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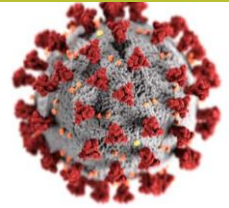
1. CIDDD-UG and Post 2021 General election dialogues for building trust and understanding among leaders and citizens in Bukedi sub region

Reach

1. Engaged 120 Women and Men during Post 2021 General election dialogues at Local Government with Newly elected political leaders Male 66 and Female 54.
2. Interface with 180 UWEP beneficiaries during UWEP Assessment in Pallisa.
3. Engaged with 120 young people during Alive Assessment Boys 60 and Girls 60.
4. Reached 2,153 women and men during GBV engagement Activities. Male 617 and Female 1536
5. Mobilized 812 leaders and communities during Policy engagement activities, Male 400 and Female 412



Councilors brainstorming on how to improve leadership outcome during leaders dialogues meeting in Kibuku District



The 2021 scientific General Elections in Uganda were conducted with a rise in discontentment among the actors. This bred lots of conflicts across the board and yet not matched by requisite civic education that would have promoted skills on peaceful coexistence among political actors, but also encourage community collective action towards shared goals before, during and after the general elections. It would also act as a means to enable leaders to help communities realize the unmet needs like poor infrastructure, agricultural pests, and limited access to healthcare and education, among others.

It must be noted that, absence of reconciliation and lack of equitable mechanisms for resolving local conflicts are the root causes of past instability, and most likely to be the cause of the same scenario in future. Dialogue and education campaigns are now at the core of CIDDD-UG current peace building strategy to salvage such situations.

The immediate result of CIDDD-UG dialogues and education has improved communication between Local Government leaders and rights holders, a relationship that was previously strained in our areas of operation.



OKURUT Willi and Olele from Oloki S/C read Access to Justice Poster in one of CIDDD-UG civic education engagements

For CIDDD-UG, every opportunity to communicate is a civic education opportunity. CIDDD-UG has continued to use IEC materials produced by UPIMAC to propagate civic education messages.



(2) Using evidence as tangible vehicle to focus and organize community participation in pro poor policy influence



Akia Sarah a member of Agule women market vendors Association and beneficiary of UWEP in Pallisa District in her business

Dissemination of UWEP assessment findings in Pallisa District



CIDD-UGANDA will continue to engage in generating the much needed evidence to enhance debate on how to ensure development of pro poor interventions and programmes for improved delivery.



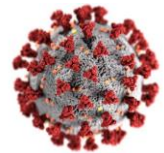
CIDD-UG focused on social research and assessment of Government programs during the period under review. The assessment on UWEP specifically helped to generate the much needed evidence that is currently being used by CSOs and other stakeholders to influence public policy, and enhancing implementation of commitments and standards to the benefit women.

Key findings from CIDD-UG assessment indicate that, out of 64 visited and assessed UWEP enterprises in Pallisa District, only 8% have been successful, 59% of them are struggling and at the verge of collapse, another 6% of them have been hijacked while 27% have actually crumbled To [Read Full report here](#) ([click Here to Download](#)).



CIDD – UG STAFF SCOVIA, Assess Ateenager's life Skills and values

CIDD-UG conducted 2021 Mini pilot of tools for the assessment of life skills and values (ALiVE) in Pallisa District.



The Assessment of Life Skills and Values in East Africa (ALiVE) is a project of the Regional Education Learning Initiative (RELI), a group of 70 organizations in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda that are working to improve learning outcomes of all children.

ALiVE project was designed to assess the life skills and values amongst adolescents aged between 13 and 16 years. It targeted the three skills of self awareness, collaboration and problem solving as well as the value of respect amongst the targeted adolescents. This particular assessment was therefore meant to pilot the tools that shall be used in the main engagement to be conducted after the pilot phase. In Pallisa district, the assessment was conducted in partnership with UWEZO Uganda and CIDD-UG in collaboration with Pallisa District Local Government.

As a result of the ALiVE engagement, CIDD-UG was not only able to reach 120 young people but it more importantly helped CIDD-UG to understand the challenges the youth have experienced during the COVID-19 lockdown. The key findings of the assessment will facilitate CIDD-UG and East Africa Regional Education Learning Initiative members to design appropriate interventions to mitigate the challenges identified and as well help the youth to cope with day to day undertakings in the context of COVID-19.



