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## **ACCROYNMS**

AWG- Ageun Women Group

CBM&E- Community based Monitoring and Evaluation

FCA- Finn- Church Aid

ICCO- Inter-Church Cooperation

IRCU- Inter-Religious council of Uganda

KOPEIN- Kotido Peace Initiative

M&E- Monitoring and Evaluation

OWID- Ongema Women Group

RBA- Rights based Approach

TEWPA- Teso Women and Peace Activists

UCAA- Uganda Change Agent Association

UCST- Uganda Coalition for Social transformation

USAID- United States Agency for International Development

UJCC- Uganda Joint Christian Council

VSLA- Village Savings and Loan Association

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## PROGRAM GOALS:

### Progress Monitoring Protocol

In the Teso- Karamoja cluster arrangement UCAA was to contribute to the following Objectives:

Milestones	Target	Progress for UCAA 2014
i) Conduct dialogue forums in Katakwi and Napak Districts on Service delivery.	6 Dialogues Conducted in Katakwi and Napak on Service delivery by Dec 2015	4 Dialogues have been conducted in two districts since 2013 and a total of 380 Participants (181 males and 199 females) attended these Dialogues.
ii) Train Change Agents and Duty bearers , and rights holders in Service delivery, Land and domestic Violence	A total of 60 duty bearers Change Agent and community members trained by December 2015	40 People have so far have so far been trained and have full participated in the discussion of issues affected by the communities since 2013
iii) .VSLA Training will lead to personal and group development as it comes with both social and economic benefits for individuals and group members thus strengthening the social fabric and group cohesion. This would automatically lead to attainment of peaceful co-existence among the communities of Ngoloriet and Usuk Sub counties.	UCAA was also charged with a responsibility of training 60 Change agents into VSLA by December 2015	40 Change agents from 40 groups have been trained since 2013
iv) UCAA was through a small team of Change Agents trained in Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation	A total of 120 Change Agents are to be trained in Community based Monitoring and evaluation by December 2015.	80 Agents community agents of change have been trained since 2013

v) Train (10 Change Agents) Collect data on Security issues, Land conflict, and Domestic Violence or Issues affecting the community	(10 Change Agents) trained to Collect data on Security issues, Land conflict, and Domestic Violence by 2015	10 Change Agents were trained as Data Collectors
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## BACKGROUND

### Introduction

ICCO and Kirk in Actie are supporting UCAA, KOPEIN, UJCC and TEWPA as the Teso-Karamoja cluster to implement the Conflict transformation and democratization (CT&D) Project. The Year 2014 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the project implementation. This is a report on UCAA activities of Jan-Dec 2014.

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA)

During the period Jan-Dec 2014, UCAA conducted 2 VSLA trainings one in Napak and Another in Katakwi districts. Each training had 10 participants as follows: Napak training had 5 males and 5 females all drawn from Ngoloriet Sub county, while Katakwi had 7 females and 3 males from Usuk sub county.

The training evaluation report indicate that participants liked the training because it was unique and enriching. Participants took it upon themselves to immediately start implementation of the skills acquired as soon as they get to their groups.



Some VSLA Participants from Katakwidistrict May 2014



Mr. Ngoroko Richard UCAA

Chairperson Moroto- Napak districts addresses VSLA participants at Kangole Boys-NapakDistrict in May 2014.

The training built capacity in developing and managing Village Savings and Loan Associations among the leaders of the self-help groups and the members that they are working with. These skills will be transferred to group members in order to result into personal and group development.

### **Training in Group formation, Community based monitoring and Evaluation (CBM&E)**

UCAA conducted 2 trainings on CBM&E ,one in Katakwi and another one in Napak. Attendance at this workshop was 100% as follows: Katakwi 20 (8 males and 12 females) while Napak was 20 ( 9 males and 11 females).

The objective of the training on Group formation in Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation

- To organize the people at the grass roots to learn and understand the budget process at local, District and National level
- Make available skills of the people at the grassroots in data collection, carryout monitoring exercise and present reports of findings in sub-county dialogue meetings
- Through dialogue meetings at various levels, seek actions to remedy the situation obtained
- Develop a monitoring structure of budget monitoring committees at the grass roots for the continuous monitoring of utilization of budgeted resources
- Assist the Budget monitoring committee develop follow up activity plan



Napak- Participants at a CBM&E training in May 2014 Katakwi-Participants a CBM&E training in May 2014

## Data Collection

Data was collected on issues as follows:

Katakwi District- Usuk Sub county, 'the effect of poor roads in Usuk Sub county'

Whereas for Napak District-Ngoloriet Sub county the issue was poor performance of children in Primary Schools. Data Collectors were trained by UCAA, and commissioned to the field. The Date collected was organized ,sorted , arranged, analyzed and collated by UCAA Staff. Reports were produced and discussed in dialogue forums that were held in each project district.

