
COMMUNITY, COLLECTIVE OR ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Indigenous community, collective or organization name: Community Development Shield Uganda

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1. Who are the members of your community, collective or organization? How many people?
Children, adolescent, young women and Youth. 50 people in number
2. How do Indigenous People participate in your organization's leadership?

The 50 members are the indigenous people that form the Annual General Assembly of the organization which is the supreme the decision-making body of the organization. This is a yearly gathering of members and the board presents an annual report containing information including organization performance in narrative, financial and strategies. After every three years, the annual General Meeting elects new officer bearers to form board members that overs see the functionality of the secretariat by approving policies.

3. Cultural Survival is committed to including in its programs people of the great diversity of identities and genders that exist in Indigenous communities. Can you tell us about the gender vision of your community, collective or organization?

We respond to community pressing challenges by co-creating, initiating, designing and implementing with them innovative and problem solving projects taking into account the different needs of women and girls. We seek to inspire women and girls to join us in leading transformative change in our communities through co-creation. We want more women to take up leadership roles in our organization by creating an environment where women and girls can learn new skills, innovate and take risks free from stereotypes. To achieve this vision, we base our work on five values, which are then translated into concrete actions in how we work and how we relate:

Equal –women and girls participate and are rewarded equally

Collaborative – women and girls are working with others sharing similar values

Welcoming difference –women and girls and their contributions are valued independent of their backgrounds and gender self-identification

Empowering – women and girls to lead change and not to be held back by gender stereotypes

Inspiring – women and girls about the opportunities in community development

4. Funding that you have received or requested this year for the development of a project in your community (including from Cultural Survival)

Funding Agency	Amount in US \$	Purpose	Status
Plan International Uganda	20,000	Increase access to SRHR information and services to indigenous children, adolescent and youth	Received
MTN Foundation	5500	Increase access to safe water	Received
US Mission Uganda. PEPFAR project	11,400	HIV/AIDS prevention	Received \$1,940 for first quarter
Hilden Charitable fund	5000	Sustaining water point functionality	Received
All the sky foundation	800	Skilling in hair dressing	Received
Sustain for Life	11,385	Training borehole technicians	Approved , requested but not yet received

5. Do you currently have any pending projects or reports with any Cultural Survival program?
No

6. Choose the type of bank account you have or could have for this project:

✓ ☒ _Bank account registered in the name of your organization or community

☐ _Bank account in the name of your representative with an approval letter

☐ _Joint bank account in the name of two or more members of your organization

☐ _Bank account of a fiscal sponsor (an officially registered organization that can receive the funds for you). Name:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project title: Promotion of indigenous climate smart agriculture among women and youth

Project start and end dates (maximum 12 months): May 2024- December 2024

7. What do you want to do? (summarize)

Building the capacity of indigenous elders, women and youth in indigenous climate smart agriculture. This training will integrate strengthening of the existing communal land association to better defend their collective land rights from private companies undertaking mineral exploration.

Distribution of Traditional tree seedlings that are pest host, pollinators and carbon absorbing tree to local communities especially women and youth headed households. This activity is intended to mitigate the long term effect of mineral exploration.

Conducting plant clinic outreaches focusing on promoting indigenous farming practices. The project team will organize agricultural debates during outreaches to enable more learning of local agronomy, sharing best and promising practices and inspiring social change in production, nutritional and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Integrating adaptation and mitigation of climate change within agricultural extension services as a strategy for all the indigenous people to adopt indigenous climate smart agriculture for increased productivity. This activity will involve training of government agricultural extension workers on indigenous agronomy.

8. If this proposal is a continuation of a project previously funded by KOEF (the Keepers of the Earth Fund), how is it different from the previous project?

Not Applicable

9. Which Indigenous peoples, nations, communities, ethnicities or tribes will your project serve?

Karamojong indigenous communities of Uganda

10. How did the idea for the project originate in your community?

Through our interactions with the indigenous communities of Karamoja sub region while implementing other projects, we have been able to involve them in identification of their problems and pressing priority needs and jointly generate this proposed intervention together with them. In development of this proposal particularly, the target group were involved through extended participatory rural appraisal using tools such as transect walk, social / resource mapping, pairwise ranking, problem tree, objective tree and activity clock.

11. Why is the project important to your community? How many people will benefit?

Karamoja sub region has the highest levels of multidimensional poverty, poverty intensity and MPI, at 85 percent, 68 percent and 0.58 respectively. The sub region also has the highest deprivations in years of schooling, school attendance and access to toilet facilities (97 percent), housing material (93 percent), electricity (87 percent), and asset ownership (87 percent) despite the availability of mineral resources like gold, copper, platinum, and lead, limestone, uranium, marble, graphite, gypsum, iron ore, wolfram, nickel, cobalt, lithium and tin. The sub region continues to lag behind the rest of the country in terms of most human development indicators, with Youth and women being disproportionately affected. This provides a strong reason to focus deprivation-reducing efforts. Mining companies have disregarded the region's indigenous people's land rights – sometimes fencing off swaths of land without their consent.

