:** Charter for change (C4C) working group set up for INGOs and LNNGOs to engage on issues affecting the humanitarian sector.

Oxfam together with the CRRF secretariat launch a report into the funding flows to LNNGO's titled Money Talks 2.

- **December:** CRRF roundtable on humanitarian financing and publishes "Money Talks 2"

ELNHA TIMELINE



2020

- **April:** Humanitarian Response Grant facility call for proposal.
- **May:** LNNGOs join the national cash working group in Uganda for the first time . (CARITAS, MADA, AHEDI, NUWOSO & VISION FOR HUMANITY).
- **May:** ELNHA through HRGF provided funding to refugee-led organizations (CECI, YSAT, ICAN-SS) in consortium to deliver Covid-19 response in Rhino Camp and Bidi bidi Refugee Settlements.
- **June:** URDMC becomes first local actor in West Nile to lead and coordinate an emergency response for the institutional quarantine center in Zombo district, for refugees arriving from DRC.

Participants of the Charter for Change working group in Uganda at the annual member's forum pose for a photograph.

2021

- **February:** AWYAD Executive Director appointed to the Inter Agency Standing Committee Advocacy global workstream.
- **March :** C4C working group conducts regional popularization meetings in Karamoja and West Nile.
- **14th January:** *Uganda presidential elections.*

CONCLUSION

Through the ELNHA project model, Oxfam ensured a shift from sub-contracting relationships with local actors where the INGO/Donor maintains a high degree of control to a progressive increase in decision making power to LNHAs. Additionally, more mutuality in the relationship was well integrated in ELNHA practices which led to good success. Capacity strengthening took on a more collaborative and trusting approach ; to mobilize resources and support, accompany and enhance necessary technical and advocacy skills of, and as defined by, local and national actors. It is recommended hence by ELNHA that humanitarian actors, whether local or international, should develop partnership mechanisms that support capacity strengthening in the long term. LNHAs should integrate the humanitarian mandate and principles within their mission and institutional plans. They should strengthen their leadership skills, financial autonomy, and capacity to scale up their operations, as well as promote a culture of accountability and transparency which contributed to the biggest successes of ELNHA.

ELNHA model can be scaled. The voice, strength and space of local actors when embraced by all can bring about change in the humanitarian cycle. Capacity strengthening of LNHAs is possible most especially when it is combined with the views of local actors. ELNHA embraced a 360 degrees capacity strengthening through a collaborative approach, ensuring that systems, policies, and staff were highly anchored in the principles as guided by the C4C commitments. Through regular learnings, exposure, provision of letters of recommendation and recognition of the work of LNHAs across the humanitarian ecosystem, the role of local actors was made visible. Oxfam highly invested in peer

support and real time reviews to improve transparency and equality. The access to funds for LNHAs enabled them to make decisions independent of Oxfam.

Investing in strengthening the capacities of refugee led organizations made collaborations on any response more realistic. The highly desired face of women leaders during crisis was critical during implementation and women led organizations played a critical role in ensuring ELNHA was successful. Covid-19 lockdown measures left workers unable to reach the settlements in Uganda, working with various LNHAs including refugee led organizations living in the same settlements maximized the resource envelop that had already dwindled following the reduction of food rations to refugees. Making resources available to RLOs to respond, recover and build back put vulnerable and affected communities back on a trajectory of gaining control of their economic and social livelihoods.

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ACTORS PROFILES



ARUA DISTRICT NGO NETWORK (ADINGON)

WHO WE ARE

Arua District NGO Network (ADINGON) was formed in 1997 as an umbrella organization for Non-Government Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations working in then Arua District, which has since been broken into Yumbe, Koboko, Maracha, Madi Okollo, Terego, the city and the residual Arua.

Arua District NGO Network has worked with several partners, including Oxfam, DGF, Inspectorate of Government, Uganda National NGO Forum, Arua District Local Government and DENIVA.

Our focus areas are Governance, Environment, Health, Education, Human rights and Humanitarian response.



MR. FENI TWAIB
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Mr Feni Twaib is a Development worker, Chief Executive Officer at Arua District NGO Network and Chair of the West Nile Humanitarian Platform.



VISION

An empowered Civil Society Organizations fully achieving its mandate in Arua District.

MISSION

Enhancing Capacities of Civil Society Organizations, strengthen coordination and collaboration with Local governments, Development partners and the benefitting communities.

CORE VALUES

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Service above self
- Human rights
- Innovation
- Equity and Equality



Door to door sensitization on COVID-19 in village 3 zone 2 by the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and the volunteers.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide a platform for representation, information sharing, data collection, collaboration and networking among the organizations.
- To link and build synergies among member organizations and other development partners.
- Enhance the capacity of member organizations contributing towards sustainable development.
- To mobilize resources, advocate, lobby, supervise, monitor and protect the interest of member organizations to ensure quality service delivery.
- To collaborate with lead actors, spearhead, coordinate, and rally member organizations in community engagement, such as social campaigns, towards sustainable development.



Door to door sensitization on COVID in village 3 zone 2 by the M & E officer and the volunteers.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- As a network, ADINGON has coordinated the West Nile Humanitarian Platform (WNHP), which has promoted collaboration among the member organizations and other stakeholders.
- Advocated for the inclusion of the Local National Humanitarian Actors in the West Nile District Local Government Association-Critical space where the district leadership's decision-making is made.



CEO ADINGON Mr. Feni Twaib engaging community members of Dadamu subcounty at Ociba coast on their roles as citizens in holding duty bearers accountable.

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AWOTID UGANDA

WHO WE ARE

AWOTID-UGANDA is a women based non-governmental organization founded by a group of 9 women in 2006. It was first registered as a Community Based Organization with Abim District in 2007. AWOTID Uganda is now a National Non-Governmental Organization registered with the NGO Board in 2012 and the NGO Bureau in 2018.



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Ms. Acio Jenifer is currently the Programs Manager for AWOTID Uganda. She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Social Administration from Kyambogo University.



VISION

A society with empowered women, free from all forms of discrimination.

MISSION

To strengthen women groups through networking, advocacy and capacity building for a sustainable development

CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Non-discrimination
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Partnership



HIV/AIDS intervention that AWOTID Uganda is involved in with TASO.

OBJECTIVES

- To cater for the welfare of children, youth and the vulnerable groups of Uganda.
- To promote and effect food security by women.
- To conserve and manage the environment through afforestation.
- To promote education by encouraging all school-going children to enrol in school and be retained to complete each education cycle.
- To promote and re-introduce and practice good culture.
- To advocate for women's active participation in health education.
- To generate income for women groups through various activities.
- To participate in consultancy services and training of various groups and communities.



Area Land Committees of Abim district for an exchange visit in Amuru

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **More women advocating for thier rights to land**



**Ayugi Stella,
Otumpili, Alerek
Abim district**

In the past, we used to know that land is strictly an asset for boys while for us girls are just marriage products. Little did I know that regardless of sex, both boys and girls have equal rights to own land. Upon receiving land awareness training facilitated by AWOTID a few months ago, I decided to approach my Father for my share; thank God he is still alive. I started by sharing everything we were taught – laws on land rights, equal ownership and forms of lands in Uganda. I also shared with him why he ought to share land with all his children, boys or girls. My Father was challenged. All he did was allocate me three hectares of land where I am cultivating now. I will not end here but keep persuading him to do the same to my other sisters since the boys are automatic beneficiaries. I have also started passing on the message to the communities, especially women like me and in public gathering where land issues are being discussed.

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AFRICA WOMEN AND YOUTH ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

WHO WE ARE

African Women and Youth Action for Development (AWYAD) is a Non-Government Organization (NGO) founded by Christians with a deep concern for vulnerable youth and women in Uganda, South Sudan, Kenya and Tanzania in the East African Region, living in abject poverty and whose voices cannot be heard.

AWYAD was established 2010, by Christians with a passion to support vulnerable youth and women groups in various parts of the region, where 78% of youth are enslaved in the war of want, unintended self-torture, unproductiveness, crime, hunger and stress due to poverty as a result of joblessness and hopelessness.



Ritah Nansereko
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Ritah Nansereko is a teacher, a gender and Human Rights advocate. She is the Team Leader of African Women and Youth Action for Development-(AWYAD) a national humanitarian and development Organisation. She is also a; Member Grand Bargain Localisation Work-Stream, Member Inter Agency Standing Committee- Result Group 3, Steering Committee Member National Platform, Adviser- Charter 4 Change Working Group -Uganda.



VISION

A society where all women and youth are at the forefront of development.

MISSION

To empower vulnerable women and youth for social and economic development.

CORE VALUES

- Mutual respect
- Equity and justice
- Honesty and transparency
- Service to the poor



Empowering vulnerable women, girls



AWYAD supported 500 expectant mothers in Kyaka II with mama kits, for safe and protected delivery.

OBJECTIVES

- **Gender Empowerment:** To empower vulnerable women, girls, men and boys to challenge gender norms that cause and perpetuate inequality and violence in communities.
- **knowledge and skills:** To empower vulnerable Girls, boys, young women and men with knowledge and skills for self-reliance.
- **Health Services:** To enhance access to sexual and reproductive health services for the empowerment of women and youth.
- **To Promote education** in emergencies. AWYAD is supporting refugee children in Education, and we also offer psycho social support services to them.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Distribution of Mama Kits for refugees in Kyaka II settlement.

- **Establishment and Strengthening of women own forum/ WOF:** AWYAD has been involved in the identification, establishment, and strengthening of women's 'Own Fora' together with women-only safe spaces as a way of increasing dialogue on matters concerning Sexual & Gender Based Violence, Child protection and referrals. In Palabek 36 women-only safe spaces operate across all zones with an attendance rate of about 2,000 annually with an average of 40 to 55 women per meeting.

