

TESO INITIATIVE FOR PEACE



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THEME:

Social Accountability for Empowerment and Reconciliation
(SAFER)

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1.0. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The year 2021 saw the commitments of Teso Initiative for Peace (TIP) reduce due to the COVID 19 lock down where community engagements were restrained in everyone's continued efforts to contain the spread of corona virus. When some of the measures were eased, limited activities were done. Teso Initiative for Peace filed the 2020 annual returns and remained eligible under the Uganda National NGO Bureau requirements as an indigenous NGO with the following registration details:

Certificate of incorporation (2005)	77529
NGO registration number	2995 (INDR 36822660NB)
Permit number	3170 (INDP33882660NB)
NGO File number	MIA/NB/2002/01/2660
Financial Intelligence Authority	FIA-14-000373
TIN	1000623884
NSSF employer number	NS023126SOR
PADOR	UG-2011-GFC-2604157645

TIP's vision: Peaceful and prosperous communities in North-Eastern Uganda.

TIP's mission: Promote a culture of peace, productivity and participatory governance among individuals and communities in north-eastern Uganda through transformative interventions.

Programme name: Social Accountability for Empowerment and Reconciliation (SAFER)

Programme Goal: Self-reliant communities in north-eastern Uganda.

Medium Term Objectives:

- a) To enhance non-violent conflict resolution among individuals, communities and institutions in north-eastern Uganda.
- b) To enhance inclusive participation in decision making and good governance processes at family and community levels in north-eastern Uganda.
- c) To promote the adoption of appropriate livelihood and climate smart practices and technologies at household and community levels in north-eastern Uganda.
- d) To strengthen community early warning, disaster risk reduction and response mechanisms.
- e) To strengthen the human and financial resource base and functions of TIP

1.9.1 TIP's constituents

For the period January 2021 to December 2021, Teso Initiative for Peace implemented a limited number of community-based activities in Soroti and Katakwi districts with the

communities of Gweri, Awaliwal, Aukot, Kamuda, Lalle, Omodoi, Amusia, Angodingod and Toroma sub counties where communities were helped to enhance their appreciation of land rights for systematic land documentation, land conflict resolution, village saving and lending for investment. Teso Initiative for Peace secured financing from GFA Consulting Group GmbH to implement peace education in schools.

Table 1 The Constituents of TIP

	Level	Males	Females	Total
1	Annual General Meeting	30	27	57
2	Board of Directors	03	04	07
3	Secretariat	05	02	07
4	Clan leaders	830	08	838
5	Religious leaders	14	04	18
6	Local Council leaders	38	15	53
7	Teachers	40	40	80
	TOTAL	960	100	1,060

Table 2 Activity coverage in 2021

	District	Sub-county	Parishes
1	Katakwi	Omodoi	Omodoi, Aparisia, Akoboi, Adungulu, Atirir
		Amusia	Asuret, Amusia, Agule, Moru
		Angodingod	Acuna, Angodingod, Atiti, Akisim
		Toroma	Apuuton, Omiinya, Toroma, Akurao, Toroma Town Board
2	Soroti	Kamuda	Kamuda, Aminit, Olio, Odina
		Lalle	Lalle, Gwetom, Agama, Agora
		Gweri	Gweri, Dokolo, Abelet, Opucet
		Awaliwal	Omugenya, Awaliwal, Takaramiam, Damasiko, Telamot
		Aukot	Awoja, Aukot, Osuguro, Achaboi
Total	2	09	39

1.9.3 Financing in 2021

The projects implemented in 2021 were in part financed by Caritas Switzerland, GIZ-Responsible Land Policy in Uganda, GFA Consulting Group GmbH and local donations as shown below:

Table 3 TIP finances in 2021

Financing partner	B/fd from 2020	Received in 2021	Total available
Caritas Switzerland	43,755,162	26,261,700	70,016,862
GIZ-RELAPU (Germany)	1,946,367	199,630,174	201,576,541
Local donations to Board	1,066,313	9,743,052	10,809,365
TIP-projects: Diakonia/GFA	616,700	12,790,300	13,407,000
Bank interest	0	0	0
TOTAL			295,809,760

1.0. ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION

The activities implemented in 2021 were sharing the successes registered with the Teso Livelihoods Support project which sought to enable smallholder farmers increase their food and income security and strengthen community customary land rights awareness for tenure security. This was done in Soroti and Katakwi districts (*see table 2 above for the details of the sub-counties and parishes*).

The financing received from Caritas Switzerland was used to enhance the visibility and communicating the impact of TIP interventions in a bid to solicit replication and scaling up. The project wound up in January 2021.

The project supported by GIZ-RELAPU whose aim was “strengthening community awareness on land rights and Alternative Dispute Resolution for Voluntary Systematic Land Boundary Demarcation and Mapping to enhance Tenure Security in Omodoi and Toroma Sub-Counties Katakwi District run up to June with a No-cost Extension running till end of July 2021.

