



A story of resilience in the face of the pandemic



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1.0. Remarks from the Executive Director

FAPAD takes pride through investing in the capacity development of institutions (district local government councilors & technocrats) and structures (community peace promoters, child protection committees, cultural and religious leaders) we work closely with. This year is no different from the rest in terms of what we set out to do to enable institutions govern themselves and ensure service delivery to the citizenry



2.0. 2021 at a Glimpse

- FAPAD facilitated the issuance of 100 Certificates of Customary land Ownership (CCOs) in Awoma Sub County, Dokolo District Local Government.
- Mapped 507.6799 hectares of customary land in Dokolo District.
- Facilitated the formation of 5 sub county Bye Laws against domestic violence in the sub counties of Awelo, Aputi, Agikdak, Akwon and Muntu, in Amolator District Local Government.
- Facilitated the establishment of the Disaster Management Committees in Awelo, Aputi, Agikdak, Akwon and Muntu sub counties in Amolator District
- FAPAD reached out to 1600 people through media engagements and community events
- Enhanced the capacity of 169 community structures and Local Government Councilors
- Equipped 6 groups with Shea value addition equipment and beekeeping start up kits



2.1.1. Programmatic thematic areas

Improve sustainable utilization of natural resources for food and income



Above: The FAPAD team and the Otuke District Local Government Chairperson hand over the beekeeping start up kits to the farmer group association chairperson on 26/7/2021

i) Training of stakeholders and farmer groups

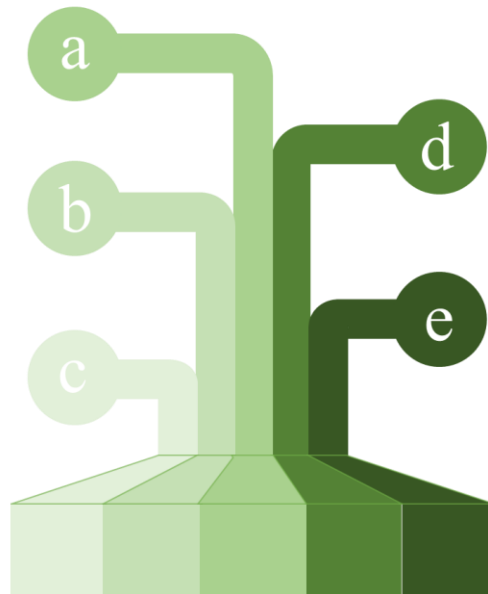
In order to improve the sustainable utilization of natural resources for food and income security, FAPAD provided ongoing training for stakeholders as well as farmers throughout Lango district.



169 councilors trained on their roles, responsibilities and procedure of council sittings (in Agikdak, Muntu, Awelo, Aputi, Akwon and Oplai sub counties)

69 community based trainers (CBTs) received a refresher training (including Agro-ecology CBTs and sub county agricultural officers)

65 Village Saving and Loan Associations of 1,625 members (975 female & 650 male) received training on SWAP methodology (within three marketing associations of Akwon Onote, Opur onote and Awelo central)



Linked market associations to other development partners for support such as postharvest material that include, soy bean thresher, digital weighing scale, tapuline, soybean winnowing machine among others.

10 groups mobilized and trained by the Eco-DRR project. The groups were selected for eco-enterprises across the two target sub-counties in Otuke district. They received training on 3 selected value chains which are, bee keeping, shea butter value addition, and crafts.

I) Other activities within the thematic area

Beside direct trainings of stakeholder and farmer groups, FAPAD implemented a mixture of advocacy projects, further support for local and regional authorities as well as broad information campaigns.

Facilitated the formation of bye-laws and ordinances

Following the passing of the bye-laws and ordinances by Amolatar District Local Government in 2020 with the support from FAPAD, it was to seek approval from the Attorney General’s office. In 2021 we facilitated the district Local Council chairperson Ongom Seidu and Clerk to Council to submit four bills for ordinance on the protection of natural resources, food security and two other bills for protection against domestic violence and counterfeit agro inputs, to the Ministry of Local Government and office of the Attorney General for review and technical guidance.