- **IEC Materials contributing to reduction of SGBV in communities:** AWYAD developed and installed information billboards on SGBV and referrals in the settlement and host communities. Information dissemination is a powerful tool in increasing community awareness and pro activeness. As a means of ensuring efficient information dissemination, we used IEC materials which were installed, (billboards) and distributed (brochures and charts) in strategic places like health centers, schools and water points.
- **Community Protection Structures strengthened:** AWYAD has facilitated the formation and strengthening of 62 community protection committees constituting of 78% women and 22% men in the Settlements of Palabek and Kyaka II. These protection committees were initially formed by UNHCR and AWYAD partnership following Palabek's establishment in April 2017 and are represented by both the refugee and host communities.
- **AWYAD established a school** in Palabek refugee settlement called Progressive Primary school in zone 5. It enrolls over 1700 pupils.

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CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR FORCED MIGRATES

WHO WE ARE

Care and Assistance for Forced Migrants (CAFOMI) is a not-for-profit Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) registered in Uganda. CAFOMI is a member of the Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), the Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR), the Humanitarian Social Services Cluster of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Humanitarian Platform for Local and National Organisations. The current Chair of The Humanitarian Platform for Local and National Organisations steering committee.



ROTARIAN GEORGE FRANCIS IWA

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Rotarian George Francis IWA is President 2020-21 of the Rotary Club of Lugogo Mango Tree. He is very passionate about issues of social justice. He has led several multicultural teams working with several International NGOs (INGO) in Uganda, Sudan (now South Sudan), Somaliland, Liberia and Kenya. In 2012, he returned to Uganda to co-found together with colleagues in Diaspora returnees, Care and Assistance for Forced Migrants (CAFOMI) in 2013.



VISION

Forced migrants (refugees) live dignified lives to acceptable international standards and positively contribute to development among their host community.

MISSION

Engender a highly professional humanitarian service and response managed by Ugandan nationals to international standards.

CORE VALUES

- Professionalism and commitment
- Transparency and Accountability
- Teamwork and Participation
- Partnerships
- Respect and Integrity
- Multiculturalism and Diversity
- Constant Learning and Development



CAFOMI boarder volunteer at Tranzami point of entry in Ntoroko district screening a traveller from DRC.

OBJECTIVES

- To respond timely to any humanitarian emergency by mobilising, efficiently managing scarce resources and safeguarding affected persons.
- To champion innovative, culturally appropriate sustainable solutions that ensure cohesion and the safety of affected persons as well as protection of the environment for future generations.
- To use evidence to advocate for policy changes at national, regional, and global levels.
- To prevent or warn of humanitarian crises.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Refugee Children playing in a child-friendly space at Nyakabande transit centre, in Kisoro district.

CAFOMI, through a tripartite agreement with UNHCR and the Government of Uganda (OPM), was selected to implement emergency response and mixed solutions activities in 2018 to date in the refugee hosting districts of Bundibugyo, Koboko, Ntoroko, Kanungu, Kisoro and Kikuube in 2020.





A boy fetches water from one of the nine newly constructed water springs in Sironko district, Eastern Uganda.

CAFOMI expanded activities to support Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), with funding from United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (UN CERF) through United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the west, and International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Eastern Uganda.

CAFOMI has responded to humanitarian crises around the country, including the flood-affected communities in Bundibugyo district western Uganda and flood-affected communities in Bududa and Sironko Eastern Uganda.

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CARITAS-KOTIDO DIOCESE

WHO WE ARE

Caritas Kotido Diocese is the Catholic Church's charity established in 1991 as the social services and development arm of the Catholic Diocese of Kotido.

We operate under the registered Trustee of Kotido Diocese and use the Certificate of Incorporation of "Kotido Diocese" as a corporate body under the name "THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF KOTIDO DIOCESE".



ALEPER LINA ROSE AG.
Executive Director

Aleper Lina Rose AG. is the Executive Director of Caritas Kotido Diocese with ten years of work experience. She holds a Bachelor's degree in social sciences, a Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Project planning and Management, a certificate in Human Resource Management, PGD in leadership (MIT) ongoing and Masters in Development Studies ongoing.



VISION

A self-reliant, Just and Peaceful Community.

MISSION

To empower vulnerable communities through participatory planning and sustainable development programmes.

CORE VALUES

- Team Work
- Impartiality
- Togetherness
- Openness & Transparency



Borehole protection and fencing in Kacheri with support from Kacheri S/C under the ECO-DRR project .

OBJECTIVES

- To provide holistic rehabilitation to victims, especially women and children, affected by torture in the Karamoja sub-region.
- Increasing economic opportunities for vulnerable households.
- Strengthening community and local governance through increased participation of households in local planning and service delivery.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Caritas Kotido hosts the Karamoja alliance of local and national humanitarian actors, bringing together 29 members.
- We are an endorser of the Charter for Change and a member of the charter for Change working group in Uganda.
- Women and men have improved equitable and sustainable access to safe water and sanitation.
- Communities and relevant stakeholders have better knowledge and skills to manage water resources and catchment areas.



IFSP II beneficiaries receive honey harvesting equipment in Kawalakol.



Individualized Family Service Plan II beneficiaries in Kapedo receive ruminants in Kapedo.

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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR CREATIVE INNOVATION



CECI UGANDA
Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation

WHO WE ARE

Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI) is a Youth centered non-profit making Refugee-led Organization (RLO) registered with Koboko District Local Government (KDLG) as Community Based Organization (CBO) in August 2017. CECI holds a valid Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Kampala, Uganda, which gives it clearance in Uganda's Refugee Response Operations in the country. CECI works with refugee populations in Bidibidi refugee settlement. We work to address the dire relationships, create prospects for young people, respond to the need for resilience activities that increase peace and livelihood prospects to build peaceful, empowered and self-reliant communities.



**PATRICK CHANDIGA
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Executive Director

Patrick is a Peacebuilder, Theologist, Alumnus of the Young African Leaders Initiative – YALI, and a member of the Charter for Change (C4C) Working Group, Communicating with Communities (CwC) Working Group, and of the Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR) Working Group.

VISION

An empowered, peaceful and self-reliant community of youth who are , creative, innovative, and contribute meaningfully to socio-economic development and achievement of sustainable peace in the indigenous communities they live in.

MISSION

To innovatively use recreational activities, education and other innovative approaches to address social problems and transform community-based conflicts into a culture of peace and non-violence; and facilitate youth engagement and empowerment at the grassroots level.



CORE VALUES

- Teamwork
- Honesty
- Commitment
- Professionalism
- Personal Development
- Accountability and Transparency

OBJECTIVES

Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI) seeks to;

- Build peace and improve social cohesion among refugees and with host communities.
- Build skills to support development and peace.
- Promote girl child education and early childhood development.
- Increase community knowledge and understanding of HIV/AIDs care and prevention.
- Eradicate Gender-Based Violence.
- Green the environment.
- Foster creativity and innovation among youth in their respective fields of practice.



Community volunteers and VHTs receive bicycles at the CECI field office to support their work of door-to-door and street-to-street community sensitization on COVID-19 in Bidibidi refugee settlement, Zone 3.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

PEACEBUILDING AND COVID RESPONSE PROJECTS;

In 2020, Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI) secured and successfully managed five (5) projects with funding from Oxfam, Open Society Foundation, Wellsprings Philanthropy Fund, and the International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI). We implemented peacebuilding and COVID-19 response interventions in Bidibidi refugee settlement to promote and strengthen social cohesion and community resilience; mobilize and sensitize local communities on COVID-19; strengthen the capacity of refugee leadership; and improve access to information.

FIRST EVER MULTI-YEAR GRANT;

Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI) has, for the first time, secured a 3-years project running through April 2023 in partnership with Koboko Municipal Council (KMC) funded by the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF). "Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF): Inclusive Urban Development and Mobility in the Municipality of Koboko" is designed to increase the safety and well-being of refugees and host communities in Koboko municipality.

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CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT UGANDA



WHO WE ARE

Centre for economic empowerment Uganda is (CEEU) is a local NGO founded in 2003 by three volunteers. CEEU is based in the North-Western region of Uganda (West Nile), with its headquarters in Yumbe District. It is a non-profit, registered with the internal affairs ministry in Uganda that aspires to build resilience in the developing world through social entrepreneurship, business development, financial literacy and education.



ACHEMA MUZAMIL
Executive Director

Achema Muzamil is the Executive Director of Centre for Economic Empowerment Uganda (CEEU). He is a managing, programing and administration professional with training and extensive fundraising and resource mobilization exposure. He has over fifteen years experience in the private and not-for-profit sectors.

VISION

An empowered community for sustainable household development.

MISSION

Strengthen the capacity of women, children and youth to demand and access improved socio-economic services.

CORE VALUES

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Hope
- Integrity
- Networking and Coordination



OBJECTIVES

- To promote effective participation of women in peacebuilding.
- To Mobilise stakeholders to appreciate the values of gender and equality.
- To strengthen organization capacity on gender mainstreaming.
- To advocate against GBV in the community.
- To advocate for gender equity in education opportunities.
- To improve access to relevant and high-quality basic education for all.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Communities have been sensitized on environmental conservation through environmental protection training.
- Refugees and host communities have planted trees and established woodlots.
- Strengthened the capacity of School Management Committees in over 40 schools through mentorship on gender.
- Supported youth skilling. Over 140 youths now have skills in printing and designing.
- Carried family basic education in 120 schools and 16 women groups in Yumbe District.



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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT



WHO WE ARE

Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD) is a non-profit and an indigenous National NGO registered in November 2000 with the Uganda Non-Governmental Organizations Board according to the NGOs Statute of 1989 as well as registered with the NGO Bureau. CEFORD operates in all the 11 districts of the West Nile region of Uganda with its Head Office in Arua and Unit offices in Nebbi, Zombo, Koboko, Yumbe, Moyo and Adjumani districts. As of 2021, CEFORD has expanded to the Districts of Kasese, Kyotera, and Bukomansimbi.



