



UGANDA



Country Facts



- ACORD has been working in Uganda since 1979.
- ACORD has regional offices in Kampala City and the municipalities of Mbarara, Gulu, and Adjumani.
- ACORD partners with 20 civil society organisations in Uganda to build capacity and sustainability.
- The ACORD team in Uganda is comprised of 52 staff, 100% of whom are Ugandan.
- Last year, ACORD programmes touched the lives of 105,167 Ugandans in the most marginalised, hard to reach communities.



ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) is a Pan-African non-governmental organisation that has been working for social justice and development in Africa since 1976. Our work is guided by a number of fundamental values and working principles, chief amongst these is our belief that people themselves are the primary actors in their own development.

ACORD works in common cause with people who are poor and those who have been denied their rights to obtain social justice and development and, ultimately, to become part of locally-rooted citizen movements. ACORD has facilitated the emergence of over 2000 strong and autonomous grassroots organisations across Africa.

Country Priorities

ACORD in Uganda works in partnership with the poor and the marginalised to change conditions undermining social justice through participatory people-centred practical work, research and advocacy. To this end ACORD is implementing programmes focusing on resilient livelihoods, rights and responsibilities promotion, and peace building and conflict resolution. ACORD also provide life-saving support to Burundian, Congolese, and South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.

RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

- **Specific Objective 1:** Build sustainable food systems and livelihoods, climate change resilience and natural resource management.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROMOTION

- **Specific Objective 2:** Contribute to health and well-being and access to universal quality health services.

PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- **Specific Objective 3:** Foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies that are free from fear and violence.

OUR PARTNERS:

ACORD works in Uganda in collaboration with the Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV (YPLHIV), Uganda Water and Sanitation Network (UWASNET), District local government and other local authorities, Radio West, Marie Stopes, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Uganda Rain Water harvesting Association (URWA), the Global Water partnership, Ministry Of Water and Environment (Directorate of Water Development), Morugut youth CBO, Forde Uganda, Kitgum NGO Forum, Mighty Fire FM, Acholi Broadcasting services (ABS FM), Forum for Community Transformation (FCT), St. Joseph Mental Health Centre, Roco paco youth group, Nockrach youth CBO, Agago Advocates For Tax Justice and Human Rights Organization 'AGATAJHRO', NUHRP, Children of the World foundation (Cow), Koboko United Women's Association (KUWA), Yumbe NGO Forum, Global Aim, and Lutheran World Federation (LWF). ACORD's funding partners in Uganda Bread for the World, Helioz, UNFPA, DG-ECHO, Democratic Governance Fund (DGF), Citizen Election Watch IT, American Jewish World Service, MacArthur Foundation, Open Society Foundation, HEKS-EPER / Swiss Solidarity Fund, and OXFAM.

ACORD in Uganda

ACORD has been working in Uganda since 1979, with a commitment to attain peace and reduce mass poverty in vulnerable and marginalised communities. This lengthy existence in Uganda has earned the agency trust and public confidence, founded on good reputation among grassroots communities and district and national stakeholders.

With physical presence in 30 of the country's 112 districts, ACORD's response to the challenges of Uganda is firmly based on a belief that people themselves are the agents of change and actors of their own development. This belief underpins ACORD's participatory and community-driven programming approaches, which have strengthened the ability of vulnerable women, men, and youth, in poorly resourced and hard to reach areas of Northern and South-Western Uganda, to assess and take action on the causes of poverty and injustice, and sustainably transform their lives.

ACORD has highly experienced and dedicated staff with a wealth of in-house knowledge and understanding of the local context. It has a track record in implementing programs in livelihoods and food security, environment and natural resource management, WASH, Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV, Peace Building, gender based violence, governance, and humanitarian/emergency responses. ACORD uses a wide range of methodologies and strategies which have made the organization strategically placed to not only implement but share lessons learnt with partners and stakeholders. Some of the unique methodologies include Community Social Peace Recovery (CSPR) Model, Social Exclusion Analysis, Rights Based Approaches, Community driven workshops, and Stepping Stones among others.

ACORD has a proven record as a networking and advocacy organisation that works with other stakeholders for the good of the target beneficiaries. Its Advocacy is always informed by actions from its Human Rights Based programming in the communities which it feeds into local level, national, regional and international level advocacy. Feedback on high level advocacy processes are always fed back to the community as a means of building their knowledge and empowering them to act in their own interests.

Project Spotlight

WASH Enhancement for the South Sudanese Refugees in Bidibidi Settlement – Yumbe District, West Nile, Uganda:

Women and children form 86% of the South Sudanese refugee population in Bidibidi refugee settlement in Yumbe district, West Nile, Uganda. Over 71% of the burden of collecting water for households fall on women and girls, yet with the continued daily influx of about 500 refugees, basic social services and infrastructure for water, health and sanitation continue to be stressed.

ACORD, with support of HEKS EPER, is targeting Zones 4 and 5 of the settlement, directly focusing on 21,382 refugees and 6,415 members of the host community. The project will install 6 hand pumped boreholes, 2 large-scale hybrid water production facilities, and conduct sanitation and hygiene sensitization for refugees and host communities.

Project Spotlight

Scaling up the Promotion of Civic Responsibility and Empowerment in Acholi Sub Region, Northern Uganda:

Twenty years of conflict in Northern Uganda have left the Acholi region scarred. Citizen's participation in decision making beyond elections remains weak, implying that citizens are unable to monitor their leaders who are continuously being accused of failure to deliver. There are no effective institutions and platforms to promote civic rights and responsibilities for women, youth and people with special interests who especially bear the brunt. ACORD facilitates 88,415 citizens and leaders in Acholi Sub Region to consolidate community initiatives for civic competence and social accountability through civic awareness to ensure that fundamental rights are protected, promoting effective participation in development processes, and strengthening local accountability.

2016 Impact in Numbers:

63,095

Women were reached

31

Civil Society Organisations have enhanced capacities

32

Districts have increased access to basic services

7,500

Beneficiaries have adopted enhanced livelihoods strategies



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