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ENGAGING BUKEDI SUB REGIONAL LEADERS ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY



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During the fourth quarter 2022, CIDD-UG in partnership with FOWODE field office in Kibuku through USAID funded activity that contributes to Strengthening Citizens' Engagement in Elections (SCENE) jointly organized and conducted a regional Citizen-Leader Accountability engagement. The meeting that attracted over **40** both political, Technical cultural and religious leaders in Bukedi sub region was purposed to enhance critically desired dialogue between CSOs, with citizens, religious and cultural leaders and Local governments in the region on how to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making at all sub national levels. It was also designed to jump start debate on desired citizen participation on democratic processes in the country.

The accountability forum was a culmination of the Topowa Forum and Ekyoto (fireplace) community conversations that were conducted among **603** community members in the three districts of Pallisa Kibuku and Budaka which generated critical issues affecting their involvement and participation in development. The issues ranged from social, economic, environmental, and political scenario which communities desired to be presented and shared with sub regional leaders for immediate consideration.

The spontaneous outcome of this regional accountability forum, which was well attended by a host of state and non-state actors in Bukedi Sub region, was an activation of the Bukedi regional accountability fora Chaired by CIDD-UG that is responsible for convening and coordinating regional Governance and Democracy improvement debates. During the panel and plenary discussions, the leaders highlighted issues of concern which they felt needed to be considered to enhance enjoyment of democracy and good governance in the region .

“As women we participate in politics with many setbacks such as discriminatory laws, practices, attitudes and gender stereotypes, low levels of education, low access to health care as well as the disproportionate effect of poverty on women in Bukedi sub region”, lamented Kataike Alice, the District speaker Budaka who also added that “many times, our husbands feel insecure when we as wives join politics because women in politics are associated with sexual exploitation



The Deputy CAO -Kibuku Mr. Aliau Paul pointed out that Cultural heritage has the potential to promote access to and enjoyment of democracy, morals and cultural diversity. It can also enrich social capital and create a sense of individual and collective belonging which helps to maintain social and territorial cohesion hence, peaceful coexistence.

ENGAGING ON YOUTH SELF-EMPLOYMENT, AS A SOLUTION TO YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

CIDD-UG conducted digital skilling of over **700** young people in Eastern Uganda during the fourth quarter. As we



could be aware that education and skills training are key in achieving Youth employability, entrepreneurship and economic empowerment. Through education and skills training, young people first acquire the knowledge, skills and behaviors that would equip them “to find and keep a job, to progress at work and to adapt to change throughout one’s working life.” It is also through education and skills training that the “entrepreneurial spirit” of young people

can flourish and be strengthened. It is the reason that digital skilling for Employability and entrepreneurship is targeted by CIDD-UG. Through Digital skills enhancement strategy, CIDD-UG intends to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, by supporting its constituency, equipping all young people and adults with the skills needed to access decent work, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning opportunities.

As result of CIDD-UG digital and leadership skills training in Bukedi sub region, more young people are now developing positive mindset and the know-how required to embark on self-employment and escape from the poverty trap while contributing to the economic and social development of their community.

BUILDING YOUTH RESILIENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION MECHANISMS

CIDD-UG work of mentoring young people on climate change and adaptation mechanisms remains core as we build youth agency of leaders that promote climate change mitigation through neighborhood and leadership reality talks. The young people this program has reached now have broader understanding of climate change impacts on their lives and directly contribute to the global mitigation agenda through social action approach.

During the reporting period, CIDD-UG facilitated **10** intergroup sessions for October- December 2022 cohorts reaching **398** young people from the region. The youth camps improved the young people’s self-esteem on community governance debates and collective actions for influencing the green economy policies and practices at local level.



“ Apart from investing commonly in capacity and knowledge building of young people on mindset change, CIDD-UG is re-focusing on aligning youth engagement in climate change, governance and adaptability mechanisms at grassroots level in accordance with the **Paris Agreement of 2015** on climate change that committed countries to implement nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and multi-stakeholders financing mechanisms for climate change. ”

Its upon this background that CIDD-UG adopted Youth Social Action-SAPs intervention under youth voice to action project. CIDD-UG does not only recognize the international protocols but continues onto legal frameworks to integrate local strategies for youth active participation in climate change governance and engagement. During the reporting period October-December 2022, CIDD-UG mobilized 216 young people in the districts of Butebo, Pallisa and Kibuku to enhance their capacities in good agronomy practices and climate smart agricultural farming methods. This increased their resilience on farming systems for mitigating climate change and as well strengthen their knowledge and skills of small-scale farmer groups aimed at improving community livelihoods and youth production in the current advent of climate variability and prolonged drought shocks in Uganda. **Between the lines** “It’s time to act”, as stressed by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike; Tangible and intangible actions are needed by global leaders and individuals, **Cops 27** summit in Egypt 2022.



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