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Dr. Ongalo-Obote Clement Kenneth, the State Minister for Teso Affairs, flanked by Ms. Jenifer Bukohke, the UNCDF deputy country director (left), and Amuria RDC Lillian Eyal, cuts a ribbon to commission Wera Livestock Market in Amuria on September 13, 2023. PHOTO BY ISIAH KITIMBO. [Story on Pg 4](#)

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DINU intervention producing tangible results in Northern Uganda

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Welcome to the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) newsletter. This publication has been provided to update stakeholders on the progress of the implementation of DINU actions and activities as the programme's end line draws nigh. Implementation of the various DINU activities ends later this year. Five years later, numerous concrete wins have been made in all the 41 districts that the programme targeted across the five sub-regions of Acholi, Lango, Karamoja, Teso and West Nile in Northern Uganda.

The newsletter explores efforts that have been undertaken by the various DINU implementing partners in the three programme sectors; (1) Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods (2) Infrastructure (transport, logistics, water, energy), and (3) Good Governance.

Here you are treated to the most exciting, precise and fascinating coverage of organic and solid impact stories told by the programme beneficiaries to illustrate how DINU has improved their lives, and much more. You

will read about how promotion of mini-grids is contributing to rural transformation in 25 villages in Lamwo District.

In Moroto, farmers are fighting malnutrition through better farming and feeding skills while in Kitgum, farmers have embraced modern technology and are digitalising the village savings and loan association (VSLA), besides marketing their farm products on a smartphone through a web-based platform.

To promote good post-harvesting practices and also encourage bulking, a storage facility has been established for farmers in Terego District to also enable farmers to market their produce collectively for better prices.

The DINU Youth Skilling Programme has empowered many youths in Northern Uganda to establish various businesses while the Uganda Police Force has received a boost in their operations at the seven community police posts in Karamoja following the acquisition of 14 motorcycles.

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MESSAGE FROM NPC

DINU contribution to the development of Northern Uganda is solid



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As the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) winds down, we are excited about the impact we are witnessing among beneficiaries of the different interventions under the programme. With this newsletter, we hope to delight you with some of the testimonies that are being shared. This newsletter tells stories of dreams coming true in Nebbi, hope being re-ignited in Terego and savings being doubled in Lawmo among the many stories featured.

Franklin D. Roosevelt said: **“We cannot always build the future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future”.**

The DINU Youth Skilling programme that was concluded in May 2023 was attended by 1,300 youths selected from the five sub-regions of Acholi, Lango, Karamoja, Teso, and West Nile. The youth were very zealous and their energy was infectious; some of them started putting the acquired skills and knowledge to practice even before leaving the training institutes. Now, isn't that something worth celebrating? It goes without

saying that the DINU programme has played a role in building these youths for the future!

As you read this newsletter, permit us to take you on a fulfilling journey of the achievements of the DINU programme across various sectors.



A trained youth tends to his garden in Adjumani District on May 12, 2023. Many of the DINU trained youths have started agro-related businesses in Northern Uganda.



The Minister of State for Northern Uganda Rehabilitation, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiyucwiny, commissions Otuke Business and Governance Centre on September 15, 2023. The more than Shs1.5b facility was established by the government in partnership with UNCDF under OPM-DINU to support the district to enhance local revenue.

Members of Nyek Pi Lonyi village savings and loan association (VSLA) conduct their business on February 8, 2023 in Lamwo District. The DINU VSLAs have empowered many farmers with savings and financial literacy skills.



PRODUCTION & MARKETING

Minister commissions DINU markets in Amuria



Minister with Amuria District and other government officials in a group photo shortly after commissioning Amuria Central Market on September 13, 2023. PHOTOS BY ISIAH KITIMBO

BY ISIAH KITIMBO

AMURIA - The Minister of State for Teso Affairs, Dr. Kenneth Clement Ongalo-Obote, has commissioned two markets in Amuria District, totalling to an investment of Shs1.7 billion.