This has created a very conducive and collaborative partnership between FAPAD and Amolatar District Local Government.

Facilitated the establishment and built capacity of Disaster Management Committees

FAPAD in collaboration with the district natural resources department facilitated the establishment of 5 sub county disaster management committees in Amolatar district – before none or dysfunctional committees were in place.

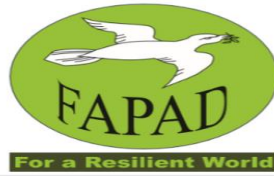
FAPAD also trained the committees on their roles and responsibilities as well as building their capacity to plan for and manage disasters in their communities. Additionally, FAPAD supported the sub county local governments to develop Disaster Management Plans (DMPs), Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRM), other sensitive plans and budgets. The sub county stakeholders



committed to integrate IRM sensitive activities for FY2022/23. These plans are very vital given the fact that Amolatar is prone to flash floods and other natural disasters. The plans help the district to prepare, sensitize the community on early warning signs and allocate resources to take care of emergencies.

Provided access on weather forecasts to small holder farmers

In collaboration with the Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA), FAPAD disseminated weather forecast information for three seasonal weather forecasts for three consecutive quarters in Amolatar and Otuke. The purpose of the dissemination was to prepare farmers to plant on time so that crops can benefit from the short rainy season. The vital information was spread via different communication channels such as direct stakeholder engagement, media engagement and sharing translated versions of the advisories with the farmers. A joint action plan was developed to address emerging issues such as inadequate allocation of resources to support dissemination of weather forecast information, the absence of the district forestry officer / district disaster management plan / disaster management committees or depletion of indigenous species of trees.



Promote Gender Justice

FAPAD promoted access and utilization of land through engagement with local authorities (religious, cultural leaders) at the district of Dokolo (11 sub counties) to strengthen existing policies and laws that promote land accessibility to marginalized persons. Commitments were made by the community land administrative structures to rally community support for the project and its objectives. One example for the impact of the project: Community members registered 507.6799 hectares of customary land that were mapped and 100 certificates were issued at Amwoma sub county headquarters on 4/03/2021 in collaboration with the Responsible Land Policy in Uganda (RELAPU) team based in Soroti.

The events drew together different categories of participants which composed of Dokolo district leadership (both political and technical), Lira district Resident City Commissioner (RCC), Amwoma and Bata sub county political leaders and technocrats, the Area Land Committee (ALC), Field Assistants, Geographic Information System (GIS) Technician, local leaders, community members, cultural and religious leaders, and CSO representatives who pledged their commitments to the program.



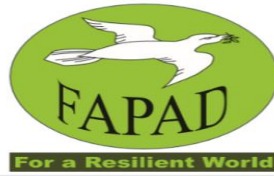
Above: Both the GIZ-RELAPU team and FAPAD team hand over a copy of the Certificate of Customary Land Registration to a land owner on the 4th march 2021



Above: participants during a talk show on alternative dispute resolution








a) Institutional and Structural Capacity building

FAPAD vested in building capacities of community-based land administrative and the local government structures through equipping them with skills, tools and relevant policies and



information needed for the successful execution of their mandate. The training which was jointly facilitated by an official from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD), District Lands Management Officer, District Environment Officer and FAPAD technical staff strengthened the mandate of the land administration structures at sub county, parish and village levels in administering customary land in line with existing frameworks and policies. The participants pledged and reaffirmed their commitment to promote harmony through peace building and to work in unity providing dedicated service to their community as well as improve on their referral system.