ASIPKWE JEAN CHRISTABEL
Executive Director

Asipkwe Jean Christabel is the Executive Director of Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD). She has over 18 years hands-on experience working in both development and humanitarian programmes with diverse communities in the West Nile region, focusing on sustainable livelihood programmes, education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), youth skilling and community governance.

VISION

An empowered poverty free society.

MISSION

To provide capacity development services that build the resilience of disadvantaged women, men, youth, children and their groups/organizations to realize their rights and improve their wellbeing.

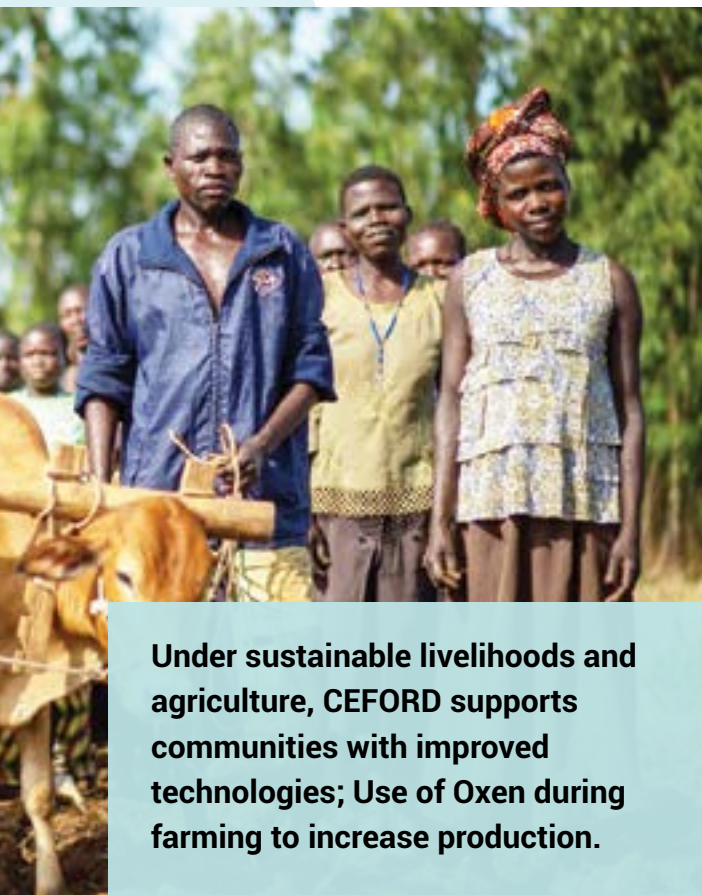
CORE VALUES

- Equity
- Mutual respect
- Participatory approach
- Transparency and accountability



OBJECTIVES

- **Agriculture:** To improve livelihood of farmer households.
- **Education:** To improve Completion and performance rates of pupils and students in selected ECDs, primary and secondary schools in West Nile and Acholi sub-regions.
- **Youth empowerment:** To ensure youth are skilled, employed and are earning better incomes.
- **Community Governance:** To increase civic competence among the communities leading to improvement in service delivery and livelihoods.
- **Disaster risk reduction and humanitarian response:** To build community resilience and institutional capacity and ensure disaster risk reduction and response are managed.
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:** To promote healthy living and clean environment.



Under sustainable livelihoods and agriculture, CEFORD supports communities with improved technologies; Use of Oxen during farming to increase production.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Improved quality of education for 9,200 children in schools and better livelihood for low-income families in West-Nile through the construction of classroom blocks and toilets, provision of scholastic materials and furniture, offering school bursaries, promotion of co-curriculum activities and school learning visits.
- Increased participation of refugees and host communities in governance, planning and budgeting; increased involvement and support of local leaders in advancing the issues raised by Neighborhood Assemblies (NAs); improved quality and form of issues presented by the citizens to the relevant authorities; enhanced level of civic engagement; enhanced formation and functionality of citizen platforms and empowerment of special interest groups e.g. women, youth.
- Strengthened capacity of 83 local actors that are now able to respond to South Sudanese emergency and disasters in Arua, Koboko and Yumbe districts.
- CEFORD has partnered and attracted funding support from multiple donors such as OXFAM, European Union Trust Fund (EUTF), ECHO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN- FAO, UN-IOM, Ayuda en Accion, Cooperaid – Switzerland, Save the Children Fund, World Vision International, Care International, Lutheran World Federation, Welthungerhilfe, HEKS/EPER, Dutch Relief Alliance Innovation Fund among others. CEFORD's Annual budget for 2021 is UGX. 13 Billion.

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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT WEST NILE



WHO WE ARE

Community Empowerment for Peace and Development West Nile (CEPAD) is a voluntary, non profit organization that works to resist violence, transform conflicts, and build peace in communities. It was founded in 2014 by Ugandan women who have worked in conflict zones.

We are a member of the Arua district NGO Forum, West Nile Humanitarian platform and the Charter4Change. Since inception, we have worked with civil society organizations, particularly youth, women, faith-based, refugee populations, and traditional structures in West Nile to transform conflicts and promote nonviolent and democratic principles.



Ms. ONZIA TEOPISTA
Executive Director

Ms. ONZIA TEOPISTA is the Executive Director of CEPAD-WN since 2020 to date. She holds a Master of Public Health from Nexus International University and specialised in sexual and reproductive health. She has over 10 years of experience working in the Humanitarian field, especially emergency response and development work.

VISION

A nonviolent and peaceful society where every person has access to basic human rights and needs.

MISSION

Empowering communities for sustainable peace and development, through training research and advocacy.

CORE VALUES

To promote non-violent actions, good governance, gender equity, and community safety through training, research and advocacy.



Community Empowerment for Peace and Development (CEPAD)) in consortium with Youth Advocacy Team (YSAT) with funding from OXFAM IBIS organized and conducted mass sensitization in the Zones of Ocea and Siripi on hate speech. This sensitization was done in Ocea Health Centre in Ocea C, at the water point in Agulupi in Block A and market place in Block B.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote peaceful coexistence, conflict-sensitive programming and enhance partnerships for conflict transformation in communities.
- To improve the quality of life of young people by facilitating their access to knowledge and skills needed for their socio-economic development.
- To provide a platform for the public to advocate on issues of transparency, civic engagement on political and electoral processes and the role of citizens as well as their leaders to promote accountability.
- To strengthen community-based protection systems by focusing on child protection, elimination of sexual gender-based violence and human rights-based approach to programming.
- To train and promote staff and humanitarian actors in conflict sensitive programming (Do No Harm) approach



Community Empowerment for Peace and Development (CEPAD) with funding from Um Veteilen! (Stiftung für eine, solidarische Welt) organized a training for Front-liners in managing SGBV cases in the refugee settlements in Yoro base camp on 16th Dec 2020.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The community leaders in Ocea and Siripi zones were equipped with knowledge and skills in early identification of conflicts, early response and appropriate management of conflicts.
- Overall, there is relative calm in the community and reduced cases of violent conflict and general crime.
- The police are able to produce better-documented reports on the SGBV survivors, which has led to better prosecution of the cases.
- CEPAD-WN has developed as an institution with improvements in the governance structures, development of key policy documents and establishment of organizational systems.
- Exposure of CEPAD-WN to other platforms and networks as well as partners and donors.

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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND REHABILITATION INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT (CERID)

WHO WE ARE

Community Empowerment and Rehabilitation Initiative for Development (CERID) is a National NGO founded by a group of youths in 2017 in Koboko District West Nile sub-region of northern Uganda and legally registered with the Uganda National NGO Bureau. CERID works with disadvantaged communities, improving capacities for community health and protection. We provide Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), education, livelihoods & skills development, sustainable agriculture, environment and natural resources management. The aim is to increase access to socio-economic services for effective and sustainable poverty eradication.



WAYI ISAAC
Executive Director

Wayi Isaac is a teacher by profession and holds a Bachelors of Business Studies. He is the Executive Director of Community Empowerment and Rehabilitation Initiative for Development (CERID).



VISION

A society that unites, transforms and develops the communities.

MISSION

Promoting and empowering the communities for self-reliance and sustainable development.

CORE VALUES

- T - Team Spirit and Transparency.
- E - Excellency.
- A - Accountability.
- C - Care full.
- H - Honesty.
- E - Efficiency.
- R - Respect.
- S - Services.



Participants moulding briquettes using the honeycomb manual machine during a training.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote access to safe water, sustainable sanitation, hygiene practices and waste management.
- To promote community health through access to HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis prevention, care, treatment, support services and access to sexual reproductive health, maternal and child services.
- To increase agricultural productivity, access to markets for crops and promote food security.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Trained GBV survivors in making and production of liquid and bar soap to promote good hygiene and sanitation and also earn income during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Distribution of dignity kits to GBV survivors, CERID managed to distribute 130 dignity kits to the GBV survivor for both settled urban refugee and the host community of Koboko municipality in commemoration of the 16 days of activism against gender based violence.
- Distributed emergency relief food items to GVB survivors and people living with HIV/AIDS affected by covid 19 pandemic to reduce the risk of increasing GBV in the community due to the lockdown and curfew, which has caused limited livelihoods of the families.
- Two women groups in Koboko District trained in briquettes' production, hence equipping them with skills and a source of livelihood.

- Improved menstrual hygiene as teachers and pupils in 5 selected primary schools can make reusable sanitary towels/pads. Over 5,000 beneficiaries who are both refugees and host community members, have benefitted.
- Established 10 VSLA women groups in lobule sub-county and kuluba sub-county with membership ranging from 15- 25 members to enhance easy mobilization of loan fund.