These reports had the following findings:

### Usuk Sub County-Katakwi District:

The effect of Poor roads in the Sub County.60 People were sampled and interviewed. They were of the following categories:10 youth, 20 Adults, 10 Political leaders, 10 cultural leaders and 10 religious leaders. The following were the findings:

- The community was facing a lot of Accidents
- The community was facing a high costs for conducting Business
- The community loses their dear ones while on their way to medical centers
- The communities face difficulty to access social services due to floods which block some of the roads.
- The roads were narrow and too bushy.
- Delays in communication

Another finding that was salient to the community was that a road which was meant to Usuk- Akworo was wrongly diverted to Usuk-Acuruum due to Political influence.

The report concluded that communities were attributing the high level of poverty to lack of good roads.

### **Ngoloriet Sub County- Napak District.**

Poor performance of Children in Primary Schools. 73 people were sampled and were of the following categories: 20 School going children, 30 Adults, 10 political leaders, 2 Clan leaders, 5 religious leaders and 5 teachers. Findings on this included;

- That Despite the progress in building schools, staffing and daily attendance of children at school, still remained a challenge especially during the harvest time and that most of them go to school during period of hunger and when there is food at school.
- Low attraction and retention of skilled and competent staff was attributed to poor working conditions, including low salaries and wages compared to the cost of living.
- Some teachers report to duty when they are drunk , hence failing to cover the syllabus or sometimes teach without a lesson plan.
- High population of children compared to one teacher in a class.
- Absenteeism of teachers.
- Parents failure to provide enough scholastic materials
- Low attitude of parents towards education.
- Long distances to schools.

### **Trainings on Service delivery, Change Agent Skills and Domestic Violence.**

Two trainings were conducted one in Katakwi and another one in Napak. That of Katakwi was attended by 29 (07 males and 22 females) while that in Napak was attended by 20 (11 males and 09 females). The train imparted into the participants knowledge on understanding what service delivery means which helped them to contribute to the discussions in Dialogues.





A UCAA Staff

with Lokoreto Group after training in Service delivery in Napak Oct 2014

### **Dialogue Forums.**

As agreed upon in the project document, dialogues were supposed to be conducted on service delivery, community safety and domestic violence. UCAA conducted dialogue forums in each district. They were conducted upon the issues that were identified by the communities during trainings in Community based monitoring and evaluation systems and based on the min-research conducted on those issues.

### **Dialogue Forum in Katakwi District.**

The Dialogue in Katakwi was on the poor condition of roads in Usuk Sub county. The issues raised were those that came out from the data collection report of the Data collectors. The report presented by the Monitors was accepted by both the Community (rights Holder's) and the duty bearers that had come to attend the dialogue at Usuk Sub county Headquarters. Among the duty bearers were the Chairperson LCIII Usuk, the Sub county Chief Usuk, the District Councilor-Usuk, Parish chiefs and Heads of Department of the Sub County. A total number of 95 participants ( 22 males and 73 females) attended the Dialogue.

After the report was presented by Veronica one of the data collectors, the members of the community (rights holders), re-affirmed that the report was correct. They added that stones and culverts were brought but later on a vehicle came and ferried all way without any explanation to the community. That Usuk-Ongema road has stones and Culverts in a swamp along it dumped but no work is being done. Funds for Adachar-Aguyaguya worth UGX 6,480,000= has never been accounted for and the road has never been worked upon.



A woman in Katakwi makes a contribution during a dialogue at Usuk Sub county –Katakwi district in October 2014.

### Reactions by the Duty bearers in Usuk Sub county

The Chairperson LCIII of USUK apologized for the diversion of Usuk-akworo road to Usuk – Acurum due to Political reasons. He however, said that the road from Apenechu to teretok was constructed by the sub county. The next road to be worked upon was that from Adachar to Aguyuguyu. Others include Kibui road and Usuk-Aketa and Ongema.

He informed the house that roads that are being worked upon by the Central government were Katakwi to Usuk and Adachar to Urungo while the District works on Okoritok to Ongongoja road and Usuk-Ongema-Orungo.

