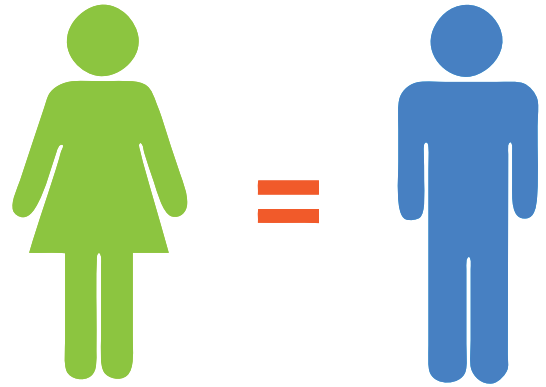




Strengthening Community Participation in Local Governance and Promotion of Women and Girls' Rights

Who We Are

An indigenous voluntary, non-governmental women's organisation that has been in existence for over 30 years. ACFODE envisions a just society where gender equality is a reality. The organisation's mission is to empower women and influence legislation and policy for gender equality in Uganda.

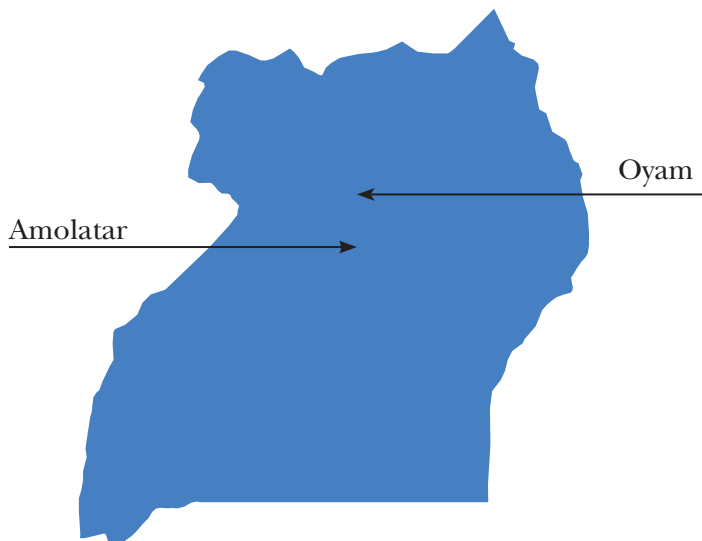


Project Duration

The project will be implemented for a period of 3 years (2016-2018)

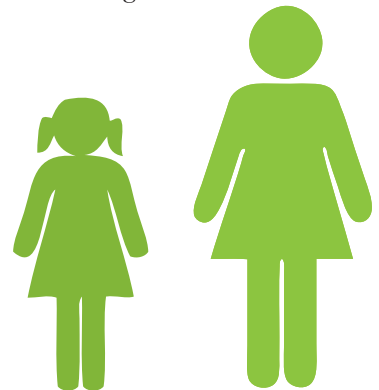
Districts of Focus

The project is being implemented in Amolatar and Oyam Districts (Lango Sub Region)



Overall Project Goal

The project aims to empower *“rights holders (marginalised girls and women) to enjoy their fundamental human rights and contribute in local governance and democratic processes in Lango sub region.”*



Project Justification

THE FACTS



Women in Uganda constitute over 51% of the population



About 27% of all rural people-some 8 million men, women and children still live below the national rural poverty line.



The maternal mortality rates for Uganda has actually gone up from 435/1000 live births to 438/1000



Up to 51.2% of women and girls are survivors GBV



In Uganda only 27% of registered land is owned by women



Although 70% of women are engaged in agriculture, less than 20% control outputs from their efforts. Only 25.5% control the land on which they cultivate



Female headed households comprise 80.5% of the agriculture subsistence workers compared to 67.5% of the male headed households



Women and education; currently enrolment rates for rural children in UPE schools are at 88.8% for boys and 82.3% for girls. Drop out of girls from school is increasing due to teenage pregnancies (34%), poverty (28%). Fewer girls than boys sit for PLE with 55% boys and only 42% females in 2010 and performance at 59.7% Boys and 53.7% Girls in 2013



The current cabinet is 29% female while in parliament 137 women were elected into the 10th parliament and the numbers of women MPs who competed with men has risen from 11 in 2011 to 17 in 2016

