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Dear Reader, last year, ActionAid hosted the European Union Head of Mission in Uganda as the chief guest during the Day of the African Child celebrations in Kapchorwa. In photo, he presents the trophy to Amudat pupils after winning the football competitions. (File Photo)

## Youth get goat livelihood Boost



Last week, ActionAid Pader gave out 139 goats to the youth groups in Awere & Ogom Sub Counties.

According to Job Bua, AAU's Program Officer in Pader, through breeding and selling the goat off springs, the youth will earn vital income and this will enable them to continue with their education but also get involved in other income generating activities.

The handover event was presided over by the Pader District Veterinary Officer, ActionAid staff and the political leadership of Awere and Ogom sub counties.

David Moses Okello, AAU's Gulu Cluster Coordinator urged the youths not to be quick at selling off the goats but rather keep them for better returns.

The Veterinary Officer used the occasion to give the youth a few tips on animal health care to ensure that animals stay healthy and to encourage expansion of the goat project by the youth.

One of the youths who received the goats could not hold back her ambition and determination.

"With these goats, my situation is going to change. I will be able to sell the goat off springs and pay school fees for my siblings and I" she said adding that the project is going to benefit the entire community because they will keep giving out the kids to other vulnerable community members.



Addressing the youths, the Chairperson L.C III thanked ActionAid for its contribution in the development of the country and more specifically, Awere Sub County. He advised the youths to always sustain the projects they are given.

## Peer Review of partner plans-Pallisa innovates!



Agrey(standing) supports a partner last week

The Pallisa cluster partner Organizations braved the scorching heat last week to work on their proposals for partnership and funding from ActionAid for the year 2017. The Plans and proposal development and review meeting was held at Country Inn Hotel in Pallisa.

At the beginning of the meeting, Aggrey Kibet, the Pallisa Cluster Coordinator urged the partners to think outside the box and show innovation in order to remain vibrant and relevant in their programing.

"We need to start to think outside the box and program to respond to the injustices in the community. The community must realize the relevance of our existence", he said.

Agrey also asked the partners to plan and undertake quality assurance management (QUAM) registration as this will boost their institutional and Governance profile

Waiswa Moses of Nsinze Sub county HIV/AIDS Workers Association (NSHAWA) challenged his colleagues not to be left behind in contributing to the realization of the sustainable development goals.



David(middle) supports the Kumi partners to draw plans

"We should sharpen our thinking and draw plans in view of the sustainable development goals and not just the community under our jurisdiction" he inspired.

At the end of the process, the partners peer reviewed their files. The process enabled partners to build synergy and plan for joint activities to avoid duplication of services but also leverage resources. The exercise also greatly improved the quality of plans and proposals for the partner organizations.

The meeting closed with a commitment from ActionAid and its Pallisa partners to stick to the partnership principles and act responsibly to win the campaigns against Injustice in the community.

## Ideas, Ideas and More Ideas



The Country Director returned this morning from Arusha where he travelled last week to attend two important meetings on Deepening Democracy and the Action-Aid Denmark Concept Note Development Workshop for a DANIDA Application.

Asked what the meetings were about and what was achieved, he stated that both were strategic meetings to layout conceptually what programming would look like for ActionAid under a Deepening Democracy Programme. The meeting to develop a Concept Note to be submitted to Danida by ActionAid Denmark was equally a thinking and framing meeting.

Arthur added that both meetings delivered greater clarity on what our future programming in governance, democracy and accountability would entail. The meetings also in detail shaped a programming agenda targeting young people/youth in the context of the recently approved AAI Strategy - Action for Global Justice!

'We came up with big ideas after a deep soul-searching and thinking process' Arthur recalled.

Indeed from the picture above, clearly a lot of thinking took place and now what is left is translating those big ideas into a coherent programme.

## AAU Finance team tipped on excellence!



Ronald, together with AAU's Finance Officer Juliet Mbatudde during the courtesy visit meeting!

Last week, AAU hosted Ronald Kirabira, the Senior Head of Finance at the ActionAid International Secretariat. Ronald, previously a Finance Director at AAU stated that he was impressed with the strides made by the Uganda Finance team,

something that makes him very proud.

"I have heard and read about the several Financial Reporting Awards that AAU has won. These have profiled AAU in the federation. Congratulations!" he said while meeting the Uganda team during his courtesy visit. Ronald however challenged the Uganda team to think global and seize opportunities available in the federation.

"There is no doubt that AAU has expertise in a number of critical financial management processes. You should profile them for wider learning within the federation" he said, adding that the team should engage with the on going finance transformation projects at the international secretariat.

On personal growth, Ronald tipped the Finance team to embrace integrity, professional ethics and continuous learning.

## WEEK AHEAD:

⇒ AAU's Country Director will together with other CSO leaders have a two days retreat in Mabira Forest cottages later this week

⇒ The programs Director; Harriet Gimbo will spend most of this week working on the CSPV development processes.