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## **1.0. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Peace and Development Foundation (KWIPI) is non-profitmaking registered Non-Governmental Organization that operates among the communities affected by conflict and violence as a result of cattle rustling. KWIPI aims at promoting positive cultural practices and realization of human rights especially to security, peace and dignity among the Pokot, Karamojong, Sabiny and Turkana communities. Through advocacy for greater human rights to peace, security and safety, KWIPI in partnership with Actionaid Uganda lobbied various stakeholders and partners like Government of Uganda through security organs like the army, police and other Civil Society Organizations across the border in Kenya such as Practical Action Kenya, SIKOM and Tegla Lorupe Peace Foundation. Activities then included; peace rallies which involved tackling conflict through sports, warrior rehabilitation and clustering of reformed warriors and pastoralist week celebrations among others.

After realization of advent peace in the affected communities, brought about by our advocacy work with stakeholders, the organization has shifted widely from peace focused activities to Human Rights Based Approach with support financially and capacity building from Actionaid Uganda through Kapchorwa Local Rights Program. KWIPI is currently focused on empowerment, and building capacities of the people to advocate for timely and gender responsive service delivery on areas of governance, sustainable livelihoods and women's rights.

### **2.0. Identity**

### **3.0. Vision**

We envision; "A society that enjoys sustainable peace, development and co-existence."

### **4.0. MISSION**

"To empower and support communities toward creating peaceful co-existence through rights."

## **5.0. Strategic Objectives**

- i. To build and develop institutions to promote dialogue and reconciliation among the communities.
- ii. To empower and built capacity of women through creation of awareness about their rights
- iii. To empower children and their communities on children's rights
- iv. Promote and initiate community advocacy and rights approach to development in the community
- v. Initiate and promote alternative livelihoods in the post conflict era among communities.
- vi. To enhance strategic partnership that foster defense for human rights.

## **6.0. Core Values**

The core values of KWIPI are fivefold, namely:

- i. Honesty
- ii. Transparency
- iii. Accountability
- iv. Unity

## **7.0. Our Reach in 2016**

## **8.0. Map showing Areas where we work with Summary results/Achievements**



*Figure 1: Map of Uganda showing Bukwo District where KWIPI implements her programs*

## **9.0. INTRODUCTION**

As in the previous year, KWIPI worked with Community Groups as a way of putting them at the forefront in the fight for positive and sustainable change. The Reflect groups were spread across Tulel, Kamet Sub Counties and Bukwo Town Council.

We worked with Child Clubs, Women Groups VSLAs and Youth Activistas as agents for change. These community groups were trained and used to engage duty bearers on provision of timely and gender responsive services in order to implore other community members towards taking part in the service delivery process.

### **The following community groups worked with KWIPI for the year 2015;**

- **Masasha SACCO:** A savings oriented Reflect Circle that avails members especially women with very easy access to credit. They also took part in advocating for better service delivery through engagement with duty bearers. They participated in learning visits, monitoring of Government Programs and Community Dialogue Meetings.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction Association:** A Community Group in Tulel that encourages community members to practice Climate Resilient and Sustainable agriculture and better environmental practices to reduce disaster risks. They participated in a series of Barrazas, community outreaches and trainings.
- **Bukwo Activista Youth:** It is a network of over 30 youths organized around the belief that youth can influence duty bearers towards providing better services through their involvement in service delivery. They participated in a series of trainings such as PETS, youth Barraza and monitoring of social services.
- **Towluk Maendeleo Dairy Farmers:** A community group made up of mainly women who do savings, merry go rounds and advocacy for better

service delivery. They are found in Kamet Sub County. They participated in women land rights trainings among others.

- **Bukwo Children’s Club:** A group of children in Bukwo and Mokoyon Primary Schools who preach provision of violence free environments for children in and out of school. They participated in children’s parliaments and campaigns against child abuse.
- **Coffee Farmers:** A savings oriented Reflect Circle that works with women, youth and men to access credit and do small scale business. They also do advocacy for women rights and good governance.

