

Project Implementation

Project: Piloting the Protection of Rights to
Customary Land Ownership in Acholiland
(PPRCLOA)

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Background

- People going back to their homes since 2006
- Conflicts over land
- Certificate of Customary Ownership (CCO), Uganda- including northern Uganda
- Situation at hand- conflicts and, what about CCO?
- The concerned leadership of Joint Acholi Sub region Leaders Forum- JASLF (Acholi parliamentary group, Political and technical leadership, Traditional leadership, Religious) convinced to seek solutions- Security and protection of land
- A joint and collective voice from Acholi was that CCO be put to halt until sure of situation.
- Need to derive evidence- hence the birth of PPRCLOA project, by JASLF, to DGF. DGF Identified Trócaire, and Agreement signed . Trocaire implements the project in partnership with JASLF.

Overall project Objective

To strengthen the security of customary and communal land tenure in Acholiland through piloting new approaches based on research, consultation and advocacy

Specific Project Objectives

- To investigate and document how Acholi customary and communal land is controlled, managed and administered, by and for whom, in all its variations in 5 selected clans in Acholi sub-region
- To investigate existing and possible legal mechanisms to secure customary land rights in Acholiland
- To create awareness of the findings and policy implications of the pilot project across the Acholi sub region with other stakeholders for an enhanced customary land management and administration

Results

- Outcome 1.1: Databases and contacts of cultural leadership and local government structures across 5 selected clans in Acholiland
- Outcome 1.2: Documentation of how Acholi customary communal land is controlled, managed and administered by and for whom in all its variations across the five selected clans
- Outcome 1.3: Common principles and practices of Acholi customary land holding identified and documented
- **Data collected already, entry done, to be established as a data base**
- **Carried out a scoping study identify research sites**
- **Identified 7 research sites/clans, one per district**
- **Recruited and trained 14 field researchers**
- **Pilot study in Progress**

Pending Research

Results

- Outcome 1.4: Effective conflict resolution structures at different levels identified, described and documented
- Outcome 2.1: International legal precedents for protecting rights to communal land tenure are identified
- Outcome 2.2: Provision of legal opinion on tenure options including certificates of customary ownership (CCO's) and Communal Customary Associations, provided to Ministry of Lands

Hiring legal consultant in progress

Results

- Outcome 2.3: Model customary communal land body constitutions/trusts/deeds are drafted.
- Outcome 3.1: A high level of awareness within the Acholi Leadership and Community of the Project findings and recommendations
- Outcome 3.2: A high level of awareness across Northern Uganda of the project findings and recommendations and their potential implications in other regions in North and North Eastern Uganda
- Hiring consultant
- Pending research
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Other updates

- Have an established office in Gulu- Pece, Fully running (staff and other), in the same office with CARE International
- Project Launch, radio talk show, press meeting, story in 'New Vision' and 'Rupiny'.
- **Partnership-** DGF-Trócaire – JASLF – Institutional Arrangement- www

NB: We look forward to meeting with many of you who are partners in the same areas (ZOA, IJM, etc)

This is one and only project of its kind in Acholi land