Wera Livestock Market and Amuria Central Market were established by United Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in partnership with the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) under Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) - a

government of Uganda programme supported by the European Union and supervised by Office of the Prime Minister.

Speaking at Wera Livestock Market on September 13, 2023, the Minister said: "If you use this market well, it will help us achieve many pillars of the Parish Development Model. Here we hope to see revenue enhancement and an increase of commodities".

According to Amuria District Ag. Engineer Okello Godfrey Kennedy, the Shs656.6m Wera Livestock Market comprises facilities such as

cattle crush, water troughs, pipe water system, two loading and offloading ramps, wire fence, childcare centre and a market shade.

He explained that the Shs1.1b Amuria Central Market comprises among others, four market shades, 10 butcheries each equipped with a 250 deep freezer, childcare centre and water-borne toilets.

The Chief Administration Officer, Ms. Angella Akullu, said: "We are happy that this market has been commissioned. Before, the district had no central market for livestock, which contributed to loss of local revenue".

Mr. Moses Eyabo, the Amuria District chairman, said the market will promote production and marketing and make it easier for the district to collect local revenue.

Ms. Asumpta Tibamwenda, the Ministry of Local Government representative, said: "We wanted livestock to reconnect the people to the past and project them to the future".

The UNCDF deputy country director, Ms. Jenifer Bukokhe, said construction of the two markets was supported under the DINU component of the Local Government Excellence Fund to enable the district to enhance local revenue.

PRODUCTION & MARKETING

Terego farmers get new storage facility

BY ISIAH KITIMBO

TEREGO. The Minister of State for Northern Uganda Rehabilitation, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny, has commissioned a storage facility for oil seed farmers at Bileafe Sub-county in Terego District where she asked farmers to engage in continuous production of large quantities of sunflower and soybean crops to improve their livelihoods.

“We should grow large not small quantities. If not, we shall remain in subsistence which will keep us poor. If you do little, you get little and you will not get out of poverty,” she advised on April 26, 2023.

The 100 metric tonnes facility that targets more than 330 farmers, was established under Livelihoods Enhancement for West Nile and Acholi (LEWA), a project implemented by Lutheran World Federation and partners in 10 districts of Adjumani, Arua, Koboko, Madi-Okollo, Maracha, Moyo, Obongi, Terego, Yumbe and Lamwo under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) - a Government of Uganda programme supported by the European Union and supervised by Office of the Prime Minister.

Six other similar facilities have been



The Minister in a group photo with farmers shortly after commissioning the storage facility on April 26, 2023. PHOTO BY ISIAH KITIMBO

established and 10 rehabilitated under the project in the targeted districts, totalling to an investment of Shs328 million.

According to LEWA consortium manager, Mr. Grace Rukanda, the facilities have been established to enable farmers minimize the risks of post-harvest losses and to manage bulking through village enterprise agents.

“The storage facilities have been equipped with pallets, moisture meters, and weighing scales. We have also identified and trained user committees to manage the operations of the facilities. In addition, five improved pit-latrines have been constructed to promote hygiene and sanitation at the facilities,” Mr. Rukanda said.

HON. GRACE FREEDOM KWIWUCWINY

“We should grow large not small quantities. If not, we shall remain in subsistence which will keep us poor. If you do little, you get little and you will not get out of poverty”

The Office of the Prime Minister contracted eight Technical Vocational Education Training Institutes (TVETs) last year to train a total of 1,300 youths selected from 41 districts in Northern Uganda in agriculture and agribusiness areas for improved employability and income-generating opportunities in the agricultural sector. The TVETs include ADRAA Agricultural College, Amelo Technical Institute, Lokopio Technical Institute, Amugu Agro Technical Institute, Ave Maria Vocational Training and Youth Development Centre, Kotido Technical Institute, Nakapiripit Technical Institute, and Northern Uganda Youth Development Centre.