## **10.0. THE GAINS OF 2016**

### **11.0. WOMEN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY**

In 2016, KWIPI worked with stakeholders to uplift the status of women in Sebei in relation to redistribution of the care burden on women and girls, land control and ownership, access to justice, freedom from Gender Based Violence and harmful cultural practices like FGM. About 300 women and girls were reached.

In light of the above thematic area, we implemented community based meetings, trainings and barazzers that helped us realize the following results;

#### **Freedom from daily battering**

“My name is Chelimo Stella aged 27 and a resident of Chepterei Village, Tulel Parish, Tulel Sub County, and Bukwo District in Eastern Uganda. My husband’s name is Wyclif Kapkuruswo. I have 4 children; 2 girls and two boys who would watch in trauma how their father would beat me up every evening.

One day, I decided to go to our home leaving the young children with their father but on realizing that the children were suffering, I decided to risk my life by coming back to my husband in order to save the children. In March 2016, KWIPI; a Community Organization supported by Actionaid Uganda organized a women rights meeting focusing on Gender Based Violence. I and my husband attended the meeting with many other couples. During the meeting, we were told that it is against the law to violate women’s rights to freedom from GBV.

In the presence of people, my husband vowed never to beat me again. I am proudly happy to say that my husband no longer batters me. We now go to the market together, he also accompanies me to church and for ante-natal care when am expectant. This peace has extended to over 50 families who attended the training, we have since formed a women rights club which is supporting survivors of GBV and women to report cases of violence against them; we have registered over 6 resolved cases between August and September alone. I thank KWIPI and Actionaid for the good initiatives!!

**Relief of women from the care burden through redistribution of household work.**

Chesang Ben and Cherop Philemon are residents of Masasha Village in Tulel Sub County. They are aged 46 and 38 respectively

“Before attending sensitization meetings on un paid care work by Actionaid and KWIPI, my wife used to do all the household work herself. Such work included among others; looking after children, looking after animals, breaking wood for fuel and cooking food” Cherop says. “When we were invited for sensitization meetings on un-paid care work by Actionaid and KWIPI in June, we went as couples. I and other men present realized that women are overworked which is an injustice!” adds Chesang.

Currently, these men help their wives to break wood for fuel, they can carry babies, cook food and look after animals in addition to their other duties. They advise other men to take their path. Cherop adds that since then, his wife and other delivered women are healthier and happier than before.

**12.0. SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS**

We supported people in our operation areas to practice Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture, Resilience to disaster risks, food security, and market access and increased household incomes. This delivered through trainings and farmer-to-famer mentorship visits. In this regard, we tracked the following results



## **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN THROUGH AGRICULTURE**

Lydia Yoramu is 45 years old and married to Yoramu Kurkat with 7 children (2 girls and 5 boys). The couple lives in Masasha community Bukwo district. She joined Coffee Farmers SACCO in July 2015 as a member. “Immediately, I was selected to participate in the financial management and food security training that was organized by KWIPI and ActionAid KLRP. After the training, I applied the knowledge in agriculture” Says Lydia.

“Before intervention of KWIPI and Actionaid, women in Tulel Sub County had limited or no sources of income. We used to rely solely on our husbands for everything” She adds.

“Currently, some women in our SACCO are doing business in selling milk and bananas in Bukwo Town. Others even own boda-bodas!” She proudly adds

So far I have planted 3 acres of Bananas and 2 acres of coffee. I hope to harvest and sell to local hotels and Coffee processing industry at a competitive price” She proudly says that at the end of the sale, she expects to fetch over to UGX 1 million. “I will use this money to pay fees for my children and also contribute to the SACCO as savings and shares” she adds. Lydia also plans to buy more heifers for milk purposes.

In Tulel and Kamet Sub Counties, over 100 women involved in Reflect Circle Activities have reported that they can now control and access land.

### **Women’s contribution to decisions on land use now counts**

Chebet Catherine; a member of DRR Reflect Circle in Korosi Village, Tulel Sub County can now access and decide on how their 4 acre land can be managed.