The Duty Bearers encouraged the Rights Holders to realize and respect their role of attending planning meetings at the various planning levels in order to avoid a situation of the community not being aware of what is taking place in their Sub County.

### **Dialogue Forum in Napak District**

The Dialogue in Napak district was on the poor performance of pupils in primary Schools in Ngoloriet Sub county. The Dialogue Conducted at Kangole Boys was attended by the Napak district Inspector of Schools, the chairperson and Subcounty chief of Ngoloriet Sub county, Key head of department, Head teachers and district councilors. A total of 103 participants ( 62 males and 41 females) attended. MrKapel John one of the data collectors presented their reports and findings discussed. Although Ngoloriet Sub county had emerged best in Napak district during the 2013 Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE), the community members were still not happy with the results because the sub county was in the Napak District Urban Centre and according to the community the performance should have been better than

what than what had been presented to them. During the year 2013, Ngoloriet Sub county had 177 pupils in Primary Seven but only 24 of them scored the first grade.



The Chairperson LCIII Ngoloriet Subcounty addressing participants in the Dialogue forum on poor performance of pupils in Primary Schools of the sub county.

#### Dialogue Way forward in Napak.

The following were the Key action points agreed upon at the dialogue.

1. The Community participants to start with themselves and ensure that they work towards issues reported by the monitors.
2. Sensitize fellow community members on the issues.
3. Attend parents meetings at school.
4. Report any teacher(s) who go drinking during school hours.
5. The District inspector of schools to intensify supervision in schools
6. Visit Children at School.

## Monitoring and Evaluation.



This was at a monitoring exercise for Lokoreto Group of Napak in September 2014. UCAA Lucy Left while Chris is at the extreme right.

UCAA Utilized part of the funding to monitor the project in Katakwi ( Usuk Subcounty) and Napak ( Ngoloriet Sub county). The Monitoring team was to find out whether the project beneficiaries were putting into practice skill they had gained through trainings. What the team checked were;

- i) Whether the group was recording their VSLA books in accordance with the VSLA guidelines.
- ii) Whether the group members were sharing their savings and profit at the end the cycle.
- iii) To establish impact or benefit if any, that the group members were enjoying out membership to the group
- iv) To establish the challenges if any from the groups



Josephine Aleleu with her husband told the monitoring team that UCAA activities have helped to create unity & peace in her family. Both of them come to the VSLA group to save and borrow money together, a thing that was not there before.

UCAA Monitoring findings indicate that the VSLA Methodology has been understood and group members were practicing it. The groups visited in Usuk Sub county Katakwi and those in Ngoloriet Sub county in Napak had shared their savings and dividends as well.

For instance in Usuk ;Ageun Women Group in Adachar Parish- Usuk Sub county, has 30 Members (24 women and 04 Men) was started after a training by UCAA in 2013 but was in its 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle in 2014. They save between 1,000= to 5,000= per week. Their cash book revealed a total saving of UGX 3,564,000= between March – October 2014.

Ongema Women initiative for Development (OWID), is located in Ongema parish in Usuk Sub county and by 29/10/2014 had saved UGX 2,542,000= as per their cash book record.

Ngoloriet Sub county.

The Monitoring team Visited Lokorete Mixed group. The Group has 30 Members (17 men and 13 women). The group's first cycle ended on 19/10/2014 and a total of Uganda shs 15,207,000= had been accumulated and shared. By the time the monitoring team visited, the group had started its 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle and their cash book record indicated they had saved UGX 1,280,000= between 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2014.

Polepole Mixed group was also visited. This group was also in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle and had shared UGX 11,400,000= during their first cycle. The group had 25 Members ( 18 men and 7 women).

## Involvement of the local leaders and change agents



The UCAA Executive Director in a T-shirt with Deputy CAO for Katakwi district Local government during a UCAA monitoring Visit into the district October 2014.



UCAA Staff meet with the Katakwi district Vice Chairperson-Hon.Ikulot Margret in her Office discussing project issues on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. Among the Key issues discussed was UCAA to arrange a dialogue for the leaders of the Usuk Sub county on Good Governance and accountability.

