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Foreword



I am pleased to present FAPAD's Annual Report 2022. In the pages that follow, we update you on the progress we have made in the 4th year of our Strategic Plan 2019/2023. We have continued to draw important lessons working in a challenging and rapidly changing civil society environment, with equally complex development issues.

As I write, the coronavirus pandemic has continued to ravage families and communities with its countless social, economic, and cultural legacies. The past year has for example seen rapid increases in domestic and sexual violence, especially on children, which has led to big numbers in child marriages and teenage pregnancies. Families are still grappling with job losses and the consequent poverty that have also fed into more violence and child abuse within families.

Perhaps the biggest stories on our 2022 chapter are that;

1. We launched a new 5-year sustainable livelihoods project targeting family farmers in Amolatar district.
2. Our Executive Director was one of the six finalists for the United States Institute for Peace (USIP) Women Building Peace Award 2022 because of her lifelong peace building work at FAPAD.
3. We received the RIFA 2021 and the Trauma Research Fund Audience Choice Award 2022 awards for our collaborative film 'the Wound is Where the Light Enters'.

Meanwhile, we have continued to emphasize the importance of security sector reforms, and specifically the police system through leading conversations about legislative reforms. In addition, we continued to support security of tenure for indigents on the customary land system through provision of legal aid (alternative dispute resolution approaches) as well as support for certification.

We have worked hard to keep in stride with all the statutory requirements that continue to evolve and shape the operating space for CSOs. We will continue to reflect on the lessons we have learnt during the past years, while staying true to our mandate that places our beneficiaries – the women, children and other groups on the margins – at the forefront as we build resilient families and communities.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our staff and Board of Directors during the past year. You have all moved us a step further in achieving our goals. In the same measure, we value our strategic cooperation with government and strategic partners nationally and globally.

Eunice Otuko Apio
Executive Director

NATURAL RESOURCES & FOOD SECURITY

Enhancing Food Security for Family Farmer households through Agroecology in Lango and Rwenzori Regions

In 2022, our flagship project strategically focused on improving food, nutrition and income security of family farmer households and youth in Awelo and Muntu sub counties in Amolatar district in Uganda. Specific objectives included;

1

Promote the implementation of agro-ecology principles and practices with the family farmer households and youth in a Participatory Action Research (PAR) approach.

2

Work with local and national governments on the development and implementation of agro-ecology related policy frameworks, based on farmers' needs and interests.

3

Promote gender equality and equal access to resources in the family farmer's communities through awareness raising, empowerment and training at household and community level.

Direct planned targets;

01

1,000 family farmer households.

02

60 youth in 2 purely youth groups.

03

2 sub county (lower) Local Governments & 1 district (higher) Local Government.

04

2 marketing associations.

Indirect planned targets;

01

3,000 households in the community influenced by directly targeted households.

02

100 youth inspired by youth targeted in the programme.

03

27,000 community members not directly targeted through interventions but having advantage of changed policies.

04

25,000 people in the communities is reached through mass and media engagements.

Achievements



Agro-ecology

- Reached 865 farmer household members (419 male and 446 female) through awareness raising on agro ecology and sustainable farming systems.
- Farmers have adopted agro ecological principles and practices that ensure improved production in a resilient way.
- Collaborated with Amolatar district local government to build capacities of 875 farmers (486 male and 389 female) in environmental protection, conservation and management through awareness raising events.
- Communities have formulated byelaws that ensure protection of the natural resources.



Integrated Farm Plans

- Facilitated 108 farmer households to develop integrated farm plans, using an Integrated Planning approach tool developed by Wageningen University. The approach works through upscaling basis where graduated households recruit and support neighboring households in the development of their own household plans.
- Conducted needs assessment to identify community challenges attended by 118 (72 male and 46 female)
- Trained 114 households on integrated household approach.
- 24 cases of domestic violence, land conflict, and child neglect were resolved through alternative dispute resolution in collaboration with the Community Peace Promoters.
- Enhanced the capacity of youth on agro-based business models through enhancing the capacity of the youth group of 30 members on business development.
- Conducted capacity assessment on Youth enterprises and facilitated linkages to existing opportunities to build their skills and knowledge in poultry production and management.



A participatory innovator (Mr. Obura Samuel) showcasing to fellow participatory innovators his family integrated farm plan during an open day at Awelo sub county headquarters, Amolatar District, Uganda. 2nd November, 2022.

Dealing with intersectional issues

- Strengthened the capacity of 5,476 farmer households on gender roles. This was through awareness creation using platforms such as community sensitization drives, radio talk shows and radio spot messages.
- Engaged the grassroots volunteer paralegal community structure “Community Peace Promoters” to extend the awareness campaigns.
- Strengthened the capacity of Local governments to adopt and actively promote agro-ecology.
- Facilitated lobby meetings with Muntu and Awelo sub county local governments to adopt Integrated Risk Management (IRM) sensitive activities to climate change in their plans and budgets. Key areas were tree planting, wetland demarcation and environmental awareness.