CERID Volunteer, Govule Peter talking about the clean energy products to the members of Femaniku women VSLA group.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK-UGANDA (CODNET)



WHO WE ARE

Community Development Network- Uganda (CODNET-Uganda) is a Non-profit making Non-Governmental organization that started in May 2012 to bring together youths, women, elderly, PWDs and other stakeholders who once suffered insurgencies of wars in northern Uganda and live vulnerable lives in the community. The aim was to advocate and design possible interventions towards these people's socio-economic, cultural and political development in northern Uganda and later to some regions in Uganda.



BAKOLE RASHUL
Executive Director

Bakole Rashul holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Project planning and management, Bachelors in Education (Secondary), Diploma in Education(Secondary), with numerous trainings in different disciplines in humanitarian programing. He has supported the organization since 2008 when he was a senior programme coordinator and transited to Executive Director in 2011.

VISION

Improve on the resilience of the community members in socio-economic well being.

MISSION

Enhance the capacity of the community members in socio-economic and humanitarian opportunities.

CORE VALUES

- Voluntarism
- Integrity
- Consistency
- Commitment
- Honesty
- Efficiency
- Loyalty
- Reliability
- Creativity
- Motivation
- Respect
- courage



A COVID-19 Taskforce meeting supported by CODNET-Uganda with funding from OXFAM/CEFORD in Yumbe district under ELNHA program.

OBJECTIVES

- To increase access and utilization of health and education services in Uganda.
- To promote social cohesion among the youths and other interest groups, and the communities.
- To promote human rights in the community.
- To enhance environmental protection and awareness activities for the purpose of protecting the lives of the people, animals, soil and water ecology endangered.
- To ensure better conflict management and peace building in the community.



The sensitization of the refugee youth and women on SGBV, Conflict management and peacebuilding, cash transfer programming, business skills training implemented by CODNET-Uganda with support from CARE International, Bidibidi refugee settlement in Yumbe district in 2020.

That improved peaceful co-existence between the refugees and host community, reduced gender based violence, increased recruitment of the refugees and host community members for labour intensive public works under projects like NUSAF3 and DR-DIP in order to get cash for improved livelihoods among the refugee and host community youth and women.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Improved coordination, collaboration and participation of community members and stakeholders in Livelihood enhancement & promoting transparency, accountability & anti-corruption in service delivery under CRETA (Community Responsibility in Enhancing Transparency, Accountability & Anti-corruption) Project with funding from Inspectorate of Government (IG) and CEFORD/OXFAM.
- Strengthened capacities and civic competency of our member organizations and the community structures in humanitarian response in disaster context & community empowerment programs.

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FORUM FOR KALONGO PARISH WOMEN ASSOCIATION UGANDA (FOKAPAWA UGANDA)

WHO WE ARE

Forum for Kalongo Parish Women Associations (FOKAPAWA) is a Local Non-Governmental Organization founded in 1998 with the purpose of contributing to elevating the conditions of women and youths who suffered from the effects of the 2-decade war in the Acholi sub-region.

FOKAPAWA registered with the National Non-Government Organization (NGO) board in 2015. Recently, FOKAPAWA updated its credentials in line with a directive from the Government of Uganda, with the National Bureau for NGOs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



DAVID ORYEM
Executive Director

Mr. David Oryem is a graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Postgraduate certificate in Monitoring and evaluation and project planning and management, Mr. Oryem is a dynamic development specialist with over 8 years of professional experience in social development and social accountability, 4 years working for FOKAPAWA to date.



VISION

An economically empowered community of women and youth who can demand for their rights at community and household level.

MISSION

To support women and youth to know their rights and be able to work towards a better livelihood by getting involved in Income Generating Activity and peace building activities.

CORE VALUES

- Equity
- Ownership & sharing
- Bottom-up
- Accountability
- Integration
- Transparency
- Sustainability



The Resident District Commissioner, Lamwo Mr Nock Kidega Nabinson, received Covid-19 items from FOKAPAWA as one of the projects implemented under humanitarian response with financial support from Oxfam.

OBJECTIVES

- **Governance, Accountability and Human Rights:** To increase the influence of women in decision making both at the community and households level.
- **Youth empowerment:**
To strengthen the capacity of youth for constructive engagement in decision making and development processes.
- **Water Access Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):** To increase access to water sanitation and hygiene.
- **Women Economic Empowerment:**
To enhance capacities of women to participate in economic activities for change, improve their livelihood and income activities.
- **Health:** To promote HIV/AIDS Prevention, treatment and care.
- To Strengthen the institutional capacity to deliver on our mandate.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Youths after completion of modules on Sexual Reproductive Health.

A four-year project aiming at protecting adolescent boys and girls against child marriages ensuring they are empowered to enjoy their sexual reproductive health rights.



Team of Acholi Parliamentarians visit in Agago District during citizens interface meeting.

Promoting public financing and inclusive accountability project 2018-2021. **FOKAPAWA** currently implementing the project in partnership with CSBAG with funding from DGF. A project designed with a platform that draws the attention of MPs to attend to grassroots right holders agenda through interfacing with citizens. This has promoted participatory planning, implementation, and accountability. Youth and women gain momentum rights to monitor/track budget and demand for quality service delivery from their leaders through community interface meeting, follow-up and reporting.

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GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD)



WHO WE ARE

Grassroots Alliance for Rural Development (GARD) is an indigenous, Non-government Organization founded in 2017 and formally registered (2019).

We are locally based in the Karamoja region with our head office in Kotido and field office in Amudat district.



AMBROSE D. TOOLIT
Executive Director

Ambrose D. Toolit is a Ugandan national with almost twenty years' experience in field-based humanitarian and international development context and coordination of humanitarian and development efforts.

VISION

Changing lives, creating opportunities.

MISSION

Improving the quality of lives of rural communities, through local capacity development and building resilience for sustainability.

CORE VALUES

- Justice
- Fairness
- Dignity
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Human rights
- Gender sensitivity and empowerment



Women's economic empowerment must start from financial literacy, savings and investments.

OBJECTIVES

- To improve livelihoods and food security through enterprise development and resilience building.
- To improve educational opportunities and outcomes for the most vulnerable and poor individuals; and promote positive cultural values for transformation and eco-tourism.
- To empower youth, women and promote gender equality.
- To promote democratic governance, human rights and peacebuilding.
- To strengthen institutional and capacity development.
- To increase production and productivity (to support and link farmers to suppliers to improve the supply of agro-inputs, seeds, advisory services by establishing a distribution system).



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



GIZ-CUSP PROJECT ON STRENGTHENING GARD'S ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND DEVELOPMENT (DEC 2020 - MAY 2021).

The Change Project focuses on three key areas:

- Organization policy assessment, review and development of GARD 5 year's strategic plan.
- Capacity building of Board and Management on organization management, resource mobilization, financial management, M&E.
- ICT development (Digital communication, Web management and re-design of organization website and staffs' emails).

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KARAMOJA PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Karamoja Peace and Development Agency (KAPDA) is a local non-government organization that was founded in July 2005 with a major focus of contributing to the reduction in the insecurity in Karamoja, which had led to the loss of lives and livestock, poverty, diseases, injustice, inaccessibility of development services to rural areas and violence among the population.



JOHN LONYA
Executive Director

John Lonya has experience of about 15 years working as Program Coordinator and Executive Director, steering the development of Karamoja Peace and development Agency (KAPDA). He also has insurmountable experience in conflict resolution and management, governance and peace building. John is a subscriber to human right activism, Justice and equal opportunities for all people.



VISION

A peaceful and self-reliant community of Karamoja.

MISSION

Promote peace and development through livelihood programmes in communities for self-reliance.

CORE VALUES

- Respect for humanity
- Inclusiveness
- Team work
- Accountability & Transparency



Adolescent girls from Kathile South undergoing bakery classes supported by the NK-PAP project funded by Stromme Foundation.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote Peace building and good governance.
- To promote access to quality education.
- To promote Health and Food Security.
- To improve household Livelihoods in the communities of Kaabong .



Pupils sponsored through the IK Education project implemented by KAPDA receiving scholastic materials, Jan 2021





Project officer taking the RACs through SGBV referral pathways, Oct 2020. This was supported by Mercy Corps through Apolou Activity


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established 14 Peace committees in all the sub-counties of Kaabong.
- Established the three centers in Morutiit, Lojomangiyangatom and Iolelia and organized Morutiit dialogue which led to the great Morutiit Resolution and joint resettlement for both the Dodoth and the Jie . There are encouraging signs that this approach can be used in all the hotspots for insecurity.
- Under the WASH Project, Karamoja Peace and Development Agency has constructed 20 boreholes for the villages in Kaabong West Sub-county between 2014 and 2017. Water and sanitation are essential for life and health, but they are also essential for dignity, empowerment and prosperity. Water and sanitation are human rights fundamental to every child and adult.

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MANNA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY-MADA



WHO WE ARE

Manna Development Agency (MADA) is a National NGO operating in South Sudan and Uganda. Manna Development Agency was established in 2000 and became operational in 2001 on peace building and community development platform in South Sudan and 2016 in Uganda. MADA is registered with the Republic of South Sudan Ministry of Justice, and South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and National NGO Bureau in Uganda. Its Head Quarters is in South Sudan is in Ikotos Centre, Ikwoto County and Karenga Centre, Karenga Sub-county in Uganda. MADA field offices in South Sudan are located in Kapoeta South, Kapoeta East in Eastern Equatoria and in Lamwo district in Uganda.



LOFANE PETER NICHOLAS

Executive Director

LOFANE PETER NICHOLAS holds a PhD in Terrorism studies-focus on Al-Shabaab (on going), Master of Arts in Local Governance & Human Rights, Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy and Master of Arts in Development Studies. He has 11 years of experience as Executive Director of MADA. He also has a wealth of experience working with different organizations such as Winrock International and Action Africa Help International (AAHI).