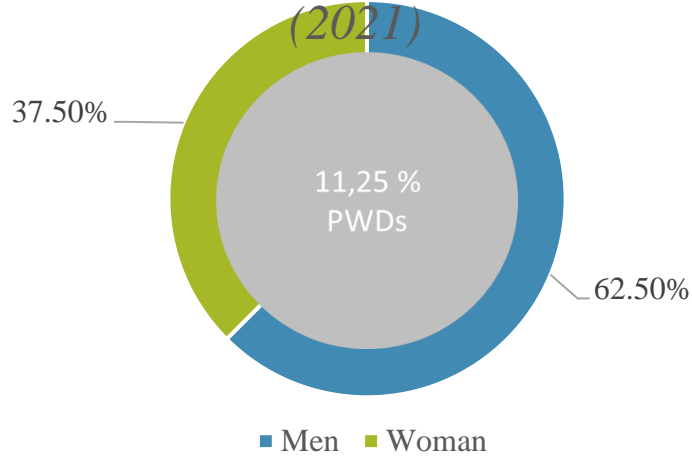
Summary: Results from the activities performed

Project I: Ensuring Customary Land Rights and Human Rights Protection for marginalized Persons in Lango	Project II: Institutional and Structural Capacity building
 <p>Community outreach programs reached 1689 individuals through 26 community awareness programs (in Dokolo district and Amolatar district). Through the program the communities experienced a reduction in land related conflicts; an increasing number of people were able to secure their livelihoods.</p>	 <p>Training for paralegals 122 community paralegals were trained in alternative dispute resolution in Lira and Dokolo district. This resulted in the successful resolution of # land conflicts; also equipped the participants with skills to identify emerging issues in their community for advocacy, the participants' level of record keeping.</p>
 <p>Media Campaigns 6 radio talk shows and 2 jingles were conducted in Lira and Dokolo districts on alternative conflict resolution and customary land governance. Media campaigns were used to hold larger discussions with the communities that were not within our reach physically due to implications of the pandemic.</p>	 <p>Stakeholder dialogue and training 27 religious, cultural and local leaders were trained on their mandate in promoting land rights of vulnerable communities in a non-violent manner. The training improved their understanding on access to justice, peace building land conflict resolution</p>
 <p>Mediation of land cases 14 cases on land dispute were mediated; 11 of these cases were successfully resolved jointly by the Community Paralegals in Barr and Agali and the FAPAD team. Stakeholders committed to support the community paralegals in promoting peace through non-violent means of conflict resolution</p>	 <p>Refresher training 2-days refresher training for the land administration structures was carried out.</p>  <p>Follow-up meetings 3 quality control visits and 1 physical planning committee review meeting were facilitated. in preparation for consideration for issuance of CCOs by the District Land board (DLB)</p>

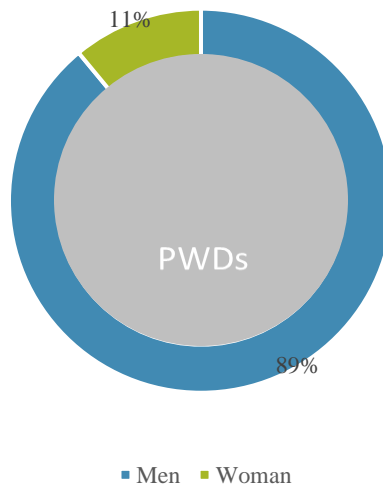
The disaggregated data of marginalized groups and Local/administrative structures.



GIZ Relapu project *Dissegration of participants*



GIZ Relapu project Local leaders / local administration structures (2021)





FAPADs engagement with **FREEDOM HOUSE** through implementation of the Rights and Rule activities in furtherance of component one's objectives under Rights and Rule of Law project, with a specific focus of promoting access to justice for children in the three Sub Counties of Lira, Agali and Barr, continued to provide backstopping support to the paralegals regarding case management through phone calls as we continue to closely monitor the situation of COVID- 19 in Lango and Uganda as a whole. FAPAD continued to collaborate with relevant local government and lower local governments structures, including all other key stakeholders in promoting access to justice for children in selected sub counties of Lira district. FAPAD engaged district and sub county taskforces to support relevant child protection structures identify and respond to emerging issues affect child welfare will be critical in enhancing access to justice for children in target areas. FAPADs intervention in promoting human rights and the rule of law in the target sub counties of Lira district has remained critical in demanding for accountable and transparent service delivery in the Justice, Law and Order Sector. Additionally, it has improved collaboration between the state security organs and local governments in responding to emerging issues of violation of children's' rights especially amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

