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FAPAD Annual Report



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Acronyms

FAPAD	Facilitation for Peace and Development
MDAs&LGs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Local Governments
RDC	Resident District Commander
RPC	Regional Police Commander
ULGA	Uganda Local Governments Association
LCV	Local Councilor 5
CBTs	Community Based Trainers
TAF	Trained Apiary Farmer
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture Animal industry and Fisheries
VSLA	Village Savings and Loans Association
RUPOA	Retired Uganda Police Officers Association
CPCs	Child Protection Committees
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
LC1s	Local Councilors 1
CPPs	Community Peace Promoters
MLACs	Mobile Legal Aid Clinics
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CEA	Civic Engagement Alliance
LFSNC	Lango Food Security Cluster
LASPNET	Legal Aid Service Providers Network

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1.0 Word from the Executive Director

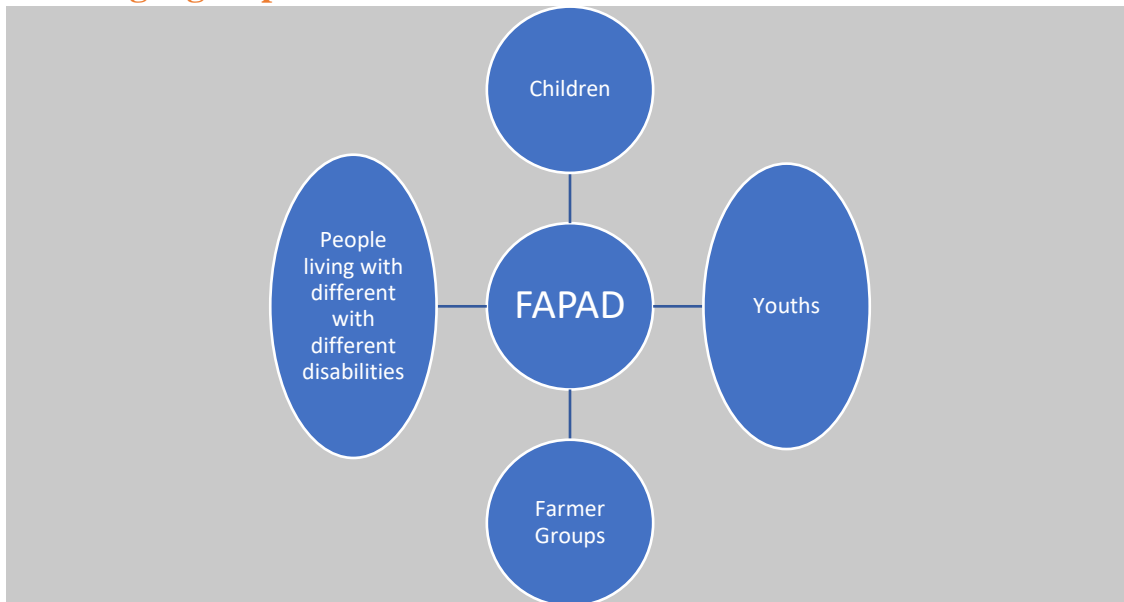
2.0 About FAPAD

Facilitation for Peace and Development (FAPAD) is a legally registered indigenous Non-Governmental Organization with the National NGO Board. The organization was established in 2004 to respond to issues of gross human rights violations against vulnerable women, children and communities in northern Uganda as a result of Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) that last for two decades.

FAPAD works for a resilient world and we work with people and communities to harness personal and collective resources within their environment to address adversities and move forward in support of their wellbeing. Our core strategic areas of programming aim at improving sustainable use of natural resources for food and income security, promoting accountable governance, strengthening income security for youth, and promoting gender justice for women, girls, boys and men.