Lilly Okello Opuc, a Community Peace Promoter, disseminating the information on access to land for women; OXFAM toolkit at Amolatar Field Office, Uganda.

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

Police Reforms

The Citizens' Initiative for Police Reform aims at promoting a pro-people and accountable police system in Uganda. Our flagship activities in the past year have been to support;

Retired Uganda Police Officers

- Pro-reforms ex-police officers nationwide to organize and strengthen their voices through the newly created Retired Uganda Police Officers' Association (RUPOA). RUPOA now has presence across the country and made inputs into the conversation about reforms. Regional/district based chapters included Mbale (Bugisu), Soroti (Teso), Masindi (Bunyoro) and Arua (west Nile).
- RUPOA collaborated with the Police system to contribute to better planning and training for the police.

Legislative reforms

- Worked with the Greater North Parliamentary Association (GNPA) to promote reforms through developing a bill to amend sections of the Police Act.
- From 26th November 2022 and 2nd December 2022, a team comprising members of the GNPA, Directorate of Legal Affairs (lead drafter) and FAPAD undertook a 4-day benchmarking visit to Nairobi Kenya to draw lessons from the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA), the local CSO Usalama and the Kenyan Human Rights Commission.

A key output has been the development of a draft (amendment) bill.



Representative and Mover), Emmanuel Ongietho (MP, Jonam County), and John Amos Okot (PM, Agago County) address the media at Parliament on July 19, 2022. PHOTO/ DAVID LUBOWA



A team of Ugandans comprising of Mps from GNPA, directorate of Parliamentary Legal Affairs, and FAPAD during a Benchmarking visit to the Independent Police Authority, Nairobi, Kenya. November 30, 2022.

GENDER JUSTICE

Uganda's Civil Peace Service Program

- Civil Peace Service (CPS) worker supporting broader peacebuilding work in Lira.
- 1 (two-day) Capacity building training of the community paralegals, the CPCs, of Agali and Barr sub counties in Lira district. 36 male and 25 female took part.
- 11 open public meetings held with 627 male and 576 female community members to raise awareness on peaceful resolution of conflicts, wetland management, and drought. Other events included the use of mass media (radio fm in Lira), and 1 conflict resolution workshop with religious and cultural leaders.



Members of FAPAD Staff at a Community Peace Promoter training in Barr Sub-county. 14 October 2022.



Deputy Environment Officer Lira district, Chairperson Agali Subcounty, Police Representative and FAPAD during a radio talk show at Qfm Lira, Uganda. 8 September 2022.



Sub-counties of Barr and Agali on geographic map

Rights And Justice Activities (RAJA)

Rights and Justice Activities (RAJA) is a programme deliberately implemented to promote and deliver justice, increase awareness of justice, create awareness on rights of survivors to sexual reproductive Rights, land rights, child rights, women's rights, men's rights, rights of People Living with Disabilities, rights of other groups living on the margins and vulnerable people.

RAJA implements through a multi-sectoral approach with different stakeholders working together at different levels from grass roots to national levels. Stakeholder include the different justice actors like ; lawyers, magistrates, justices, probation and Welfare officers, Community development officers, police, community paralegals, community peace promoters, clan leaders, religious leaders, Local council leaders.



To deliberate on key issues affecting women, men, youth and children through community dialogues, mobile legal aid and radio talk shows.

Specific objectives



To promote and advocate for human rights protection for all.



To monitor human rights violations and address violations by offering free legal aid services and referral pathways.



Traditional and Religious Leaders, Police, Youth representatives, Representatives of PWDs, CPPs and justice actors holding a Traditional & Religious Leaders Forum, at Lira Sub-county offices in Lira District, Uganda. 13 september 2022.



Achievements

- Held 2 public dialogue meetings on enhancing Legal Aid Service Provision in Uganda
- 1 legal awareness radio talk show in collaboration with actors of Justice, Law and Order sector
- 646 complainants of human rights violation in Lang managed through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms during mobile legal aid clinics and on-spot legal aid. Additional services provided to beneficiaries included psychosocial and referral services to underscore the often-intersectional experiences they faced.



Traditional and Religious leaders, Local government, CPPs, Justice Actors, FAPAD and the genral public during a community dialogue on Justice for Children at Lira Subcounty, Uganda. 14 September 2022.

Responsible Land Policy In Uganda (RELAPU)

RELAPU aims at registering customary land to secure land rights especially for marginalized groups of people including widows, orphans, separated women, children born outside wedlock, elderly and persons with disabilities in Amwoma and Batta sub county in Dokolo district, Uganda

Objective

To improve on customary land tenure security for rural household in Amwoma and Batta sub-counties especially for marginalized persons

Objectives

1

Capacity of the local land administration structures strengthened on their roles and responsibilities including existing policies and frameworks.