Teso Initiative for Peace also received financing from the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (Africa) financed under GIZ and European Union. This project is purposed “to enhance the teaching, learning and adoption of the culture of peace in primary schools” through the enshrining of peace education in the curriculum. The project trained 88 teachers and 4 Centre Coordinating Tutors.

KRA 1: Increased access to justice and peaceful means to conflict resolution by individuals, communities and institutions.

Under the above Key Result Area (KRA), TIP’s mandate is creating awareness, holding public dialogues, training and supporting community-based structures to enhance access to justice and non-violent conflict resolution. The following outcomes were planned to be achieved:

Expected Outcomes

- a) Individuals and communities embrace non-violence
- b) Mediation mechanisms are strengthened, embraced and sustained by the community
- c) Land tenure security secured in an all-inclusive manner
- d) Community-led partnerships and networks for peace enhanced

Activity 1.1: Awareness building

1.1.1. Land Rights Awareness

The project carried out land rights awareness in 32 villages of Akurao, Toroma, Amusia and Aparisia parishes; where it interacted with **2,988** people (1,450 males & 1,538 females) with the provision of information on land rights, conflict resolution, systematic land mapping and documentation.

1.1.2. Consultative meeting

The activity was held to inform, seek guidance and inclusion of the education stakeholders in Soroti and Katakwi districts in the Peace Education Project. The activity took place on the 8th December 2021 where 42 Head teachers, 02 Secretaries of Education, 5 Center Coordinating Tutors, 2 District Education Officers of Soroti and Katakwi districts and six staff of TIP attended at the Hursey Resort@camp St. Mary’s (59 participants).

During the meeting, TIP shared the ICGLR project overview within which the Peace Education project seeks to strengthen the ***“development and implementation of a comprehensive peace education programme for formal and informal education...”***. TIP shared information on the Peace Education project titled ***“Enhancing the teaching, learning and adoption of the Culture of Peace in primary schools of Soroti and Katakwi of Uganda”***, a project commencing in November 2021 to March 2022. The project’s target communities included:

- The 14-government owned/aided primary schools of Kamuda Sub County: Olobai, Olwelwai, Obuja, Agama, Agora, Lilim, Lalle, Aminit, Amotot, Oyomai, Aboket, Olong, Olio-Kamuda and Kamuda.
- The 16-government owned/aided primary schools of Gweri Sub County: Opar, Awoja-Main, Awoja-Bridge, Gweri, Angopet, Opucet, Dokolo-Gweri, Omugenya-Odela, Abelet, Omugenya-Main, Telamot, Amoroto, Awaliwal, Takaramiam, Amusia and Agule community school.
- The 8-government owned/aided primary schools of greater Omodoi Sub County: Aparisia, Omodoi, Toroma Boys, Toroma Girls, Akisim, Angodingod, Adere and Amusia
- The 4-government owned/aided primary schools of Toroma Sub County: Ongatunyo, Apuuton, Akurao and Atoroma.



To inculcate a culture of peace in their respective schools, the following was suggested: during morning and evening parades, during the teaching of religious education, peace and security in the East African community, school assemblies and open days, songs, drama and dance; games and sports, club activities, mainstreaming peace and discipline, involving “local experts” in the school peace efforts, re-echoing and enriching the ‘peace’ components in the syllabus and involving pupil/student

leaders; providing supportive frameworks to the peace processes in schools, enriching peace personalities in pupils, students and community members, exchange visits for learning between schools, training more teachers to acquire more skills in peace education and promoting inter class and inter school peace engagements.

The meeting also observed that due to COVID 19, parents were anxious about the future of their children; there is irregular conduct and discipline of teachers since they had gotten involved in ventures that were more gainful in terms of money than in teaching (threatening to undermine compliance to the Teachers Code of Conduct); situations of errant behaviours among learners, between teachers and learners, school administration and management committees; need for guidance and counselling; lifting up of staff ceiling, improve the remuneration of teachers, promote skills-based education; parents, teachers and School Management Committees be involved in rolling out peace education in their daily obligations.

1.1.3. Radio programme

The project held two radio talk shows i.e. one in Soroti and the other in Katakwi district-based radios. The panelists discussed the modalities of how schools will deal with the trauma that has affected the learners and the teachers during the Covid 19 lockdown, create community awareness on COVID 19 vaccination before the reopening of the schools, and reinforcing SOPs. They also discussed the consequences of the lockdown and its attendant inadequacies like moral grooming of children, inability of teachers to cope with the learners who got involved in substance abuse, pre-marital sex, violence learners. Among the issues highlighted for a fair and balanced reopening of the schools for the teachers and learners were:

- Receiving children / learners as they are
- Cleaning of the school environment to encourage learners to report back to school
- Continuous guidance and counselling for learners and teachers
- Schools should put in place contingency plans for COVID 19 response
- Partnership with likeminded stakeholders

There were 10 calls from the listeners: concerned with the level of moral decadence among young people as worsened during the lockdown; failure of parents to counsel their children; failure by the concerned education duty bearers to monitor and support teaching and learning processes in schools.