Our target groups



3.0 Key programme achievements

- Reached out to 33,448 persons through our local media engagements
 - Strengthened the capacity of 9,652 persons through direct community events
 - Facilitated formulation of 04 Ordinances in coordination with Amolatar District Local Government
 - Facilitated formulation of 05 Sub county Bye-laws in coordination with Lira District Local Government
 - Facilitated the establishment and training of Lira District Quality Assurance Committee
 - Facilitated establishment of Retired Uganda Police Officers' Association (RUPOA)
 - Mobilized and trained 20 local groups on Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and supported them with start-up kits
 - Mobilized and trained 10 local groups on Eco-enterprise including value addition on Shea
 - Facilitated development of 30 farmers manifestoes to which social contracts have been signed
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3.1 Improving sustainable utilization of natural resources for food and income security

- Mobilized and trained 20 local groups on Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and supported them with start-up kits
- Mobilized and trained 10 local groups on Eco-enterprise including value addition on Shea
- Strengthened the capacity of 6,452 persons through direct community events
- Reached out to 15,448 persons through our local media engagements

Promoting accountable governance

- Facilitated formulation of 04 Ordinances in coordination with Amolatar District Local Government
- Facilitated formulation of 05 Subcounty Bye-laws in coordination with Lira District Local Government
- Facilitated the establishment and training of Lira District Quality Assurance Committee in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture
- Facilitated establishment of Retired Uganda Police Officers' Association (RUPOA)
- Reached out to 10,800 persons through our local media engagements
- Facilitated development of 30 farmers manifestoes to which social contracts were jointly signed by the aspiring candidates at local government level and farmers (voters)

Strengthening gender justice for children, women and local employees of business and corporations

- Reached out to 7,200 persons through our local media engagements
- Strengthened the capacity of 3,123 persons through direct community events
- Facilitated a total of 2,731 mediation meetings through virtual and non-virtual means
- Responded to 4050 reported cases of Gender Based Violence in collaboration with community paralegal structures across target sub counties in Lango sub region
- Supported 2,693 households to secure their land rights through systematic demarcation of their land

3.1 Improve sustainable utilization of natural resources for food and income security



3.1.1 Provide start-up kits to trained unemployed youths to set up their own businesses



Above: FAPAD in coordination with local leaders handing over goats to Alummyomiwangi youth group

Contributing to youth employment is one of the key areas FAPAD prioritized in 2020. Despite the a challenging year, FAPAD economically empowered a total of 03 youth groups in Amolatar district. This was through supporting the youth with start-up kits to enhance their

livelihoods. These inputs included goats, poultry and their assorted items. We supported one youth group to establish one community tree nursery bussiness to enhance their livelihoods and contribute to enviromental protection efforts.



Above: Atomoro youth group receiving poultry from FAPAD during a hand over event

3.1.2 Strengthen capacity of local governments to upscale IRM approaches through Policy formulation and implementation



Above: A copy of the Amach sub county bye-law against counterfeit agro inputs

bye-laws against counterfeit-agro-inputs in the 05 target sub counties of Amach, Agweng, Agali, Barr and Ngetta. These policies are aimed at enhancing food, income and nutritional security, environmental and human rights protection.

FAPAD in coordination with district local governments leadership of Lira and Amolatar facilitated the formulation of district bills and bye-laws. 04 district bills were formulated in Amolatar district and these included a bill on natural resources protection, food security, one others against counterfeit agro inputs and against domestic violence respectively. Additionally, in collaboration with Lira District Local Government, we facilitated the formulation of 05 sub county



Honorable Alex Orem, Speaker Agali Sub County Local Government, chairing the council sitting to approve the bye law against counterfeit agro inputs

3.1.3 Support local governments in strengthening the management and disposal of hazardous waste materials

We continued to collaborate with Amolatar District Local Government technical in enforcing proper and safe disposal of hazardous waste. This was undertaken through joint community sensitization and information sharing of critical and beneficial information to target communities. Additionally, FAPAD developed picture manuals on effective waste management processes in abid to ensure the communities conserve their environment using the knowledge and skills gained.

3.1.4 Promote agro-ecological approaches to food security for food insecure households

Supporting target farmers and groups to adopt good agro-ecological practices remains paramount in ensuring food, nutrition and income security for farming households in Lango subregion. In 2020, FAPAD in coordinated with Otuke and Amolatar District Local Governments to support farming communities through capacity development. We mobilized and trained 25 farmer groups on best agronomic practices, that included proper management of vegetable gardens, proper post-harvest handling processes to minimize losses, production of bio-fertilizer using plant tea and organic pesticides.

We employed the use of media campaigns that included road drives and radio-talkshows especially during the lockdown and upon lifting of the lockdown, our technical and sub county extension officers provided one-on-one technical back stopping support to each of our farming groups. This was to ensure access to agronomical information that would enhance farmers access to quality agro-inputs, income and food security.