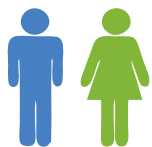
Intermediate Project Outcomes

1. 2,000 Rights holders and communities influence local government policies and hold duty bearers accountable for social and democratic accountability
2. 12 CEDAW committees, social actors, CS actors, (Rights holders groups) and duty bearers (local political leaders, police and Local Government technocrats) proactively promote and protect women's and girls' rights as well as provide restorative support to survivors of VAW/G
3. Improved socio economic wellbeing (e.g increased incomes, access to education, health care etc) of social enterprise groups (women and girls)
4. A critical mass of male role models actively advocating for gender responsive cultural practices
5. Elected women leaders influence gender responsive policies and programmes



Strategies

HOW WE PLAN TO DO IT



Working directly with rights holders/citizens



Stakeholder engagements and dialogue between duty bearers and rights holders



Media



Partnerships and linkages



Capacity building



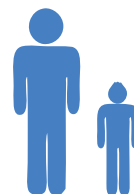
Engagement of formal and informal institutions



Dance and Drama



Women's economic empowerment through social enterprise Development



Men and boys engagements




Start awareness, support action (SASA)

Project Interventions and Activities

A: Capacity Building for Rights Holders on Gender, Advocacy, Accountability and Local Governance

- Conduct trainings for 2000 rights holders/citizens and 20 CSO's in gender, advocacy, rights, entitlements and responsibilities.
- Capacity building sessions for rights holders (active citizens in organised groups including CSO actor's in the use of gender responsive tools to monitor service delivery
- Organise bi -annual accountability forums at sub county level
- Conduct follow up refresher trainings for community monitors on Gender Responsive tools (GRT) and PETS
- Facilitate annual strategic engagement meetings with district sectoral committees to discuss recurrent local governance and women, child mothers and girls rights issues
- Organise advocacy and lobbying initiatives on emerging governance and women rights issues
- Media and publication





B: Women's and Girl's Rights Promotions and Protection

- Conduct trainings for 200 elected councillors (women and men), 200 social actors and 20 CSO actors in women rights using CEDAW
- Carry out a study on VAW and child mothers in Lango sub region for evidence based advocacy
- Organise district level events to commemorate 16 days of activism
- Organise a regional convention on VAW/G (targeting 300 rural and urban participants (Women and men)
- Media and publication

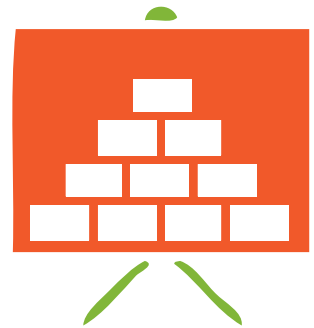
C: Women's Economic Empowerment and Social Entrepreneurship

- Conduct trainings in social enterprise for 60 women groups and 120 child mothers
- Conduct practical/vocational skills training for 60 women groups and 120 child mothers groups
- Organise a National Level Social Enterprise Expo
- Mobilise and orient 60 male gender equality champions (adult males)
- Support boys in primary and secondary schools to undertake gender equality initiatives
- Conduct bi-annual follow up and support visits to the male and boy gender champions



D: Capacity Building for Duty Bearers (Elected and Appointed) on Gender Accountability and Local Governance

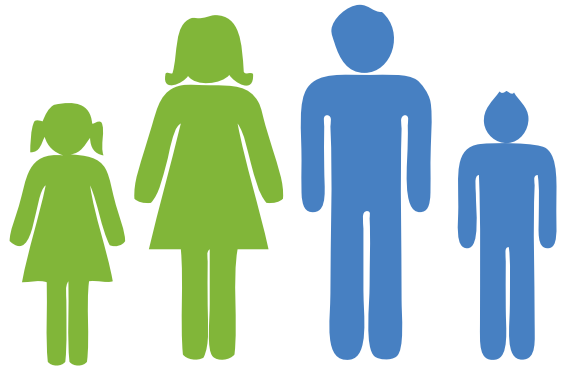
- ☛ Conduct Trainings for newly elected leaders and technical leaders (150 in total) on gender, accountability and their roles in governance
- ☛ Conduct experience sharing sessions with female aspirants who lost in the 2016 general elections
- ☛ Conduct 2 support engagement sessions with newly elected female leaders and their partners (200 participants)
- ☛ Conduct mentoring sessions for 100 women councillors



Project Target

A. Rights Holders

- ☛ A total of 2 000 local citizens (1,000 women, 120 child mothers, 3800 girls, 250 boys, 250 men)
- ☛ 60 women groups (totaling to 200 women)
- ☛ 120 Child mothers
- ☛ 60 male gender equality champions; 240 boys
- ☛ 10 civil society organisations working at the local government level in the four districts



B. Duty Bearers

- ☛ 100 newly elected councilors (60 women and 40men)



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