FAPAD in partnership with **AGIAMONDO** aim to Promote peace building and non-violent transformation of land conflicts in Lira. To realize the above results, the project uses strategies such as, dispute resolution through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and mediation, capacity developments of the informal structures on ground, key stakeholders responses to emerging issues, media engagement, and others. Structures were trained on how to identify, document, mediate on land and resource disputes in a non-violent manner with aim of ensuring peaceful co-existence and reduced land conflicts within their communities.

In conclusion, by the end of the period, FAPAD had exceeded its set target of 864 parcels by 6%. Our community outreach programs saw an increased demand for intervention and additional projects by the communities in sub counties outside the initial project areas and other parts of Lango to document their land thus reduction in land conflicts and also adoption of alternative dispute resolutions.



Hold government accountable

In 2021, FAPAD maintained several projects within the thematic area of Accountable Governance. One focus area was the mobilization of citizen’ participation in improving accountable policing. The main objective was to raise awareness and respect for human rights within the Ugandan police force. This sensitive and highly political topic was not only addressed on a regional but also on the national level through targeted advocacy work. The activities conducted included a variety of topics such as working with policing institutions as well as community participation in local government planning processes.

Accountable policing on a regional and national level

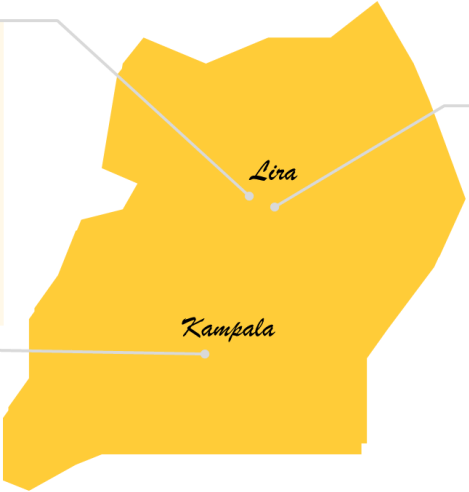
Strengthen the organization and mobilization capacities of the association of retired career police officers to effectively engage in the reforms process

- Following the registration of the Retired Police Officers Association (RUPOA), FAPAD in collaboration with the interim leadership of the association sought to continue mobilizing for membership of the association, the teams continue to mobilize at regional and national levels.
- Utilize several communication channels including the RUPOA’s WhatsApp channel.
- Collaborating with the North Kyoga regional Uganda Police leadership to lobby officers that are retiring and those that have retired in Lango sub-region

Engaging Parliament of Uganda to review the mandate of the police authority (Police Act – CAP303)

Conducting further preparations to lobby parliament to review the mandate of Police Authority:

- advise the President on the appointment of the Inspector General of Police and the Deputy Inspector General of Police
- determine the terms and conditions of service in the force
- hear and determine appeals from decisions of the police council
- determine, by statutory order, the ranks, precedence, command and seniority of the force
- empower the force to perform the services of a military force



Community policing in Lango sub region

- Lobby meeting held with North-Kyoga leadership on emerging human rights issues
- Collaborating with Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LAPSNET) and Lira city Police on human rights issues.
- Joint reflection with Lira city Police on images and public relations. Several measures were imposed as results of the meetings such as
 - Training of media personnel on reporting and investigation
 - Sensitization of the public on police procedure
 - Conducting media engagements to improve on the media/police relationship.



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- *Weere Saibo, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Rtd), interim secretary RUPOA, 13 May 2021*

“ I look forward to the day Uganda will have an independent Police Oversight Body, am still committed to lobbying for the review of the mandate of the Police Authority.

