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Annual Report

Facilitation for Peace and Development

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Cover photo: A pupil living with disability at Anai primary school, during a dialogue on child justice.

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Acronyms

FAPAD	Facilitation for Peace and Development
MDAs&LGs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Local Governments
RDC	Resident District 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

Who we are:

Facilitation for Peace and Development (FAPAD) started in 2004, with a vision to contribute to sustainable peace where everyone's rights are respected. Our contribution was encased in a mission of working with communities to co-create and strengthen spaces for common understanding and respect of human rights, and enhancing people's wellbeing.

Our Vision

We work for a resilient world.

Mission:

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.

Core values

Leadership

FAPAD strives to be on the leading edge of shaping an agenda for a resilient world.

Cooperation & Collaboration

FAPAD recognizes the benefits that accrue to our beneficiaries, our staff and our partners when we share our resources, expertise, time and energy.

Adaptability

FAPAD intends to be a nimble, flexible and dynamic organization, able and willing to adapt to the evolving needs of target groups in a changing environment and the shifting landscape of technology.

Diversity

FAPAD celebrates diversity in its everyday work. Its target beneficiaries include juveniles, women, youth, and people with disabilities. FAPAD recognizes that these target populations may have diverse issues, disparate resilience resources and distinct needs. Decisions undertaken on behalf of these categories are made with the greatest respect and support of these differences.

Equity

FAPAD recognizes and seeks to tap into different representations of power plays to shape respectable, supportive and enduring relationships between people of different ages, gender, and perspectives.

Our strategic areas of focus

- Improving sustainable use of natural resources for food & income security
- Holding government accountable using different mechanisms within its framework
- Establishing and strengthen income security for female and male youth
- Strengthening gender justice or children, women and local employees of businesses and corporations

What we achieved in 2019

Institutional development

In 2019, FAPAD in collaboration with its strategic partners launched a new strategic plan 2019-2023 that was approved by our board of trustees. The new strategic plan presents lessons learnt during the implementation of our previous strategic plan. The lessons learnt broadened our areas of focus into strategic areas of accountable governance, natural resource conservation and human rights protection.

Additionally, the new strategic programming continues to strengthen our collaboration with key partners and allies such as government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Local Governments (MDAs&LGs), the media, religious and cultural institutions, the media and the citizenry in improving accountability and quality of service delivery.

Improving sustainable use of natural resources for food and income security

One of our key areas of focus in 2019 was to improve sustainable use of natural resources and ensure food and income security for our target communities in Lango sub region. FAPAD achieved this through a number of strategies that included; dialogues on access to quality seeds, lobby meetings, joint monitoring visits with relevant local governments' sector committees, mentoring and building capacity of relevant stakeholders. The stakeholders FAPAD engaged with include; district and sub county local government councilors, district and sub county technical officers in charge of production, agro input dealers, the media and small holder farmers. FAPAD undertook the initiatives below;

Promoted proper waste management and disposal of industrial waste materials in Lira, Otuke, Amolatar districts

The capacity of 1,920 (743 male and 1,177 female community members from Amolatar and Otuke was built on proper management and disposal of industrial waste. As a result, the target communities can now;

- Make compost from bio-degradable materials such as cassava/sweet potato peelings and leaves
- Using baskets locally known as “dita” to substitute non-biodegradable material such as polythene bags locally known as “Kaveras”
- Practicing re-use of materials such as tins for storing salt, sugar, cooking oil
- Separation of bio-degradable from non-biodegradable waste and disposing them into different rubbish pits.

Supported communities to adopt improved agro-ecological practices to maximize utilization of land for inter-dependent small-scale agro enterprises

A total of 2,876 households were supported to adopt good agro-ecological practices. This was achieved in collaboration between FAPAD and district technical teams in respective district local governments. The farmers have also been able to benefit from sub county extension services. Additionally, FAPAD facilitated capacity building of lead farmers through a learning visit. This enabled the lead farmers to develop an improved technique that enhanced organic production among farmers in Lango sub region.