↑A radio talk show at Joshua FM radio in Katakwi hosting the District Education Officer and Secretary for Education and Health



↑Radio Talk show at Etop radio in Soroti, hosting the Director TIP, the Center Coordinating Tutor Soroti and the Secretary for Education and Health.

Activity 1.2: Training of rights holders

1.2.1 Peace Club Patrons

The training of Peace Club Patrons is part and parcel of the Great Lakes Region (Africa) effort to formalize peace education in institutions of learning. Teso Initiative for Peace secured financing from GFA Consulting Group GmbH to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Peace Club Patrons in 42 primary schools. The training was intended to strengthen the adoption of the culture of peace in schools and host communities. In order to enshrine its work to government's existing framework, the respective Center Coordinator Tutors, headteachers and Sub County leaders were also involved in the training.

The five days training (13th to 17th December 2021) was held in Toroma sub-county Katakwi district where 9 participants (8 teachers i.e. 4 female and 4 males and one Center Coordination Tutor of Toroma sub county. The National Expert in Peace Education from ICGLR, the Senior Assistant Secretary, LCIII chairperson Toroma sub county, Intern student and Headteacher Atoroma Primary School also participated in the training. The teachers who attended the training were identified by their respective headteachers.



The training was facilitated by TIP staff, Mr. Duncan Mugume, the National Peace Expert of ICGLR and Mr. Omoding Albert Gilbert, a trained Peace Expert sing guided discussions, question and answer, learning and experience sharing, brainstorming, group work, codes and handouts.

Most of the training content was drawn from the Peace Education Handbook for the Great Lakes Region and the Human Rights and Conflict Management Training Manual of the Centre for Conflict Resolution, South Africa.

The Peace Club Patrons developed action plans and agreed that the same be used in monitoring peace club activities in their respective schools.

1.2.2. Mediators

The project trained 118 persons in Alternative Dispute Resolution teams from Omodoi and Toroma sub-counties.

Activity 1.3. Land Mapping and Documentation

Land mapping continued albeit the COVID19 lock down. This was done by the respective sub-county mapping teams of Omodoi and Toroma.

- 97 land disputes were resolved by Dispute Resolution Team/Mediators; 26 land conflicts were referred.
- 850 Certificates of Customary ownership were printed and were pending approval before issuance.
- 3,642 land mapping applications were profiled since 2000 from Toroma and Omodoi sub counties, 1,870 households mapped their land from September 2020 to April 2021; these increased to 3,840 parcels mapped.

KRA 5: Policies and guidelines on TIP and its programmes are reviewed and operationalized.

Under the above KRA, TIP envisaged reviewing and develop new policies, develop MIS, hold Annual General Meeting, Board and Staff meetings and fundraise.

Expected outcomes

- a) Functional structures, systems and procedures
- b) Functional institutional advocacy framework
- c) A well-resourced and sustainable organisation

Activity 5.1: Organisational meetings

5.1.1. Staff meetings

Organizational meetings in the year 2021 were constrained by the COVID 19 lock down measures. The operations of the organization were also managed by a team of for volunteers following the coming to end of the financing by Caritas Switzerland and GIZ-RELAPU. The volunteer team nonetheless held 9 meetings to discuss various issues ranging from report development, fund raising and operations of TIP.

5.1.2. Board Committee meetings

In the course of 2021, it was only the Procurement and Disposal of Assets Committee that met twice to consider the disposal of assets.

5.1.3. Board of Directors meetings

The Board of Directors met twice i.e. on the 22nd January 2021 and 17th August, 2021 during which a minute of silence in honor of the fallen staff member, Mr. Makumbi Stephen was

observed, three AGM members were approved to join the board committees, Mr. Martin Morris Okolo was positioned to chair the Procurement and Disposal of Assets Committee, Programme Support Manager be recruited through an internal promotional advert, the January 2021 net salary be paid in cash to Mrs. Makumbi Stephen, the new members of the Board of Directors were briefed on the modus operandi of the Board of Directors of TIP, the old and new members of the Board of Directors chose their secret friends for the consequent end of year party and the old Board of Directors members handed over to the new Board of Directors.