After attending a land rights training organized by KWIPI for women and men, she now grows bananas, Irish potatoes, beans, fruits among other crops. In less than two years, she started getting daily money from sale of Matooke; she uses

the money to buy meat, chicken, rice and other foods for balanced diet in addition to Matooke

She is also able to pay fees for her school going children and can also pay tuition for her two children in University.

### **Linking the youth to government programs to boost their incomes**

There is evidence that through empowering youth Activista in Tulel Sub County, their livelihoods have changed tremendously, Lakatetwo Youth SACCO is one of the youth groups which started as a result of the trainings conducted by KWIPI and ActionAid, it was formed in January 2015 ,and they started monthly savings and lending to members,

Mutai Timothy who is a member accessed credit from the SACCO and started produce business, since then his income increased. He supplies Irish Potatoes, beans, and maize to Mbale District. Over 50 other youth have also benefited and engaged in farming using the credit within their SACCO, they have even started lending to non-members and the SACCO is growing.

KWIPI also linked them to the Youth Livelihood Program of the government. They received financial assistance worth 3 million from the Youth Livelihood Program

### **13.0. PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE**

Through our work with the youth, children in and out of schools, we did trainings and community outreach meetings which offered platforms for rights holders to hold their leaders to account for quality and timely services. We realized the following results;

#### **Positive Attitude and behavioral change among communities towards children**

It is evident that men's attitude and behavioural change has turned positive towards the rights of children in the community.

Before our interface with the communities in Bukwo Town Council and Kabei, children used to be battered in silence without anybody coming forward to defend them. As a result, child labour and abuse was the order of the day. Today, due

to our campaigns and capacity building on child rights, reflect circles and child clubs have children rights and protection in their programs, **Adults are reporting child abuse cases on behalf of abused and battered children!!** In July alone, over 15 cases were reported by adults; not necessarily the actual parents of the children unlike in the past.

As a result, 5 cases were resolved, 10 were referred. We are still following up the referred cases to ensure that the needful is done. KWIPI Had trained Referral structures on child protection to aid in child protection by helping children access justice.

**Two schools excel in at least 2 core rights (PRS)**

There is evidence schools and community commitment to support children at school to avail core Education rights.

Before our intervention, children in Bukwo schools had not progressed in at least 2 core education rights. In Tulel and Bukwo Primary schools, children at school didn't have mid-day meals. We organized a children's parliament in March where children engaged parents and teachers to provide them with mid-day meals at school. Today, Tulel and Bukwo primary schools have started a school feeding program covering 40% of the learners.

*"Today, our school has started a school feeding program covering 50% of the learners" Says Chepto Nelly of Bukwo Primary School. This has enabled over 800 children remain and complete primary level studies.*



*Figure 3 Chepto Nelly enjoys her mid-day meal in Bukwo Primary School*



*Figure 2 Chepto Nelly at their School*

## **Schools avail safe environments for girls**

Bukwo and Mokoyon Primary schools have introduced special sessions for girls to interface with the Senior Women Teachers to discuss life skills in a bid to minimise school dropout rates among girls. The school clubs also discourage bullying and discrimination at school. This program is enabling about 800 girls in school to remain in school and finish their primary level studies.

## **Bold communities that demand for quality services as a right!**

It is evident that communities have picked interest to hold duty bearers accountable. Chemuron Primary School has recorded very poor performance for the last five years. It was revealed that poor School Management has been the root cause. The Head Teacher kept the SMC's out of the decision making process yet their contribution is highly needed.

It is upon this that KWIPI supported the DRRA Reflect Circle to conduct a Community Scorecard Exercise which resulted into the resolution that the BOD with Teachers should work together. Within a period of one week, they sat for a meeting and shared a number of issues including feeding at school especially for upper primary classes.

During the interface, leaders present championed for a fundraising and as a result well-wishers contributed money to cater for feeding the candidate class. It is believed that this would lead to quality learning and improve performance of the school.

## **People power demanding accountability**

In Tulel Sub County, citizens are empowered to demand for quality services. This is evidenced by their involvement in demanding for explanation on a NUSAF funded staff house at Tulel Health Centre II which developed cracks before it was commissioned for use.