- We facilitated the establishment of 02 technology transfer sites (agro-ecology model farms) in Amolatar district.
- Trained 75 (59 males and 16 females) Community-Based Trainers (CBTs), charged with the responsibility of upscaling agroecology practices and principles to their respective communities
- 02 model farmers were also supported for a learning visit exposed to TAF mixed farm in Ngetta, Lira district.



Managing director-Bedigen agro-ecology farm in Awelo Sub County, Amolatar district and her spouse in their poultry house and apiary respectively



Lead farmers from Amolatar district during exposure visit to the apiary section in TAF farm-Ngetta

Promoted use of clean energy at household and institutional level

FAPAD continued to encourage small-scale farmers to use clean energy especially at household level. This was as a result of continued encroachment on natural resources especially indigenous trees such as “Odugu, Opok, Omeng, Ooro, Cwao, Yao, Okutu and Ibu” that are fast being depleted due to unregulated charcoal business to meet energy demands by surrounding urban centres and neighboring countries such as Kenya.

- We supported 23 farmer households with clean energy saving cookstoves in Amolatar district
- Linked 25 farmer households from Otuke district to the Ministry of Water and Environment for capacity building on Lorena and shielded energy cookstoves
- Sensitized 1750 farmers in Lango on environmental conservation and protection
- Otuke District Local Government in coordination with Ministry of Water and Environment impounded and burnt sacks of charcoal in abid to discourage unregulated charcoal trade within Otuke

As a result, there is improved conservation of natural resources as evidenced by community’s appreciation of the value of natural resources coupled with improved enforcement of relevant laws and policies by respective district local governments.



Left: RDC Robert Abak during the launch of tree planting in Otuke District Right: District Environment Officer Amolatar District sensitizing the community on environmental protection



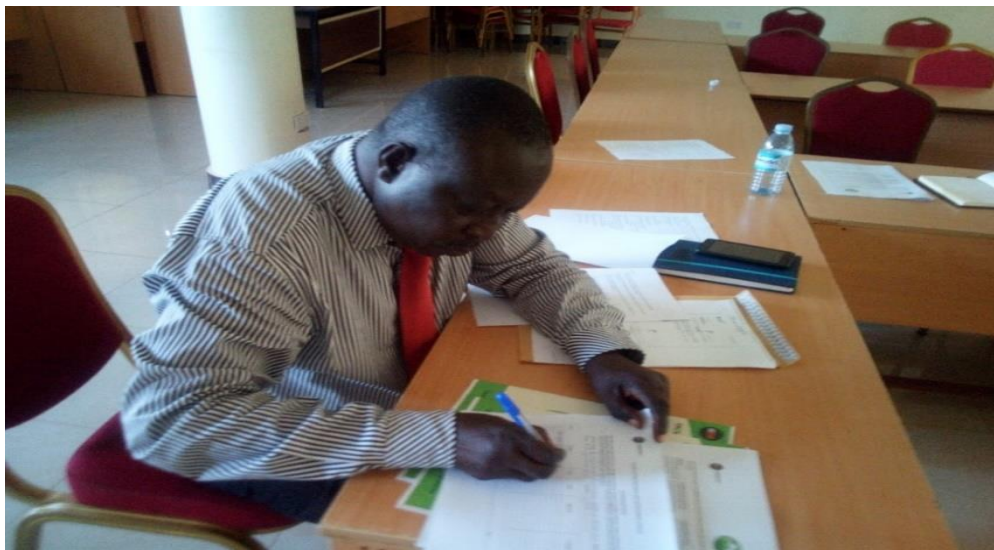
Illegal charcoal impounded and burnt to discourage unregulated charcoal trade in Otuke District



Collaborated with district local government leadership in Lango to promote access to quality seeds for small-scale farmers in Lango sub region