Mr. Solomon Acot in his cabbage garden with some of the youth he trains following the skills and knowledge he acquired during a three-month DINU sponsored training. Many of the trained youths have started agro-related businesses in Northern Uganda. PHOTO BY ISIAH KITIMBO

YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY

1,300 youths acquire practical skills in agriculture

BY ISIAH KITIMBO

MADI-OKOLLO. A total of 1,300 young people from the five sub-regions of Acholi, Lango, Karamoja, Teso and West Nile have been empowered with crucial vocational skills to create new sources of livelihoods following three months of intense training in agriculture and agribusiness related areas.

The training in courses that included beekeeping, vegetable farming, poultry and piggery, was fully sponsored by Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) Youth Skilling Programme supported by the European Union.

At an award ceremony where certificates of completion were issued by the Franciscan Brothers ADRAA Agriculture College on January 20, 2023, the Minister of State for Northern Uganda Rehabilitation, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiycwiny, said: "Substantial progress and gains are being made to prioritize skilling of the youth across the country. I encourage you to apply the knowledge and skills acquired to start your own business."

The Head of the European Union Delegation to Uganda, Ambassador Jan Sadek, stated: "The European Union is delighted to work with OPM to implement such an important programme.

Offering opportunities to young Ugandans to gain crucial skills in the agriculture sector will have direct impact on their employability, income and livelihoods. I trust that they will become role models for other young people who will benefit from their acquired knowledge."

According to the DINU National Programme Coordinator, Ms. Pamela Kabahezi, the DINU Youth Skilling Programme (YSP) targeted to train a total of 1,300 youths selected from 41 districts in Northern Uganda in agriculture and agribusiness areas for improved employability and income-generating opportunities in the agricultural sector.

NUTRITION

Moroto farmers empowered with savings and better feeding skills

BY MILDRED NAKALULE

MOROTO. Narika Eriminia is the leader of Nadiket Farmers, a group of 25 members in Nadiket Village, Katikekile Sub-county in Moroto District. They grow vegetables such as cabbages, spinach, onions, tomatoes and other crops such as maize and sorghum.

The group was trained by CARE and partners under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) programme, supported by the European Union, on modern farming practices to improve productivity.

“We were taken for exchange visits in Jinja and Sembabule districts where we were empowered with practical skills in farming,” she says.

Under the programme, Narika, a mother of seven children, says the programme has trained them on better nutrition practices, which has enabled members to fight malnutrition in the community.

“We were also taught how to grow and prepare nutritious crops and meals for our families. My children are not malnourished and they are at school,” she says with a smile.



James Lobur and Eriminia Narika weed their vegetable garden on June 15, 2023

To enable the group members to save and improve household incomes, CARE and partners trained them on how to establish and manage a village savings and loans association (VSLA).

Narika says the VSLA has enabled members to save and also borrow



Ms Narika waters the Sukuma.

money, which they use to meet financial needs such as paying medical bills, school fees, and buying scholastic materials.

“The knowledge we acquired from CARE is really helping us. Our VSLA is active and it serves us better than getting a loan from a commercial bank.”

According to James Lobur, the group has immensely improved his life.

“I used to be a problem in the community. I could steal farmers’ food crops and other items but I have since reformed and I’m always busy working in my garden,” he says.

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SAFETY

Police get 14 motorcycles for Karamoja operations

BY ISAIAH KITIMBO

KAMPALA – The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has partnered with the Uganda Police Force (UPF) to construct seven community police posts and staff quarters with an aim of improving safety and security in Karamoja Sub-region.

The facilities have been constructed in the districts of Abim, Amudat, Karenga, Kotido, Moroto, Napak and Nakapiripirit under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU), a government programme supported by the European Union and supervised by OPM.

At an occasion to handover 14 motorcycles to UPF in Naguru near Kampala on March 09, Mr. Gonzaga Mayanja, the Commissioner Monitoring and Evaluation – Local Governments at OPM, said the establishment of the community police posts will increase the footprint of police and promote peace and security in Karamoja, adding: “I am happy to report that the selection of the police sites was carefully done to consider economic and security concerns in the locations”.

