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WESTERN UGANDA FBO NETWORK WAS PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE-WELCOMING ASTRANGER.



Western Uganda FBO Network, with support from F2A and Lutheran World Federation, participated in the Welcoming the Stranger, Shaping the Future, a two day conference for faith and FBO leaders exploring the important role faith and faith

communities play in welcoming and integrating refugees, migrants and internally displaced people. The conference was hosted by the Lutheran World Federation, HIAS and Islamic Relief Worldwide. It was an opportunity to reflect on our own settings and review how we can be much more responsive to the needs of migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people.

SUPPORTING MINORITIES FOR MINORITIES ACTIONS - THE SOLIDARITY PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATED.



Western Uganda FBO Network carried out engagement with the minorities in Kyegegwa and Kamwenge district. We looked at their freedoms of religion and beliefs as well as in relation to their health behavior change communication, SRHR and Family planning. The youth from the refugee settlement reported that a lot of discrimination and stigma is high compared to the minorities in the host communities. The solidarity group of refugees for refugees has developed action plan as well as by-laws and now pushing for the registration of the solidarity group so that they able to push for advocacy actions with out going through intermediaries who have just used them for funds gain from government and donor agencies.WUFBON has prioritized capacity enhancement for the solidarity groups and the district interfaith hubs for effective FORB promotion, coordination of interfaith activities and advocacy for climate change and SRHR among among the minorities of minorities.

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO STOP CLIMATE CHANGE?



Table 1: ***WE WORK WITH KOGERE FOUNDATION UGANDA TO CREATE AWARENESS ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEFS, FAMILY PLANNING , CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SRHR USING OUR EKYOOTO(CAMP FIRE) WE ARE MAKING IMPACT THROUGH AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY.***

Kyenjojo district stems from the **'Kye'** - meaning for **'njojo'** meaning elephant which initially means the land of Elephants. The community surrounding the land of elephants and neighbouring districts in the Rwenzori region along Muzizi river ranges have formed an Inter-agency faith & cultural actions for climate change initiative – CSOs, cultural & religious institutions all of which are official partners in the Rwenzori region to tackle climate change issues.

Uganda's natural resource base is one of the richest and most diverse in Africa, resulting in the country's economy relying heavily on goods and services so provided. For example, estimates show that gross returns to the national economy from bio-diversity alone can be as high as US$ 63.9 billion per year. As such environmental resources, if used properly, can contribute significantly to Uganda's national economic development. As part of efforts to ensure effective management of Uganda's environment and natural resources, several policies and institutions have been put in place. Despite these efforts the country's natural resources continue to be degraded, and this jeopardize both individual livelihoods and the country's economic development. People's livelihoods in Uganda are inextricably linked to sound natural resource management. It is therefore essential that Parliament, district local councils , CSOs, cultural , religious and public in its oversight and legislative role, ensures that natural resource management is at the centre of good governance and economic development.

Western Uganda FBO Network climate change objective is *to enhancing FBO's, NGO's, CBO's, Churches , local government, local council and parliament oversight of environment and natural resources such as forests, land, energy, agriculture, climate change, oil and gas & pollution response in Uganda.*

Western Uganda FBO Network is committed to supports districts , FBOs and CSOs in Uganda in their transition to a sustainable energy future and serves as the principal platform for international, national and sub national co-operation, a faith based centre of excellence, and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge on renewable energy. Western Uganda FBO Network will promotes the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy, including bio energy, geothermal, hydro power, ocean, solar and wind energy, in the pursuit of sustainable development, energy access, energy security and low-carbon economic growth and prosperity.

The members of the agency joined hands to start organizing a coordinated regional and sub regional platform to advocate for zero degradation of our mother environment in the Rwenzori region. The concerned citizens in Kyenjojo District took the definitive and advocating actively for policy enforcement and legal reforms in the Elephant corridor of Kyenjojo the dialogue will focus on policy and regulations, finance innovation, resources and capacity building, products and services innovation.

Led by women & men clergy and cultural practitioners at the front-line - Membership to the ***Rwenzori Inter-agency faith & cultural actions for climate change & SRHR is now open.***

Western Uganda FBO Network and partners commit to continue raising awareness and understanding of the potential of DER solutions, not only for direct users but also for society as a whole.

WESTERN UGANDA FBO NETWORK FINALIZED HER STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027 AND BEYOND 2027…..



This Strategic Plan has been prepared in accordance with Western Uganda FBO Network requirement derived from the constitution which empowers the network to plan effectively for development agenda in our areas of prerogative. The overall goal of this plan is to provide quality services at the least cost to the people of our area of operation so as to improve their quality of life. The strategic plan has been developed in a holistic approach, based on the situational analysis, goals, objectives, strategies and activities to be covered over the next year all over the organization. It has taken into account the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) and livelihood/wellbeing analysis of the people. The priorities for Western Uganda FBO Network focus on poverty eradication and Uganda Vision 2040. These include;

1. Human Rights, Governance , Democracy and Accountability.
2. Health, Education , Sports & culture.
3. Natural resources, climate change and clean energy enterprise.
4. Community based Services:
5. Welcoming a stranger-Refugees
6. Information , resource centre and Technology/Communication.
7. Interfaith SACCO-Revolving Fund services.
8. Research and Development
9. Organizational capacity enhancement - salaries, training's etc etc .

Development calls for joint effort by all parties in the formulation and implementation of policies. The involvement of political leaders, religious, cultural and civil society leaders in data analysis, identification of goals, objectives, strategies and formulation of the national and sub national priorities has gone a long way in providing political commitment to the activities of the Districts of operation in Uganda. The Organization is committed to ***Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of facilities being put in place as it is very critical for their sustainability.*** Each project in this plan has a component of O&M and funding prioritized for the same. There is also a budget provision for maintenance of various investments including buildings from our local

revenue. All the projects profiles for projects to be undertaken in 2022 - 2026 have detailed O&M plans and this will enhance their sustainability.

The organization is putting emphasis on scientific and result oriented management based on integrated work plans. The implementation of this work plan calls for political , religious , cultural and faith based organizations members commitment on the part of political leaders and maximum dedication on the side of technocrats. The achievement of the set goals and objectives in the plan will no doubt steer national and sub national to greater heights and guarantee the provision of quality services to our community.

The unity and harmony prevailing in the districts of operation transcends religious, tribal, and political biases. It is against this background that people have settled to sustainable production. With this spirit maintained, the Western Uganda FBO Network shall no doubt work substantially towards Prosperity for All

We acknowledge the fact that the production of this document has not been an easy task for both the faith based organizations leaders, CSOs, political and technical arms of various local governments where we work from. It is for this reason that I should congratulate members of the WUFBON, Members , Committees, and heads of Departments for the job well done. Special mention goes to the Executive Director for their coordination role in preparation for this Strategic plan. We hope that this document, which has taken a lot of resources and commitment will guide the organization as it strives for the betterment of its people in the next five year costing us USD 3,798,000 .

We therefore take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the data collection, processing, analysis and compilation and processing of the Plan, which has been a basis of planning in the organization. Lastly, We call upon all the people of of the districts of operation, NGOs/CSOs and FBOs, the Central Government, Donors, and other stakeholders, Lower Local Councils and all people of goodwill to positively contribute to the actualization of this plan.

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