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(1) Young people and the media engagement on constructive post election conflict resolution through Dialogue.

CIDD-UG engages 300 young people and the media on constructive post-election conflict resolution through Dialogue.



CIDD-UG constructively engages young people and media on post 2021 democratic process

The re-introduction of multiparty politics in Uganda has witnessed an increase in violent and non-violent conflicts to a greater or lesser degree before, during and after Uganda's general elections. The pattern and character of the conflicts are symptomatic of deep-rooted ethnic and partisan related hostilities that lie latent and mainly explode into violent conflicts before, during or after elections. The population and the most affected are youth and women who form a 75% majority population. The violent conflicts have also compromised the tenets of Democratic Governance.

Despite the successful end of the February 2021 general elections in Uganda which demonstrated a monumental triumph of democracy, the results became

highly contested something that left most communities torn apart calling for urgent action for community cohesion. In this context therefore, CIDD-UG through her civic education project prioritized massive run for post-election reconciliation interventions through mobilizing and organizing young people and media for post election dialogue as a means of promoting national healing, social cohesion and reconciliation. In addition, CIDD-UG in partnership with WIZARTS Foundation has ably provided space for young people to engage in post-election peace debates. This activity has benefited (300) three hundred youths in Bugisu and Bukedi sub region. As a result, these civic engagements have not only helped in building young people's skills to demand for value driven leadership and downward accountability but also worked towards building trust and understanding between young people (citizens) and their elected leaders through continued dialogue on 2021 democratic process outcomes.

During the period under review, CIDD-UG also conducted broadcast of peace audio messages in the five Districts of Mbale, Budaka, Kibuku, Butebo and Pallisa including Mbale city. The messages were able to create critical debate on the need to ensure calm after the 2021 contested election results.



The CIDD-UG civic educator (in black coat) engaging boda-boda riders-Mbale City

(2) Climate Change Governance

During the quarter, CIDD-UG with funding from British Council implemented



L-R One of the group representative receiving the seed funds from Deputy CAO Pallisa and witnessed by the District Natural Resources officer & Executive Director for CIDD-UG

the **Active Citizen COP26** project. The organization was able disburse financial support to three community groups in Pallisa District to support small social actions that contribute to enhancing climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Uganda has already witnessed the negative effects of climate change and many more are expected to impact on the country and the world at large. The major manifestations of climate change in Uganda and the world over include severe water shortages, increased incidents of prolonged drought, reduced crop production, reduced potential for hydropower development due to a reduction in rainfall and water availability as well as damage to the country's physical infrastructure due to extreme weather events among others. It is from such background that, CIDD-UG with financial support from the British Council is implementing a project entitled Active Citizen **COP26**. The project provides seed funding to community groups with the aim of promoting robust measures to enhance public participation in climate change accountability as well as promoting mainstreaming of climate change adaptation and mitigation mechanisms through mobilization of more stakeholders to take action. As a result, the project is currently helping grassroots citizen's to engage in climate smart agriculture but also tasking the duty bearers from Pallisa to start mainstreaming climate change interventions into local government plans and budgets.

Samuka Muhammad, the Pallisa District Natural Resources Officer, during community sensitization on need for communities to adapt to and mitigate climate change impacts, said that, "the environmental management issues like inadequate water supply in our communities. Let alone food shortage, has caused uprisings in many parts of the world and high crime rate. If people fail to sustainably manage the eco-system, the world is set to experience the worst", We want to thank CIDD-UG for their partnership with Pallisa Local Government because their support to the district will help to change people's attitudes and practices to start taking climate change adaptation and impact mitigation as their complementary role. He added, "As Head of Department where this project is directly falling, I pledge my total support to CIDD-UG and will always be available even on short notice because the issue of climate change can no longer be discussed behind closed doors"..



Achievements from the Active Citizen COP26 project.

(1) All Year round vegetable production by use of Climate Smart agriculture (2) Construction of energy saving stoves & (3). Advanced apiary technology by not using wood.

(3) Research and Publication

CIDD-UG has overtime built her capacity to conduct social research for purposes of generating evidence for successful public policy influence and citizen's advocacy. In this period under review, CIDD-UG continued to conduct impact assessment of the Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme (UWEP). The overall objective was to evaluate and provide an over view of its implementation performance in Pallisa district. The focus was particularly;

To establish program achievements, its challenges and assessment of the key results against the stated programme objectives, outcomes, and outputs on the lives of the rural women in Pallisa district

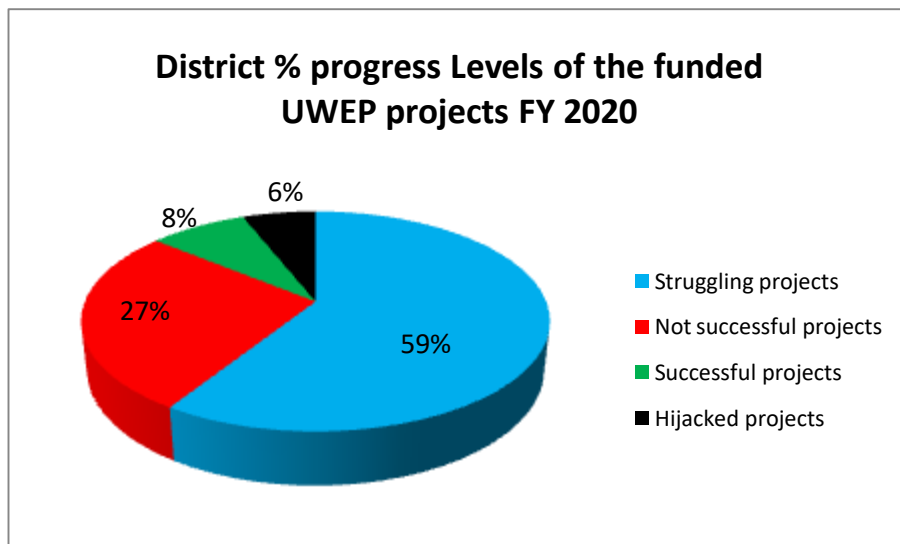
To establish the impact of COVID-19 on UWEP programme in Pallisa District and to make recommendations to both the local and central governments designed to strengthen UWEP's contribution to women's economic transformation amidst their vulnerabilities.

The findings revealed that out of **680** million shilling received by Pallisa District Local Government as at November 2020, in terms of vulnerability access, only **5%** PHAs, **5%** PWDs, **13%** single mothers and paltry **1%** slum



dwellers had benefited from the fund.

The report further revealed that out of 64 enterprises that were funded by November 2020, only **8%** of them were successful while **59%** enterprises were struggling and at the verge of collapse. It as well indicated that **6%** of the funded enterprises were-hijacked while another **27%** had actually crumbled and could not be traced by the time of assessment. The report recommended urgent attention on improving UWEP delivery mechanisms by the implementers if at all women are to benefit from the program within the remaining time.



CIDD-UG during the period under review conducted validation of the November 2020 UWEP assessment findings where the organization called for renewed commitment from CDOs in Pallisa district to ensure successful implementation of UWEP.

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