The Head of Section for Sustainable



Mr. Gonzaga Mayanja, the Commissioner Monitoring and Evaluation – Local Governments at OPM (left) and Ms. Nadia Cannata, the Head of Section for Sustainable Development at the European Union Delegation to Uganda, hand over a motorcycle key to Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Tumusiime, the Deputy Inspector General of Police at Naguru on March 09, 2023. 14 motorcycles were handed over to police to facilitate officers' transport in Karamoja. PHOTOS BY ISAIAH KITIMBO

Development at the European Union Delegation to Uganda, Ms. Nadia Cannata, stated: “We are aware that stability and security are preconditions for the social and economic development for the sub-region. For this reason, over the years we have continued to support the UPF in Karamoja to fulfil its mandate to protect the communities”.

The Inspector General of Police, Mr. Martins Okoth-Ochola, who was

represented by Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Tumusiime, the Deputy Inspector General of Police, stated: “The UPF would like to thank the European Union and Office of the Prime Minister for continuously supporting police over the years, especially in the Karamoja Sub-region. The intervention has greatly enabled UPF to have tremendous achievements as far as enforcement of law and order is concerned”.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Digital solutions impacting smallholder farmers

BY LILIAN NAMAGEMBE

LAMWO - Nyek Pi Lonyi is a 34-member women-dominated smallholder village savings and loan association (VSLA) in Northern Uganda's Lamwo District. Nyek Pi Lonyi is a phrase among Luo-speaking Nilotic people in Uganda, which literally means jealous is not wealth.

Composed of 26 women and eight men, the Nyek Pi Lonyi group used the slogan to motivate and remind members that being envious of other people is not an option, but hard work. Thus, the members teamed up to increase production and boost market opportunities. The digitalization of their operations under the Livelihoods enhancement for West Nile and Acholi (LEWA) project has provided members with a safe place to save and access money, increase production and saving capacity.

Supported by the European Union through Office of the Prime Minister under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) programme, LEWA was implemented by four partners led by the Lutheran World Federation Uganda. Others include; Dan Church Aid (DCA), Uganda



The Mobis app with a VSLA management platform.

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Kennedy Oyaa, the group secretary explaining how the application works.

Pentecostal Medical Bureau (UPMB) and a private sector company- Mukwano Group of Industries.

"This Mobis app is an android-based smartphone application with a VSLA management platform," Kennedy Oyaa, the group secretary, explains as he scrolls through the Mobis app on the smartphone.

"The application automates our recordkeeping needs like the savings



Members of Nyek Pi Lonyi group harvest sunflower from one of their gardens in Lamwo .

and loans. This has made it easy, especially for the female members without a bank account to get loans."

The clear financial track record, Oyaa says, created healthy competition among members, which has enabled them to more than double their productivity from Shs2,600,000 annual turnover in 2019 when the group started to about Shs6,127,283 in 2022.

RURAL TRANSFORMATION

DINU mini grids changing lives in Lamwo

BY GIZ - ENERGY TEAM

LAMWO – In the heart of Lamwo District, amid the quiet Paloga Village, Winfred Adokorach, a 25-year-old tailor and a mother of one, strongly recalls a childhood covered in darkness during the nights. Born and raised in this remote corner of Uganda, she had never travelled beyond the district’s boundaries or seen the transformative power of electricity. That is, until now.

“Studying at night was a luxury I could only dream of because my parents couldn’t afford a kerosene lamp or even a candle,” Adokorach recollects.

But fate took a turn when, after years of longing, their village basked in the glow of electricity for the first time. The arrival of mini grids, powered by solar energy, brought in a wave of change that touched the lives of women and children in ways they could have never imagined.

“Now, my children and nephews can read their books at night, using the electric light,” Adokorach explains. The advent of electricity has not only brightened their lives but also sparked a newfound sense of security and empowerment within the community. Adokorach recounts the



Adokorach basks in the glow of her mud hut, empowered by the new solar energy installation that now illuminates her home. PHOTOS BY GIZ

nights filled with fear as they grappled with slithering snakes lurking in the shadows of their humble dwellings.

