



# Weekly

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Lenney Chebet is 35 years old and still has flashbacks of her most agonizing moment. At 15, she underwent the sordid ordeal of female genital mutilation that has left her with a gaping void-the inability to bear children. This is just one of the thousands of tales that are never told by the women from the Sebei sub region. AAU demands for the operationalization of the Anti-FGM Act. For the rest of Lenney's story, [click](#)

## 14 out of 76 dams operational-report



## #No to Police Brutality-Sign up



Out of the 76 valley dams and Tanks constructed by the Ugandan Government using Tax payers money, only 14 are functional, AAU has found. The Government constructed the facilities in Teso sub region with the aim of providing water for the animals during the long dry spells that region experiences. The facilities were also meant to serve as sinks to excess water during the heavy rain periods. Could this explain why Teso region has been experiencing several floods?

Last Thursday, 93 stakeholders from the region converged at Akello Hotel in Soroti to listen and deliberate on this study conducted by ActionAid. All the top political, technical, religious, civil society and youth leaders from the Teso districts were present.

The report that was presented by GIS/Hydrology modelling and Environment Specialists(consultants who conducted the study on behalf of AAU) enlisted a lot of anger and disappointment. Speaker after speaker noted that Teso was grappling with hunger instead of utilizing these resources to boost agriculture productivity.

Participants challenged the Agriculture Offices in all the affected districts to work on a plan to revamp the operation of these facilities instead of struggling for control of the NAADS project with the army officers.

However, Kakakwi District was applauded for the efforts underway to de-silt and rehabilitate the Ogele dam.

In his concluding remarks, the LC5 Chairperson of Soroti; George Michael Egunyu welcomed the report and implored regional leaders to embrace the findings. He added that there should be an attempt by all leaders in Teso to save water for production.

"That way, farmers will be in position to produce enough food for their families but most importantly, Teso region will become the food basket of the country. It is possible."

Police brutality on civilians gets worse by every hour. The situation is expected to worsen if you and me don't make a statement denouncing this inhumane treatment. ActionAid together with the entire NGO fraternity are calling upon you to spare some time and sign an online petition. This petition has been created to protest police brutality and torture meted out on Ugandans.

The latest case of this torture is that of the FDC Woman activist, who was dragged on the road and stripped naked by the police. The reaction by the police to the incident is outrageousness, claiming that the woman undressed herself as a political tactic to evade arrest and tarnish the image of the police.

View this incident on this [link](#), and if you agree with me that we deserve better from the Police, sign the petition [Here](#). It will only take two minutes.

Make a statement; say no to police brutality today.

## AAU builds staff capacity in LRP Tool box methodology



Teopistar(left) makes a presentation to colleagues in Arusha last week

In the bid to build the capacity of its staff in community engagement methodologies, ActionAid sponsored two of its staff for a training in Arusha last week. Davis Moses Okello, the AG-LRP Coordinator of Nebbi and Teopistar Masiya, the Program Officer of Busiki LRP participated in the LRP toolbox training that was conducted at MS TCDC. The training was also attended by participants from Nigeria, Ghana, Palestine, Jordan, Denmark and Tanzania.

All participants emphasized the use of accountability tools and incorporation of Reflection Action methodology in the daily implementation of activities in the communities. The training emphasized the use of accountability tools for context analysis and reflection action. The team also made a field visit to Bagamoyo for a practical application of all that they had learnt in the past four days. This, according to David gave them an opportunity to test the applicability of the tool box and ask contextual questions that arose.

"The field trip was very resourceful. There were the untaught guidelines that we were only able to embrace after an experience in the field", he said

David and Teopistar will be rolling out the LRP tool box in due course in order to inform processes of accountability and Reflection Action.

## AAU Boosts engagement tactics



The Goma Division LCIII Chairman, Nkoyoyo( Right) addresses the participants at his offices. The field trip granted participants a practical learning session on engagement tactics.

In the week ending, ActionAid together with TCDC conducted a training of 30 staff from partner organizations in local Government engagements tactics. The training that took place in Ridar Hotel, Seeta was facilitated by Tweheyo Antony, a trainer from TCDC in Arusha.

During the five days interaction, participants shared experiences and best practices on how they had successfully brought the Local Government Power holders to account to the communities. Christine Apio, from Pallisa however regretted to note that while they have a duty to scrutinize the local Government budgets and give their inputs before they are past, these budgets are given to the councilors just a day before the budget approval meeting is conducted.

"Most of the councilors are not knowledgeable or even don't understand English. The time is also too short for them to consult with knowledgeable colleagues so that they better understand the budget document for meaningful contribution during the council meetings," she said.

The trainer challenged the participants to challenge such moves by local Government officials. Other tactics past on included evidence gathering before raising the matter, team work, use of the media among others.

The participants also visited Goma Division Headquarters of Mukono Municipality to see and learn how the theory translates in practice. The Goma Division L.C III Chair person, Hon Nkoyoyo stated that one of the winning factors is mobilizing the communities to demand for what rightfully belongs to them.

"As politicians, they will always rubbish us but when the communities rise up, everyone listens".

The training ended with the award of certificates, presided over by the Oil In Uganda Project Manager, Chris Musiime.

He challenged participants that AAU will only celebrate value for money after hearing about their meaningful engagements back in their communities.

## Coming soon;The Western Leg of the Anti-corruption caravan!!! Watch this space



# CORRUPTION Your NO counts

- 26 AAU Partner staff are in Arusha –Tanzania for a week long training in Board Governance.
- The AAU Programs Director, Harriet Gimbo and the Women Protection Centre Coordinator, Joyce Nabwire Baker are at Eureka Hotel in Ntinda for a dialogue on making transitional justice a reality for women in war ravaged areas.
- The Country Director will be taking part in a series of engagements on the citizens manifesto.
- The AAU Human Resources and Organizational Development Director, Christine Aboke is in South Africa for the AAI Human Resources Annual Meeting.