

Brief about the project

Project name: “Peace Champions project”

This brief provides a snap-shot of a unique tailor-made project in addressing conflict and livelihood challenges among young adult and youth groups in post-conflict communities in Uganda.

Goal of the project: The project desires to contribute towards stability in post-conflict communities. To realize the stability and progress towards peace, it aims at preventing re-radicalization in selected post-conflict communities in Uganda -in abid to prevent the targeted young adults from sliding back into acts of violence. This is done through the establishment of a team of young adult and youth *peace champions* who have become the change agents in their communities and who are leading in transforming the attitudes of their fellows in the community.

Selected districts 2021: Kaabong, Kasese and Lira

Target groups:

1. Youths (18-30 years) who have previously been involved in (armed) violence - ex-combatants, formerly abducted children, children born on captivity, children orphaned due to armed conflict, and ex-warriors
2. It also supports youth (18-30) who are engaged in peace building and Connectors for Peace activities in their communities.

Main components of the project and approach:

1. Peacebuilding and conflict transformation
2. Connectors for peace – through livelihood activities

The first component is aimed at addressing the root causes of conflict by creating a team of youth *peace champions* who lead in transforming the attitudes of fellow youth. The second component is aimed at uniting and providing the groups with skills in income generating and contributing towards addressing one of the key drivers of conflict - unemployment. This two-way approach is vital for sustaining peace. This project provides a model that enhances youth participation, address violent conflicts, and promote unity and livelihoods at community level

Implementing organizations and funding

The project is implemented by Center for Conflict Resolution ([CECORE](#)), and funded by the Federal Foreign Service of Germany through [ifa-zivik](#).

Selected Groups - 2020

Group name	Sub county	District
Sokomej Rural Youth Group / Lolelia disarmed youth group	Kaabong West/Lolelia	Kaabong
Sokodu disarmed farmers group	Kaabong East	Kaabong
Kaabong Young mothers group	Kaabong Town Council	Kaabong
Lokatawa Lomonía Youth Group	Panyangara	Kotido
Losilang Abungu anamoni (we have been in the bush and we have come back).Youth Group.	North Division	Kotido

Watakau shoe making Group (plus Panyangara Post-Test women group.	Nakapelimoru	Kotido
Oriib ching (let us work together) youth group	Aromo sub county	Lira
Note en Teko (working together strengthens us)	Ogur	Lira
Lira Transit Shelter group	Ojwina division.	Lira

Selected groups - 2021

<u>Achan kwete</u>	<u>Aromo</u>	<u>Lira</u>
Chan <u>Makiweki</u> (poverty should leave us) youth group.	<u>Agweng</u>	<u>lira</u>
For God welding youth group	Corner <u>Kamdini Lira city west</u>	<u>Lira</u>
<u>Kyanya</u> youth empowerment initiative	<u>Maliba, Kasese</u> . Also targeting <u>Bwesumbu youth (Busongora North)</u>	<u>Kasese</u>
St Anna catering services	<u>Mahango, Kasese</u> (also targeting <u>Tunala youth in Kitabo subcounty</u>	<u>Kasese</u>
<u>Kirembe</u> youth development Forum	<u>Muhocha – Kasese</u>	<u>Kasese</u>
<u>Kalaboki</u> youth VSLA group	<u>Lotim</u>	<u>Kaabong</u>
<u>Kamion-Oropoi</u> youth group	<u>Kamion</u>	<u>Kaabong</u>
<u>Lovoro Eteteunos</u> youth group	<u>Lovoro</u>	<u>Kaabong</u>

Pictorial:



Patrick Bwire – Project Coordinator (right) and the then Resident District Commissioner – Lira district (second from right) during the meeting with district authorities



Peace champions in Kasese ready to go out and train others youth and community members



Youth during a baseline study in Lira district



Peace champions in Lira during practical learning sessions



Peace champions in Kaabong during practical learning sessions



Some of the peace champions in Kasese during trainings



RDC –Kaabong district sharing with the peace champions



Peace champions in Kaabong during a role-play



A peace champion presenting during plenary