

ATEKER CULTURAL CENTER -ACC

BASIC REPORT OF

Lang rights awareness creation on empowering women and youth on and rights in Rupa and Lotithian sub-county, Moroto in Karamoja, Uganda

Theme “Ending violence against women is possible, but only if we act together, now”



AS OF 19TH DECEMBER 2023
MOROTO UGANDA

Background;

In December 2023 Ateker Cultural Center a grassroots indigenous NGO also a member National Land Coalition Uganda , the platform hosted by Land and Equity Movement Uganda(Lemu) received support to implement “ Awareness on Land rights on women and youth in Rupa , Moroto Uganda under the national theme” Ending violence against women in possible, but only if we act together, now”

The concept was in response to underlining challenge were

Women and youth in Karamoja continue to be faced with human rights abuses especially Land related in Karamoja region up to 56% are affected. Women and girls are bread earners and face a big challenge on food insecurity and malnutrition (88% food poverty). Land being one of the important economic resources is being

sold cheaply to investors and urban expansion even customary ownership and inheritance of land was under the absolute control of women but this has been undermined by the land laws of Uganda hence leading to male dominion who now have power to control and decide on land matters in the households.

Land Ownership Under the Karamoja Customary Law

Customary land ownership and use in Karamoja is quite unique in that it is influenced by three major socio-economic imperatives, namely:

1. Settlements
2. Crop growing/gardens
3. Livestock rearing economy and water resources
4. Cultural sites

Most of the land in Rupa and Lotisan has been legally registered by Rupa community development Trust (RUCODET) as communal Land Association and has so far leased to over 6 investors as of February 2023. But the communities continue to live in poverty and women being most affected as home breadwinners despite the initiative.

Activities for activism week.

- 1) Mobilization was carried out by ACC who mobilized beneficiaries and stakeholders including in the communities of Rupa and Lotisan sub-county.
- 2) Land dialogue: ACC organized land dialogue targeting 15 target beneficiaries that included Area Land Committees, Local councils 1,2&3, NRM Committees,
- 3) ACC and ministry of Lands based in Moroto and district Land board officials facilitated the Land dialogue. In support of: “Ending violence against women is possible, but only if we act together, now”
- 4) Community Land awareness creation: ACC facilitated a half day land awareness meeting targeting participants of the sub county council that includes the target beneficiaries women and youth in Rupa. The participants were empowered on centered land governance for sustainable development in Rupa sub-county in Moroto.
- 5) **Key successes**

Land dialogue; Pictorial



Chairperson Area Sub-county Area Land Committee facilitates Land dialogue awareness meeting in Rupa day.



Rep. Ministry of Lands facilitates the women Land rights awareness meeting in Rupa, Acholinn



Women and Rep. from Regional Lands of (MLHUD) Judith Ngelecha Pose for photo after awareness land rights meeting in Rupa, Acholinn



Ongoing sensitization on women land rights by Rep. Ministry of Lands.

Challenges;

- The insecurity upsurge and military operations continue to affect the socio-economic transformation in Karamoja. It is the foundation for whatever investments we put in the region
- Muchrooming land conflicts and land grabbing
- Inadequate knowledge of land management amongst Land Area Committees and community
- Lack of ownership of land by women in Karamoja
- Marginalized and exclusion from public investments and economic and social development policies.
- High illiteracy levels especially among women and girls.

Recommendations;

- Map and protect the rangelands through registration under the CCOs and CLAs,
- Support learning event on best practises on the protection of communal land rights and investment of land and natural resources.
- To support the women headed households to register their family land and acquire land titles
- To help the most vulnerable community clans to register their land into CLAs and acquire CCO
- Help training of area land committees in the most affected sub counties of Tapac, Rupa , Lotisan and Nadunget to be able to resolve land conflicts , safeguard and ensure effective performance of roles and responsibilities
- To disseminate the recent amended Mineral Management Act to the stakeholders and communities to understand and interpret the benefits accruing from the laws.
- To organize a regional land sensitization workshop in Karamoja in collaboration with National Land Coalition Uganda and Land Equity Movement of Uganda.

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT SPENT
14 th of Dec 2023	Mobilization of the stakeholders Lotithian and Rupa sub-county	362,000
16 th -17 th Dec 2023	Sub-county Land dialogue (Refreshments and Lunch)	750,000
	And Community land Awareness creation (Refreshments and Lunch)	719,000
Grand Total		1,831,000

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