UCAA since the beginning of this project, applied Rights based approach (RBA). In this quarter , both district leaders and sub county leaders including the change agents were involved. For instance in Napakdistrict , the Vice District Chairperson Hon AngellaLino Officiated at the Closure of VSLA as Hon TekoMagdalenedistrict councilor for Ngoloriet Sub county officiated at the closure of the training in CBM&E. While at the Dialogue on the performance of pupils in Primary Schools in Ngoloriet Sub county, the Occasion was attended by the District Inspector of schools- Napak District, sub county chief Ngoloriet Sub county In Katakwi, the UCAA District Chairperson , mobilized and organized for the trainings and the sub county and chairperson LCIII among others.



InUSUK Sub county the Chairperson LCIII, Sub county Chief, District Councilors also attended the Dialogue on Poor roads of the Sub county, The Parish chief for Usuk sub county Mr. Ekokot James Peter officiated at the closure of the training in CBM&E. Officials Invited from the Katakwi Civil society network however did not turn to Officiate at VSLA training. The Local Leaders recognized the Contribution of ICCO to their districts through UCAA. They wished interventions were extended to other sub counties.

Hon. Teko Magdalene–District Woman Councilor –Napakat CBM&E closureNapak district in May 2014.

### Support to Academic Institutions.

During the period UCAA accepted 5 Students for internship from institutions of higher learning. 2 of them, one from Makerere University in 2<sup>nd</sup> year and another one finalistfrom Kisubi brothers a branch of Uganda Martyrs University, were mentored during field activities funded by ICCO. The finalist from Kisubi brothers passed and graduated during the year. Much as UCAA Offered support to institutions of Higher learning in terms of offering internship activities, the interns were utilized to offer Rapporteur Services during trainings in the field, and also assisted staff in the analysis of field data.The students carried on messenger and typing services as well. Thanks to ICCO for Supporting UCAA to Contribute to the academic excellence in Uganda.

## Fundraising



Lucy Akello UCAA Executive Director in Naivasha Kenya holding solar Kits after a partnership meeting with Ubbink a solar factory in Kenya



Chris Bwambale UCAA Programme Director in Naivasha – Kenya for a partnership meeting on fundraising.

UCAA during the period was recommended to the Media focus on Africa (MFA) by ICCO and received funding to conduct Dialogue forums in the Lango region. Thanks to ICCO.

UCAA and TEWPA, Prepared a concept to USAID Safe for funding of activities in TesoKaramoja region but no response was received. UCAA wrote a number of proposals which targeted its 2014-2016 Country Strategy. Some were successful while others were not.

UCAA sourced funds from FCA for the staff and Board of Directors Capacity building. UCAA staff was trained in Policy implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) skills that they applied to the ICCO funded project as well. Earlier on, FCA had trained the staff in Rights Based Approach (RBA) which skills supported the ICCO funded project as well. Out of this funding, UCAA introduced Quick books accounting package that will support its financial function starting 2015.



We are grateful that the UCAA Staff Capacity and performance contributed to the success of the project funded by ICCO.

### **Networking /Exchange Visit.**

UCAA has established a clean and healthy working relationship with the Uganda Coalition for Social Transformation (UCST) members. This has been by participating in activities organized by them such as those organized by IRCU, UJCC, and TEWPA. UCAA has also occasionally invited members of the Teso-Karamoja Cluster i.e. UJCC, TEWPA and KOPEIN to participate in its field activities. UCAA participated in the Teso-Karamoja Cluster Meeting that was organized by ICCO and the Cluster review meeting organized by TEWPA. We thank TEWPA for its friendly leadership of the Teso- Karamoja Cluster.

#### **A Visiting Team from Kotidoto Mr.Eukot Samuel in Amuria**



In the centre is Mr. Ewukot Samuel in a green T-shirt a member of UCAA, explaining to the visitors from Kotidoto how drafting of Mangoes is done. This was during the exchange visit in November 2014 to Amuria.



Mr. Ewukot Samuel, a trained Change Agent from Amuria district with one of the staff (teacher) poses for a photo in a primary two class room in November 2014. This is one of his Income Generating Activities. The school has P.1 to P.4 with a total of 173 pupils. This was a result of a savings scheme which they started in Amuria he said.



Nov 2014 During the Teso/Karamoja cluster exchange visit activity to Teso, the members visited Mr. Ewukot Samuel a trained Change Agent in his farm called Oloria mixed farm found in Amuria District as one of his IGAs in order to be self – reliant to fight poverty.



In Nov 2014 Mr. Ewukot Samuel, in a green T-shirt, a trained Change Agent from Amuria district while in his farm under a mango tree which he refers to as his lab area, where he keeps his fermented urine plus other plants to come up with a chemical that he uses on spraying his Orange plantations than spending a lot of money on buying chemicals that do not even work effectively .