VISION

Working towards alleviation of human suffering.

MISSION

Working towards the attainment of human development and helping to educate its beneficiaries to fulfill their moral obligations in alleviating human suffering, respect human rights and removal of all social injustices.

CORE VALUES

MADA is guided by national and international norms of: solidarity, respect for human dignity, equality, freedom and voice for the voiceless. MADA promotes development and innovative cultures.



Inter-generational debate

OBJECTIVES

- To promote grassroots peace amongst the communities.
- To enhance social services such as education, food security and water & sanitation.
- To promote good governance, democracy and human rights including Women Rights & civic education.
- Sensitize the community on the scourge of HIV/AIDS and other STDs.
- To enhance environment and wildlife conservation.
- Emergency preparedness and response.



Humanitarian Response Grant Project distribution of food

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Nakiru Vicky 22 of Kalapata center started by making samosas and daddies (small hard donuts) for sale after completing a vocational training on catering and restaurant management for young mothers under the project code named "Girls Without Dowry". She had this to say; "Am proud to be providing for my children instead of depending on the father of my kids alone. Now I am involved in petty trade, I make these samosas and daddies after realizing some profit, I use it to buy sugar, salt, green vegetables, charcoal, and pampers for our child. All these items were being provided by my husband before, therefore, I feel I can as well contribute, and my husband is very happy about it because he is also relieved that I no longer ask him for basic things which I used to. Most of the business done by women from here is only brewing and yet for me am married to a Muslim, I cannot do such business, am really happy that I took the right course, even the taste of the food in my house has greatly improved. In fact I must thank ERIKS Development Partner and MADA and everybody else involved in ensuring that we got this hands-on training."

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NAPORE ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT (NADE)



WHO WE ARE

Napore Action for Development (NADE) was founded in 2013 to mainstream socio-economic development work to ensure systematic, effective and efficient delivery of socio-economic development services to the local communities. The beneficiaries of our program are children, women, pastoralists, youths, the elderly, and persons living with disabilities, among others. We strive to support the communities around Karenga district to achieve universal and sustainable development by engaging in nature conservation, formal education, skilling and promoting livelihoods and good health practices.



MR. OWORI PETER
Executive Director

Mr. Owori Peter holds a Master's degree in Human resources Management and a Bachelor's degree in Education, both from Makerere University Kampala. He possesses extensive experience in conducting capacity development assignments across different disciplines ranging from education, entrepreneurial skills development, human resource management, policy manual development, community skills empowerment, among others.

VISION

A healthy and empowered community with socio-economic self-sustainability.

MISSION

To create social support systems for community development and improved livelihood.

CORE VALUES

- Creativity and innovation
- Accountability
- Gender Responsiveness
- Policy and advocacy
- Enhanced human capacity
- Integrity
- Self reflection and professionalism



OBJECTIVES

- To improve the basic education opportunities for children and youth in NADE supported communities
- Ensure youth and women acquisition of practical entrepreneurial skills for self-reliance in NADE operational areas
- To improve agriculture productivity for household food security in NADE supported communities
- To improve the health status of children, youth and women in NADE supported communities.




Lokaye Nicholas, in collaboration with Karenga District Local Government training people of Longordokir tree planting in Lobalangit Sub County.


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- NADE has worked with communities and institutions to promote environmental awareness.
- NADE also contributes to the realization of the UN Environment's Climate Change sub-programme, which focuses on helping communities to pursue low-emission development pathways and strengthen their adaptation and resilience capacities to the changing climate. In doing so, we have supported communities towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly engaging communities in tree planting to ensure improved green growth and suitable environment for living.



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NAPORE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (NAPODI)

WHO WE ARE

Napore Development Initiative (NAPODI) is a community-based organization established in 2012, it is registered with Kaabong district local government. It is located in Karenga town council, Karenga district, Karamoja – Uganda; NAPODI operates in the greater Karamoja region guided by its core thematic areas of conservation, human rights, education and cultural biodiversity.



LOTYANG PATROSI
Executive Director

A graduate of Public Administration with a wealth of experience in environmental protection and management with trainings from FAO and GIZ, among others. He also has experience in managing community world life conflicts.

VISION

Empowered and sustainably developed communities.

MISSION

To empower the communities to achieve socio-cultural, economic, environmental, agricultural and technological development.

CORE VALUES

- Team work
- Innovation
- Gender and equity.



Napore's Board member attended an exchange visit on collaborative wildlife management in Lake Mburo National game park. The key objective was on addressing human wildlife conflict and resource sharing in protected areas

OBJECTIVES

- To promote peacebuilding, conflict resolution, good governance, human rights protection and advocacy.
- To promote formal and informal education as well as enculturation of communities
- To promote sustainable agriculture, environment protection, conservation of forest and wildlife resources.
- To promote accessibility to clean and safe water, hygiene and sanitation services.
- To promote the prevention of HIV/AIDs and support the provision of care and support services to those infected and affected.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased knowledge on environment conservation and positive attitudes on tree planting.
- The community has appreciated and adopted skills on nursery management.
- We promoted the concept of FMNR (Farmer managed natural regeneration), which has helped in preserving natural indigenous trees from being cut.
- Promoted the co-existence between the wildlife fraternity and the community through conservancies.



Perma gardening demonstration site for livelihoods and nutrition enhancement in one of the key sites.

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NAKERE RURAL WOMEN ACTIVIST (NARWOA)

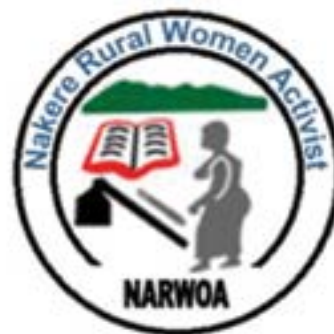
WHO WE ARE

Nakere Rural Women Activist (NARWOA) is an umbrella Community-Based Organization for women groups registered in Kotido district as a community response to the humanitarian crisis in Karamoja, to address cross border and inter-ethnic political instability, the rise of war lords, high domestic violence, and discrimination of women in the society and overall adverse effects.



ATTA JESCA
Executive Director

Jesca is a women's rights activist who is passionate about the rights of women and girls and has promoted this in the Pastoral communities of Karamoja.



VISION

An inclusive society that promotes the rights of women and other vulnerable people in Uganda.

MISSION

To promote the rights of women and other vulnerable groups through livelihoods and advocacy initiatives for dignified lives.

CORE VALUES

- Result oriented
- Team work
- Mutual respect
- Gender Equity
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability



OBJECTIVES

- To promote women land and property rights in the communities of Karamoja.
- To empower and promote women participation in decision making and leadership.
- To reduce Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAW/G) in Karamoja.



The Ambassador of America to Uganda during Apolou launch

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2013, NARWOA was able to organize a peace exposition with funding from Isis WICCE and the Norwegian Government: various activities were done, 18 health workers were trained to conduct cervical cancer screening in Kotido district, which attracted participants from all over karamoja region and the whole country.
- As NARWOA continued with UWONET in partnership with support from Oxfam, we got a leadership project on VAW/Girls women land rights, implemented with the women network, Police, Coalition members that consisted of 10 CSOs within Kotido district, Judiciary, women caucus, elders, religious leaders, opinion leaders change agents and duty bearers from district and sub-county.





The ambassador of Uganda to Rome with Executive Director NARWOA.




The Staff of NARWOA pose for a photo.

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NORTHERN UGANDA WIDOWS AND ORPHANS SUPPORT ORGANISATION

WHO WE ARE

NUWOSO is an indigenous Non Governmental Organization (NGO) legally registered with National NGO Bureau and is validated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

NUWOSO is a women, children and youths rights focused NGO started in 2005 by a group of 12 women who were affected by HIV/AIDS and prolonged war in Northern Uganda. The purpose was to address the challenges women, children, and youths face in areas of health, poverty, disaster and human rights issues in Uganda.



OKELLO JAMES
Program Coordinator

Okello James is an experienced organization coordinator. He has served in this position for over 12 years. He holds a Bachelor degree in social work and social administration, a Diploma in Business Studies, Certificate in project M&E, Certificate in market based assessment in humanitarian response, Certificate in DO-NO-HARM in humanitarian response and Certificate in strategic planning and finance management.



VISION

Empowered & resilient women, children and youths in Uganda.

MISSION

Empower and build resilient women and children in Uganda through health services, economic and livelihoods support, education support, protection, environmental conservation and disaster preparedness and response to save lives and alleviate suffering.

CORE VALUES

- Humanity
- Dignity
- Neutrality
- Partnerships
- Transparency and accountability



COVID 19 Response Project in Lamwo District- OXFAM funded to promote hygiene.

OBJECTIVES

- To increase access and utilization of HIV prevention services among most at risk key population (MARPS) in Uganda
- To empower widows and orphans and vulnerable children households with sustainable economic and livelihood for improved household's income, nutrition and food security.
- To promote gender equality and women empowerment in Uganda
- To provide disaster preparedness and response services to crisis affected women and children to save lives and alleviate their suffering.
- To improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency for a better quality service delivery.



Community accessing HIV counseling and testing services in Arembwola village in Abim Sub-county-Abim District

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Improved organizational governance and system, including availability and quality of the key documents that support NUWOSO smooth operation like: - Strategic plan, contingency plan, resource mobilization plan, effective policies, functional management structure, Legal registration, audit reports, clear vision, mission and value.
- Improved NUWOSO staff capacity in humanitarian preparedness and response intervention in areas of application of CHS in humanitarian response, CTP in humanitarian response, advocacy and influencing, DO-NO Harm in humanitarian response, Resource mobilization etc.
- Lives of an estimated 89,456 disaster-affected people were saved in Lamwo district through Emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene(EWASH) services and COVID 19 response services

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ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN IN LAMWO (ODOWOL)



WHO WE ARE

Organization for the Development of Women in Lamwo (ODOWOL) is a community based women organization established in 2010 by a group of women after witnessing numbers of women and girls in Lamwo suffering from HIV and AIDS, Poverty and Disaster as results of Northern Uganda war, limited access to justice and ignorance of the rights among women and girls. The purpose of establishment is to empower women and girls of Lamwo on their rights for sustainable development.