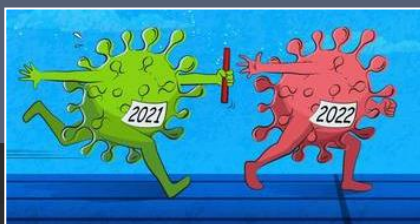


ED CIDD – UG Mr. Ejautene Fred Hands over Community Petition to Speaker Kibuku District Local Government. On behalf of the Community

For purposes of promoting accountability of Local Government Leaders towards women and youth responsive service delivery, **CIDD-UG** in partnership with **FOWODE** facilitated community, Sub County and District dialogues to enhance engagements on accountability and effective service delivery for citizen and specifically women. A total **14** parish based community meetings were conducted bringing together **700** citizens a majority of whom were women from Buseta and Kabweri Sub Counties in Kibuku District. Community meetings were able to generate service delivery gaps and grassroots petitions developed for engaging their leaders to take a strong resolve on existing service delivery gaps in the sectors of education and health.

In December **2021** due to **COVID-19** restrictions, **CIDD-UG** represented the grassroots citizen's and presented the youth and women led petitions on the deplorable state of service delivery in key sectors of health and education, to the office of District Speaker for council action and resolution on the concerns raised. The community led petitions sparked off debate and greatly contributed to shaping discussion in the District Council apart from igniting the Kibuku. council. to develop key follow up actions on the issues raised by women in Kabweri and Buseta Sub Counties in Kibuku district.

By using grassroots community structures to generate local discussions on existing service delivery gaps, **CIDD-UG** now recognizes that fostering partnership for solidarity is key in pushing for women and other vulnerable groups' agenda. It's also important in building women's capacity and agency to challenge the status of public sector management through structured local government debates so as to yield more desired outcomes.



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CIDD-UG in partnership with Action Aid Engaging Local Government stakeholders to prioritize protection and promotion of the rights of the most at risk groups within the COVID 19 Context.

Applause K from Gogonyo S/C submitting during GBV engagement meeting in Pallisa District.



CIDD-UG during the fourth quarter 2021 conducted one district and four grassroots engagements on the fight against Gender Based Violence-GBV which is highly prevalent and multifaceted problem that hinders women and girls' personal development and active participation in the public arena and hugely contributes to their low status in society. It was against such a reason that CIDD-UG under her gender and social inclusion section, in partnership with Action Aid planned and conducted both District and Sub County based GBV engagement meetings in the run up to the 10th December World Human Rights Day. This mass engagement activity reached over 2,000 community members in the four Sub Counties of Pallisa District with the objective of creating more awareness on the need to observe, protect and promote the rights of vulnerable groups in the wake of Second wave of COVID-19. The ultimate outcome of our engagements was improved knowledge level and competences of the groups of young people at community level to debate on the tools for the fight against gender based and sexualized violence in small groups. This didn't only reduce the hegemony but also expanded debates and best awareness actions against GBV, a strategy that is currently contributing to improved respect and value for women and young girls in our areas of operation.

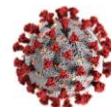


Women testimony picked from the field in Agule, Pallisa

"I thank the organizers of this activity, as women we are always faced with very many challenging situations. Our men have refused to embrace us as their partners. They have denied us a right to own land and other property saying "we are just women" after bearing children for them, they just wake-up one day and tell you to go back to your father's home. When you leave your marriage and return to your father's house, your brothers equally rise up against you saying you do not have any share of land here please go back to your husband's place. By the time you try to go back, your husband has brought in another woman. We surely leave a life where no one loves us as women and even your own boy children

sometimes turn against you especially when it comes to inheritance. Why is inheritance a no go area for women? queried Mrs. Omoding during a community dialogue meeting in Agule Sub County. I surely want to thank you for this initiative of coming to sensitize men in this area, for sure I have enjoyed this meeting and hope our men will change their behavior henceforth.

CIDD-UG will continue to build partnerships with likeminded partners to unlock women predicaments in the areas of access, control and ownership of factors of production, but also continue pushing for protection, promotion and observance of rights of vulnerable groups in communities.



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