

Federal Foreign Office

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 (<u>CECORE</u>), and funded by the Federal Foreign Service of Germany through <u>ifa-zivik</u>.

Selected Groups - 2020		
Group name	Sub county	District
Sokomej Rural Youth Group / Lolelia disarmed youth	Kaabong West/Lolelia	Kaabong
group		
Sokodu disarmed farmers group	Kaabong East	Kaabong
Kaabong Young mothers group	Kaabong Town Council	Kaabong
Lokatawa Lomonia Youth Group	Panyangara	Kotido
Losilang Abungu anamoni (we have been in the bush	North Division	Kotido
and we have come back).Youth Group.		

Selected Groups - 2020





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Watakau shoe making Group (plus Panyangara Post-	Nakapelimoru	Kotido
Test women group.		
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

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

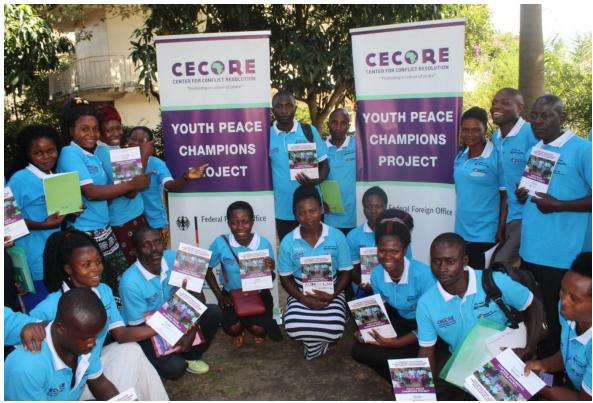
Pictorial:



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



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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