The second meeting received the 2021 management and the 2020 audit reports and resolved to file the 2020 annual returns, collect the Permit to Operate, enlisting of volunteer staff and holding of the 14th AGM. The meeting also resolved to present the structural quagmire in the management of AISA to the 14th AGM for resolving; directed that management develops a Standard Fixed Assets Register stipulating date of purchase, serial number, location, cost of acquisition, annual depreciation, accumulated depreciation, netbook value, condition of asset; management revises the capitalization policy from 100,000= to 200,000=, management board off old or written-off assets, the policy be changed from using the Reducing balance method for depreciating assets as opposed to the straight-line method being used.

5.1.4. Annual General Assembly meeting

TIP held its 14th Annual General Meeting on the 27th November 2021: the meeting approved the minutes of the 13th AGM; approved SONA Associates to audit the 2021 annual accounts and elected a new Board of Directors for AISA.



↑Members who attended the 14th AGM meeting

5.1.5. Partner meetings

TIP met with the Mazars BRJ auditors in lieu of the final audit for the TELIS project; met Caritas Switzerland to discuss future plans; met GIZ-RELAPU to discuss the hiccups of project implementation given the COVID 19 lock down; hosted Lango GIZ-RELAPU project team for experiential learning, met consultants commissioned by GIZ-RELAPU to undertake three

project studies; held 9 virtual meetings with the Northern Uganda Land Platform and SUYANA Mundial Foundation.

The above engagements enabled TIP to file the requisite statutory obligations with URA, NSSF, FIA and Uganda National NGO Bureau. The NGO Bureau issued 60 months Permit to Operate an Organization running till 18th May 2027.

KRA 6:	Human resources capacity strengthened
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Teso Initiative for Peace solely relies on foreign remittances to implement its activities and as well pay the salaries of its staff. Therefore, following the expiry of financing contracts with Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit-Responsible Land Policy in Uganda (GIZ-RELAPU) and Caritas Switzerland; project implementation inevitably subsided with the cancelation of staff contracts of employment. The operations of the organization therefore reverted to volunteers.

1. SYNERGIES AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

TIP is a member of the Teso land issues Interest Groups (IGs) under the auspices of GIZ Civil Peace Service. TIP is a member of the Teso Anti-Corruption Coalition as well as the Teso Peace Actors Coalition (TEPAC). TIP participated in the AGM of TERELEPAR.

TIP also participated in the development of the Multi-actor partnership (MAP) platform under the Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization (SOCADIDO); platform is purposed to establish and institutionalise partnership for agribusiness improvement for in the Teso subregion.

2. CHALLENGES

- COVID 19 took toll of TIP's interventions because it led to downsizing in terms of financing, interventions and staffing; arising from TIP's sole reliance on foreign donor remittances sourced through proposal writing.
- Financing opportunities became unpredictable amidst the ever-rising administrative costs in the areas of hire of office space, security services and maintenance of equipment

3. LEARNING POINTS

- COVID-19 exposed the absence of meaningful communication in families; a precursor to domestic violence.
- Community organising is important in animating and reinforcing informed community participation

4. FUTURE PLANS

1. Mobilize communities for Mindset change in alignment to government's Parish Development Model.
2. Reinforce systematic land demarcation with more land rights awareness to facilitate the acquisition of Certificates of Customary Ownership to give legal effect, protect and preserve customary land tenure and foster gainful use of land.

3. The capacity of persons in land conflict management such as local council leaders and LC III courts (witnesses); clan leaders (custodians); area land committees (land registration); Religious leaders (mediation); police (law and order) and NGOs (neutrality and technical support) should be strengthened to reach out to more communities.
4. Organize and support smallholder farmers to put their land to production to address food and income security

5. BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR 2022

	Budget item	Projected amounts	Percentage
1	Human resource support	74,865,000	14%
2	Programme	320,572,000	62%
3	Staff capacity building	5,600,000	1%
4	Capital investment	37,600,000	7%
5	Monitoring, Evaluation, Audit and Learning	35,700,000	7%
6	Administration	44,080,000	9%
	Total	518,321,000	100%

6. FINANCING PLAN

	Source	Amount	Notes
1	GFA Consulting Group GmbH	28,129,540=	Peace Education
2	GIZ-RELAPU	104,395,915=	Land rights awareness for systematic land documentation
3	Suyana Mundial Foundation	260,839,000=	Teso Integrated Livelihoods Enhancement Project
4	Agiamondo (special support)	9,207,500	Training and Mediation
3	DEFICIT	103,054,745=	To be sourced through fundraising and donations
	TOTAL	518,417,000=	

9.0. CONCLUSION

The year 2021 was a challenging one given the limitations ushered in by COVID 19. TIP bore the brunt in financing; operations had to consequently be downscaled.

We are grateful to government for promoting progressive policies and providing supportive policies to actors in our category, our financing partners for their unwavering support in policy and technical performance. We appreciate their continued vigilance for a better world where participation, justice and equity reign.

We hope for the best in 2022.

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