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1. Brief from ED

Dear readers, you are welcome to our third quarter news we have continued to improve on the way we deliver to our constituency through being accountable. as matter-of-fact NGOs require to be accountable to service users, and other stakeholders. With good governance, NGOs can use their resources effectively, not only to maximize their social impact, but also to minimize and adapt to potential risk. Through practicing accountability CIDD-UG has been able to maintains public trust. We continue calling for more of accountability from those who are obligated to do so. Now I take this opportunity to invite you to our third quarter news hope you enjoy reading it.

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2. National engagement

ED Ejautene FRED PRESENTS CSO regional service delivery paper during 2025/26 Regional BC at Mbale

Budgeting for improved service delivery; FY 2025/26

CIDD-UG under the umbrella of CSBAG members through the executive director Mr. Ejautene Fred represented CSO in eastern Uganda to presented alternative budget proposal for financial year 2025/26. Under the theme **Budgeting for improved service delivery; FY 2025/26**

This activity was organized by MoFPED in line with article 155(2) of the constitution and section 13 (1&2) of the public finance management Act 2015 (as amended) that requires the Ministry to commence the consultation process for preparation of the Budget for improving services to the citizen for FY 2025/2026.

The space created by CSBAG and utilized by key CSO actors provided an opportunity for CSOs to filter through citizens voices to redirect government priorities in the FY 2025/2026.



Ministries, MDAs and DLG leaders listen to CSO alternative budget position pater.

During the CSO presentation Mr. Ejautene Fred ED- CIDD-UG highlighted critical issues that required Government attention in the budget for FY 2024/2025 which include among others

Increasing transparency in the budget processes, fiscal discipline, transparency, and accountability to ensure sustainable economic growth and development, improving district urban community access roads (DUCAR) with high potential for boosting business and enhancing completeness which improves local economy and reduces poverty. Improve funding to natural resources and disaster risk management Among others. The presentation aroused debate among participants that saw some of the CSO

proposals adopted for further scrutiny.

3. Regional public service delivery engagement

Improving accountability through citizens feedback platform (CFP)

CIDD-UG in partnership with CSBAG and the Office of Auditor General (OAG) are promoting the use of CFP. A digital platform, developed to provide information on deficiencies in service delivery and identifying risks for potential audit and investigations for the OAG. It was after monitoring public service delivery in Bukedi by CIDD-UG that a feedback meeting by OAG was organized to enable CIDD-UG to share the monitoring findings with the Auditor General staff and regional leaders. During the regional stakeholders meeting held in Mbale City, Mr. Okiror Francis who represented CIDD-UG raised a few issues that included among others government heavy expenditure on opening of access roads which is not matched by its expenditure on maintenance, making the opened roads go back to poor state than the time they were opened. CIDD-UG now plans to engage Government on hybridity of its expenditure on opening of access roads which are not being maintained. CIDD-UG has not only provided the OAG evidence to inform government future planning, execution of access road opening in Local Governments.



Mr. Okiror Francis CIDD presents service delivery issues to auditor general

However, the report findings indicate that the quality of public service delivery is still alarming at sub national level and grassroots CFP commitment to provide information for OAG to conduct value for money audits during annual local government budget implementation process.

Providing an opportunity for the community to interface with the auditor General



Community member Fzila Namwabila makes demands for improved service delivery to OAG

Uganda's decentralized service delivery framework provides for a mixture of approaches to service delivery. These are: direct provision by local governments; private sector delivery; and civil society service delivery. Despite the mixed approaches the quality-of-service delivery to the local population remains wanting. It was against such background that CIDD-UG in partnership with CSBAG with support from GIZ mobilized the trained Community Budget Facilitators to interact with the Auditor General on key challenges affecting service delivery in eastern Uganda for remedial actions. The meeting that was attended by Key Local governments (LGs) leaders in eastern Uganda resolved to sound a call for (LGs) to improve service delivery as part of their responsibility to meet the changing needs and demands of the citizens. CIDD-

UG will now continue to follow-up on implementation of commitments made.

4. Young people Engaging on social research



CIDD taking young people through Digital

During the period under review, CIDD-UG in partnership with Uwezo Uganda mobilized and trained 60 young people to collect data to generate evidence for influencing education policy for desired improved

education outcomes. The Early Language and Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (PAL-ELANA) is a direct child assessment across the learning areas of language and mathematics. It is one of the earliest attempts at designing a common assessment framework, aiming to collect evidence about early and foundational language and numeracy competencies that are aligned to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG4). Early Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELANA) is an adaptive testing tool, designed to measure the pre-numeracy skills on oral language acquisition, reading and comprehension skills of children in pre-primary and early primary school age groups in Pallisa District. The main objective of ELANA is to provide policymakers, educators, and stakeholders with data-driven insights into the early learning needs of children, enabling informed decision-making and resource allocation to improve educational outcomes in Uganda.

5. Building partnerships and collaboration

As co-implementing partner, participated in the induction for CSOs in the implementation of SCEPA project in Uganda.

During the period under review, CIDD-UG participated in the inception national meeting of SCEPA project under the leadership of Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF) with funding from Royal Danish Embassy in Kampala. The project “dabbed” **Strengthening Citizen’s Engagement and Public Accountability** whos’ goal is to



Participants pose for a photo with DANIDA representatives During SCEPA project inception

contribute towards an organized and engaged citizenry actively holding public institutions accountable will be implemented by selected partners CSOs in the fourteen subregions in Uganda, with CIDD-UG taking lead in its implementation in Bukedi sub region.

The SCEPA project directly contributes to the CIDD-UG programme area of Democracy, Governance and Human Rights. CIDD-UG will now use the SCEPA project interventions intertwined with other CIDD-UG Governance initiatives to jump start the internationally desired standards of promoting citizen engagements and public accountability in the quest for responsive Government to Citizen ever changing needs. This activity on induction serves as the first in the documentation of CIDD-UG journey with SCEPA project.

6. PHOTO GALLERY



PARTICIPANTS AFTER SUCCESSFUL OAG CFP TRAINING



DATA COLLECTION DURING THE ELANA PROJECT



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