



STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE PROGRAM (STRENPO)

For women and youth in vulnerable communities, 2018 – 2021

INTRODUCTION

The CARE Programme strategy 2020 identifies 3 thematic areas: Strengthening gender equality and women's voice, promoting inclusive governance and increasing resilience; as areas for addressing underlying causes of poverty and addressing social injustices. CARE Denmark has secured a Strategic Partnership Agreement with DANIDA that has subsequently led to an agreement between CARE Denmark and CARE Uganda designing a Programme to strengthen Resilience and Promote Inclusive Governance STRENPO for women and youth in vulnerable communities 2018-2021. The Program will promote an inclusive humanitarian and development approach that will lead to the economic empowerment of women and youth in refugee and host communities and improve governance of Natural resources. Secondly, will equip the target group with adaptive capacities against climate change and environmental degradation while facilitating peaceful co-existence and social cohesion among Refugees and host communities in the regions of Arua, Kyegegwa and Kyenjojo.

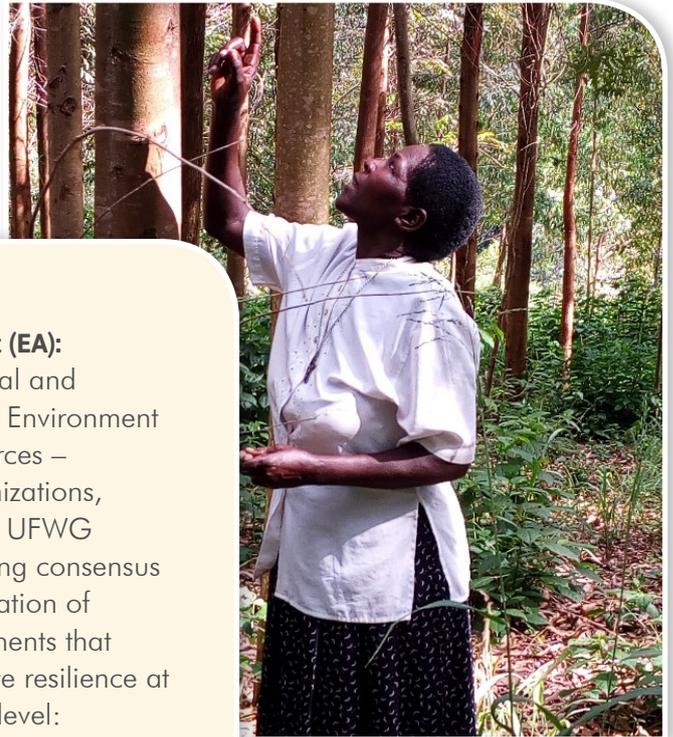
The program will strengthen the capacities and assets of vulnerable households, in particular women and youth, to deal with shocks through a range of approaches, and successful models such as community-based adaptation (CBA) strengthening collectives for resilient livelihoods and financial inclusion, Community-Based Monitors (CBM) ensuring participation at community level, and the Inter-District Forums – as a multi-stakeholder space, serve as the foundation of the Strengthening Resilience program.

Women and youth in vulnerable, natural resource-dependent communities, including refugee settlements, are resilient to shocks and stresses from natural resources degradation, climate change, and conflict & displacement.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Strong community-based organizations empower citizens and allow women and youth to build assets and take leadership roles in strengthening community resilience.
2. Civil society organizations and networks have increased capacity and expand spaces for negotiation between empowered citizens and refugees and accountable duty bearers through multi-stakeholder platforms focused on resilience.
3. Government and other duty-bearers, at district and national levels are inclusive and accountable in delivering a well-coordinated response to key drivers of risks and thereby responding to the demands and needs of citizens and refugees.

Project focus: The project will be implemented in Arua, Kyenjojo and Kyegegwa Districts focusing on addressing drivers of risk. The main drivers as analyzed by stakeholders are poor governance, increased population pressure on natural resources and gender inequality. Therefore this program will focus on addressing root causes of environmental degradation, asset base of the communities and refugees to cop up with climate variability and change, conflict and displacement, youth exclusion and limited engagement with private sector-led innovations.



Kajiona Paulina of Kajuma Itwara a member of Collaborative forest management group in her Eucalyptus plantation, she planted on the land that was allocated by National Forestry Authority

PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT:

Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE):

ACODE is a public policy research think tank registered as a non-governmental organization and based in Uganda. ACODE engagement with this project will focus on generating evidence-based issues to inform the development and implementation of laws, policies, practices, plans, strategies, programs and budgets that support resilience and participation of women and youth in the governance of Uganda's natural assets.

Joint Effort to save the environment (JESE):

Organize and facilitate the Community based actions in Kyegegwa and Kyenjojo, prepare and implement of community resilience actions that include strengthening capacity of the target communities manage physical, social, economic and natural assets.

Environmental Alert (EA):

Facilitate institutional and coordination of the Environment and Natural Resources – Civil Society Organizations, PROLINNOVA and UFWG Networks for building consensus for joint implementation of structured engagements that contribute to climate resilience at national and local level:

Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment (RICE West Nile):

Organize and facilitate the Community based actions in Arua West Nile targeting refugees and host communities. In addition RICE will prepare and implement community resilience actions that include strengthening capacity of the target communities manage physical, social, economic and natural assets.

Stakeholders of the project:

The District Local Governments of Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa and Arua, Ministry of Water and Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.



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