



Today, ActionAid has launched Strategy 2028. we call upon our partners , friends and the people we work with to join us on this bold and ambitious journey to achieve social justice, gender equality and most importantly ending poverty. [Click here to get an over view of the strategy.](#) Remember that change is possible, and it comes from the Power in people.

Young people trained in Climate Resilient Agric..



Participants take notes last week during the training in Mityana. It was a very practical training where participants were introduced to the different Climate Resilient Sustainable agricultural practices in the community. They are expected to form clubs in their districts of origin and roll out improved agriculture.

ActionAid under the Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Self Employment for National Development project funded by the European Union undertook a training of trainers for young people from the five districts of project implementation. The one week training was conducted last week at Enro Hotel in Mityana. The young men and women were trained using the Climate Resilient Sustainable agriculture approach to effectively roll out the project in Amuru, Nwoya, Pader, Lira and Kotido districts.

The meeting among others aimed at increasing the knowledge of smallholder farmer groups in processing, marketing, market access and adaptation technologies.

During the training, participants were introduced to secure adaptive agronomic practices such as multi cropping, water preservation systems, mixed cropping, natural control of pests and diseases. Other areas included Identifying, documenting, testing and diffusion of local knowledge, alternative practices and encouraging local innovation

The young people were also challenged to empower farming communities to promote sustainable agriculture through local, national and global campaigning for policy and budgetary change in favour of small-scale farmers.

According to Peter Clever Kalule, the National Livelihoods Coordinator at ActionAid, the trained team is expected to roll out the same training in their respective districts.

“They are also going to spearhead the formation of Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture clubs in the districts of project implementation.”

Peter added that two clubs will be formed in each of the districts and these will be supported with kits of agricultural inputs such as seed and garden tools, among others depending on their needs. The clubs will also be supported to undertake continuous mentoring and exposure to different agricultural centres of excellence.

Exposure Visit Tips Fundraising staff!



The AAU and AAK Fundraising team spent the whole of last week learning from each other and strategizing to raise more funds.

In an effort to further boost the Fundraising Function within ActionAid Uganda, the Fundraising Staff (Sponsorship Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and Officer) had a week-long learning and exposure visit to ActionAid Kenya (AAK). The key points of reference were local fundraising and management of large donor contracts for the team to draw lessons and inspiration from their Kenyan counterparts. In addition, the visit was to help identify key areas of convergence around which both countries can develop bilateral fundraising activities.

During the visit, the AAU team was taken through the different local fundraising programs being implemented by AAK targeting individuals, corporates and foundations. The team also learnt about the different infrastructure and approaches AAK is employing to support its local fundraising and accounting to supporters.

“We also learnt with interest the specific marketing, recruitment and retention strategies and tools that AAK is using for different segments of local fundraising and more importantly the factors responsible for AAK’s fundraising successes”, wrote Stephen Bahizi, the Fundraising Officer at AAU.

The Ugandan team also took time off to visit one of the Communities supported by AAK to fully understand the local programming context and how it informs local fundraising efforts dubbed “Immersion”

At the end of the week-long visit in Nairobi, the team learnt that the fundraising challenges that they had experienced in Uganda are not unique but cut across the region and drew learnings on how to address them. The team is now back and fully fired to apply the learning and take the Fundraising efforts to the next level.

Let us turn the resource curse into a blessing-Flavia Nalubega!



AAU’s Extractives Governance Officer , Nalubega Flavia making a presentation at the conference last week

Government has continuously held back information regarding the payments oil companies make to government, and other revenues collected in the oil sector, a move that may lead to mismanagement of the revenues. It is upon this that civil society Organisations at a recent workshop in Kampala pinned government against the continued secrecy in oil transactions.

The Extractives Governance Officer Flavia Nalubega reminded officials from the Ministry of Energy to enact and sign up to the global Initiative-Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) if we are to have oil benefit all Ugandans.

EITI is a global movement that aims at ensuring that natural resources in different countries are well managed and that governments publish what they earn and what they pay in the sector.

“The President and the respective Government departments and Ministries have all promised that Uganda will join EITI. Unfortunately, four years down the road, their talk has not come to pass”, stated Flavia.

Flavia questioned why the Government had developed cold feet to joining the platform yet all that is entailed is provided for in the **Access to Information Act** and nothing new.

Members of Parliament, under the leadership of Hon Wilfred Niwagaba who heads the Parliamentary forum on Oil and Gas promised to table the motion in Parliament soon to ensure transparency of the sector.

Reflections from Washington-He is coming Home!

Its been five Months since Arthur left Uganda for Washington. Next week, you will not read a reflection from Washington, but probably from ActionAid office. I moved around office to ask staff, their feel bout Arthur’s absence and his coming home. Here are a few responses

“Am excited that Arthur has groomed a leadership team that is able to run the organisation smoothly even in his absence. He is a good leader.”

“He is already coming home, how time flies. So what will happen to the reflections from Washington?”

“Arthur I believe is coming back energised with more tactics for our programs, we should prepare to run at his pace”

“Okay, just get ready to listen to his critical phrases: **I expect more critical thinking from your team, I think we are not doing enough, All your team needs is better leadership and of course his critical edits of all documents!**”

[Read Arthur’s last blog Here and prepare for his home coming!](#)

WEEK AHEAD:

- Today, ActionAid launches Strategy 2028.
- Arthur Larok returns to the Country this Week after five months of his fellowship at Washington