Mr. Ewukot Samuel, a trained Change Agent from Amuria district, showing a banana plantation and explaining how one can gain from it, during the joint activities of Teso/ Karamoja Cluster, Exchange visit "Learning Initiative" to the visitors from Karamoja, on how the methodology he gained from UCAA has enabled him to be self – reliant . Photo taken in November 2014

## A visiting team from Kotido with Ageun Women Group in Adachar Parish- Usuk Sub county



This is Ageun Women Group

found in Akibui Village, Adachar parish, Usuk Sub County, Katakwi district one of the VSLA group supported by UCAA was visited by partner members from Karamoja in the joint activity of exchange visit "Learning Initiative" for Teso/Karamoja Cluster. During the meeting the members of the VSLA, thanked UCAA for identifying them and giving them the VSLA Skills, which have indeed helped to change their life, for example, in 2013 from March to end of February in 2014 they had saved 5,386,000/= . They shared the money in February 2014 and reported it had helped them solve their domestic issues. By October 2014 they had saved over UGX 3,500,000/= for their second Cycle .



The members also testified on

several gains they have got from the VSLA group at first it has united members of the community thus leading to increased peace and Security in the area. They are more concerned about each other and it has also made them to work hard in order to be able to save, started restaurants, local brewing, opened up shops and also they were able to take back their children to school, they also bought cows and goats.

UCAA project beneficiaries benefited from the exposure visit that was organized by TEWPA in Kotido. A total of 7 beneficiaries plus one staff were supported by TEWPA to go to Kotido and Learn from groups of UJCC and KOPEIN from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014. UCAA beneficiaries were able see Large Scale farming of SIMSIM in Kotido, Jumula trees planted on large scale for the purpose of producing Jet fuel, Soap and candles. Secondly, there was a realization that one could improvise a flash toilet in a manyata house. This experience was quite challenging, enriching and a lesson learnt to the UCAA beneficiaries. Accordingly, Partners from Karamoja( UJCC and KOPEIN) beneficiaries visited the UCAA projects in Katakwi and Amuria from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014. A team from Kotido visited the Ageum Women group in Usuk Sub county – Katakwi district to learn about the VSLA methodology and how it is useful. They also visited one of the Change agents in Amuria district, Mr. Eukot Samuel to find out how the UCAA Self- Reliance Methodology has worked for him. It was a moment of Joy for the partners from Kotido and the UCAA members who were impressed to learn the following;

- New initiatives on how a local herbal laboratory was organized.
- Knowledge of savings and credit and how it has translated into peaceful living and cooperation in households.
- It became a good learning also for them to realize how peaceful living also leads to economic stabilization of households and later communities.
- Karimong people and thelteso interacted to learn from each other. This was a symbol of Unity that exhibited co-existence of the two ethnic groups that had lived in turmoil during the past few decades.



A self- contained Manyata house in Kotido visited by UCAA beneficiaries was an indicators of peace that has started existing in the area.



During the exchange visit

“Learning Initiative” in Karamoja/Kotido district, the partners of Teso/Karamoja Cluster attended a peace review meeting organized by KOPEIN, which included the peace committees from Turkanajie and the dodoths from different communities. Several issues were raised, mainly on cattle theft and the agreement was that when one steals one cow they get extra three from that person who stole the cow. This was a very successful meeting which took place in Kotido town in October 2014. The Initiative has indeed contributed to peace in the area.

## **International Day of Peace**

UCAA Participated in the 2014 international day of peace which was celebrated in Adjuman district with a theme: Rights of Peoples to Peace. This theme was different from that of 2013 peace day celebrated in Moroto. Each year the day is celebrated every 21<sup>st</sup> day of September and it is rotated to different districts. Adjuman was selected specifically because of the high influx of refugees from southern Sudan in 2014.

In adjuman, UCAA Joined other partners following the resolutions of the Teso –Karamoja Cluster Quarterly meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 held at St. Peters Church in Soroti. UCAA participated in visiting the prisoners and offering them psychosocial support, other activities that UCAA attended were debates on peace, sports for peace. These events were educative to the community both local and external.



The members from Teso/Karamoja cluster, other CSO's, religious, cultural leaders and the OC prisons of Openzizi prisons in Adjuman pose for a photo at the entry of the prisons during the Peace week.



