

The ActionAid Uganda Weekly 12th - 18th Nov, 2018

Today's edition,

We welcome back the Country Director from Arusha TCDC, read about some of his achievements while there, including partaking in a VAW/Girls meeting.

Also, the Social Media Caravan registered over 40,000 youth followers on social media, find out which schools benefited from this exercise and let's warm up for the 'ANTI-CORRUPTION CARAVAN'. This and more here, Enjoy.

Depoliticizing Violence Against Women!



By **Nyirah Nanyanga**

ActionAid Federation organized a training of AA staff from 16 countries working around

shirking political space. AAU was represented by the Country Director, Program Director and Women Rights Coordinator.

The participants appreciated the linkage between women human rights defenders at different levels and the implication of shrinking political space to them. They were challenged to take up intellectual spaces and build knowledge on African Feminism research to put up a strong narrative as well as challenge deep patriarchy. Mr Xavier Ejoyi committed to ensuring a strong inter sectional feminist analysis to give rigor and edge in poverty analysis to bring about a positive change in the lives of communities, while, Harriet Gimbo committed to undertake an annual regional exhibition within other countries under our land justice campaign to ensure involvement and increased media advocacy.

CEDOVIP, MIFUMI Delivering on the SURGE project in Moroto!



By Brenda Rugenda and Dennis Orono

Two weeks ago, UKAID (DFID), Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, and AAU, conducted a Joint monitory field visit to Moroto district for two implementing partners

objectives, meet district leadership to discuss sustainability of the shelter and establish implementation progress for the alternative approach and SASA methodology in addressing FGM. The two organisations also gave their update on the “Support Uganda’s Response on Gender Equality” (SURGE) programme.

CEDOVIP updated the team on the SURGE progress and results achieved to date including opening a physical office in Moroto district, recruiting two field staff, training 40 community activists as well as signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Moroto district. MIFUMI too has supported 59 survivors, held legal aid clinics and conducted radio talk shows on GBV during July – September quarter.

According to the CAO, MIFUMI has worked tirelessly in the district by providing temporary accommodation to GBV survivors through the Moroto shelter. He said that the district too with support from UNFPA is in the process of establishing a one stop center for GBV survivors.

#ExtractivesCaravan; Over 40,000 online youth reached in 10 schools in Six Districts!



By Amingwekan de Dida , social movements inspirator

Through the social media caravan on oil and gas extraction vis a vis youth participation in

knowledge and skills to demand for their rights and to challenge any form of injustice and abuse in the sector of oil and gas. About 300 young students from different colleges and high schools of Paida, Nebbi, Packwach, Nwoya, Masindi and Hoima benefited from practical experience and information on the relevance of social movements in matters regarding oil and gas developments in Uganda and 40,000 reached in the virtual spaces on facebook and twitter.

In the context of oil and gas developments and exploitation, social movements play a major role in equipping ordinary young people with tools to demand for their rights, especially in the context of revenue transparency and accountability build a strong community challenge injustices by raising the profile of affected groups and expose the abuses exacerbated by extractive industries.

During the sessions, participants greatly recognized the need for young people to learn and gain more information on oil and gas developments to better position themselves to demand for transparency and accountability as well as be in good position of tapping into the numerous opportunities that can enable transformation of their livelihoods for the better.

Outcome Harvesting; What is it Anyway? Mr Patrick Sando Tells More



Last week AAU was represented in an outcome harvest where several milestones were documented and celebrated; this was attended by Patrick Sando-Impact Assessment and Shared learning Officer, who was later harvested by Arthur Larok; AAU former Country Director while at it in Zambia. Today projects are quite complex. This requires dynamic M&E process to map out the change created. This could be done through “**Outcome Harvesting.**” Have you grown up loving to eat mangoes?, reaching a ripe mango at the tip-top of a mungo tree can be difficult, but there is that hanging mango that is not yet very ripe but can be easily picked from the tree without climbing or throwing a stone at it; and is an arm’s distance away. This is exactly outcome harvesting. The idea is; as you are busy implementing your project, there are those key milestones that can be harvested without a formal evaluation, yet involves a wide range of stakeholders. These need to be celebrated and documented to tell the “**Impact**” story. A couple of weeks back, with support from AADK outcomes from Zimbabwe, and Zambia were harvested. It was amazing to see the change that happens yet we never know about it. This will be done in Uganda as well sometime next year.

Meet Hannah Sturm-AAU Volunteer Turned Ugandan in Gulu!



As a student of the University of Amsterdam, I came to Uganda two months ago to do my masters research on Women's Land Rights in Northern Uganda under AAU's guidance and support. Doing research means spending a lot of time both in the office and in the field. Outside work, I joined a church choir of the Anglican church in Gulu, where I was welcomed very warmly. And boom, I was just in time for the International Hymns Festival competitions that were to take place in Nairobi and I joined in the intensive rehearsals. Last week, we travelled by bus to Kenya, a very exciting adventurous journey that got better, with the three trophies we won. We emerged best in two different categories and emerged second best choir in the overall competition. This filled me with a great pride of being part of a Ugandan choir. This is an experience I will live to cherish as it made me feel more Ugandan, and fall in love with this country!

Land Awareness Week; Celebrating the Land Act!



Summary

This week, starting Monday 12th November, AAU in partnership with The Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development, LANDnet, International Land Coalition, Food Rights Alliance among others are celebrating the existence of the Land Act at 20 years. The theme for the long term celebration is the Land Act @ 20 years: Making Land work for Uganda. During the four days events, stakeholders will be taking stock of the Land Act to see how it has worked for Uganda as well as discuss related laws that have enabled/disabled the full operation of the Act. AAU has facilitated members of the District Land office, Land Board, community representatives from Amuru, Kapchorwa, Kween and Mubende to participate in the forum. Follow the discussions on twitter @Landforum18

Week Ahead

1. Anti-Corruption Caravan coming soon, slated for 26th-30th Nov, 2018: The theme is Citizen's Participation towards the Fight against Corruption; A Sustainable Pathway to Uganda's Transformation. Join the cause; we shall share the line of the activities and hashtags.

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