2

Improved knowledge on relevant legal frameworks regulating the land sector in Uganda.

3

Improved enforcement of the National Land Policy, The Land Act and other related legal frameworks by relevant stakeholders.

4

Reduction in land related conflicts due to effective land documentation processes.

Estimated
89%
Project Done

RELAPU project is running through March 2020 to April 2023

Achievements

Systematic demarcation & mapping of parcels.

- 863 parcels of land belonging to 740 male headed and 123 Female headed households were mapped in Amwoma and Batta sub counties, Dokolo district, Uganda.
- 715 applications belonging to 609 male and 106 female-headed households related to the 863 parcels above were mapped for processing of certificates.
- By end of 2022, the cumulative total area of parcels mapped was 2485.7213 hectares (Ha) since March 2020.



Senior Lands Management Officer, Chairperson area land committee and FAPAD during the Quality Assurance Visit at Amwoma Subcounty Dokolo district, Uganda. 14 April 2022.

● The mapping exercise was done in the presence of the owners of parcels being mapped, neighbors and witnesses.

● 1185 Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCO) were being processed.



District Natural Resource Officer, Senoir Lands Management Officer, Parish Chiefs, Senoir Accounts Secretary and FAPAD during the Subcounty Physical Planning Committee Meeting at Amwoma, Dokolo district, Uganda. 21 July 2022.

Achievements

1185

Applications being processed for Certificate of Customary Ownership (CCO). This will improve on the land rights of the marginalized groups.

715

Application files for customary land registration mapped.

100%

There was quality assurance team from the Lands office to ensure quality of files.

100%

The project have covered all the parishes in Amwoma Sub-county, Dokolo District.

CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Children Born of War (CBOW)

Collaborated with an interdisciplinary international team of academics and artistic practice that brought together academics, performance artists, choreographers, film producers and CBOW associated with CRSV in northern Uganda, and that further developed into the production of the documentary dance theatre 'In the Name of the Father', and a documentary film produced by Dheeraj Akolkar (Vardo film) 'The Wound is Where the Light Enters' which won the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Research in Films Award (Inspiration Category) in 2021, and the Trauma Research Fund's The Audience Choice Award 2022



Participants Practising for the Docu-dance.

Promoting Girls' Education: Keeping children in school

We collaborated with the American Council for Women, Peace and Security (ACWPS) to re-roofed 1 classroom block at Alao public primary school in Oyam district, northern Uganda.



Reroofing a classroom block at Alao Primary School in Oyam District, Uganda. January 2022.

Lessons Learnt

1. Escalating cases of domestic violence. This had effects on family social cohesion and household production.
2. Gross weather fluctuations in the first planting season damaged crops and affected production along the different value chains .
3. Escalating levels of income poverty, which also affected quality of life, social cohesion within families and communities.
4. Poor attitudes towards land registration funneled by suspicions and fear of land grab by government.
5. Gross Human rights violations on children and women in the communities.
6. Corruption hindering access to justice
7. Increase in land conflicts among close family members.
8. land conflicts emerging from the use of wetlands, which occupy large parts of Lango.
9. Survivors and communities affected by violent cattle raids in large parts of East Lango and East Acholi since 1986 struggle with serious long term social, economic, physical and mental health consequences of the CRSV and other harms they experienced linked to cattle raiders. Survivors were exposed to rape, abduction, and forced assimilation into their raiders' families in Karamoja, forced marriage, and forced pregnancies. Survivors continues to suffer associated legacies including ill health, stigma, poverty, and having to raise children born of the CRSV.
10. Increasingly weakening civil society activism across all human rights and governance related sub fields nationally.

In 2023, We will;

1. Strengthen grassroots responses to domestic violence and child sexual abuse and exploitation.
2. Strengthen activism against violence against girls and women.
3. Develop the new 5-year strategic plan.
4. Promote Alternative Dispute Resolution and other peaceful methods for conflict resolution.
5. Provide Legal AID services to reduce and streamline the justice processes.
6. Conduct psychosocial support including through basic counselling, and strengthening pathways for referrals and Linkages with other justice actors.
7. Conduct more awareness creation through radio talk shows, community dialogues and mobile legal clinics on upholding human rights.
8. Empower local communities to solve land conflicts on a grass root level.
9. Promote sustainable use of wetlands.
10. Conduct activities that promote legislative reforms in the police system across the country.
11. Promote the voices and livelihoods of CRSV survivors linked to cattle raids, and their children.
12. Strengthen collaborative initiatives between FAPAD, academia and artists to enhance research impact for life-changing work among communities.
13. Develop research as an important dimension across all our work.

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