3.1.6 Strengthen the value chain approach farming

In addition to strengthening our farmers capacity to adopt good agronomic practices, FAPAD collaborated with government extension workers to support target farmers add value to their farm proceeds. In addition to this, we supported one farmer group with a maize grinder to enable maize farmers add value to their proceeds and increase the market value of their products. We continue to support other individual farmers and farmer groups undertake market research of crops they periodically produce,

3.2 Hold government accountable using different mechanisms within its framework



3.2.1 Support communities to participate in the LG planning processes at parish, sub county & district levels.

FAPAD continued to mobilize and capacitate our target communities to participate in key decision-making processes that include formulation of critical policies including local government budgets and plans. Additionally, we lobbied and influenced sub county and district local government budget decisions of financial year 2020/2021 with the aim of ensuring approved local budgets and plans speak to the current needs of the poor farmers and their communities.

As a result of our lobby, Muntu sub county local government council approved a revised natural resources sector budget from UGX 5,148,000 to UGX 6,455,000. Aputi sub county local government council also approved a revised natural resources sector budget from UGX 2,250,000 to UGX 13,660,000. These resources were approved to ensure farmers have better access and knowledge to quality Agro-inputs and environmental management to mitigate effects of climate change in these target sub counties.

3.2.2 Mobilize citizens' participation in improving accountable policing with respect to Uganda police/improving respect for human rights in the Uganda police.

In a bid to improve quality of policing with the aim of strengthening protection of human rights in Lango, FAPAD effectively partnered and collaborated with the Uganda Police Force (UPF) - North Kyoga Region to ease access to police services. A part from joint planning and



implementation of policing initiatives between FAPAD and the UPF, we facilitated the office of the Regional Police Commander (RPC) for a technical back stopping support visit to all district police stations within Lango, for purposes of quality assurance, accountability and professionalism in delivering the police mandate by officers on duty.

From Left, the Regional Community Liaison Officer Lawrence Omara Ogole , the North Kyoga Regional Police Commander Nkore Paul, FAPADs Program Manager Ms. Ebil Juliet and the regional Crime Intelligence Officer after one of the security meetings held at the regional Police Headquarters in Lira.



On the left: RPC Nkore Paul during his monitoring and technical support visit at Amolatar Central Police Station



Above: The Program Manager Juliet Ebil, Lira District Police Commander (DPC) SP Bernard Mugerwa, the Regional Community Liaison Officer Lawrence Omara Ogole during a talk show on policing during the COVID-17 lockdown

Additionally, during the COVID-19 pandemic, FAPAD collaborated closely with UPF and local media to ensure protection of citizens' rights during the lock down. Upon issuing presidential directives on COVID-19, FAPAD received concerns from several members of the public regarding the manner in which some police officers were enforcing the presidential directives against COVID. A number of strategies including media campaigns and community policing were used to mobilize and sensitize the public on their

constitutional rights and responsibilities. Furthermore, FAPAD sought for accountability from

police leadership on emerging issues being raised by the public, to which the police positively responded.



On the left: Peter Nkulega Regional Police Commander, North Kyoga region, District Health Officer Dr. Buhcan Ocen and LCV Chairperson Lira District Local Government, honorable Alex Oremo Alot, participating in a radio talk show during the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown

FAPAD continued to consolidate efforts aimed at improving policing in Uganda, and as such, we mobilized

and engaged retired police officers from Busoga, West Nile, Teso and Kigezi sub regions who were very key in establishing the Retired Uganda Police Association (RUPOA), an association that brings together the retired police officers who have a rich professional experience in law enforcement, security intelligence gathering, criminal investigations and other police duties. RUPOA is meant to foster learning and experience sharing between the retired and serving police officers with the aim to improve police service. We also supported the development and validation of RUPOA constitution that is key in enabling its collaboration with the UPF.



Above: Members of RUPOA and staff of FAPAD during a planning and consultative meeting.

3.3 Strengthen gender justice or children, women and local employees of businesses and corporations



1.1.1 Promote enforcement of laws & policies that safeguard boys and girls from sexual violence in schools and communities

FAPAD collaborated with the target sub county local government councils and line committees of Agali, Barr and Lira to facilitate, formulate and enforce of sub county child protection bye-laws. The need for these bye-laws was as a result of gross violations of children's rights in these target sub counties that arose from comprehensive community consultative meetings with relevant stakeholders.



