

## (1) BUILT CAPACITY OF 90 LOCAL WOMEN TO ENHANCE DOWN WORD ACCOUNTABILITY FUNCTION- DECEMBER 2020

Accountability from a women's rights perspective exists when all women are able to get explanations from those in power for actions that affect them, and can set in motion corrective actions when those responsible fail to promote their rights. However, demand for accountability by marginalized women remains a challenge in most parts



**Local Women protest in demand for accountability – Kibuku District**

of Uganda and mostly in CIDD-UG areas of operation. Against that background and in line with its work plan and Budget, CIDD-UG during the fourth quarter of 2020 deliberately conducted a training of **60** women in the sub counties of Buseta and Kasasira in Kibuku District with the objective of building their capacity to effectively demand accountability for action on commitments to promote gender equality and women's rights from Local governments, justice and law enforcement systems, as well as service providers, for purposes of improving on women's quality

of life. This initiative yielded action for women to demand for accountability from those in authority.

### **CIDD-UG TRAINS 30 YOUNG WOMEN CANDIDATES FROM GULU AND ARUA ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT. NOVEMBER 2020**

Women all over the world have met challenges when it comes to participation in politics and leadership positions and yet political participation is a key pillar and indicator for women's empowerment. Exclusion of women from decision making platforms across all levels of society and governance makes it hard for women's concerns to get onto



**Youth Female candidates from Gulu & Arua during the training on Political Campaign management in preparation for 2021 Political contest**

the national agenda. CIDD-UG believes that better representation would increase the passing and advocating for policies that improve the status of women. This action/training was done by CIDD-UG to contribute to the increase of women's informed participation in politics from the local government Councils to parliament.

This is expected to not only result in an increase in women's meaningful participation in governance but also enhanced voice of women in development planning.

**Doreen from Arua during an exercise of envisioning what she wants her district look like during her term in service after gaining knowledge on how to be a good leader-by CIDD-UG**

### **Doreen's sample manifesto**

#### **Vision**

Having a vibrant inclusive and adoptable city, a hub of trade and industry serving young women as a right by 2024, is her vision after undergoing training on leadership and candidate campaign management by CIDD-UG

#### **Mission**

To achieve her vision Doreen indicated that she has developed a Mission of Working with the

Local and central governments and development partners to build a strong service delivery system that provides quality and women friendly services (rights based) to the local population in conformity with the National and Local priorities for improved service to women.



**Doreen from Gulu City prepares her manifesto in preparation for campaigns for 2021 General Elections**

CIDD-UG now waits to see how Doreen will continue to pursue her vision and remain on course if she goes through in upcoming general election, with sustained mentorship from CIDD-UG

### **Voter education raising civic awareness on electoral process**



**Voters internalizing voter education messages & voting processes within Covid-19 context**

Voter education continues to be at the heart of CIDD-UG citizen's sensitization agenda to make the voting population informed on current electoral process. In so doing, CIDD-UG has used both door-door and public drives strategies to deliver voter education messages for citizens' active participation in governance and electoral process in Bukedi and Bugisu sub regions. Our village and urban voter education campaigns have increased voter enlightenment and competence not only to the voters but their political parties and leaders as well. By December 2020 CIDD-UG Civic and Voter education had reached **2,184** eligible voters in Bukedi and Bugisu sub regions.



## **ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS IN SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TALKS FOR IMPROVED ADOLESCENT QUALITY OF LIFE –CIDD-UG**



**Ms. Namuddu Sumaya Kato the youth focal person-CIDD-UG and adolescents enjoying Health talks at Kerith Ministries in Pallisa District.**

CIDD-UG is alive to the fact that one in five young girls in Uganda is exposed to sexual abuse. This is manifested in different forms such as indecent touches, rape, defilement, incest among others. The situation was worsened during implementation of COVID-19 containment measures, where a number of girls were abused sexually by parents, partners, ex partners, family members, teachers, neighbors, and or strangers. It is against such background that CIDD-UG in partnership with Kerith Ministries, conducted Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health talks with over 100 adolescents. This was through a six month pilot project dubbed “Right now, Right here” which objective is to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on young girls and boys so as to reduce incidents of sexual violence against adolescents. This helped the adolescents widely share with and learn from each other. Equally the engagement helped them to identify their talents and

how to build them up as a measure of protection against those who abuse them. It was from here that CIDD-UG's technical staff was able to build strong bonds with the adolescents who consequently opened up about their predicaments in the communities. Collectively, the adolescents were able to design strategies on how to increase their security and build a social safety net to reduce abuse from perpetrators.

**Community outreach activity by CIDD-UG to sensitize young people on dangers of Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) on young women and girls.**



***Namuddu Sumaya Kato the Youth Focal Person CIDD-UG – (front Standing) facilitating a community session on how to build trust and understanding between young males and females within their communities and families so as to reduce GBV in Buseta sub county Kibuku District by December 2020***

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