“Previously, our village was extremely dark. Because of this, we struggled with snakes in our manyattas”, she says. Moreover, the absence of light cast a veil of vulnerability, making them easy targets for unexpected incidents in the dark. However, with the

WINFRED ADOKORACH

“Studying at night was a luxury I could only dream of because my parents couldn’t afford a kerosene lamp or even a candle”

installation of a security light outside their hut, Adokorach and her family now breathe easier. Access to pit latrines has also become simpler, and the risk of night attacks has significantly reduced.

Adokorach notes that the children are now comfortable staying at home to watch TV, rather than loitering to far and potentially unsafe places.

But it is not just the children who have found solace in the glow of electricity. Mercy Angorit, a 40-year-old resident of Agoro Village, shares her tale of transformation. Once consumed by daily chores and tending to her garden, Angorit now stands as a beacon of hope in her community.

Empowered by the constant supply of electricity, she operates a small-scale retail shop that buzzes with life, thanks to renewable energy. Angorit's entrepreneurial spirit has been reignited, and she dreams of bringing together other women to establish a collective business venture, such as a milling plant to add value to their farm produce.

Adokorach and Angorit's stories are a glimpse into the impact of the Promotion of Mini Grids for Rural Electrification in Uganda project. With a mission to bridge the gap and bring power closer to communities, this initiative has become a lifeline for many residents of Lamwo District.

Commissioned in June 2022, the solar-powered mini grids, a collaborative effort of Government of Uganda under the Development

installed capacity of one megawatt and can supply approximately 11,200 people through a grid-like electricity service.

The advent of solar power in the district has brought about a remarkable transformation, providing communities with access to a continuous power supply that empowers people to enhance their livelihoods and elevate their quality



Odokorach watching TV with her family.

Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the European Union, and a private sector partner, Winch Energy, have ushered in a new era of possibilities through the installation of 20 kWp to 80 kWp-capacity solar minigrids in 25 villages. The mini grids have a combined

of life. Now, more and more women in Lamwo, like Angorit who relies on solar power to operate her shop fridge, and Adokorach who uses it to light her house, are embracing solar energy-powered machines to enrich their daily lives and boost their economic prospects.

Beyond the glow of light bulbs, the true essence lies in the impact on livelihoods and well-being. Access to electricity is no longer a luxury but an essential lifeline. It provides lighting for households and schools, enabling children to study and grow. It powers local businesses, safeguarding food and medicine in refrigerators, and it fuels communication, ensuring that no one is left disconnected in this interconnected world.

While Lamwo District strives to catch up with the electrification rates seen in major towns, mini grids have emerged as a symbol of hope. They offer a practical and affordable solution, bringing reliable and grid-like electricity to villages that were once cast into perpetual darkness.

The journey is far from over. The focus now lies on the productive use of electricity, as efforts are made to provide training and access to finance for small and medium enterprises, smallholder farmers, and households. By harnessing the power of renewable energy to drive economic development, the mini-grid business model aspires to flourish sustainability, illuminating countless lives along the way.

TESTIMONIES OF TRAINED YOUTH

DINU empowering youths to create new sources of livelihoods in Northern Uganda

*A total 1,300 youths from 41 districts in Northern Uganda have been empowered with crucial vocational skills to create new sources of livelihoods following three months of intense training in agriculture and agribusiness related areas. The training was fully sponsored by Office of the Prime Minister under the DINU Youth Skilling Programme supported by the European Union. **Isaiah Kitimbo & Tonny Okwir**, spoke to some of the trained youth and now bring you their testimonies: -*

I used to be idle but I'm now busy, says Prudence

Prudence Vasta Yoo-acel, 27, is a proud poultry farmer; rearing mainly local chicken. A resident of Afere Village, Thatha Division in Nebbi District, Prudence used to sit home idle after completing Senior Six in 2015 since her parents could not raise tuition for her tertiary education.

Born to Mr. George Okechagiu Ladegi and Ms. Jane Joyce Ayo, Prudence is one of the 1,300 youths who have been empowered with crucial vocational skills to create new sources of livelihoods following three months of intense training in agriculture and agribusiness related areas.

