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LIPRO Field Staff at Kabwohe Project Office



LIPRO Visitors from Concern Tanzania at LIPRO Tree Nursery Bed and Project Beneficiaries Visiting A Banana Plantation Affected by Banana Bacteria Wilt Disease in Sheema District.



Participants during a Field Outreach Program in a Refugee Settlement Organized by LIPRO Uganda

**LIPRO UGANDA FOCUS, IMAGE AND REALITY**

Livelihood Improvement Programme of Uganda (LIPRO Uganda) is a registered community based non-governmental organization working in 21 districts of South-Western Uganda. It was established in January 2003 with a focus on gender equity, fighting poverty, environmental degradation; and increased citizens’ participation through social-economic research and training to empower communities in undertaking their own development initiatives.

**VISION STATEMENT** is sustainable improved standards of living in Uganda where people have a secure and fulfilled life.



**MISSION STATEMENT** is promoting and enhancing capacity building training and support to empower beneficiaries in undertaking their own development initiatives to alleviate poverty.

**CORE VALUES** are transparency, accountability, participation, quality work, sharing, good governance and equal opportunities. LIPRO Uganda has values inherent in its program activities.

### **KEY RESULT AREAS**

LIPRO Uganda strategic outlook is premised on a peaceful, holistic, inclusive and integrated approach for improved service delivery and policy advocacy from a pro-poor and human rights perspective.

Over the years, LIPRO Uganda has been implementing successful participatory development projects in the following program areas: **Food and Nutrition Security** through sustainable agriculture initiatives; **Tree Planting, Water Security, WASH Interventions, Wetlands and Wildlife Protection** through nature conservation initiatives; **Social Mobilization, Disease Surveillance, Guidance, Counseling and Network Referrals** for immunization, treatment and support services in health interventions; **Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation** and building **Social Resilience** interventions; peaceful **Conflict Resolution and Management** under Peace Building and Conflict Prevention strategies; **Energy Saving Technologies, Waste Management, Extractive Industry Development, Disaster Risk, Reduction and Management; Governance and Accountability** for transparency, confidence building and sustainable growth.

### **NETWORKING AND LINKAGES**

LIPRO Uganda underpins networking and exemplifies linkages locally, nationally regionally and globally. The organization believes that social, economic and environmental challenges can not be addressed working in isolation. Remarkable progress and tangible results can be achieved working in collaboration and using an inclusive and consultative process. Consequently, LIPRO Uganda works closely with a wide range of development partners including government at all levels, civil society organizations at all levels and the private sector; including local communities



especially the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged. Other LIPRO Uganda partners include schools, health centers and community based groups and organizations.

LIPRO Uganda is an active member of District CSO Networks, Regional CSO Fora, National Thematic Coalitions and National NGO Networks, Working Groups and Platforms within and out of the country. LIPRO Uganda also hosts a number of District CSO Networks, Hand Pump Mechanics Associations and serves as a regional coordination centre for several national level Thematic Networks including on Maternal and Child Illnesses, Immunization, Environment, Adult Education and HIV/AIDS.

LIPRO Uganda project specific detailed information can be accessed from the main offices in Bushenyi and Kabwohe. LIPRO Uganda is hosted on the Websites of Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), Development Network of Indigenous Associations (DENIVA), Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO), Malaria and Childhood Illnesses NGO Network Secretariat (MACIS), Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network (UWASNET) and Nile Basin Discourse (NBD/UNDF) among others.

LIPRO Uganda promotes and supports agro-forestry tree species with particular emphasis on the following tree species: - Fire wood, soil erosion control, soil fertility improvement, shade trees, fodder, timber, land rehabilitation, poles, fruit trees, medicinal trees, wind breakers, ornamentals, bee forage and live fence using local seeds collection and community tree nursery beds approaches.

## **PROJECT- SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY LIPRO UGANDA**

### **1. NATURE CONSERVATION**

- (a) **Tree Planting:** LIPRO Uganda provides awareness and practical training in tree planting and management. Training covers types, uses, species, agro-forestry, spacing, placement, thinning, pruning, trimming and protection including collaborative forest management and forest certification mechanism.



(b) **Environment Management**; LIPRO Uganda promotes sustainable environment management activities to avoid environmental degradation, such activities include introduction and use of **energy saving technologies** such as improved energy saving stoves, solar power, rainwater harvesting, demonstrations and collection of tree planting materials locally available; **right disposal of waste** and sensitization on both the root causes and proximate causes of environmental degradation.

Root causes include: - Policy inadequacies, population growth, poverty, urbanization, industrialization, infrastructure development, poor agriculture practices, lack of information and encroachment among others. Proximate causes include:- climate change, deforestation, wetland degradation, geo-thermal pollution, destruction of ozone layer/radiation pollution, water pollution, air pollution, noise pollution and poor disposal of waste among others.