Above: Barr Subcounty Local Government LC III Chairperson, honorable Lemo Tom Edward, committing himself during the review of sub county child protection bye-law

3 sub county bye laws were formulate and passed by Lira, Agali and Barr Sub county Local Governments, FAPAD will continue collaborating with respective local governments to disseminate the approved by-laws to their communities to ensure that they have knowledge of the laws in place to protect their children, ownership and compliance that remains critical in ensuring respect for children's rights in these respective communities.

3.3.2. Strengthen mechanisms for addressing sexual and gender-based violence against women

Following rampant cases of sexual and Gender Based Violence (GBV) especially during the lockdown as a result of COVID-19 pandemic in Uganda, FAPAD coordinated with community paralegal structures to respond to increasing cases of GBV a cross our target sub counties in Lango sub regions. As such, FAPAD facilitated both target sub county local governments and district and regional police leadership to undertake massive sensitization through the use of both media and community dialogue meetings. As a result, joint community action plans were developed to enhance follow-up of duty bearers by respective communities.



The leadership of North Kyoga Regional Police officers participating in a joint a radio talk show with FAPAD in Lira district

3.3.3 Promote women and PWD's to access, use and ownership to land resources

As part of our collaborative efforts with target district and sub county local governments in promoting access to land by women, youth and Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) in Lango sub region. FAPAD facilitated some of our target communities to document their customary land through systematic demarcations. Additionally, FAPAD with community support, initiated a number of media campaigns, dialogues and lobby meetings with relevant stakeholders from local government, cultural and religious spheres to ensure access, utilization and ownership of land by the indigent persons.

3.3.4 Provide legal aid services to cases of human rights violation

FAPAD's legal aid team continued to address barriers limiting access to justice for vulnerable persons through provision of pro bono services. As such, FAPAD partnered with community paralegal structures to receive and successfully managed cases through providing free on spot legal advice to all our clients whose cases were received. FAPAD used both virtual and non-virtual means in receiving and providing free legal aid services to our clientele a cross Lango sub region.



Community paralegal structures participating during training an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and mediation

4.0 Networking and collaboration

In 2020 ICCO convened two Joint CEA reflection meetings during this reporting period, the meetings were held in Lira and Fort Portal, the aim was for each of the partners to share their success, lessons and give updates on how far the project implementation was moving on in the last year of implementation. The team was able to analyze and have an appreciation of the overall country wide program success and the big contribution team FAPAD gave. We were awarded a plaque in recognition of our contribution to the CEA program success.

The ICCO team also conducted a program phase out evaluation and meeting in Lira. This was done to officially close out program implementation, validate and assess progress and success of the program in the presence of the stakeholders.

The stakeholders in attendance included, the LCV chairperson, RDC, the agricultural officers from the five target sub counties of Agweng, Amach, Agali, Barr and Ngetta, media, the members of the production committee, agro input dealers, small holder farmers, FAPAD Staff and the production department staff.

The team at FAPAD also participated in a Life skill for lobby refresher training that was organized by EDUCANTS. The CEA partners were taken through the two day refresher training with the aim of going over topics that had not been understood or where there was difficulty in execution during the rolling out of the first training. The training equipped staff with the skills to conduct trainings in lobby but also skills to lobby that are vital for our day to day interactions with the various stakeholders across each of our areas of programing.

5.0 Income statement 2020

6.0 Development partners

FAPAD remains thankful to God for special wisdom and guidance that enabled us to fearlessly serve the people of Lango and beyond during challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic. Special thanks to our dear partners NED, ICCO, BD, Freedom House, GIZ and CARE for their continued commitment towards supporting our initiatives that impacted the lives of the vulnerable persons in Lango and beyond. We appreciate all government Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Local Governments (MDA&LGs) that we cooperated for opening your doors to jointly plan, and most importantly to formulate, enforce and monitor policy implementation on behalf of Ugandan citizens.

Not forgetting our friends in the media and CSO fraternity for their tireless efforts towards our policy advocacy initiatives. We thank our grassroots partners, the Community Peace Promoters (CPPs) and Peace Monitors, for remaining consistent with the noble duty of changing lives, your efforts can never be underestimated.

