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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION PROJECT IN MASAKA DISTRICT

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Project overview

The implementation of the two years project of women empowerment for conflict prevention project started in January 2021 and had to end in December of 2022. However, an extension of three months was granted and the project will be closed in March of 2023.

We take this opportunity to thank the UN Women for providing timely funding that has enabled us implement this project as it was planned. We also thank our Executive Director, the finance department, M & E department, project staff and the entire BACHI that have been supportive during the implementation of this project this year in Bukakata and Buwunga S/Cs in Masaka District.

Project progress

OBEJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS ATTAINED	IMPACT
Objective 1: To increase participation of 200 members of sub county leadership in conflict prevention processes and response in the project area by the end of December2022.	1.1: Conduct 8 quarterly engagement meeting with 200 sub-counties, and district local leaders and other stakeholders on prevention and response to conflicts.	We managed to conduct 08 engagement meetings at the sub-county headquarters with the District and sub-county stakeholders which resulted into 152 participants (54 male and 98 female); 71 from Bukakata and 81 from Buwunga who benefited from these meetings. Performance sharing was done for stakeholders to appreciate our efforts towards conflict prevention. The participants included the DCDO, CDOs from the two sub-counties, women councilors, Health workers, Police	Improved attitude of the district and sub-county stakeholders to participate in conflict prevention and management interventions where the police, the CDOs, the LC3 chairpersons, the councillors, religious leaders, and others have been fully involved in advocating for conflict prevention in the community.

		officers, religious and opinion leaders, Chairperson LC3s, SACAOs.	
	1.3: Conduct 120 advocacy meetings on positive attitudes toward women participation in conflict prevention.	92 advocacy meetings (55 in Buwunga and 37 in Bukakata S/Cs) were conducted in the villages of Bukakata and Buwunga sub-counties to increase awareness among community members on conflict prevention and management which resulted into 3,063 participants (2,019 female and 1,044 male) benefiting from these meetings. These meetings were being led by the empowered women councillors with support from BACHI staff and the community development officers from the two sub-counties where we have been operating.	Improved capacity and interest of 19 women councillors to spread information on conflict prevention and management during advocacy dialogue meetings.
Objective 2: To increase participation of 60 local council one women representatives in recognizing and addressing threats and conflicts in the project area by the end of December 2022	2.1: Conduct 8 quarterly sub county level meetings with 60 local council one women representatives to strengthening this village structure to identify and respond to threats and conflicts.	We conducted 08 quarterly sub-county level meetings with the local council one women representatives at the two sub-counties with the trained 58 (35 from Buwunga and 23 from bukakata) local council one women representatives where they have been given chance to share their quarterly performance before others, and learn more from each other on a quarterly basis.	Improved capacity and interest of the 58 local council one women representatives to detect and respond to conflicts through supporting conflict survivors and spreading information on conflict prevention and management during advocacy dialogue meetings and home to home sensitizations.

	<p>2.3: Facilitate the 60-trained local council one women representatives to conduct village level dialogues with community members on prevention and reporting of family, land and displacement threats and conflicts</p>	<p>The 58-local council one women representatives were supported by BACHI staff to produce quarterly reports on 19th and 20th March 2022 which included the following results;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ 1,504 conflict survivors (690 male and 814 female); 723 from Buwunga and 772 from Bukakata S/Cs) supported by LC1 women representatives to receive justice. This was mainly through mediations at village level with support from BACHI staff, the CDOs, police officer’s guidance, and other LC1 committee members. ☛ 3,473 individuals (1,371 male and 2,102female); 1,881 from Buwunga and 1,592 from Bukakata S/Cs were reached with information on conflict prevention through home to home sensitizations conducted by the local council one women representatives. ☛ 4,040 individuals (1,574 male and 2,466 female) that is 2,072 from Buwunga and 1,968 from Bukakata S/Cs were sensitized by the local council one women representatives on prevention and response to conflict in small groups organized at village level. 	<p>Improved confidence, knowledge and skills to support conflict survivors and give out information on conflict prevention and management to the community. Improved attitude of the community towards detecting and reporting threats towards conflict prevention and management.</p>
<p>Objective 3: To Increase reporting on family, land and displacement threats</p>	<p>3.2: Conduct 8 quarterly supervisions to 60 trained local</p>	<p>89 Quarterly support supervision of the 58 active LC1 women representatives to provide technical support for improved documentation, response and referral of</p>	<p>Increased capacity of the LC1 women representatives to document their work done, finding</p>