This project will strengthen communal land associations” (CLAs) to defend their collective land rights and empower them through revival, strengthening and adoption of indigenous farming practices that are climate smart for increased food security, nutrition, and enhance household incomes through support to diversified food production. The project will increase Youth and women engagement in agriculture. In Karamoja sub region, youth unemployment and underemployment is escalating, due to poor quality of skills and lack of job opportunities, and constitutes one of the most important conflict drivers in the region. Increasing youth engagement in agriculture remains the key to unlock the potential of the youthful population and create a multiplier effect needed for growth of the manufacturing industry and ultimately the economy. 1,500 indigenous people will benefit from this proposed project.

12. Cultural Survival seeks the inclusion of all generations. Tell us about the participation of children, young people and the elderly in your project.

Communal land associations” (CLAs) comprises of mostly elderly people and this project will strengthen their capacity to defend their collective land rights and empower them through revival, strengthening and adoption of indigenous farming practices that are climate smart for increased food security and nutrition.

Distribution of Traditional tree seedlings that are pest host, pollinators and carbon absorbing tree to local communities especially women and youth headed households. The project team will organize agricultural debates during plant clinic outreaches to enable participation of children, elderly and youth.

13. If you are using a fiscal sponsor, how will your community control all major decisions about the project?

Fiscal Sponsor not applicable in our case.

14. How will the activities and finances of the project be reported to the community, collective or organization?

The organization holds quarterly joint board and staff meetings. This provide a platform to reflect on the implemented activities including presentation of financial report for the period under review.

15. How will your project continue after you have spent the project funds?

The empowered beneficiaries of this project will be handed over to the district local government agricultural extension workers to work as empowered production committee. The empowered indigenous farmers groups that benefited from the project will remain in the community as resource persons who will continue to give technical support to members of the community. As the project grant period expires, the distributed tree seedlings will be multiplied and shared among the indigenous people. We shall also continue to link indigenous people to other relevant development agencies and government sectors to continue supporting them in aspects of agronomy, post-harvest handling and agribusiness while considering local context of mitigating climate change.

16. Does your community face any threat to its territory, people or way of life? (Please specify the type of project, for example, if it is a monoculture plantation specify the cultivated plant, or if it is a mine, specify what mineral they are extracting. Example: “Canadian mine extracting gold”).

Minerals, especially gold, have brought frantic manoeuvres from mining companies and powerful individuals in government who want to receive money from the precious resource. Private companies have begun to explore and mine the areas, communities are voicing serious fears of land grabs, environment damage, Mining companies have disregarded the region's indigenous people's land rights – sometimes fencing Off swaths of land without their consent.

17. In your community, organization or collective, how will it be guaranteed that the implementation of this project does not harm or put at risk people in vulnerable conditions (children, youth, migrants, women, trans or people of other genders, people with disabilities. Do you have internal protocols?

The organization has sets of policies, procedures and practices to be employed to actively prevent harm, abuse and distress of the vulnerable indigenous communities identified above. The safeguarding policy has got 6 main principles of empowerment, prevention, protection, proportionality, partnerships and accountability.

PROJECT BUDGET

18. Total project budget: USD \$ _9000_____

Amount requested from KOEF: USD \$ ___7000_____

(maximum \$7.000 USD for first-time funded organizations. Up to \$12,000 USD for organizations funded a second or third time).

19. In the table below, describe each activity you will carry out including the requested information. Please, specify additional funding (from the community or from other organization, if applicable). In the case of workshops or meetings, specify what the funds will be used for (will tickets, meals, instructors, space rentals be paid? etc.). For indirect expenses, please consider a maximum of 8% (for example, taxes or administrative

expenses).

Activities	Proposed dates	Name of responsible person	Number of participants	Amount requested from KOEF (in USD)	Amount from other sources (in USD)
Training of the indigenous women and youth on the development of neem leaf into solution as natural pesticide. The training cost will include Venue Hire, Meals, stationaries, Trainers Fee and Transport refund for trainees.	May 2024	Achola Oliver	30	1000	000
Distribution of Traditional tree seedlings that are pest host, pollinators and carbon absorbing tree. These tree species will be raised in the nursery bed and distributed to identified women and youth. This activity is intended to mitigate the long term effect of mineral exploration	July – October 2024	Achola Oliver and Oscar Ogole	600	3000	1500
Conducting plant clinic outreaches focusing on promoting indigenous farming practices. The project team will organize agricultural debates during outreaches to enable more learning of local agronomy, sharing best and promising practices and inspiring social change in production, nutritional and climate change adaptation and mitigation. This will further enable project beneficiaries to replicate best practices by picking a leaf from one another. It also encourages creativity and innovativeness among beneficiaries. The cost involved here includes Facilitation for sector specialist, public address system hire , Hire of vehicle, Hire of tents and Radio Announcement	June-December 2024	Achola Oliver and Oscar ogole	850	2000	500
Integrating adaptation and mitigation of climate change within agricultural extension services as a strategy for all the indigenous people to adopt indigenous climate smart agriculture for increased productivity. This activity will involve training of government agricultural extension workers on indigenous agronomy. Cost involve includes Venue Hire, Meals, stationaries, Trainers Fee and Transport refund for trainees.	July 2024	Achola Oliver	20	1000	000
			1,500	Total:7000	Total:2000

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