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A fellowship in Australia named "Australia Awards Fellowships – Strengthening Capacity and Linkages in Agago community

Transitional and Gender Justice (Africa)" hosted Director of Programmes Harriet Robina Gimbo, Women's Rights Coordinator Hellen Malinga Apila and 20 other participant who shared experiences from Uganda, Rwanda, DRC, Kenya, and South Africa. The team visited the Australian Human rights Commission, where it used Lego blocks to construct visions for streamlining disability in transitional justice work); the

Witness Advisory Service Centre in the Department of Public Prosecutions(DPP), Westmead Hospital Traumatic Stress Clinic, and the Australian Civil Military Centre among others. The participants were alarmed to learn about high levels of gender-based violence in Australia. In a week, it saw on television at least four incidents of women killed by

their partner. The new prime minister of Australia announced an additional 100 million Australian dollars to gender based violence prevention and response. "As I was at the fellowship my mind kept on bouncing back to Uganda – especially to areas that have gone through long conflicts - particularly Northern Uganda that is recovering, but also has potential for conflicts. The big bang thought was that justice has forgotten women in

this world. The women in northern Uganda have not healed," said Harriet. "The Australian government Civil-Military

my, police, and peace keepers: In Uganda, we can learn from their high level of professionalism and passion for gender equa lity, women's empowerment and protection. I recommend a follow up of the Ugandan counterpart official who was trained by UN women," said Hellen. The team also visited the South African Embassy where all African ambassadors and high commissioners wel-

Centre's approach to

engendering the ar-

comed it to Australia. Particularly our Commissioner, His Excellency Enoch Nkuruho emphasized the need for investment in Uganda by DFAT who attended the meeting and added that knowledge transfer could be one way.

He committed to strengthen the ties with the Australian Government on this. In the above photo, he is in the yellow tie. Theatre for development shows in Busiki



The community members are put at the centre by visually presenting issues affecting each of them. Councillor of Nawangaiza Parish, Mrs. Eseza Nsako said: "This has been a great learning performance and community members should be given more awareness meetings like these because it enhances learning and encourages ownership." Pallisa LRP advances from Reflec-

tion-Action Circles to Cooperatives

and responsibilities of communities in planning and budgeting as key stakeholders in promoting community cen-

tred development and ensuring quality service delivery.

One of the RACs/VLA member expressing her point during the

Pallisa LRP is striving to transform its Reflection-Action

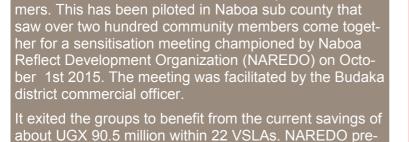
Circles (RACs) and Village Savings and Loan Associati-

The goals are value addition, improved access to credit

ons (VSLAs) into cooperatives for stronger voice and increased bargaining power for smallholder farmers.

facilities and to avoid that middlemen exploits the far-

sensitization



sently has 47 Action-Reflection Circles/VSLA with 991

women, while Buseta has 11 farmer groups with 96 women, 11 VSLAs having; 197 women and 49 girls in

both groups totalling to 223 females. In Gogonyo there

are 26 RACs/VSLAs serving 499 women.

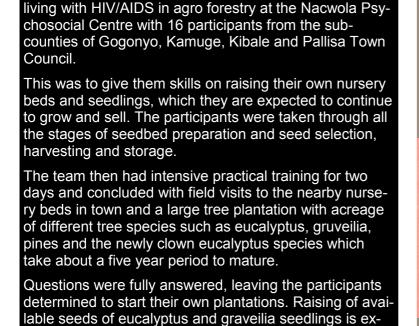
trained in nursery beds

Presently, NAREDO has 68 Village Saving and Loan Associations (VALSA) formed from 29 initial groups. Their membership has grown to 2040 (1,057 women and 983 men). This approach has seen women reap economically as they are now able to provide for their basic Women living with HIV/aids

In late September, ActionAid Pallisa under the Nacwola

project conducted a three-day training for women groups

Participants and their trainer during field visit



pected to be carried out this month and planting of the seedlings will be done in the next rainy season....Watch out for more information on the progress of this as the

lives of these women improve for the better.

resource monitors armed for the task



ment programs and advocacy to amplify citizens' voices for

tainable development.

greater advocacy and influ-

encing issues of local governance is critical in building sus-

This came out clear from a meeting with eight energetic youth monitors who also doubled as editorial committee and were trained as Community Resource Monitors for Agago district under the DGF project dubbed "Information! Vice! Accountability! Improved Service Delivery." The main objective of the training was to

strengthen citizen led monitoring of development programs for improved accountability

The issue of trustworthy and

credible information was em-

and service delivery.

phasized! It was further stated by the LRPC that the monitoring process must be able to produce information that brings out good practices for purposes of learning and bad ones for purposes of advocacy and engagement with duty bearer/service providers. The team leader Kilama Bosco stated:

"Actionaid is not here to stay forever, it's time for us to make change in our own com-

munity; we are determined to move forward as a team of youth."

change the slogan "Youth are the future leaders" to "Youth are the present leaders. Livelihood unit hosts end of project

evaluation meeting

The LRPC urged the youth to

Sally Henderson, ActionAid's



under the Australia Africa Community Engagement

evaluation learning workshop was attended by AACES staff from AA Kenya, AA Australia and an external evaluation team from Australia and Kenva. The M&E Advisor, Grants Coordinator, Women Rights Officer, Livelihoods Coordinator, and M&E officer represented ActionAid Uganda. The meeting planned the end

the new evaluation techniques including the exciting "Outcome Harvesting Technique." AAU Grants Coordinator Yuda Rwakogo will not only add this as a terminology to his vocabulary; he will also live to remember this meeting:

early planning for end of pro-

tion and how we shall use the

results. Other projects should

NEXT WEEK:

National Programme Coordinators, LRPs and other units

ject evaluation; we have

pick a leaf," said Yuda.

agreed on exactly what we want to learn from the evalua-

fine-tune their actions for 2016 and 2017 building on the discussions in Bugoloobi and work thereafter. This is the deadline for submitting of complete and clear plans.

retirement. Read more on All <u>Africa here</u>

Entrepreneurs have been told to pass skills to their young children if they want businesses to blossom even after their

Read more in Miriam's blog

<u>here.</u>

Senior Program Coordinator listens at the meeting. A few months ago, the Government of Australia cut its funding to Africa by 70%.



the project journey. Participants were thrilled with "I am happy with this kind of

gies and involve self-, and cross evaluation by partici-

pants focusing on leaning from

have until Thursday 5 pm to

Do you remember Aisha Nabukeera, the child abuse survivor burnt beyond recognition in 2006? A week ago, she won the Special Courageous Achievement Award at the Diva Awards.