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GRANT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM GOALS:

Progress Monitoring Protocol

In the Teso- Karamoja cluster arrangement UCAA was to contribute to the following Objectives:

Milestones	Target	Progress for UCAA 2014
i) Conduct dialogue forums in Katakwi and Napak Districts on Service delivery.	A total of 120 Change Agents are to be trained in Community based Monitoring and evaluation by December 2015.	80 Agents community agents of change have been trained.
ii) .VSLA Training will lead to personal and group development as it comes with both social and economic benefits for individuals and group members thus strengthening the social fabric and group cohesion. This would automatically lead to attainment of peaceful co-existence among the communities of Ngoloriet and Usuk Sub counties.	UCAA was also charged with a responsibility of training 60 Change agents into VSLA by December 2015	40 Change agents from 40 groups have been trained
iii) UCAA was through a small team of Change Agents trained in Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation (10 Change Agents) Collect data on Security issues, Land conflict, and Domestic Violence.	(10 Change Agents) trained to Collect data on Security issues, Land conflict, and Domestic Violence by 2015	10 Change Agents were trained as Data Collectors.

BACKGROUND

Introduction

ICCO and Kirk in Actie are supporting UCAA, KOPEIN, UJCC and TEWPA as the Teso-Karamoja cluster to implement the Conflict transformation and democratization (CT&D) Project. The Year 2014 is the 2nd year of the project implementation. This is a report on UCAA activities of Jan-June 2014.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA)

During the period Jan-june 2014, UCAA conducted 2 VSLA trainings one in Napak and Another in Katakwi districts. Each training had 10 participants as follows: Napak training had 5 males and 5 females all drawn from Ngoloriet Sub county, while Katakwi had 7 females and 3 males from Usuk sub county.

The training evaluation report indicate that participants liked the training because it was unique and enriching. Participants took it upon themselves to immediately start implementation of the skills acquired as soon as they get to their groups.



Some VSLA Participants from Katakwi district Mr. Ngoroko Richard UCAA Chairperson Moroto-

Napak districts addresses VSLA participants at

Kangole Boys-Napak district

The training built capacity in developing and managing Village Savings and Loan Associations among the leaders of the self-help groups and the members that they are working with. These skills will be transferred to group members in order to result into personal and group development.

Training in Group formation, Community based monitoring and Evaluation (CBM&E)

UCAA conducted 2 trainings on CBM&E ,one in Katakwi and another one in Napak. Attendance at this workshop was 100% as follows: Katakwi 20 (8 males and 12 females) while Napak was 20 (9 males and 11 females).

The objective of the training on Group formation in Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation

- To organize the people at the grass roots to learn and understand the budget process at local, District and National level
- Make available skills of the people at the grassroots in data collection, carryout monitoring exercise and present reports of findings in sub-county dialogue meetings
- Through dialogue meetings at various levels, seek actions to remedy the situation obtained
- Develop a monitoring structure of budget monitoring committees at the grass roots for the continuous monitoring of utilization of budget resources
- Assist the Budget monitoring committee develop follow up activity plan



Napak- Participants at a CBM&E training Katakwi-Participants a CBM&E training

Involvement of the local leaders and change agents

UCAA since the beginning of this project applied Rights based approach (RBA). In this quarter , both district leaders and sub county leaders including the change agents were involved. For instance in Napakdistrict , the Vice District Chairperson Hon Angella Lino Officiated at the Closure of VSLA as Hon Teko Magdalene district councilor for Ngolorite Sub county officiated at the closure of the training in CBM&E. In Katakwi, the UCAA District Chairperson , mobilized and organized for the trainings and the sub county chief for Usuk sub county Mr. Ekokot James Peter officiated at the closure of the training in CBM&E. Official Invited from the Katakwi Civil society network however did not turn to Officiate at VSLA training. The Local Leaders recognized the Contribution of ICCO to their districts through UCAA. They wished interventions were extended to other sub counties.

Support to Academic Institutions.

During the period UCAA accepted 5 Students for internship from institutions of higher learning. 2 of them, one from Makerere University and another from Kisubi bothers a branch of Uganda Martyrs University, were mentored during field activities funded by ICCO. Thanks to ICCO for Supporting UCAA to Contribute to the academic excellence in Uganda.

Fundraising

UCAA during the period was recommended to the Media focus on Africa (MFA) by ICCO and received funding to conduct Dialogue forums in the Lango region. Thanks to ICCO.

Together with TEWPA, a concept was sent to USAID Safe for funding. We are still waiting for a response.

UCAA sourced funds from FCA for staff and Board of Directors Capacity building. UCAA staff was trained in Policy implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) skills that it's applying to the ICCO funded project as well. Earlier on, FCA had trained the staff in Rights Based Approach (RBA) which skills are supporting the ICCO funded project as well. Out of this funding, UCAA wishes to introduce Quick books accounting package that will support its financial function to move away from the previous package which many people have complained about.

Networking with Coalition Members

UCAA has established a clean and healthy working relationship with the Uganda Coalition for Social Transformation (UCST) members. This has been by participating in activities organized by them such as

those organized by IRCU, UJCC, and TEWPA. UCAA has also Occasionally invited members of the Teso-Karamoja Cluster i.e. UJCC, TEWPA and KOPEIN to participate in its field activities. We thank TEWPA for its friendly leadership of the Teso- Karamoja Cluster.

Administration component

The Administration component of the project assisted UCAA to meet Staff costs. As a result of this, staff remained loyal, Motivated and committed during the period. The office rent was also paid and this enabled the Organization not to have any interruptions by Landlords. The Vehicle too remained functional to do project work.

The Board of Directors was also informed about the Project and they had to Provide legal mandate and guidance to project implementation team during their BoD Meetings.

During the National delegates assembly, all Budgets and Plans for 2014 which had been prepared by the UCAA staff and checked by the BoD were all approved. At the National delegates assembly, Inter-Church Cooperation (ICCO) contribution to UCAA was recognized and appreciated by the Members.

PROJECT IMPACT

Usuk Sub County in Katakwi

Data so far collected from the groups in Usuk, indicate a good increase in group savings from UGX 2,956,000 of 2013 to UGX 10,629,000= (72%) in 2014. This is an analysis done on only 8 groups which UCAA had supported in 2013. This 72% increase in their savings is certainly attributed to the previous trainings and provision of VSLA boxes and pass books. It means therefore, that the members can now easily access credit to solve their day to day financial needs.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED.

- Late receipt of funds. This left little time for UCAA to implement its activities and to track impact say from Ngolorite -Napak



A facilitator conducting CBM&E session training in Katakwi district

Some of the Participants of CBM&E in Katakwi district



Hon.Teko Magdalene at CBM&E closure Napak district.At CBM&E in Napak one of the participant makes a contribution.



VSLA, participantPasses a vote of thanks at the Closure of
inNapak District. the training.



A change Agent sharing her experience with VSLA participants

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