Promoting access to quality seeds for small-scale farmers was one of the priority areas for FAPAD in 2019. A total of 704 (454 males and 250 females) participated in our lobby meetings at district, regional and national levels to influence duty bearers decisions on promoting access to quality seed and agro inputs by small-scale farmers within Lango sub region and beyond. To date, FAPAD in collaboration with Lira, Kole and Amolatar district local governments and leadership under the consortium of Uganda Local Government Association (ULGA) for LCV chairpersons in Lango sub region, continue to support farmers access to quality agro-inputs including seeds. As a result,

- 150 leaders at district, regional and national levels signed commitment forms to promote access to quality seeds for small-scale farmers
- FAPAD facilitated the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) to disseminate the National Seed Policy of 2018 to local government leaders and technocrats in Teso, Karamoja and Lango sub regions
- We facilitated formulation and dissemination of sub county bye-laws and district ordinances against counterfeit agro- inputs



Regional Chairperson Uganda Local Government Association (ULGA)- (District Chairpersons Level)-Lango, Honorable Alex OremoAlotand also district chairperson Lira District Local Government, signing a commitment to promoting access quality seeds by small-scale farmers in Lango

Strengthened the value chain approach to farming.

FAPAD facilitated strengthening of capacity of 6,029 small-scale farmers from our target communities in Lango sub region. The capacity building initiative on post-harvest handling

practices was to empower the farmers with relevant information in regard to timely harvesting, proper harvesting, transportation, proper drying, threshing, winnowing and proper storage. Additionally, FAPAD strengthened the capacity of farmers on record keeping. As a result, the capacity of the small-scale farmers to effectively manage post harvesting processes.

- Disseminated 1,000 copies of Lira District Regulation of Post-Harvest Handling, Storage and Marketing of Agricultural Produce Ordinance of 2017
- Distributed weighing scale and moisture meters to target farmers in Amolatar
- Facilitated farmers to undertake learning visits to foster learning of best practices
- Strengthened the capacity of farmers on personal financial management and investments
- Distributed Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) tool kits to small-scale farmers



Small-scale farmers in Amolatar district selling their bulked produce at one of the community storage facilities



Farmer group participating in a VSLA session in Amolatar district

Facilitated establishment of 9 Lower Local Government Revenue Enhancement Committees

In collaboration with Otuke District Local Government, FAPAD facilitated capacity enhancement of lower local governments on local revenue mobilization. The capacity building support was aimed at boosting local revenue mobilization. As a result,

- 09 revenue assessment committees were established at sub county level
- 39 enumeration and registration committees were established at sub county level

Holding government accountable using different mechanisms within its framework

Supported communities to participate in Annual Local Government Planning and Budgeting processes at Parish, Sub County and District levels

In 2019, FAPAD mobilized a total of 62 communities in Lira, Amolatar and Otuke district to participate in annual local government planning and budgeting processes. Our target communities were able to collaborate with their respective sub county duty bearers in identifying

their priority needs. Furthermore, farmers priority needs were incorporated into sub county development plans for financial year 2019/2020.

- New administrative units that included villages and parishes were established to facilitate easy access to government services
- Agro-inputs for small-scale holder farmers that included seeds was incorporated into sub county plans
- Capacity building of farmers was included into the 2019/2020 plans
- Political monitoring of key sectors that included agriculture, community-based services to strengthen accountability of public resources and enable protection of farmers, women's and children's rights

Mobilized citizens' to participate in improving accountability and respect for human rights in the Uganda Police.

In 2019, on behalf of the citizens of Uganda, FAPAD continued to engage with both the retired and serving police officers in promoting accountable policing in Uganda. This is because the Ugandan citizens continue to desire for an ethical, accountable and transparent police force, an agenda FAPAD has been lobbying for. We facilitated the Retired Uganda Police Officers Association (RUPOA) develop their constitution that remains critical in guiding the operations of the association in collaboration with serving police officers aimed improving policing in Uganda.