DRRA reflect group mobilised the community and invited KWIPI to support them during the interface processes. The Health Unit Management Committee

Chairperson who is also the signatory to the account was tasked to explain why he authorised payment of retention funds before monitoring the building. The LCIII was also blamed and tasked to make a follow up. **After a few weeks, the contractor made repairs on doors and the entire house.** The staff house is now being occupied by nurses who had earlier refused to use the cracking house. This shows that people have the power to shape their future as a fruit of our work

### **Locals report and reject shoddy water source**

Following the district level review and advocacy campaigns on service delivery, the District leadership seemed to appreciate collective action as the way to go in championing for quality service delivery. The young vibrant District Executive Committee of Bukwo is backing citizens in the struggle

For quality and efficient service delivery. In June, a team of community members and with District Executive Committee launched a crackdown against a water tank that cracked and bust letting water out to people's gardens in Senendet Sub County. It was realised that the contractor did not use correct Bills of Quantities after investigations by a private engineer hired by the district. The contractor was tasked to demolish and start a new tank at his own cost. This is an implication that leaders are ready to beef up the campaign for quality services and that community participation is paramount at this stage. These very leaders are a product of KWIPI's Activista Forum that vetted them.

## **14.0. Institutional Developments**

### **14.1. Policies development**

KWIPI in a bid to deliver better did policy polishing recognizing the changing work environment. A Child Safe policy was introduced after realizing that the organization works with children. Under this policy;

The organisation shall not undertake activities with children in the absence of their parents/carers, but has the opportunity to observe the young person's/children's welfare within their family setting. Parents/carers remain

responsible for their children's welfare throughout all the work undertaken by the organisation.

We know that being a young person makes them vulnerable to abuse by adults. The purpose of this policy is to make sure that the actions of any adult in the context of the work carried out by the organisation are transparent and safeguard and promote the welfare of all young people.

The organization also introduced the gender policy which wasn't existing before. Under this policy;

We recognize that norms prevent women and men from exercising their free choice and from taking full and equal advantage of opportunities for individual development, contribution and reward. It is increasingly clear that gender disparities and biases undermine the effectiveness of KWIPI's operations, in both stable and emergency contexts.

KWIPI recognizes that gender equity is a critical component of the organization's commitment to diversity. This Gender Policy, along with related policies that support diversity, seeks to clarify the organization's expectations and guidelines to assist staff in their efforts to advance gender equity. The policy is marked by two fundamental principles:

- That all people, by virtue of their shared humanity, carry inherently equal dignity and rights. Therefore, KWIPI should always affirm and uphold the equal rights, opportunities and status of men and women.
- That each person, by virtue of her or his particular character and context, has a unique identity and combination of aspirations and abilities. Therefore, KWIPI must strive to understand how the particular conditions of each individual or social group shapes its ability to achieve equal fulfillment, and create tailored opportunities for each to thrive.

With the help of the above policies, KWIPI has been seen to be a child safe and a pro women organization that promotes the realization of the rights of women

and children who are in any case vulnerable. Many cases have been reported to this effect as presented before.

### **15.0. Conclusion and looking into 2017**

As an organization that believes in building the capacities of people especially the vulnerable to demand for better governance and leadership, KWIPI recognizes the capabilities of individuals and utilizes them to boost the sustained demand for better service delivery through availing platforms for meaningful engagement between duty bearers and rights holders.

2016 was more of an engagement and awareness raising period, in 2017, the organization shall boost empowerment and capacity building for youth, children, women and girls to foster solidarity in a bid to build a formidable force of human rights defenders in Sebei Sub region. The organization shall expand its gripon support from the constituents. In order to meet the current world and development challenges, the name has been reserved and changed at the NGO Board as Peace and Development Foundation-PDF. A whole new outlook of the strategic plan, advocacy and community empowerment strategy shall be unveiled.

### **16.0. List of Projects, Supporters, Donors and Partners (2 Pages)**

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Sponsorship