Prudence boasts of 20 local chicken, which she rears mainly on free-range system and supplements with chicken feeds. She says she bought the chicken using part of the stipend that DINU provided to each of the selected learners. She hopes to multiply them and also buy kroilers to expand her enterprise.

Already, she has set up a poultry house where the birds sleep at night.

The one-roomed house is plastered, roofed with iron sheets and was built with bricks and cement, both the window and door were made of iron to safely secure the

birds from the preying eyes in the darkness of the night.

Prudence advises other youths in the area to emulate her if they are to live meaningful lives.

"I advise youths to wake up and get started. They should start small. It is easy to start a poultry. Personally, I have got to improvise the drinkers by cutting small jerrycans," she explains.



Prudence feeds her chicken at Afere Village in Nebbi District on June 6, 2023. PHOTOS BY ISAIAH KITIMBO

Goat rearing and piggery giving Christine a ray of hope

To implement the skills and knowledge acquired at Lokopio Technical Institute, Christine Amaniyo, 25, has started rearing goats and pigs. A resident of Alugburu Cell in Leju Town Council, Terego District, Christine has 13 goats and 14 pigs which she rears at home.

Christine is a hardworking young woman who handles manly work with energy and efficiency. She manages both enterprises and domestic chores with ease. She has set up a goathouse and plans to multiply the animals, sell and raise money for establishing a poultry project.

“I want to venture into poultry. Goat rearing requires much land, which I lack currently. Piggery is equally challenging since I lack vaccines and materials for building a pig sty,” says a mother of two children.



Ms. Christine Amaniyo has started a piggery and goat rearing enterprises

Vuni to DINU: You have given me chance to be relevant

After failing to get employment, 29-year-old Ashraf Vuni realised the need to acquire vocational skills to keep himself germane. His choice of tree nursery operation is paying off.

“I graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Engineering in 2021. Since then, I have been doing voluntary work. I embraced the DINU YSP because I felt the need to get relevant skills in agriculture to enable me do business since I have vast land,” he explains.

To realise his dream, Ashraf completed a three-month training in tree nursery operation at Lokopio Technical Institute where he acquired skills such as raising seedlings from a nursery bed to planting them and agribusiness. He mainly deals in raising seedlings for species such as pine, jackfruit, and avocado, which he says have a ready market in the area.



Ashraf Vuni explains the progress of a seedling that he planted recently.

Isaac reaping from poultry

Isaac Toga, 29, from Elupe Village, Apala Town Council in Alebtong District is an enterprising youth who has fully embraced poultry farming. The Shs200,000 stipend propelled him into action after completing a three-month DINU - sponsored training at Ave Maria Vocational Training and Youth Development Centre in Lira in February 2023.

I started with 20 cocks that I reared for three months before selling them for a total sum of Shs560,000 with a profit of 360,000. I used the money to build a poultry house and for restocking. I'm now a better youth. I'm not idle," he says.

Isaac dropped out of Senior Three in 2014 due to lack of school fees. He is married with two children.

Currently, he has 80 chicken of which 60 are local breed and 20 kroilers. He has since trained more than 20 other farmers including youths in the area. He plans to turn his project into a training centre and he is building a four-roomed brooder house to actualise his dream.

Nineteen-year-old Bernard Awio, is one of the youths in Elupe Village who have embraced poultry and are earning from the enterprise.

"I have learnt a lot from Isaac. His training has empowered me with the skills to rear chicken. I have 50 birds so far," says Awio who could but only manage to complete Primary Seven in 2018.



Isaac Toga feeds his chicken. He is rearing both kroilers and the local breed.



Isaac Toga and his wife stand in front of a brooder house under construction.

VSLAS

500 district extension staff acquire new skills to improve farming in Northern Uganda

BY ISAIAH KITIMBO

KAMPALA. In a bid to promote better farming practices, a total of 546 extension staff selected from 29 districts in Northern Uganda have been empowered with practical skills to improve advisory services to farmers in Northern Uganda following focussed trainings in short-term courses.