Games for peace, on the right is the Programme officer UCAA officiating the volleyball match and in both teams it was mixed of South Sudan refugees and Ugandan citizens, as a sign of Peace in Adjuman District. 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2014



The programme officer UCAA, second on the left, plus other CSO's, teachers and students of biyaya secondary school in Adjumani were networking after the debate among different secondary schools around Adjumani district on the Topic "is there Peace in Uganda" as one the activities during the international peace week , September 2014.



Games for peace, Sack racing was one of the games played during the international peace week celebrations in Adjumani district, on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

## **Administration component**

The Administration component of the project assisted UCAA to meet Staff costs. As a result of this, staff remained loyal, Motivated and committed during the period. The office rent was also paid and this enabled the Organization not to have any interruptions by Landlords. The Vehicle too remained functional to do project work.

The Board of Directors was also informed about the Project and they had to provide legal mandate and guidance to project implementation team during their BoD Meetings.

During the National delegates' assembly, all Budgets and Plans for 2014 which had been prepared by the UCAA staff and checked by the BoD were all approved. At the National delegates' assembly, Inter-Church Cooperation (ICCO) contribution to UCAA was recognized and appreciated by the Members.

## **Project Impact**

The Monitoring and Evaluation exercise revealed that the project beneficiaries were recognizing the skills they had acquired as having led to improved peace and Unity in their house holds as a result of increased incomes through Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA). They reported that with VSLA they were able to acquire loans with ease and were able to solve their domestic economic problems.

In Napak- Karamoja, they reported that the project interventions were addressing the effects of the disarmament exercise by providing an alternative way of earning income especially to the youth who survived on cattle wrestling.

With continued sensitization on peace and co-existence , dialogues, the communities of Katakwi were now living without fear and move freely to Karamoja area while those in Karamoja area are also interacting with them without any fear.



**Members of Ageun women group pose with their cows achieved out of their savings in a VSLA.**



### **VSLA Success stories -Usuk Sub County in Katakwi**

Data so far collected from the groups in Usuk, indicate a good increase in group savings of 2013 to 2014 by 72%. This is an analysis done on only 8 groups which UCAA had supported in 2014. This 72% increase in their savings is certainly attributed to the previous trainings and provision of VSLA boxes and pass books. Groups had shared proceeds of their 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle and in 2014 had started their 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle which will end in 2015.

Various testimonies indicate that belonging to a VSLA has led to an improvement in life; for example,

- 1) Apolot Mary 65 years belongs to OWID, says before joining the VSLA, she bought beddings, house utensils and is able to pay school fees of her children. She says she has peace of mind

since there is strong cooperation which used exist in the family. This is a result of the project she said.



- 2) Kongai Judith 24 of Ongema women initiative group (OWID), a school dropout, married with 4 Children but the husband neglected her and was living a very poor life. After joining the UCAA VSLA group she managed to save , bought herself a bull and has invested in the cultivation of G.Nutsin which she has been able to harvest 5 sacks that have enabled her to earn income to sustain her economic life which she says has improved and is able to support herself and children as well. She feels she now have peace of mind and attributes all this to the project.



- 3) Josephine Aleleu of AgeunWomen Group said the husband did not believe in VSLA but when he saw the benefit and joined. She bought a cow, improved home sanitation and they are planning to build an Iron roof house.

### **VSLA Success stories -Ngoloriet Sub County in Napak**



Some members of Lokoreto mixed group in Ngoloriet give their success out of their VSLA.

- i) Matayo Lopeyok 32 of Lokoreto Mixed group in Napak said was able to buy 2 Oxen and 2 Heifers during the first cycle.
- ii) Marioko 44 of Lokoreto has started a business of Cereals
- iii) Helen Loumo of Lokoreto said was using her proceeds for school fees of children.
- iv) Paul 72 of Lokoreto was also paying school fees
- v) Viane 26 of Lokoreto had bought Ox-ploughs and goats
- vi) Cecilia Naperyok 60 of Lokoreto invested in cereals for Marketing
- vii) Lucy Naumo 28 of Lokoreto also started a cereals business.

### **2013 Dialogues.**

UCAA received reports from its beneficiaries in both Katakwi –Usuk and Napak – Ngoloriet that there has been some improvement as a result of Dialogues on Health in Usuk Sub County and that on Roads in Ngoloriet Sub County. This was revealed to UCAA staff by beneficiaries during the 2014 monitoring exercise.

### **CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED.**

- Late receipt of funds. This left little time for UCAA to implement its activities and to track impact say from Ngoloriet–Napak.