

CD's in Maiden SO2 SOT Meeting in Arusha



Arthur LAROK, CD AA Uganda on the extreme left together with Bimal, CD AA Nepal and Pamela CD, AA Zambia (middle of the Front Row) joins other SO2 SOT Members for a group photo at the end of the meeting.

Last Week, the Country Director joined other colleagues on the Strategic Oversight Team (SOT) for Strategic Objective 2 of AAI Strategic Plan. SOTs are organs that the federation has created as a mechanism for providing shared leadership and oversight on the implementation of AA I Strategy, Peoples Action to End Poverty. AA Uganda senior staff sit on two other Oversight Teams. Our CD sits on the SOT for Strategic Objective 2 which is to: 'advance the political influence of people living in poverty to hold governments and corporates accountable' and covers key Change Promises (3) and (4) of our international strategy which all staff must read and can find through this link - <http://www.actionaid.org/publications/peoples-action-end-poverty>

The Arusha Meeting was the first face-to-face for the Strategic Oversight Team and focussed on review of the 2014 Plan in which critical undertakings have been included. Of relevance to Uganda is proposed work in collaboration with Manufacturers on National Development Strategy for Uganda, follow up on the Public Service Delivery Gap Analysis and Study and the Tax Power Campaign. The CD also used the opportunity of the visit to network with important in the Federation and one outcome is a possible choice of Uganda to host one of the global platforms for the Training for Change Programme - www.globalplatforms.org, an idea that if it comes into fruition will be a major contribution to our work on youth and activists in Uganda.

WPC Team Strategizes for a result Oriented Year!



Left to Right: Hellen, Yoda, Joyce and Ambrose strategize for the new year

In the week ended, the Women Protection Center team held a meeting to among others review the WPC Financial report and performance for the individual budget lines. The team also discussed the status of the construction and renovation of Kumi, Kween, Pallisa and Lira safety centers.

The meeting was organized attended by the WPC Coordinator, Joyce, The Grants Coordinator, Yuda, The National Women Rights Coordinator, Hellen and the Bwaise program Officer, Ambrose.

The team resolved to quickly organize a review meeting of the project, and emphasized result oriented reporting, monthly sharing of success stories and other mile stones. The team also resolved to seek approval from DFID to reallocate un used funds to other activities such as renovations.

Female Genital Mutilation PFD-Workshop Held in Nairobi



Aggrey Kibet makes a key note presentation in Nairobi on FGM in Uganda.

Aggrey Kibet(Kapchorwa LRP Coordinator) and Miriam Cherukut(Kumi LRP Coordinator) attended a 5 day FGM program framework development workshop organised by ActionAid International Secretariat. The meeting took place in Nairobi. It was attended by ActionAid staff and partners from 6 African countries; Uganda, Kenya, Gambia, Somaliland and Liberia. These are countries where the practice of FGM still occurs. ActionAid has several interventions in these states and this workshop was geared towards reviewing and refocussing energies and interventions to curb the practice.

A framework with a problem analysis, impact statement, outcomes, outputs and interventions was developed. All country programs agreed to develop contextualised frameworks linked with the global framework by the end of March.

Participants also joined a community in Kajiado to commemorate the international day of zero tolerance to FGM on 6th Feb 2014. This enabled participants to connect with realities of the practice in Kenya.

For more information about the conference, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv1IPHrcST4>

The first staff Meeting of the year



Across section of staff during the staff meeting last Friday at the ActionAid Board room.

The Action team of winners held their first ever staff meeting of the year last Friday. The board room was filled to capacity, with an over flow to the verandas. Staff shared information on unit accomplishments, strategies and even plans for the next quarter. One of the most outstanding issues was the staff response to the procurement plan. Davis Bekunda, the administration coordinator argued staff to quickly respond to this to enable the unit to develop a consolidated procurement plan.

The human resource officer argued all staff to send in their leave schedules to enable her to develop the annual leave plan. The four hour meeting at the end of the day boosted the morale and team work of all staff as ActionAiders.

Kumi and Busiki Acquire Brand new Double Cabins



Last week concluded the final procurement process of two double cabins for Kumi and Busiki LRPs. The vehicles, registration numbers UAU423N & UAU 463N were delivered last Friday at the ActionAid Head office. The vehicles will go along way in improving the work in the said LRPs. Previously, the offices have had issues with the old vehicles that have been in and out of the garage. This has been a great set back, mainly because most of the activities in the country offices are in villages with differing terranes.

Congratulations Busiki and Kumi LRPs. We look forward to a performance based year!

Week Ahead

- Immersions! Immersions! Immersions! They are on, this week in Amuru this week. The communications team will capture the frowns, the learnings and unlearning's for you. Watch this space.
- Hellen Malinga Apila and Stanley Wobusobozi are in the UK, attending the unpaid care and PPA conferences.
- This week, there will be project support visit by AA- Australia on Women Rights in Agriculture Project - Kapchorwa. The support visit will review the performance of the project.
- Executive meeting for Food Rights Alliances. AAU is an executive member of the alliances and therefore will participate in the meeting to shape the future of the alliances