ARACH JOSEPHINE
Coordinator-ODOWOL

Josephine Arach, a program coordinator at ODOWOL has 11 years' experience working with women networks like UWONET promoting women rights in the communities. She holds a post graduate diploma in public administration, bachelors in public administration and management, diploma in office management and secretarial studies and certificates in administrative law, office management and computer.

VISION

A developed society is where women and girls are healthy, disaster resilience and socio-economically empowered.

MISSION

To contribute to a sustainable developed society where women and girls advocate for their rights and end marginalization among women and girls in Lamwo district.

CORE VALUES

- Honesty,
- Voluntarism,
- Coordination and partnership,
- Team work,
- Quality services & timeliness
- Transparency and accountability.



Health Assistant of Madi-Opei during road drive, providing measures to COVID-19 to the community members

OBJECTIVES

- To increase awareness on HIV prevention services amongst communities of Lamwo.
- To support people living with HIV and AIDS to access care, treatment and support services in Lamwo.
- To enhance capacity of women in sustainable economic and livelihoods for households economic, income, nutrition and food security in Lamwo.
- To promote girl child education in Lamwo through provision of education services and protection for girls.
- To increase awareness on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and support in Lamwo
- To enhance awareness on disaster preparedness and response amongst community of Lamwo to save lives and alleviate suffering of the victims.
- To improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency for better service delivery




Supporting 2 District established COVID-19 isolation centers with necessary logistics for effective and quality care services


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS


- ODOWOL supported communities in Lamwo to increase awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention through sensitization and campaigns as well as supporting those living with HIV/AIDS to access treatment and care services
- Contributed to women economic empowerment by improving households livelihoods, that increased household income and food security in Lamwo hence improving the nutrition status of the targeted house holds
- Promotion and protection of the rights of women and girls through awareness raising on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and support amongst community of Lamwo (access to health, legal referrals and psychosocial support services for the victims) and promoting women participation in decision making in the matters that affect them.

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PATONGO COUNSELLING COMMUNITY OUTREACH



WHO WE ARE

Patongo Counselling Community Outreach (PCCO) is a registered Ugandan community based organization, established in 2010 to tackle the long-term psychological impact of the war that raged in Northern Uganda for more than 20 years.

PCCO has highly skilled counsellors who provide counselling support to 48 groups (of 30 people each) and to individuals in the community in order to help them manage and cope up with trauma and also learning vital information.



NYAGA AGNES NIGHTY
Executive Director

A proven professional with extensive experience working in sectors where success depends on constant innovations and high quality service delivery, executing comprehensive internal planning, analysis and program reporting for established non-profit organizations.

VISION

An empowered inclusive society, free from trauma, poverty and diseases, living a sustainable livelihood.

MISSION

To empower vulnerable persons through psycho-social support, livelihood and economic skills and knowledge to enable them build a sustainable, prosperous and resilient community.

CORE VALUES

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Responsible
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Equality
- Equity



**Providing support to vulnerable girls
like orphans and single mothers**

OBJECTIVES

- To tackle trauma and mental health including the long term psycho-social consequences of the war in Northern Uganda.
- To design, deliver and lead in humanitarian preparedness and Response in Uganda.
- To promote the long term social-economic re-integration of war affected persons/refugees and advocate for peace building promotion and protection of human rights in Uganda.
- To increase household income, food and nutrition security in the family through sustainable livelihood, VSLA and IGAs in Uganda.
- To strengthen HIV/AIDS prevention, care, co-ordination and response in Uganda.
- To create inclusion awareness raising, educate adolescent boys and girls and the other productive community members on sexual reproductive health rights and family planning in Uganda.
- To create awareness, prevent and respond to SGBV in the community.
- To promote gender mainstreaming, equality and equity amongst girls child/women in Uganda.



Mothers receiving nutrition / training in Lira Palwo Sub County

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- With funds from PLAN International, PCCO has made great strides in ending child marriage and teenage pregnancy from 2018 to date.
- Implemented a WASH project in Consortium in 2019 which gave a good ground for PCCO to get a grant from PLAN International to train and support the water users' committee with IEC materials to implement the standard operation procedures at the water points.
- Improved nutrition and food security for mothers, children and people living with HIV through behaviour change communication, improved food production and hygiene practices in Omot, Lapono, Kotomor and Lira Palwo.
- Promoted the practice of growing traditional local food through kitchen gardens as well as creating seed banks within communities in Agago District.
- Institutional capacity strengthening through training of boards, development of organization policies and equipping of human resources in humanitarian response and disaster risk management, resource mobilization, proposal writing, reporting and documentation.

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PEOPLE EMPOWERING PEOPLE



WHO WE ARE

People Empowering People (PEP) is a developmental, humanitarian, charity, community based and Non-Governmental Organization formed in 2012 by a group of people with the passion to restore and bring hope to the needy and less advantaged communities, with a focus on children, youth, women, the disabled and other disadvantaged groups of people.

PEP has worked in consortium of PALM Corps in refugee camps/ host communities to restore the hope of the people. PEP has also worked with support from Oxfam to cause change in the lives of people in the communities of West Nile.



ISAAC CHADRI
Executive Director

Isaac Chadri is a development and humanitarian professional having acquired knowledge in Psychiatry from Butabika School of Psychiatry (Kampala, Uganda), Public Health at Institute of Advanced Leadership, Clinical Medicine at Arua School of Public Health and possessing more than 10 years of experience in the development and humanitarian sector.

VISION

Holistically empowered and self-reliant people in communities.

MISSION

We exist to empower the most vulnerable people (children, youth, women, disabled and other disadvantaged) individually and in groups, holistically for growth and self-reliance in communities.



CORE VALUES

- Transparency
- Respect
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Diligence

OBJECTIVES

- To enhance institutional development for effective and efficient service delivery.
- To promote resource mobilization through advocacy and partnership engagements.
- To develop and implement programs that address growing environmental and economic challenges.
- To strengthen planning and MEAL systems for results based management.



Cash Transfer Program project implemented in Rhino camp refugees settlement where women, children and disadvantaged people were given assistance in both conditional and non-conditional grants by use of voucher system, partnered with Offaka SACCO who deliver both cash and items to the people.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Capacity enhancement of the organization; we have grown from 3 staff volunteers to 21 staff currently.
- PEP has been able to secure a 5 years project in HIV/AIDS and TB project funded by Infectious Disease Institute to be implemented in Madi Okollo District starting 1st April 2021.
- The organization has gained more visibility both in the refugee settlements and in the host communities.
- The organization has increased its local resource mobilization through making of briquettes.
- PEP has strengthened the capacities of other local CBOs like Madi Okollo District Farmers' Association, Madi okollo District Women Development Forum, and more forming the Madi Okollo District NGO Forum.
- Our networking has increased by having other international NGOs and district re-organizing us especially during the district task force meetings.

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PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION (PICOT)



WHO WE ARE

Partners in Community Transformation (PICOT) is a non-profit making local Non-Governmental Organization registered with National NGO Board and operating in Koboko, Maracha, and Arua districts. PICOT was formerly known as Koboko Youth in Development (KOYID) founded in 2005 as a Community Based Organization (CBO) by a group of progressive youth who felt concerned about the development needs and challenges affecting the youth, women and the communities of Koboko district and West Nile at large.



ROPANI SAUDA
Executive Director

Ropani Sauda is the Executive Director of PICOT. She holds a Post graduate Diploma in Project planning and Management from Islamic University in Uganda and a Bachelor's degrees in Adult and community Education from Kyambogo University. She worked with literacy and Adult basic Education (LBE) as a program officer from 2008 to 2013 then joined PICOT in 2015 as the Executive Director.

VISION

Holistically transformed communities.

MISSION

Working with communities and development partners to identify, mobilize and utilize the available resources for holistic development.

CORE VALUES

- Voluntarism
- Team work
- Inclusiveness
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Participation
- Partnerships



Peer to peer education on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights being led by our young leaders.

OBJECTIVES

- To contribute to improved living conditions of approximately 1,000,000 South Sudan and Congolese refugees by providing timely and adequate humanitarian interventions and response to emergency situations in West Nile.
- To improve access to health services among 30,000 target vulnerable people in West Nile by 2022.
- To increase access to quality education and skills building for 7500 children, PTA, 6,000 SMCs and teachers in primary schools in the target districts.
- To develop efficient relationships among 43,200 farmers in farmer groups, to enhance their knowledge on good agricultural practices, post-harvest handling, modern storage systems, create linkages with traders and processors that are engaged in selected commodity warehousing, processing and sales in West Nile sub region.



Members of Lamgba farmer group in dranya sub county conducting second weeding of their demonstration field of beans (NARO Bean 1 Variety)


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS


- 425 persons with special needs and extremely vulnerable refugees in Lobule settlement supported with multipurpose cash assistance as a short term livelihood coping mechanism during COVID 19 out break through the HRGF.
- Supported Promotion of hygiene and good sanitation through installation of 1000 tip taps in 1,000 households in the refugee settlement to boost handwashing for better health outcomes.
- 982 youths skilled in different employment skills.



Youths trained in carpentry display some of the items they are able to make

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RADIO PACIS 90.9FM



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Radio Pacis 90.9 broadcasts from studios located at Ediofe behind the Cathedral. The radio reaches listeners in Arua, Maracha, Koboko, Yumbe, Moyo, Ajumani, Nebbi, Zombo, and Pakwach districts as well as border areas of Eastern Congo and South Sudan. Programming on Radio Pacis 90.9Fm uses the anchor languages of Logbara, Kakwa, and English. The award-winning programming is interactive with the audience and the majority of it is generated by our own staff, rather than relayed from other sources.