## **2. WASH: WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

LIPRO Uganda works with communities to protect and maintain water sources including shallow wells, protected springs, and Ferro cement water tanks for households, bore holes and gravity water scheme outlets especially public water stand taps. The organization also promotes construction and use of VIP latrines, hand-washing with soap, community-led total sanitation and sanitation marketing; Training of Water User Committees; Village Health Teams, Hand Pump Mechanics Association and LIPRO Resident Sub-county Facilitators in various skills as baseline referrals for improved service delivery and access in the communities,

## **3. HEALTH PROGRAMMES**

LIPRO Uganda conducts social mobilization for health services, disease surveillance and case detection for network referral and treatment.

(a) LIPRO Uganda coordinates civil society immunization activities in South-Western Uganda including community data collection in the cold chain under the GAVI Civil Society Strengthening Project and Uganda Civil Society Immunization Platform including District Immunization Champions (DICs). LIPRO monitoring and surveillance inherent puts emphasis on availability of quality vaccines (antigens for 11 immunizable

diseases in Uganda) including Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) for tuberculosis (TB), Pentavalent Vaccine for Diphtheria-Pertussis-Tetanus-Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza type B, Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV), Measles Vaccine, Tetanus Toxoid (TT), Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV). In addition, emphasis is also put on the Cold Chain Management and logistics efficacy for maintenance of vaccines under the necessary conditions (right temperature) to ensure their potency. Vigilance focuses on the culture laboratory design and safety cabinets at health facilities, freezers, gas or electricity refrigerators, cold boxes, vaccine carriers, ice packs and thermometers; forecasting estimation, stock control levels, record keeping (especially of vaccines and diluents) and highlighting challenges.

- (b) LIPRO Uganda provides guidance, counseling and support services on HIV/AIDS, Alcoholism and Abuse of Drugs (especially to drug addicts) and supports PLHA and OVC with life skills, OVC house-hold support and employment opportunities. LIPRO Uganda supports and hosts the Secretariat of Sheema Network of AIDS Service Organizations (SHENASO) at Kabwohe project offices.

#### **4. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

##### **(a) NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY:**

LIPRO Uganda promotes nutrition and food security through pro-poor and rural farming initiatives. LIPRO field staff provide practiced training programs at selected farmer house-holds as field schools and Demonstration Households on banana management, vegetable growing, goat keeping, bee keeping, piggery, poultry cassava and potatoes vine multiplication for easy adoption and scale-up among rural farmers. These farming practices are usually accompanied with training on water and soil conservation techniques together with irrigation and marketing skills for enhanced nutrition and household income.

##### **(b) FARMING AS A BUSINESS**

LIPRO Uganda promotes investment in agriculture by both public and private sector due to their diversity and broadness agro-ecology. LIPRO Uganda provides training

to farmers in agro-business skills and conservation enterprise development. The organization encourages, use of modern farming technologies, improved seeds and livestock for better pests and disease control, fast growth and quick multiplication among small holder farmers. LIPRO Uganda is a member of Uganda farmers' common voice platform.

## **5. DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT**

LIPRO Uganda integrates disaster management respects in all its program activities and promotes building social resilience to mitigate and enable effective response to the increasing number of disasters. LIPRO Uganda works closely with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) together with a wide range of other key stakeholders during planning, pre-positioning, response, recovery and development initiatives in the event of occurrence. LIPRO Uganda humanitarian emergency response mechanism adheres to the sphere standard. LIPRO Uganda encourages acceleration of social-political and economic integration of disaster management in all sector plans to enable communities at risk effectively respond and cope in the event of an emergency or disaster. LIPRO Uganda conducts risk, hazard and vulnerability assessment, development of early warning systems, down-scaling climate change related information and providing technical back-stopping in DRR and MIS.

Uganda faces 27 different types of disasters including storm surges, floods, landslides, earthquakes, volcanoes eruptions, drought, famine, desertification, hurricanes, wildfires, road accidents, wars, refugees influx, riots, lighting, terrorism, chemical attacks (Acid), Malnutrition, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Measles, Meningitis, Viral hemorrhagic fever (Ebola), Marburg, construction site accidents, cattle rustling and various forms of conflicts. Thus, LIPRO Uganda undertakes peace building and conflict prevention initiatives at all levels.

## **6. SOCIAL-ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING**

LIPRO Uganda has a wide range of experts and professionals who conduct basic and applied research to enhance evidence-based advocacy and decision making. LIPRO Uganda undertakes training programs and policy analysis with high quality outputs.

LIPRO Uganda trains trainers and budget trackers. The organization is a member of Uganda Forest Working Group and Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group.

LIPRO Uganda provides tailor-made training of Trainers (TOT) Course Modules, Training Manuals and Materials, skills training in Business Plan Development, Management Function, Corporate Governance, Conflict Management, Loan Management, Group Dynamics, Project Planning and Contingency Planning, Resource Mobilization and PRA Techniques among others.