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Impact of humanitarian assistance on livelihoods affected by humanitarian crises in Uganda: An analysis of communities' and humanitarian actors' perspectives on socio-cultural dynamics.

Regional Workshops

Moroto 1 and 2 December for Karamoja

Katakwi 30 November for Teso

Arua 25 November for South West/West Nile

Gulu 7 December for Acholi and Lango

National workshop

Kampala 9 December all stakeholders

Introduction

In collaboration with the Government of Uganda, UN agencies and NGOs at central and district level, the World Food Programme initiated an external evaluation/analysis to produce regional-based studies on the impact of humanitarian assistance on livelihoods of beneficiary communities in Uganda. These studies commenced in ... 2009 using populations affected by conflict and natural disasters (Karamoja), Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) and returnee populations (Acholi, Lango, Teso) and Refugees and refugee-hosting communities (South-West and West Nile) as entry points.

In order to ensure effective follow-up and design of the next steps in the study, regional workshops have been proposed to guide in conducting stakeholder-led mapping of impact indicators in the three regions; as well as setting a research agenda for the development of priority impact indicators for subsequent in-depth case studies in phase two.

Objective:

- Review progress in enhancing the evidence and understanding of the impact of humanitarian assistance with various stakeholders,
- Produce recommendations for the start of a second phase of in-depth impact research, based on community generated priority indicators of impact.

Rationale for the workshops

A mapping of impact perspectives exercise in South West, West Nile/Southern Sudan, Karamoja, Teso, Acholi and Lango provided opportunities to conflict and natural disaster affected communities as well as humanitarian actors to voice "*what are some of the intended and unintended impacts, as well as positive and negative impacts of*

- socio-cultural context on humanitarian assistance
- humanitarian assistance on socio-cultural dynamics of livelihoods outcomes

The pre-investment was made to ensure the relevance of undertaking in-depth impact studies that would answer the question *"whether and what impact of humanitarian assistance was actually contributing to the protection and/or restoration of livelihoods at the household and community level"*. A conceptual framework for the Uganda humanitarian impact assessment was developed by Sue Lautze in June 2009. This paper, outlining the theoretical considerations, was complemented with a practical research manual developed by research institutions to understand indications of impact from the perspectives of aid giving and receiving "communities".

The regional and national workshops will discuss the preliminary key messages arising from fieldwork reports for refugee, IDP, conflict and natural disaster affected people and their perspectives on possible impact indicators. The draft reports of three teams of researchers: FAFO-Norway for South West, University of Utrecht – the Netherlands for Acholi and Lango, and Midconsult- Uganda for Karamoja, Teso and West Nile/Southern Sudan are available as background information.

It is anticipated that the prioritized impact indicators compiled from the regional discussions will be the basis for selecting a series of in-depth impact case studies that will be produced during 2010 (phase two).

Workshop outputs

Each workshop will define:

- A set of priorities resulting from the community consultations for further in-depth studies on the impact of
 - socio-cultural context on humanitarian assistance
 - humanitarian assistance on socio-cultural dynamics of livelihoods outcomes
- purpose and justification for developing these priorities into research questions and thus TORs for research projects in 2010; and
- way forward (policy, programme and research) following the findings of the studies

Participants

The field studies were validated at community level. The workshop aims at bringing together those involved in humanitarian assistance including conflict management, risk assessment, disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and management; i.e. The Office of the Prime Minister and District Disaster Management Committees (DDMCs) with various other local government structures as well as UN and NGO partners.

Draft Agenda

13.00 - 13.10	Introduction of participants
13.10- 13.30	Welcome address by OPM and Steering committee representative
13.30 - 14.00	Introduction to impact assessment and objectives of the workshop by Steering committee
14.00 – 14.30	1) Aid giving and aid receiving communities: key messages on impact perspectives 2) Purpose and justification for further research- regional proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gallery walk along key messages and regional proposals - participants ○ Marking priorities and formulation of Questions – participants
14.30- 14.45	Refreshments
14.45 - 15.45	Working tables : Participants provide guidance on way forward
15.45 - 16.15	Plenary
16.15 - 16.45	Further Briefs on priority research findings - researchers
16.45 - 17.15	Plenary Q &A
17.15 - 17.30	Closing

Note: Study areas were Gulu district- Awach county, Kitgum district – Ogoro sub county, Lira district- Aloi sub-county in Moroto county, Karamoja Kaabong Rural sub-county, Irii sub-county, Loro sub-county, Teso: Kapelebyong sub-county, Magoro sub-county, West Nile, Arua Rhino camp, South Sudan, Yei County, South West – Nakivale settlement