FR. CHARLES IDRAKU
Executive Director

Fr. Charles Idraaku is a Missionary of Jesus the Divine Master (MIDM) from the Ma'di people. He currently serves as the Director of all Radio Pacis frequencies. He holds a bachelor in Philosophy from Makerere University, Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies and several other courses. He joined Radio Pacis through an appointment by the Bishop of Arua Diocese.

VISION

To facilitate the formation of conscience through transformative messages of mercy, peace and love.

MISSION

To communicate the good news of Jesus Christ for the holistic development of individuals and community.

CORE VALUES

- Faith
- Ethics and professionalism
- Transparency and accountability
- Promotion of community-building values
- Seeking the truth



An implementing partner responds to challenges raised by the refugees and host community at Omugo camp

OBJECTIVES

The philosophy behind the existence of Radio Pacis is the belief in programming that represent the values of the Catholic Church by proclaiming the 'Peace of Christ for all.' This is tailored to meet the needs of the listeners in the regions where the signal of the radio reaches by providing appropriate music, topical information, and a rich mix of local, regional, national, and international news, features and documentaries to suit the context of the local community.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Being a community radio, Radio Pacis promotes programs that build rather than destroy community health and wellbeing. Radio Pacis has promoted co-existence of host and refugee communities through use of behavioural change programmes that address issues of substance and drugs, sexual perversions, suicide, euthanasia, inciting racial hatred, tribalism, criminal behaviour, child abuse, and domestic violence.



Community dialogue in Rhino Camp-Terego.



Dawa Alice, Moderating a dialogue session at Ewanga in Madi Okollo district

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SORUDA (FORMERLY SOROTI RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY)



WHO WE ARE

SORUDA is a national Non - Governmental Organization registered in 2000. Its main office is in Soroti City, on plot No. 45 Old Mbale Road. Field Offices in Katakwi / Kumi for Teso; Lamwo and Agago Districts for Acholi Sub-region; Abim, Moroto and Kotido Districts for Karamoja Sub-region.



OCHEPA PETER EKIRU
Executive Director

Mr. Ochepe Peter Ekiro has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Integrated Rural Planning and Development and a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences from Makerere University in Kampala. He has 20 years of vast experience working with rural development programmes in the Eastern and Greater Horn of Africa. He is conversant with livelihood and household economy approaches, linking emergency, recovery, preparedness and alert phases of the livelihood cycle.

VISION

Socio-economically viable and sustainably developed communities.

MISSION

To promote humanitarian response and sustainable development through community initiatives, good governance and emancipation.

CORE VALUES

- Gender sensitivity
- Standing for human rights
- Trust worthiness
- Diversity
- Good governance
- Integrity
- Transparency



A Person with special needs (PSN) receiving cash assistance .

OBJECTIVES

- To contribute to socio-economic improvement at household and community levels.
- To empower women and improve child welfare and wellbeing.
- To promote good environmental management practices and mitigate the effects of climate change.
- To provide Institutional capacity, consultancy and advisory services, training and capacity building to client's groups and communities.



Nursery bed establishment for horticulture crops.





Small scale business for income generation.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Humanitarian assistance and emergency response – SORUDA implemented Community Based – Emergency Food Security and Vulnerable Livelihoods (CB-EFSVL/ EFSVL) with technical and financial support from Oxfam / ELNHA. Reached 5,000 households with horticultural seeds.
- Supported the flood affected households in Kumi, Pallisa, Bududa, Bundibugyo and Ntoroko districts with re-engagement production packages in partnership with UN-FAO. Supported 10,000 households to revert to production for household food security.
- Strengthened Biodiversity conservation and community Resilience to Climatic Change Project (BCR) in partnership with UNDP – GEF / SGP / NEMA. Achieved to establish 48 trained environment conservation & management committees, 10 nursery beds, 10 households supported with solar lighting equipment, formed 40 VSLAs and supported with start-up kits.
- Agriculture and Market Support Project / Purchase for Progress (AMS/P4P) in partnership with UN-WFP. Achieved establishment of 7 aggregation Centres with Business Plans, Linked to Private Sector and production capacity of 25,000 smallholder farmers.

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THE VICTIM RELIEF ALLIANCE (TVRA)

WHO WE ARE

The Victim Relief Alliance (TVRA) is a Ugandan not-for-profit organization formed in July 2007 and registered with the National NGO Bureau.

TVRA's primary objective is to empower the poor and marginalized communities to actively confront their under development occasioned by high levels of poverty marginalization and disasters



ALITIA ELIA
Executive Director

Alitia Elia, a lawyer and Executive Director of The Victim Relief Alliance, a National NGO that started in 2007 to support vulnerable people in Uganda whose lives are threatened by disasters such as wars, landslides, drought, famine, sexual and gender-based violence, land rights and protection of natural resources, among others.



VISION

Empowered People living in safety and dignity.

MISSION

Empowering people whose lives are shattered by conflicts and disasters through livelihood, psycho-social and logistical support.

CORE VALUES

- Team Work
- Impartiality
- Togetherness
- Openness & transparency



OBJECTIVES

- To promote sustainable environment management and climate change adaptations for sustainable development in northern Uganda.
- To improve livelihoods of refugees and vulnerable persons in northern Uganda through promotion of sustainable agriculture and other income generation activities.
- To promote good governance, accountability and rule of law for sustainable development in northern Uganda.
- To promote provision of quality primary health care services to improve the quality of life and productivity of refugees and other vulnerable persons in northern Uganda.
- To promote peace building and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that can bring about sustainable peace and security in northern Uganda.



A nursery bed in Ongurua refugee settlement.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Under strengthening youth councils and youth entrepreneur's skills, TVRA trained 300 youth council executives on leadership skills and group dynamics in six sub counties of Terego district. TVRA also successfully trained 300 young entrepreneurs on business skills and management drawn from the six sub counties of Terego District, and conducted career guidance in 3 technical schools and 21 secondary schools in Arua District.
- On promotion of clean energy solutions. TVRA distributed 3000 cook stoves, 1000 solar lanterns, 200 water purifiers, and 5 tons of briquettes to refugees and host community households. TVRA also promoted and sold 200 solar home systems in the greater Arua district.
- Under capacity strengthening for improved services with support from ZOA , TVRA successfully trained the following categories: 120 water user committees on leadership, hygiene and sanitation in Omugo I and II in Rhino camp refugee camp, and 200 paralegals and community structures in Rhino camp refugee settlement.

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VISION SEED OF HOPE(VSH)



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Vision Seed of Hope (VSH) is a non-profit, non-governmental community based Organization, aiming at socio economic uplifting of the third world through positive application of dynamic and holistic approaches. VSH was established in October 2015, and legally registered on January, 4th 2016 with Kaabong District Local Government, as an integral organization created for sustainable development, operating in Kaabong and Karenga istricts.



DOMINIC LOPEYOK
Executive Director

Dominic Lopeyok is a development practitioner by training who has seven years of experience in programming. He has been engaged in peace building and conflict resolution, playing practical and development roles.

VISION

Inspired humanity with knowledge and hopeful and sustainably developed communities.

MISSION

To contribute to sustainable livelihood, environment and improved health, equal opportunities for democratic society through promotion of social justice for development.

CORE VALUES

- Team work
- Impartiality
- Togetherness
- Openness & transparency



A parish chief of Loyoro addressing the community during the meeting dialogue.

OBJECTIVES

- To strengthen livelihood and food security among poor rural communities.
- To build the capacities of communities to demand for services, good governance, accountability and their rights.
- To promote communities' access to clean and safe water and healthy environment.
- To reduce HIV/AIDS prevalence in Karamoja and the neighbouring communities.
- To empower communities to mitigate and manage disasters.
- To promote gender and empowerment of boys, girls, women and elderly persons.



Community sensitization on HIV/AIDS and its negative impacts on the youth through the sports activity officiated by the VSH director and the sub county chairperson of Loyoro sub county.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Under governance, VSH has just concluded the implementation of a project titled, "**Progressive Right Based Approach and Social Justice**" funded by Sign of Hope Uganda and implemented in a consortium in Kaabong district.



Team of stakeholders in the implementation of the progressive right based approach project being trained by an OXFAM staff on GAL's methodology. The approached used by the project.

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YOUTH SOCIAL ADVOCACY TEAM (YSAT)

WHO WE ARE

Youth Social Advocacy Team (YSAT) is a refugee youth-led, non-governmental organization that was founded in June 2016. YSAT works to address the increasing culture of violent conflict within refugee communities by creating an inclusive environment for community empowerment through skills development, conflict transformation, livelihoods, basic adult literacy, and social innovations that promote peaceful coexistence, improve household income and education for self-reliance to support peace and development at the grassroots level.



JOHN JAL DAK
Executive Director

John Jal Dak is a certified Non -Violence Peace building trainer and Generation Change Fellow with United States Institute for Peace (USIP.) He is a Certified Creative Capacity Building Trainer of Trainees with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) DLab, an auditor at IDInsight, a UNHCR Research Assistant, a Consultant with Humanitarian Innovation Fund, a One Young World Youth Ambassador, a Yunus & Youth Fellow, and the Executive Director of the Youth Social Advocacy Team.



VISION

An empowered and self-reliant youthful society committed to gender equity and peace to transform lives and livelihoods for sustainable development.

MISSION

To Create an inclusive platform for community empowerment through initiatives that promote peaceful coexistence, livelihoods and education for self - reliance.

CORE VALUES

- Diversity
- Equity
- Participation
- Tranquility
- Accountability and transparent



Village Health Team fully equipped to conduct community based disease surveillance in Rhino Camp.

