



PARTNER PROFILE

Name of Partner

Kapchorwa Civil Society Organizations' Alliance (KACSOA)



Vision & Mission

Vision: A Ugandan society where individuals exercise their full rights and potential.

Mission: To enhance coordination of civil society organisations and empower communities to demand for their rights through advocacy, capacity building, promotion of human rights and accountability.

Partner Description

Established in 2000, KACSOA is a network of community-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, and other civil society organisations operating in Sebei Sub-region that covers the districts of Kapchorwa, Kween and Bukwo. KACSOA started after a realisation that the CSO fraternity in the region was working in isolation, with very limited collaboration and interaction, yet advocacy issues required not only joint action, but also a strong common voice for any meaningful engagements with duty bearers.

KACSOA's office is located in Kapchorwa Municipal Council, and has 11 full-time staff, and 305 community based civic educators who are mainly volunteers. The volunteers are spread across all the 40 sub-counties of the three districts. KACSOA has been a DGF partner since 2013.

Project Title

Civic education for community empowerment and engagement.



Members of Yutai Women Farmers Group pose for a photo during a forum in Tuikat Sub-county in Kween District in which they highlighted the severe impact of female genital mutilation and the importance of promoting education and environmental conservation on 12 July 2019. (Photo credit: KACSOA)

Areas of Operation

KACSOA operates in Sebei Sub-region composed of Kapchorwa, Kween and Bukwo districts.

Project Description

The project goal is to contribute to improved service delivery in Kween, Kapchorwa, and Bukwo districts with three major anticipated outcomes: (i) Increased citizens' pro-activeness to hold their leaders accountable in the three districts; (ii) Increased leaders' responsiveness to issues of citizens' concern in the three districts; and (iii) Policy implementation impacted in the three districts. The project targets both citizens and their leadership through various civic education and social accountability interventions.



A drama group illustrating the dangers of alcoholism and the importance of education during the Commemoration of International Women's Day 2020 at Binyiny Primary School in Kween District. (Photo credit: KACSOA)

Key Results/Impact

1. In the three years of project implementation, a total of 395,272 (191,278 men; 203,994 women) people have been reached through robust community-based project interventions. Citizens are now actively engaging leaders from an informed point of view.
2. KACSOA has been deliberate in creating avenues for citizens to engage with leaders, alongside empowering them with knowledge and skills in public decision-making processes. Through citizen participation in sub-county and district planning and budgeting processes, many of the service

delivery issues in the areas of education, health, infrastructural development, raised by the citizens have been included in final documents submitted by sub-counties and districts to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

3. Together with 42 directly and 102 indirectly engaged CSOs, KACSOA has set up 25 CSO platforms in all the 25 sub-counties where the project is implemented. These platforms have been instrumental in jointly identifying community challenges, and technically analysing and prioritising them to inform advocacy. This has strengthened synergies among CSOs in conducting joint evidence-based advocacy fora in each of the districts which has greatly impacted policy influencing and engagement at sub-county and district levels in Sebei Sub-region.

Quote from Beneficiary

"Informed citizenry can only be achieved through civic education so that leaders are not worshiped as "alpha and omega" by the electorates. KACSOA has tremendously played their part in ensuring that citizens are meaningfully engaging with leaders by holding them accountable through providing platforms in the quest to enhance service delivery in communities."

Hon. Chepkwurai Songor Christopher, Former Kapchorwa District LC V Chairman.