

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 commitments of Teso Initiative for Peace (TIP) in 2022 reduced due to financial limitations following the aftermath of COVID 19. Teso Initiative for Peace filed the 2021 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
E-Immigration code	011123540
Unique Entity ID (US)	GS5ERJ9KPEL6

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

In the course of January 2022 to December 2022, Teso Initiative for Peace implemented a limited number of community-based activities in Soroti district with the communities of

Gweri, Awaliwal and Aukot sub counties to enhance community appreciation of land rights for systematic land documentation, land conflict resolution, village saving and lending for investment. Teso Initiative for Peace secured new financing from Agiamondo Civil Peace Service with the assignment of a Civil Peace Worker, Ms. Karin Ursula. The peace education activities under the Great Lakes of Africa Peace Education Programme also continued.

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	03	02	05
4	Clan leaders	830	08	838
5	Religious leaders	14	04	18
6	Local Council leaders	38	15	53
7	Teachers	40	40	80

Table 2 Activity coverage in 2022

	District	Sub-county	Parishes
1	Soroti	Gweri	Gweri, Dokolo, Abelet, Opucet
		Awaliwal	Omugenya, Awaliwal, Takaramiam, Damasiko, Telamot
		Aukot	Awoja, Aukot, Osuguro, Achaboi
Total	1	3	13

1.9.3 Financing in 2022

The projects implemented in 2022 were financed by GIZ-Responsible Land Policy in Uganda, GFA Consulting Group GmbH, Agiamondo Civil Peace Service, local donations and contributions as shown below:

Table 3 TIP finances in 2022

Financing partner	B/fd from 2021	Received in 2022	Total available
Agiamondo-Civil Peace Service	575,484	51,895,800	52,471,284
Board of Directors-local donations	1,688,245	12,830,763	14,519,008
GFA Consulting group GmbH	268,675	28,129,540	28,398,215
GIZ-RELAPU	120,292	109,321,249	109,441,541
TOTAL			204,830,048

1.0. ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION

The project supported by GIZ-RELAPU aimed at “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. Activities were supporting the conclusion of documentation for the acquisition of Certificates of Customary Ownership.

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.

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 in Soroti and Katakwi districts. 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 Peace Education training targeted 32 Peace Club Patrons from the 16-government aided primary schools of Gweri, Aukot and Awaliwal sub-counties to initiate 16 peace clubs to animate the learning and institution of the culture of peace in schools. In order to enshrine its work into the government’s existing education framework, TIP involved the Gweri sub-county Center Coordinator Tutor who shall monitor and report on the progress of the peace education project in the respective schools.

A five days training for 33 participants i.e. 32 Peace Club Patrons and one Centre Coordinating Tutor was held in Gweri Teacher Coordinating Centre from 21st February to 25th February 2022. The participants came from the 16 primary schools i.e. Takaramiam,

Omugenya Odela, Awoja Bridge, Awaliwal, Abelet, Amoroto, Dokolo-Gweri, Awoja, Amusia, Angopet, Gweri, Opar, Aukot, Opucet, Telamot and Omugenya Main. Each school sent two participants i.e. a male and female and the number was therefore 16 female and 16 Male Peace Club Patrons and the one female Centre Coordinating Tutor. The Senior Assistant Chief Administrative Officers (SACAO) and LCIIIs chairpersons also attended the first and last day deliberations.

The training was done by the staff of TIP and the ICGLR trained Peace Expert, Mr. Omoding Albert Gilbert. Different methods were used to train the participants to reinforce experiential learning among which were brain storming, group work and plenary sharing, exercises (lights and livelies), demonstration, recapping of the previous sessions, conveners, case stories and debate. Among the tools used to enhance the training were the problem tree, onion, Johari's window, affirmation, think outside the box, power grab game, time line, actors mapping and handouts photocopied from two manuals of Human Rights and Conflict Management Training Manual of the Centre for Conflict Resolution, South Africa and Peace Education handbook for Great Lakes Region.

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 2022 were constrained by the COVID 19 lock down measures. The operations of the organization were also managed by a team of five volunteers due to financial limitations. The volunteer team nonetheless held 5 activity-based meetings on report development, fund raising, accounting and operations.

5.1.2. Board Committee meetings

In the course of 2022, it was only the Procurement and Disposal of Assets Committee that met twice to consider the disposal of assets.

5.1.5. Partner meetings

TIP met GIZ-RELAPU to discuss project closure; met consultants commissioned by GIZ-RELAPU; held 4 virtual meetings with SUYANA Mundial Foundation.

KRA 6: Human resources capacity strengthened

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 für Internationale Zusammenarbeit-Responsible Land Policy in Uganda (GIZ-RELAPU); project implementation subsided with the cancelation of staff contracts of employment. The operations of TIP 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); purposed to establish and institutionalise partnership for agribusiness improvement 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

- Inculcating a culture of peace calls for experiential teaching and learning in order enable participants to appreciate the dynamics of peace and conflict in schools. This calls for practical sessions; more so for the pupils. This calls for regular interaction, monitoring and evaluation.

4. FUTURE PLANS

1. The Peace Club Patrons should be given refresher training and provided with the Peace Education Manual. This should be accompanied by the training of more teachers and their administrators. This as well applies to the respective Centre Coordinating Tutors
2. There is need to provide for follow up meetings with the respective Peace Club Patrons to discern the progress of Peace Education in schools. The current phase does not provide for this due to financial limitations.
3. Peace Club members should have exchange learning visits for peer learning.
4. TIP should continue reinforcing 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.

5. BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR 2023

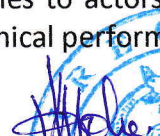
	Budget item	Projected amounts	Percentage
1	Human resource support	64,170,000=	18%
2	Programme	196,257,000=	54%
3	Staff capacity building	5,600,000=	2%
4	Capital investment	37,600,000=	10%
5	Monitoring, Evaluation, Audit and Learning	35,700,000=	10%
6	Administration	26,410,000=	7%
	Total	365,737,000=	100%

6. FINANCING PLAN

	Source	Amount	Notes
1	Suyana Mundial Foundation	260,839,000=	Raise a village to raise a child
2	Agiamondo (special support)	9,207,500=	Training Village dispute resolution teams
3	GFA GmbH	4,100,000=	
4	Board of Directors	91,590,500=	Through local fundraising and donations
	TOTAL	365,737,000=	

9.0. CONCLUSION

TIP is grateful to government for promoting progressive policies and providing supportive policies to actors in our category, our financing partners for supporting TIP in policy and technical performance.


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