OBJECTIVES

1. To Save lives now and in the future:

- Promote refugees awareness of and participation in peace processes (RARCIS).
- Prevent the occurrence of hate speech and violent conflicts.

2. To Improve Household Livelihoods:

- Enhanced skills development for entrepreneurs.
- Provide youth with opportunities to start social enterprise.
- Increase on household income levels.

3. To Impart Practical Skills and Innovative learning alternatives for All:

- Provide access to alternative learning.
- Advance right to education for the Girl Child

4. To empower local communities towards achieving sustainable Development through Education Livelihood and Peace for All.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

In November 2020, YSAT was Nominated by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) for the UNHCR NGO Innovation Award 2020 for supporting refugees and vulnerable host communities with 45 Innovative Touch Free Hand Washing Facilities. The Handwashing facilities were distributed to 11 Food Distribution Points, 7 Health Centres, 2 Reception Centres, the Office of the Prime Minister Base Camps in Rhino and Imvepi Camps, and in Arua Regional Referral Hospital. YSAT became a 2020 Finalist for East and Horn of Africa Region, second to Dadaab Education Youth Centre in Kenya for the HECA region. This publicity enabled YSAT win the Response Innovation Lab - COVID-19 Innovation Prize in December 2020 by Save the Children (with other winners.)



COVID-19 RESPONSE YSAT- Touch Free Foot Operated Hand washing facility placed at food distribution points in Ocea Rhino Camp to respond to COVID-19 prevention.



YSAT and AFI Field Team at Ofua FDP in Rhino Camp for food prepackaging and preparing for food distribution.

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ACTORS PLATFORMS



THE HUMANITARIAN PLATFORM FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN UGANDA



WHO WE ARE

The Humanitarian Platform for Local and National Organisations in Uganda is a mechanism to strengthen coordination and capacity of local and national organizations in dealing with the humanitarian situation in Uganda, including preparedness and response. The Platform comprises various stakeholder groups and constituencies, both local (indigenous) and international, government representatives, NGOs, multilateral development partners, media, and academia.



**ROTARIAN GEORGE
FRANCIS IWA**

Chairperson
(National Humanitarian Platform)

Rotarian George Francis IWA is President 2020-21 of the Rotary Club of Lugogo Mango Tree. He is very passionate about issues of social justice. He has led several multicultural teams working with several International NGOs (INGO) in Uganda, Sudan (now South Sudan), Somaliland, Liberia and Kenya.

VISION

Local and national organisations are well coordinated, informed and able to influence the humanitarian agenda in Uganda.

MISSION

To strengthen coordination, act as a collective voice for policy influence, promote partnerships and build the capacity of local and national organizations to be effective first and post-recovery responders to humanitarian situations in Uganda.

CORE VALUES

- Transparency and accountability
- Integrity and honesty
- Self-regulation
- Partnerships
- Voluntarism



Launching the West Nile Humanitarian Platform.

OBJECTIVES

- To strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of local and national organizations to influence the humanitarian agenda.
- To strengthen coordination within local and national organizations and enhance engagement with other stakeholders.
- To act as a collective voice for local and national organizations to influence policy, and practice in the humanitarian agenda at different levels

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The National Humanitarian Platform has strengthened the coordination mechanisms of the local and national humanitarian actors as national level.
- The platform effectively represents local and national humanitarian actors at different spaces nationally and globally.
- The NHP has promoted the visibility of local and national humanitarian actors in humanitarian leadership by showcasing their initiatives.



The Humanitarian Platform Strategic Planning Retreat in Jinja 2019.



The stakeholders dialogue on compliance in the humanitarian sector

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KARAMOJA LOCAL AND NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ALLIANCE (KALNHA)



Karamoja
Local & National
Humanitarian Alliance

WHO WE ARE

Karamoja Local and National Humanitarian Alliance (KALNHA) is a humanitarian alliance formed by the local indigenous organizations in the districts of Kotido, Kaabong and Karenga.

It consists of 30 members. Karamoja Local, National Humanitarian Alliance (KALNHA) is an indigenous alliance that has been formed by the Local and National Humanitarian organizations (Community, District, Faith-Based and National) operating in Karamoja to act as a collective voice and a mechanism to strengthen coordination among Humanitarian actors in the region.



MR. AKOL MOSES
Chair Person (KALNHA)

Moses Akol a Branch Manager Uganda Red Cross Society, Kotido district. He has 12 years of experience in humanitarian work including programming, project planning and reporting, disaster preparedness and response, administrative skills, coordination and networking. He holds a Bachelors degree and Certificate in Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Leadership(HDRL) both from Makerere University.

VISION

Empowered local and national humanitarian actors in Karamoja.

MISSION

To strengthen coordination, act as a collective voice for policy influence, promote partnerships and build capacity to be effective first and post-recovery responders.



CORE VALUES

- Dignity
- Humanity
- Innovativeness
- Gender and diversity
- Voluntarism and care
- Integrity and honesty
- Promote coordination
- Complementary partnership
- Transparency and accountability

OBJECTIVES

- Promote coordination within local and national organizations and enhance engagement with other stakeholders.
- Strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of local and national organizations.
- To act as a collective voice for local and national organizations to influence policy, and practice in the humanitarian agenda at different levels.
- To promote information sharing, learning, and knowledge management for better humanitarian preparedness, first and post-recovery response



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Alliance has strengthened the capacity of local actor organizations in humanitarian response and internal systems.
- The Local organizations were supported on consortia building and strengthening initiatives and resource mobilization capacity which has enabled them attract funding from other donors at their levels.
- Strengthened networking, partnerships and collaborations among the local actors and with other stakeholders.
- The Alliance has been able to benefit from Joint Regional Advocacy for unlocking regional and national resources for humanitarian response.
- Exposure and visibility of the organizations to other national and international platforms like charter for change endozers platform (C4C) among others.

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PLATFORM FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ACTORS (LNHAS)



WHO WE ARE

PALNHAs is a Platform for Local and National Humanitarian Actors (LNHAS) started in 2018 by LNHAS in Acholi region with the aim to coordinate, network and facilitate the Local and National n Actors (LNHAS) in Acholi region for meaningful engagement in humanitarian preparedness and response, advocacy and influencing localization agenda. Humanitarian Actors (LNHAS) in Acholi region for meaningful engagement in humanitarian preparedness and response, advocacy and influencing localization agenda.



OKELLO JAMES
Chairperson (PALNHAs)

Okello James holds a Bachelor degree in social work and social administration, a Diploma in Business Studies, Certificate in project M&E, Certificate in market based assessment in humanitarian response, Certificate in DO-NO-HARM in humanitarian response and Certificate in strategic planning and finance management.

VISION

To see Local and National Humanitarian Actors in Acholi Region playing a leading role in humanitarian work.

MISSION

To build a vibrant and well coordinated Local and National Humanitarian Actors(LNHAs) in Acholi Region for meaningful engagement in humanitarian work through Coordination, networking and partnership building, advocacy and influencing.

CORE VALUES

- Coordination, Networking and Partnerships
- Transparency and Accountability
- Team Work



OBJECTIVES

- To build and strengthen LNNGOs and INGOs/Agencies partnership, networking and coordination for meaningful engagement in humanitarian preparedness and response.
- To advocate and influence localization for Voice, Space and direct funding to Local and National NGOs.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Women and men have improved equitable and sustainable access to safe water and sanitation.
- Women and men in targeted communities are reached with better information on good sanitation and hygiene practices.
- Communities and relevant stakeholders have better knowledge and skills for the management of water resources and catchment areas.



Participants in a platform meeting.



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WEST NILE HUMANITARIAN PLATFORM (WNH)



WHO WE ARE

West Nile Humanitarian Platform was conceived as a mechanism to strengthen the coordination of local and national organizations in response to the humanitarian situation in the region in 2016 as a result of the Nation reflection workshop in Gulu June 2017. The platform was officially launched in 2018.



MR. FENI TWAIB
Chairperson

Mr. Feni Twaib is a Development worker, Chair the West Nile Humanitarian Platform, and the Chief Executive Officer at Arua District NGO Network.

VISION

Local and National Actors in West Nile Sub Region, are well coordinated, informed and have the ability to influence the humanitarian agenda.

MISSION

Core to forming of the West Nile Humanitarian Platform is the desire to foster improved social service delivery and sustainable development in the West Nile region. The concept of the platform derived from the desire to empower local and national humanitarian actors in the West Nile sub-region in order to create a critical mass of knowledgeable humanitarian responders that can effectively participate in responding to local crisis in the sub-region and hold their leaders accountable as a first line measure to combating crisis in the region.

CORE VALUES

- Transparency and accountability
- Integrity and honesty
- Self-regulation
- Partnerships
- Voluntarism



Participants in a women leaders' conference in Arua

OBJECTIVES

- To promote information sharing, learning and knowledge management for better humanitarian preparedness and response.
- Strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of local and national organizations to influence the humanitarian agenda.
- Strengthen coordination within local and national organizations and enhance engagement with other humanitarian actors.
- To act as a collective voice for local and national organizations to influence the humanitarian agenda at national, regional and global levels.
- To promote partnerships and collaborations between the platform members and other humanitarian stakeholders.



Pictures from the localisation dialogue in commemoration of the World Humanitarian Week

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased LNHAs access to funding, partnership opportunities and visibility in West Nile Region.
- Facilitated capacity strengthening of about 45 LNHAs to enable them offer quality humanitarian responses to the affected persons in their areas of operation.
- Involved communities in service delivery to improve community livelihoods. Through capacity building initiatives, the Local actors are able to deliver quality humanitarian responses which are inclusive of crisis affected people's needs. The LNHAS involve communities where they operate in decision making to ensure that appropriate programs reach the people affected.



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