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**PROJECT TITLE: LAND RELATED  
CONFLICTS MITIGATION AND  
RESOLUTION PROJECT IN TORORO**



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## ACTION FOR BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE (ABC) PROFILE

Action for Behavioural Change (ABC) is an indigenous-owned and run organization registered as a not-for-profit organization in Uganda, launched in 2006.

ABC works with public, private and civil society institutions to develop mechanisms for resolving and mitigating conflicts related to land, domestic violence, cultural and ethnic, and improve Sexual Reproductive Health of Ugandans in our areas of operation

It also builds the capacity of the communities to adequately protect, defend and advocate for children and women's rights, improving the quality and access of health, education and rights for girls and boys among others.

**PROJECT GOAL:** The project is aimed at contributing 20% to reduction in land related conflicts in the four sub-counties of Tororo district by end 2015.



## PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To build the capacity of 400 local council, traditional, religious and political leaders with skills and knowledge in land related conflict mitigation and resolution by end of 2015 in Tororo District.
- To establish and strengthen 38 community groups to promote land related conflict resolutions among the community members by end of 2015 in Tororo District.
- To create awareness through use of media campaign to 80% of the public by end of 2015 in Tororo District

## MAJOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTOR

- Conflict monitors based at community level who will mitigate and resolve land related conflicts.
- Peace clubs in schools and communities to share experiences and mitigate conflicts.
- ABC staff ( field officers, coordinator, M&E ).
- Other partners ( CBOs, FBOs, CDOs, CSOs, RDCs police Community leaders).

## LAND RELATED CONFLICT RESOLUTION MESSAGES

### Knowing who is right and wrong in land related conflicts is important:

There are always two sides to every land wrangle: one side is right and the other is wrong. The person who is wrong always wants to profit from his/her actions. Let us show the right level of maturity to tell the truth in land conflict resolution meetings.

If there is no caring then there is no understanding. If there is no understanding then there is no compassion. If there is no compassion then there is no empathy. If there is no empathy then there is no forgiveness. If there is no forgiveness then there is no kindness. If there is no kindness then there is no honesty. If there is no honesty then there is no love. If there is no love then God doesn't reside there. If God doesn't reside there then there is no peace. If there is no peace then there is no happiness. If there is no happiness ---then there IS CONFLICT BECAUSE THERE IS NO COMMUNICATION!"

### Solve land related conflicts amicably:

Do not fight for land because we found it there and you will leave it there. Let us use it wisely: "He who fights peace is powerless, but he who loves peace is powerful." Successful land related conflicts or disagreements get solved without people beating each other up. "Be quick to resolve land related conflicts before they mature to become wars. The energetic crocodile was once a delicate egg!" Sometimes, God doesn't send you into a battle to win it; He sends you to end it

*." Let us learn to forgive those that wrong us and thank those who help us end the conflict by sending a message of conciliation and gratitude.*

### Let us avoid land related conflicts by living peacefully:

Clan leaders should know correct land demarcation and boundaries among its members. Elders should always tell the true history of the land to avoid any land related conflicts. Who are the people who know the truth about land in question?

### Land related Conflicts are simply a fact of life:

They are destructive only if not handled correctly. The land related conflicts need to be resolved as quickly as possible. Don't let the conflict get worse.

However, some land related conflicts can actually lead to improved relationships and increased understanding and creative thinking among the community members.

### Let us follow these Steps when resolving a land related wrangle:

- Approach the person harming you alone. Often the two of you can resolve the conflict by yourselves and your friendship will be stronger than ever before. Of course, you must choose the time, situation, and manner of approach carefully.
- Find a mediator. If a direct approach does not work, or if it is not appropriate in the culture, you should choose a mediator. Again, choose a mediator carefully, one that you believe both parties will see as unbiased and in which case both will have confidence.

before the larger body. After the church or clan comes to a decision, both of you are to accept the decision. The church or clan is instructed to treat either party who does not abide by the decision as being outside the church or clan.

### Key Rules of the Game when resolving land related wrangles individually or in group

- *Agree to resolve the land related conflict.*
- *No name calling- handles each other with respect and dignity.*
- *Take turns talking. Don't interrupt and avoid blame game.*
- *Be clear and truthful about what is bothering you and what you really need.*
- *Listen to the other person. Be sure you understand how he or she sees the problem.*
- *Use your brains, not your hands to solve the problem.*
- *Be willing to compromise*

**If the land related conflict is not resolved give it another chance. Keep trust in God to give you the best solution**