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Kalangala LRP launches value chain addition project

Kalangala LRP and its partner Bufumira Island Development Association (BIDA) launched a value chain addition processing plant in Bufumira Island - the first of its kind in Kalangala District off the main Bugala Island. The project worth 15 million shillings was commissioned by the Chairperson LCV Kalangala District. The project will benefit 1,438 farmers and fishermen that are currently working with BIDA. The project includes a silver fish processor, maize/cereal huller and grinding mill and an animal feeds mixer.

While commissioning the project the district chairperson said he expects more production of food, reduced costs, reduced damage in transit and a competitive edge for animal products like eggs, milk and pork given that the farmers will access these feeds locally.

The coordinator ActionAid called upon the farmers in Lulindi and semondo to utilise the opportunity to process their maize, rice and cassava. He explained that Bufumira Primary School that runs a boarding section should utilize the opportunity to acquire children's food from this site. He further advised that the project also give them a great opportunity to grind and pack silver fish in powdered form for external market.

At the same function, the beneficiaries rejected and handed back to the district leadership a poor quality rice huller that had been procured by the district. The Chairperson committed to procure a rice huller of better quality.

Public demands transparency in Paders health sector



Pader DPC explains himself.

The Resident District Commissioner (RDC) of Pader District Mr. Justin Lungajul on Tuesday out lashed a statement by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) about cost sharing of fuel costs for ambulances at government health centres saying that malpractice would lead to immediate arrest.

The RDC ordered the District Police Commander (DPC) to follow up on a case at Awere Health Centre III in which a mother delivered by the roadside while on referral on a boda boda.

Demand for accountability has escalated after over 427 women, men, and youth participated in 4 days Public Accountability platforms (the Community Barazas) conducted in 4 selected Health service points with support from the Democratic Governance facility (DGF).

Among the key Pader district stakeholders who participated were the DPC, District health Officer (DHO), DISO, Uganda Human Rights Commission, and the Pader District NGO Forum.

Among the issues that dominated the discussion were the high rates of absenteeism of health workers; late opening of health facilities; inadequate and irregular supply of drugs by the National Medical Stores (NMS); dysfunctional vaccine refrigerators at health centres; Accountability of how Primary Health care (PHC) and NUHITES grants were being utilized. In regards to this, Dr. Ocan Layoo - the DHO who arrived with escort at a Baraza at Porogali Health centre II - admitted that some health workers have been diverting monies for facilitating the Village Health Team (VHT) hence paralyzing the immunization outreaches. Amidst high pressure by the community, he committed to recover a sum of 1,350,000 shillings facilitation for 13 VHTs who conducted family health outreach in October 2014.

Busiki organizations demand accountability for taxes



Group discussions.

Busiki LRP in partnership with Iganga District Ngo Forum (IDNF) hosted a tax justice training with 50 participants from member organizations and district officials in Iganga district. This training was facilitated by SEATINI, Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) and the Iganga District Planner.

Participants were equipped with knowledge and skills about taxation, different categories of taxes, the value of paying taxes, the role of URA, and the local government's role in revenue collection, revenue allocation, and the need to demand for accountability for the taxes they pay.

Participants discussed the tax situation in Iganga district and the allocation of resources. The workshop decided several action points. For example, a group of participants vowed to interface with the authorities about the poor hygiene at the central market that lacks toilets. Since tax is collected from the market, a committee of five participants will demand improvements.

"Despite the revenue inform of taxes levied on market vendors the central market does not have a toilet, as the structure for the toilet is being used as a store," said Isabirye Fred who has a stall in the market and is a committee member.

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WEEK AHEAD:

- Pader LRP will host community barazas in four health centres in Agago district.
- Senior Programme Coordinator, Sally Henderson is visiting Katakwi and Kumi supporting the SFR project.
- The International Food Security Network is hosting a regional capacity building training and YR3 planning workshop in Kampala.