



Water and Sanitation project for draught mitigation in Karamoja

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The project 'A Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project for Drought Mitigation" in District of Amuria, Napak and Katakwi has started in June 2015 . The main objective was to increase the access to water for domestic and production purposes for at least 60.000 direct and 120.000 indirect beneficiaries through improved access to water, hygiene and sanitation and promotion of better environment management practices

The project team is promoting Hygiene at household level through the Community Led total Sanitation approach CLTS., which focuses at communities and tackles the issue of open defecation where 5000 people will be supported. Communities are triggered to construct their own pit latrines.

The goal is to reduce water borne diseases for the people in this area' s. Up to now the project has constructed one incinerator and one Placenta Pit for a Health Center, 2 VIP Latrines, rehabilitated 3 boreholes and constructed one valley dam for agriculture production use.

All facilities have been constructed according to the needs and requirements of the communities in coordination with the local authorities. The successful implementation who are funded by CIDI's long-term partner Misereor Germany are continuing.

The next step of the project intervention will be to increase capacity of the community (women, men, youth and PWDs to resolve intra and inter-tribal conflicts and promotion of peaceful coexistence among Teso and Karimoja cross boarder communities in the sub counties of Ongongoja, Okungur and Iriri. At least 6000 persons (peace CORPS) by gender, age and disability directly involved in peace promotion and conflict resolution initiatives in the boarder communities