

The ActionAid Uganda Weekly 6th-12th Aug, 2018

Dear Reader,
27 days and still counting, the Apaa community is still camped at the UN offices awaiting international support in their land matter. The UN has not responded yet, but the community soldiers on with hope. This week they shall meet the Deputy Speaker to table their sentiments. Also, this week, we are joining the rest of the world to commemorate the International Youth Day slated for 11th August at Makerere grounds. The question remains, where are the safe spaces for the young people? Where is employment and education opportunities for them? Have they been forgotten? This and more in this weekly!

**DAY 27! Amuru Activista Cycle For Over 70kms in Solidarity
With the Apaa Families**



By Ndumeya R Moyo:19 Activista members from Amuru LRP amongst them 6 ladies hick hiked from Amuru in solidarity with the people of Apaa who have been at the UN Offices in Gulu premises for 27 days. As young people they sought to join hands with their brothers and sisters who were forcefully evicted from their homes in Apaa. They wanted to send a message to the responsible leaders and institutions to take action on the matter. They contributed and brought firewood, sugarcane, cassava, g-nuts, potatoes and chicken for the occupiers. Unfortunately they were denied entry into the UN OHCHR which angered them, but did not deter them, they requested for the leaders of the occupiers with they interacted and prayed with them, instilled hope and encouraged them to stay just a little while longer until something happens they get a satisfactory response about their land!

Local Government Leaders in Unison with Apaa Community Occupiers



Amuru Activista members denied access to the UN Human Rights Office

By Jennipher Achaloi: After several efforts of bringing all the LCV chairpersons from Acholi on board, all the 8 LCV chairpersons met on Thursday and agreed to jointly and individually

support the people of Apaa. They met with Rwot Onen Achana as the custodian of land in Acholi to re-ignite the discussion and remind him of his commitment to stand with the people and go to the UN compound as a show of solidarity. Today marks the 26th day of the peaceful occupancy of the UN offices by the Apaa community in search for land justice. They are not about to leave, unless the UN gives a proper response to the matter. Meanwhile a delegation has met the Deputy Speaker today at Parliament to foster meeting between Madi and Acholi leaders to address the issue of degazetting Apaa as a game reserve. For more information about Apaa, please visit [AAIU website](#)

Huge Corruption Scandles Unearthed in Abanga SubCounty Zombo!



CAO and his team inspecting a newly constructed toilet during a monitoring visit in Nyapea S/C

By Sironga Mwezi, National Revenue Authority (NRA) facilitated Lambo district integrity promotion forum to a three day field visit in Abanga and Nyapea Sub County, to monitor and assess government projects being implemented to ensure value for money. The visit revealed that over 70 million of funds disbursed to Abanga Sub County for the financial year 2017/18 was not accounted for, and worse still, most of the projects reported to have been completed were incomplete and others half-hazardly done. During the debrief meeting the following resolution were made; an investigation to be launched immediately on financial mismanagement in Abanga S/C, the sub county chief and accountant should step aside, CAO should appoint a caretaker immediately, RDC office and Actionaid Nebbi LRP should provide oversight role to ensure the issue is followed to its logical conclusion. The forum members include the RDC, CAO and all heads of department in the district and its function is to provide exemplary leadership, unearthing corruption scandals among others.

Community Policing in Amuru unearths Drugs-sale as the Biggest Cause of SGBV



Josephine Laker, Project Officer, Women Protection Centre - Amuru carries a stack of Marijuana drugs, part of the so much that was uprooted from the villages by Police.

By Josephine Laker/Amuru WPC, GBV coalition group that comprised of the police, sub county leaders and district leaders organised a one day community policing to respond to the several SGBV cases in Amuru. The Amuru AAU shelter alone registered 5 cases of aggravated defilement. In Apowegi village for example, they listed the different causes of GBV as alcoholism, drug abuse, early marriages, school drop out of especially girls who do not go past Primary Seven. The Community Police called on communities to take personal initiative in the

groups where such cases can be reported and these in turn report the cases to AAU WPC shelter and as well Police. There shall be a follow up meeting on Friday 10th August, 2018 to uproot all the SGBV cases in Amuru communities.

AA's Transformative Operational Model to Gender Responsive Public Education



Hills Project Team comprising of participants from Uganda, Kenya, UK, Pakistani and Ghana

By Isabirye Samuel Ntale: Last month, 25 participants from the Global Secretariat and 8 countries (Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya and Pakistan) implementing the Hills and NORAD projects participated in a capacity development workshop

on Gender Responsive Public Services in Lilongwe, Malawi. This will serve to pilot a new consolidated framework that merges Gender Responsive Public Education, Promoting Rights in Schools and the 4Ss Education Financing framework into a single, simple to understand and apply framework. ActionAid is at the forefront of work on domestic resource mobilization for sustainable financing of education systems, making powerful connections between education and tax justice campaigner. The holistic new framework will be built around four elements: Rights-based action for quality and gender responsive education (10 core rights); Sustainable public financing-4Ss; Accountable public delivery and universality (challenging false solutions); Movement building and alliances to deliver change.

Global Peace Leadership Conference; Youth Speak Out!



By Grace Ruvimbo Chirenje: The Global Platform Uganda represented AAU at the Global Peace Leadership Conference last week . The Conference was a high level space targeting the

Great -Lakes region and the theme was “ Moral and Innovative Leadership”. It was attended by renowned actors from the Great Lakes Region including, Presidents, Former Heads of state, Business leaders, women and youth. Grace represented GPUG and was part of a panel in the Youth Session that focused on **Youth Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Service**. This session examined the vision and values of empowering youth as moral and innovative leaders who can create new models for peace and development. Although heavily militarised, young people managed to offer solutions and alternatives around how they expect their leaders to support their entrepreneurship journeys in line with the SDGs.

Did You Know??



Did you know that President Museveni won the Global Leadership Peace Award and yet femicide remains unresolved in Uganda. How does one bring peace to a whole region when their own home is on fire?

WEEK**AHEAD**

1. International Youth Day celebrations slated for 11th August under the theme - “Safe Spaces”: Events lined up include, National Parliamentary Youth Moot session in Kampala on 10th of August, Open-Space Dialogue on Social media tax, youth entrepreneurship and climate change at Makerere on 11th August, Sub-county based Dialogues and District Dialogue on youth participation in governance, climate change and food security, and Youth Parliament in Kapchorwa and Katakwi on 7th on August .

2. Mining Legislation Review Meeting at Royal Suites on Tuesday 7th August 2018 .

3. Plans under way in Hoima, Buliisa, Nebbi and Pakwach for the roll out of the second Social Media Caravan for the Oil Sector starting today 6th August 2018 .

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