

### ActionAid Uganda hosted the NK ToT For EASA Region



Some participants at the Concluded NK training.

The NK ToT for EASA Region was successfully held in Uganda last week at Royal Suites-Bugolobi. The training attracted participants from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Ethiopia, Burundi, South Africa, Lesotho and Somali land.

Arthur Larok, while opening the meeting shared with the participants a brief economic, social and political history of Uganda. Key in his remarks was that Child Sponsorship practitioners need to use their acquired wealth of knowledge to contribute to the bigger fundraising picture in their respective countries.

The all week training also tackled enhancing understanding of the changes on NK functions and new developments, development of skills to utilize the newly added tools and supporting the training of users in the respective CPs and Affiliates.

In his closing remarks, Nickson noted that there was need to popularize NK to users in our countries; however, before NK, we need to ensure that other staff understands the business process of child sponsorship. He made a point on retention of the valuable supporters across the federation; which he said, calls for accountability for our actions and strengthening performance management.

### DFID Head of Office visits GULU Shelter



DFID team with the ActionAid team at the shelter under construction.

On 7th May 2014, Daniel Graymore and Richard from DFID visited the Gulu Women protection shelter. The team that preferred a very social and informal presentation went about their visits interacting with officers and clients through question and answers and informal conversations about our work.

The team visited the Women's shelter under construction and were amazed by the great work under way. Daniel said that he would do his best to be part of the launch of the shelter next month.

"The work AAU is doing is amazing. My worry is the time that court cases take to be concluded. You need to do some advocacy with the judicial system. We all know that justice delayed is almost justice denied," he emphasized.

Daniel added that he had been inspired by the work and would ensure that our partnership is upheld amidst all conditions.

### ActionAid Trains Community Resources



Following the Social Service situation analysis conducted in Northern Uganda key stakeholders has validated the report of the analysis and the M&E framework.

ActionAid together with the Ministry of local Government has trained Community Resource Trackers. These will spearhead the Social Service Monitoring in the revised Local Government Planning and Budgeting Process. This will equip them and their communities for meaningful engagement and participation in the planning and budgeting process.

The training equipped the participants with information on planning and budgeting timelines, financial disbursements and the relations between local government and central government planning.

With new more participatory guidelines in place, AAU urged the participants to engage with the processes to augment the accountability in governance work on the ground.

### Harriet and Nickson meet Rodney



Harriet, our Programme Director and Nickson, sponsorship and Fundraising Director took time off last week to meet with Rodney Rice. He is a board member of ActionAid Ireland but also a practicing journalist. The three minds shared about our Ugandan programming, but more importantly the value that Ireland funds across the lives of Ugandans.

Harriet shared experiences of transformed lives and communities majorly in Amuru and UNAD. Rodney, a practicing journalist documented most of the experiences shared and promised that they would be published in the Ireland press.

### Katakwi youth and women sensitized on electoral reforms and road map to 2016 elections



Crowd gathered for the training.

Over 250 youth and women in Magoro Sub County participated in a sensitization meeting on electoral reforms and road map to 2016 elections. The purpose was to provide a forum for the youth and women to review and re-direct the various promises made by their leaders in different offices and begin to hold them accountable for improved services delivery and effective representation of rights holders. It was also meant to build their self-esteem on how to develop and demand for the fulfilment of minimum agendas for leaders in public offices

The meeting was moderated by a local radio presenter (Delta FM) well known for building peoples capacities on issues of good governance. He encouraged the youth to raise their issues in relation to the government electoral reforms on what needs to be put right by government at sub county to national level before 2016 general elections. Other participants included; the Deputy Resident Commissioner, District Police Commander, LCIII Chairperson and sub county technical team.

### Apac and Lira residents hold themselves Accountable



A resident expresses himself at a heated Baraza.

This week, Masindi LRP rolled out four barazas dubbed "Citizens' voice for good service delivery". Three of these were conducted in Apac district while the fourth was conducted in Lira. In all four events, the interactions were often punctuated by bouts of emotion, anger and outright disgust from both ends of the same stick -the rights holders and the duty bearers.

Issues raised in the discourses were unique to each sub county but a common thread that weaved through the fabric of all the barazas was the contentious issues surrounding the NAADS program. After all had been said and done, there was congruence from all parties that none but themselves held the key to emancipate their regions from the cruel shackles of endemic corruption, that is predominantly the biggest culprit and catalyst of vices and social ills within the ranks of society. After all that is the essence of democratic governance - governance of the people by the people and for the people.

### Amuru LRP Trains District GBV Coalition Group



Amuru LRP conducted a training for the District GBV coalition group under the WPC project in partnership with CEDOVIP. A total of 45 coalition members had their capacity enhanced on the GBV protocol, legal frame work, their roles as a district coalition and TOR for the district coalition. Participants cut across, from the district local government, the police, the judiciary, political leaders and staff from partner organizations.

During the training, participants expressed concern at how GBV victims are made to testify in public gatherings, social and mainstream media, sometimes against their consent. Participants were called upon to at all times respect the rights and dignity of the survivors and not to exploit them in the names of offering them help.

The Secretary, Community services Amuru thanked ActionAid Uganda for organizing the training and asked the organisation to support the local Government to come up with a GBV eradication strategy. She also called on ActionAid to roll out the training further to the grassroots