



Warm festive greetings, from UCOBAC

UCOBAC appreciates your partnership and support that has made the year 2018 a colorful and meaningful journey. We owe our success to your generosity and thoughtfulness. As we close 2018 and get ready for 2019, it is with pleasure that we share with you the highlights of the year ending.



#SDG2 – Zero Hunger: Through the Child Development Project, a total of 800 community members (parents and teachers) in Bugiri district benefitted from trainings on modern agronomic practices and nutrition to boost household level food security and nutrition. They received agricultural inputs including; vegetable seeds, banana suckers, cassava and potato vines to start/maintain household and school gardens. Over 6000 children in 8 sponsored government aided primary schools are able to have a nutritious cup of porridge and a meal on a daily basis at school. [#CanadianFeedTheChildren](#)



#SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities: Did you know that safe and supportive environments are a must for a girl child as she approaches and transits into adulthood? Girls in Uganda and worldwide are abandoning school or performing poorly due to the diverse Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) related challenges. Using the Safe Space Model approach UCOBAC and Canadian Feed the Children are empowering 664 girl children to effectively manage their adolescence and menstrual related challenges by availing them adequate SRH information. The girls are better and calm at

handling their menstrual hygiene because they have been skilled to make their own re-usable sanitary pads using affordable local materials. This is one of the proven ways to support girls to equally participate and benefit in available education opportunities as the boys.



UCOBAC 's partnership with the UN-HABITAT/Global Land Tools Network unit and the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development saw a total of 1,139 community members of Pajule sub-county in Pader district including 587 females and 551 males benefitting from a fit-for-purpose and affordable land mapping process. 300 parcels of customary land covering 1,460 hectares were mapped using the Social Tenure Domain Model which is an innovative and pro-poor land tool. The State Minister for Lands, Princess Persis Namuganza handed over 300 Certificates of Customary Ownership to 300 proud owners of the secured land. Follow this link to watch the short video on a summary of the project and its achievements [Strengthening Women's Land Rights - Pader](#)



Promoting peaceful co-existence between land lords and tenants on mailo land in Uganda:- In a bid to increase productivity of small-scale farmers on private mailo land; UCOBAC and #GIZ are sensitizing different stakeholders including; land lords, tenants and local leaders on private mailo land tenure rights and the available legal options to secure these rights specifically using the Land Inventory Protocol. Thus far, more than 8000 small scale farmers and leaders have been sensitized on their rights and 6000 tenants and land lords have voluntarily participated in the process of land/kibanja demarcation and documentation in 6 sub-counties of Mityana,

Kassanda and Mubende districts and still counting. Out of 125 land conflict cases that have been documented and profiled, 40 cases have been mediated. Majority of these are landlord-tenant conflicts. 12 sub-county based land conflict mediation committees have been trained to support mediation processes. Land related wrangles are slowly reducing as a result of this intervention.



800 small holder farmers in Butaleja district are being supported by UCOBAC and #UNHABITAT/Global Land Tools Network to scale up their agricultural production especially in rice farming by securing their land rights using pro-poor and participatory approaches. GLTN's land tools including the Social Tenure Domain Model and the Gender Evaluation Criteria are being applied to ensure that both male and female farmers equally benefit from available land rights registration opportunities for example securing land rights

using Wetland Resource Use Permits and Certificates of Customary Ownership. Farmers will be supported to sustainably and wisely use wetlands for agriculture for improved food security and livelihoods but at the same time preserve the environment. [#Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands](#)



#SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities: It is only through the adoption of transparent, inclusive and participatory approaches such as open multi-stakeholder dialogues that Uganda can attain the [#CityWeNeed](#). UCOBAC and [#Friedrich Ebert Stiftung](#) successfully held a series of community and national level dialogues on effective urban land governance and housing with over 700 stakeholders in the divisions of Kampala, Jinja and Wakiso districts. The Urban Thinkers Dialogues generated a wealth of evidence on the lived realities of the people in Uganda's top urban areas and practical solutions to their challenges. They were compiled into policy

briefs for further dissemination.



#SDG13 – Climate Action: - 3 grassroots women-led groups consisting of 90 members in Bugiri district are championing the mitigation of climate change impact. Using the advocacy skills gained from various trainings by UCOBAC and Huairou Commission, the women have attained formal working agreements with the local government. This has resulted to the support and recognition of their small scale resilience initiatives by government. They have been involved in important decision making processes regarding resilience development at district and village level. As change agents leading action strategies and practices for resilience building, 24 women have been elected into leadership positions within the local government.



Securing Your Family's Future (SYFF):- In this year UCOBAC has ventured into fresh and innovative ways of securing women's land rights. A 6 weeks curriculum course was designed to specifically facilitate the change of individual perceptions, attitudes and beliefs that are an impediment to the realization of women's land rights. Under its Social Norms Transformation project, UCOBAC envisions change in discriminatory practices that affect women's land rights. On that note a new strategy was devised where 120 men were identified to undergo a 6 weeks course on SYFF; these have become champions and advocates of women's land and property rights. [#International Center for Research on Women #Civic Source](#)



In this round up of updates, we would like to inform you of a new partnership that UCOBAC recently went into with [#AWO International](#) to strengthen the social structures of refugees and the host communities of Palabek Ogili sub-county in Lamwo district. The partners will be working to enhance food security and livelihoods of vulnerable women, men and youth by increasing access to and uptake of integrated nutrition and Sexual and Reproductive Health services. Further still, target groups will be supported to engage in innovative agricultural practices and resilience approaches that and adapt to effects of climate change. These efforts will

that 2000+ refugees and members of the host communities are resilient to climate change, have good nutrition and are food secure.

Well, it's been a long amazing year with its twists and turns!! – And at UCOBAC we are entirely grateful to you for being part of our 2018. We would like to continue working with you to empower more and more women and children and to positively impact on the livelihoods of the most vulnerable.

UCOBAC will be breaking off tomorrow on **Friday 21st December 2018 till Monday 14th January 2019**. Any urgent communications can be channeled to info@ucobac.org

Happy 2019