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**Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for
Food Security in Karamoja Region
(F-SURE)-Project**

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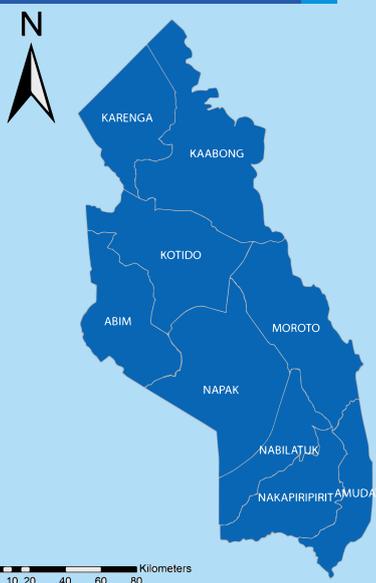
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Embrace our monthly Karamoja Newsletter. This time we are delighted to share with you the amazing things Hunger Fighters Uganda in Partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is doing to support the vulnerable communities in Karamoja sub region. It was a remarkable, exceptional and amazing opportunity to support a region regarded as poorest with high rates of food insecurity in Uganda with sustainable approaches to ensuring food security and integrated Natural resource management interventions.

1.0 Overview



Karamoja, located in the northeast, is one of the poorest regions in Uganda, with income poverty at 66% (having increased from 61% in 2017) and food poverty at 75% (having increased from 70% in 2017) (UBOS: UNHS 2019/20). The population is mainly rural, with livelihoods based on livestock and crop production. The region continues to have the highest food insecurity and malnutrition levels in Uganda due to factors related to inadequate food access, poor dietary diversity, structural poverty, low value livelihood options, poor hygiene and sanitation, and morbidity. According to the latest UBOS analysis July 2022, over 40% of the population (518,000 people) in Karamoja is facing high levels of food insecurity. Last year 2021, when similar analysis was done, the figure was about 30% (361,000 people).



30%
361,000 People
FACE HIGH LEVELS OF
FOOD INSECURITY



66%
INCOME
POVERTY



HIGHEST FOOD INSECURITY
AND MALNUTRITION LEVELS
IN UGANDA

1.1. Introduction



It was astonishing and astounding that in October 2021, Hunger Fighters Uganda received financial support from United Nations development Programme (UNDP) as Grant Manager to implement the Low Value Grants. The project aim at enhancing resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate change and improve food security through addressing environmental drivers of food insecurity and focuses on extending low value Grants to 7 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Local Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), covering 3 the District of Kaabong, Kotido and Karenga, in Karamoja Region. The Low value grant beneficiaries in Kotido, Grant sizes ranges between USD 18,000 and 20,000, between (November 2021 – January 2023)

1.2: F-SURE Project Key Partners

Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for food Security (F-SURE) in the Karamoja Region project Key partners include:



- Government of the Republic of Uganda
- Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF),
- GEF-Funded
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- Respective District Local Governments.



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1.3. Progress



HFU delivered 50% of small Grant projects (18,000-20,000 USD) to 7 CBOs/NGOs that contributed towards enhancing long-term sustainability of food production systems through addressing environment drivers of food insecurity in the districts of Kaabong, Karenga and Kotido, located in Karamoja region of Uganda, Built the capacities of Grantees to deliver on reduction of land degradation in their areas and sustainably improve household level food security.

1.4. Beneficiary Organisations and areas of operation.

NO	Organisation	Area of Implementation	District
1	Church Action for Relief and Holistic Development (CAFRHAD)	Kaalemarengan Village, Lologoka Parish, Kotido Sub county	Kotido
2	Karamoja Action for Rural Transformation (KART)	Loletio Parish, Panyangar Sub County	Kotido
3	Kotido District Forum of People Living with HIV/AIDS Network (KODIPLHAN)	Kamoru Parish, Panyangara Sub County	Kotido
4	Aridland Development Programme (ADP)	Kothirai parish, Kakamar sub county	Kaabong
5	Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE)	Kakamar S/C, KitleloreParish	Kaabong
6	Maana Development Agency (MADA)	Kumet parish, Sangar sub county	Karenga
7	Karimojong Women Advocacy for Transformation (KWT)	Kapedo S/C	Karenga

Using the funds, Grantees were Profiled and registered over 1000 farmers (70% women)



And these famer groups were capacity built in issues of Agronomic practices and supported with various planting materials including Green gram, Sorghum, Maize, Assorted vegetable, Sukuma wiki, Eggplant (Long Purple) Beans, G-nuts in their respective areas

Establishment of Community Learning Demonstration

Demonstration gardens were established using Farmer Field Schools (FFS) in communities as learning centers for agronomic practices including soil science, weather management among others in Kaabong and Kotido districts respectively.



Support of Beneficiary Famer Groups with Planting Materials and Agriculture Inputs

Target Beneficiaries were supported with planting materials in all the three districts for improved food production systems and value chains practices, capacity built in agro practices, climate resilient production techniques, and diversified alternative livelihoods activities.



Capacity Building Of Famers And Community Garden Opening In The Target Districts.

Using existing FFS, farmer groups were trained in good agronomical practices and soil conservation and management.



Needs For The Region

- The need for more relief assistance to the region including food blanket,
- Strengthening programmatic synergies
- Strengthening the enabling policy and institutional frameworks through the creation of multi-stakeholder platforms that will enable better planning, including local landscape-based planning.
- Support and Channel investments into the food production systems and value chains using a Farmer Field School approach adapted to the realities of the agro-pastoral societies of Karamoja.
- Integration of peace, climate action and gender equality into programing as key in addressing the insecurity situation and gender inequality.

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