- *Hon. Aogon Silas (MP Kumi municipality), 10 May 2021*

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- *Omojong Geoffrey, Assistant Superintendent of Police and District Police Commander of Lira, 8 June 2021*

Community participation in Local Government Planning Processes

- FAPAD supported the communities of Agikdak, Akongomit parish in Awelo Sub County and Abalodyang parish in Akwon Sub County, Amolatar district to participate in local government planning and budgeting processes at sub-county and district level. We supported the communities to identify their priorities and incorporate them into their village and parish development plans for financial year 2022/2023. This was attended by a total of 110 (81 male & 29 females) across the 3 parishes and sub counties. As a result of these intervention, a total of 22 villages and 3 parishes developed their investment plans for integration into the FY2022/23 plans and budgets.
- FAPAD facilitated target communities to follow up on implementation of farmers manifestos developed in 2020 as per social contracts signed between farmers and elected leaders. Three engagement meetings between the elected leaders in the 2021 concluded general elections with their electorates to assess progress in the implementation of the farmers manifestos jointly developed in November, 2021 with support from FAPAD. This was conducted in the three sub counties of Awelo, Akwon and Agikdak. As a result of these, 6 leaders who signed social contract with farmers and made it through in the 2021 general elections were engaged to present achievements in the social contracts and urged the duty bearer to accomplish the tasks put in the contract. A total of 463 (195 male & 268) female attended the meeting.



3.0. Networking and collaboration

Throughout the year FAPAD collaborated with like-minded CSOs and local district local governments to jointly implement our programs. This year, we partnered with the Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LAPSNET) to implement the Rights and Access to Justice Project, which saw FAPAD take lead in media engagements in Lango to sensitize the community on their rights to access to justice. This collaboration also offered spaces for staff capacity development in effective case management and advocacy.

We jointly disseminated the National Organic Agriculture Policy in collaboration with the Participatory Ecological Land Use Management organization (PELUM), a partner in the Broederlijk Delen consortium and Amolatar and Otuke District Local Governments.

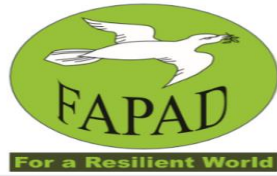
The process brought awareness to the community in Lango on the importance of organic agriculture and the laws that protect the sector.

FAPAD in collaboration with the **American Women Peace Initiative** rallied support for the renovation of Alao Primary School in Oyam District whose classroom blocks had suffered destruction at a hand of a storm that left the pupils and school administration stranded. The team embarked on a campaign that raised the resources to complete the works. One classroom block was reroofed and we are still mobilizing resources to cover the other damages.

Showing staffing.



A picture of FAPAD staff



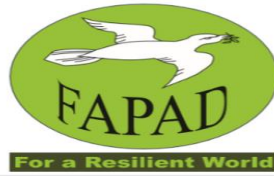
4.0. Income statement 2021

5.0. Our Partners

We would love to express our gratitude to the Almighty God for special wisdom and guidance that enabled us to steer resilience in the people of Lango even amidst challenging COVID-19 pandemic and the untimely loss of our Program Manager Ms. Juliet Ebil and the Senior Transport Officer Mr. Ecil Moses. Special thanks to our dear partners National Endowment for Democracy, Broederlijk Delen, Freedom House, GIZ and CARE International in Uganda for their continued commitment towards supporting our initiatives that have impacted the lives of the vulnerable persons in Lango and beyond.

We extend our appreciation to all government Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Local Governments (MDA&LGs) that we collaborated with for opening your doors to jointly plan, and most importantly to formulate, enforce and monitor policy implementation on behalf of Ugandan citizens.

We thank the media fraternity, CSOs and consortium partners for your tireless efforts towards our policy advocacy initiatives. We deeply appreciate our grassroots partners, the Community Peace Promoters (CPPs) and Peace Monitors, for remaining consistent with



the noble duty of changing lives especially in the face of the pandemic, your efforts can never be under estimated.