The trainings were fully sponsored by Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) under the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) programme supported by the European Union.

At an award ceremony where certificates of completion were issued by Makerere University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) on January 27, 2023, the Minister of State for Northern Uganda Rehabilitation, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny, said: “The training was designed to contribute to the larger goal of improving the livelihoods of the farming communities in Northern Uganda by re-tooling district extension staff on the key skills gap areas using participatory and hands-on approaches in providing advisory



The Minister of State for Northern Uganda Rehabilitation, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny (Left), hands over an assortment of equipment to the Chief Administrative Officers at the closing ceremony of the training programme for 546 DINU-sponsored extension staff from Northern Uganda at Makerere University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences on January 27, 2023.

PHOTO BY ISAIAH KITIMBO

services to the farmers”.

Also, a set of equipment that included laptops, printers, projectors, cameras, GPS and motorcycles were handed over to the Chief Administrative Officers of the targeted districts to complement the implementation of the acquired skills and knowledge of the Local Production Departments staff and in the delivery of advisory services to the farmers in Northern Uganda.

The Head of the European Union Delegation to Uganda, Ambassador Jan Sadek, stated: “We have paid close

attention to Northern Uganda and impressive progress has been made over the past 15 years with support from the European Union. Working together with the Government and partners through DINU, we have continued to invest in the region to respond to the challenges still faced by the people.

The training of local production extension staff contributes to this vision because it will boost the capacities of local governments to better fulfill their mandates and respond to the needs of the people”.

DINU KEY IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER		DISTRICTS COVERED
SECTOR 1: FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND LIVELIHOODS		
OPM-PMU		All 41 DINU beneficiary districts
United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)		All 41 DINU beneficiary districts. Land specifically, three districts of Apac, Agago and Maracha
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)		15 districts: Abim, Adjumani, Amudat, Kaabong, Kole, Moroto, Moyo, Napak, Koboko, Nebbi, Otuke, Omoro, Pader, Yumbe and Zombo
CARE-Denmark		10 districts: Abim, Amudat, Karenga, Katakwi, Kaabong, Kotido, Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit and Napak
CARITAS Switzerland		Six districts: Agago, Amuru, Nebbi, Omoro, Pakwach and Zombo
International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (ITTA)		Seven districts: Amolatar, Amuria, Apac, Dokolo, Kapelebyong, Kwanja and Otuke
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)		Nine districts: Adjumani, Arua, Lamwo, Koboko, Madi-Okollo, Maracha, Moyo, Obongi and Yumbe
National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO)		Eight districts: Alebtong, Gulu, Kitgum, Lira, Kole, Nwoya, Pader and Oyam
SECTOR 2: INFRASTRUCTURE		
Transport	Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA)	Four districts: Adjumani, Amuru, Gulu and Moyo
	UNCDF	Four districts: Amudat, Adjumani, Abim and Moyo
Logistics	DFID/ Trademark East Africa	Gulu (All DINU beneficiary districts)
Water	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	Five districts: Amudat, Kaabong, Karenga, Kotido and Moroto
Energy	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	One: Lamwo District
SECTOR 3: GOOD GOVERNANCE		
OMP-Baraza		Five districts: Amuria, Moroto, Pader, Oyam and Zombo
Uganda Police Force (UPF)		Nine districts: Abim, Amudat, Kaabong, Karenga, Kotido, Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit and Napak
UNCDF		18 districts: Abim, Adjumani, Agago, Amudat, Amolatar, Amuria, Kapelebyong, Kole, Lamwo, Moroto, Moyo, Napak, Obongi, Omoro, Otuke, Pader, Yumbe and Zombo
ADOL Health Care Initiative		Two districts: Abim and Nakapiripirit
Center for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHURD)		Two districts: Koboko and Maracha
DIAKONIA- Sweden		Two districts: Alebtong and Amolatar
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)		Two districts: Amuria, Arua, Gulu, Lira, Moroto and Napak



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