and conflicts at district, sub county and village levels in the project area by the end of December 2022.	council one women representatives to effectively respond and report on family, land, and displacement conflicts.	conflict survivors. During supervision we noted improved recording and interactions of the LC1 women representatives with the community members towards conflict prevention and management.	out their strength and weaknesses, and how to support each other for better results.
	3.3: Facilitate monthly and quarterly reporting to the sub county and district on conflicts prevented or resolved in the project area to support national and international reporting systems.	04 quarterly reports were compiled and submitted to the CDOS as evidence of what we have managed to do during the different quarters and for further reporting.	Improved reporting of the CDOs office on conflicts in the operational Sub-counties.
		01 Canon Camera was procured to ease communication of project field activities done.	Improved photos produced by project staff on activities that have been accomplished in the community.
		Development of BACHI social media communication.	Improved BACHI social media communication on Face Book, twitter and Instagram

Factors that contributed to the above;

- ❖ Availability and timely release funds to implement the project.
- ❖ Team work and commitment of BACHI staff has also supported good implementation of the project.
- ❖ Facilitation and mobilization skills of the women leaders leading to increase in demand for advocacy meetings hence increasing the number of people reached with information of conflict prevention.

- ❖ Ownership and positive support received from the District stakeholders notably; the DCDO's office, the Sub-county CDOs, police and the sub-county leaders.
- ❖ Increased demand of the community for the services provided due to increases awareness and functionality of the village women councils.

Challenges encountered

- ❖ Less support received from other LC1 committee members more especially those who thought that the Nabakyala were benefiting a lot from the project.
- ❖ Low male involvement in community sensitizations organized in communities by the local council one women representatives and women councilors. In some villages men have taken conflict prevention advocacy meetings to be for women and yet there is no way you can realize change when both people are not talked to.
- ❖ Inadequate mobilization facilities for the community more especially during the community mobilization activities like during advocacy meetings.
- ❖ High transport costs due to increasing prices of fuel. We have been using a minimum of 40,000 to go to the field to conduct different activities hence being forced to use part of the allowance in transport costs.
- ❖ The high cost of living more especially the whole of this year has made the work of the women leaders challenging where a number of families where victims of conflicts that are related to failure to access basic needs and yet we had no plan to support them financially.

Way forward

- ❖ We plan to have orientation meetings with the local council one committee members to re-unit them and clarify on what the Nabakyala's have been doing and the roles of each individual when it comes to conflict prevention in the community.

- ❖ By the time we have ended the year, the number of men had increased compared to the way it was before. We have been using different stakeholders like the religious leaders, LC1 chairpersons, opinion leaders, to support in mobilizations of men in sensitization meetings.
- ❖ Local radios (Bizindalo) have been facilitated and used to mobilize community during advocacy meetings that have been organized in the communities.
- ❖ The project staff have been making sure that they spend the available funds including part of their allowances to ensure that the project activities are accomplished.
- ❖ We have not managed to support families with financial issues and the available option was to link them to government programs through the community development officers.

Appendix 1: Photos during project activities implementation



The CDO of Bukakata S/C reminding the local council one women representatives their roles and responsibilities in conflict prevention project and how they can use her office for support.



A group photo after the performance review meeting with the local council one women representatives in Buwunga S/C.



Women Councillor increasing awareness on conflict prevention during the advocacy meeting in the community.



Police officer putting emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of both parents when it comes to providing basic needs in the family at lambu landing site.



Advocacy dialogue meeting in the fishing community of Biswa-Lambu landing site led by the CDO of Bukakata S/C.



Conducting support supervision to the Local council one women representative



The CDO Buwunga S/C was addressing participants and thanking them for the great work they are doing in the community to fight conflicts.



Group photos after an engagement meeting with the District and sub-county stakeholders from Bukakata S/c.



Beneficiaries of the women empowerment for conflict prevention project in Buwunga S/c



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The local council one women representative explaining how she benefited from the project and how her family was saved that was almost ending due to conflicts.