Additionally, FAPAD collaborated with selected members of Parliament to review relevant sections of the current Police Act in a bid to improve police services easily and transparently accessed by the citizens of Uganda. Furthermore, FAPAD appreciates the office of the Inspector General of Police and Office of the President in promoting an ethical and a more accountable police force in Uganda as exhibited by their actions in managing issues that arise from poor policing.

- A national association of retired police officers (RUPOA) was established
- 1,200 citizens signed a petition demanding for an ethical and accountable police service

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

Provided Psycho-social support to indigent persons(including mental health remedies) .

In order to promote a healthy and sustainable community, FAPAD offered free psycho social support to a total of 250 community households. This was majorly to women, young girls and boys who had been exposed to violent situations especially at household level. In achieving this, we effectively collaborated with community-based structures such as the Child Protection Committees (CPCs), traditional, religious and local government leadership in coordination with the police.

- 202 family visits through Family Group Conferencing were conducted
- 48 cases are pending and will be resolved in 2020
- Capacity of 10 child protection structure was enhanced to offer psycho-support to men, young boys and girls



Lira District Local Government Chairperson Honorable Alex Oremo A lot committing to protect the rights of vulnerable persons in Lango during a radio talk show held in Lira

Strengthened mechanisms for addressing sexual and gender based violence against women

FAPAD continued to demand for improved accountability in championing protection of rights for vulnerable women and girls in Lango sub region. In collaboration with district and sub county local government leadership, FAPAD strengthened the capacity of grassroots structure-the Child Protection Committees (CPCs) and provided them with relevant tools and information aimed at enhancing their work. Some of the key mandates of the CPC structure is to collaborate with local leaders in identifying and responding to cases of sexual exploitation and violence at community and school setting and refer all criminal cases to relevant authorities such the police accordance with the law.

The capacity enhancement of the CPC structure was partly due to the fact that Lango as a region is still grappling with issues of child marriage, sexual and gender-based violence, child labor, indecent assault, child trafficking, substance abuse among youth. As result,

- We mobilized and sensitized a total of 2,032 women, young girls and boys on their constitutional rights and responsibilities
- Women, young girls and boys are now able to identify cases of rights abuse and report to relevant duty bearers
- There is more commitment from sub county and district local government leadership in responding to emerging issues of human rights violations



Honorable Alex Oremo Alot, Chairperson Lira District Local Government, committing himself to addressing issues of human rights during a review meeting held in Lira

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

In promoting access to land by women, youth and Persons with Disability (PWDs), FAPAD collaborated with sub county local leadership in Lango to protect land rights of the vulnerable persons. Apart from strengthening the capacity of our grassroots structures the Community Peace Promoters (CPPs), small-holder farmers, Local Council Ones (LCIs) to identify land related cases, FAPAD technical team provided legal advice on land matters through case mediation.



Local government and traditional leaders supporting a youth headed household demarcate Its family land in Barr subcounty, Lira district

Provided legal aid services to cases of human rights violation

Promoting access to justice by indigent persons is one of the core mandates of FAPAD. In 2019, through mobile legal aid and court representation, FAPAD received 125 land cases from the different districts of Lango sub region. The approaches FAPAD deployed in managing these included mediations, awareness creation using mobile legal aid clinics (MLACs), court representation and mentoring of both local government and traditional systems and structures. Out of these cases;

- 85 cases were successfully resolved through mediation (out of court settlement)
- 26 cases were referred to the traditional leaders, courts of law and police
- 16 cases are still pending and will be concluded upon in 2020

Networking and collaboration

During 2019, FAPAD collaborated with like minded CSOs and CSO consortiums such as the Civic Engagement Alliance (CEA), Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET) and Lango Food Security and Nutritional Cluster (LFSNC). Additionally, FAPAD collaborated with government structures and agencies that included Ministries, Departments and district local governments. We also effectively engaged with the media, religious and cultural leadership within the region.

Partnership support





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