



Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) Program

Inclusive Market-based Development for Smallholder Farmers in Northern Uganda Project.

Overview.

The Development Initiative for Northern Uganda, a Government of Uganda program with support from European Union has been awarded to CARE Denmark consortium comprising of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Gulu Agricultural Development Company (GADC), Dynamic Agro Pastoralist Development Organization (DADO) and SORUDA. The consortium will implement DINU in eleven (11) districts of Abim, Kotido, Karenga, Kaabong, Kitgum, Moroto, Amudat, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, Napak, and Katakwi.

The **EUR 8.2 million** program will contribute to increasing food and nutrition security and household income of small-scale producers. The project will benefit **68,250 (60% women)** smallholder farmer households over 3 years.

Contributes to DINIU Specific Objective 1: to increase food security, improve maternal and child nutrition and enhance household incomes through support to diversified food production and commercial agriculture and through improved household resilience (notably to climate change) and women empowerment.

Context.

Karamoja is the poorest sub-region in Uganda with 61 percent of its 1.2 million people, living in absolute poverty and 24% experiencing chronic poverty. In Teso poverty rates are slightly lower (28%) but Teso is the region with the second lowest GDP per capita after Karamoja, while in Acholi it is at 35.2%. Hunger, stunting and lack of access to food and food insecurity is a major challenge, and 35.2% of children under five in the Karamoja Sub-region are stunted, 14.3% in Teso and 30.6% in Acholi (UDHS 2016). According to UDHS 2016 Gender, based violence is common in Karamoja, Teso and Acholi. In terms of women's empowerment 61.4% of women in Karamoja report making decision over own earnings, while in Acholi 35.6%, and in Teso 44.9% (UDHS 2016).

Objectives.

The **overall objective** is to increase food security, improve maternal and child nutrition and enhance household income in the Karamoja Sub-region, Kitgum and Katakwi Districts. **The specific objectives include:**

1. Increased production of diversified food by women and men smallholder farmers.
2. Increased market accessibility for women and men smallholder farmers.

3. Improved nutrition and uptake of family planning services through gender-responsive community-based approaches.

Expected Outcomes.

- 1.1 Increased adoption and production of diverse food crops and animal products.
- 1.2 Increased access to key input and output markets for women and men small-scale farmers.
- 1.3 Improved access to credit along the value chain through community saving and credit schemes
- 2.1 Sustainable Strong linkages between smallholder farmers, agro-processors and market operators established.
- 2.2 Market opportunities and product niches identified along the value chain and market exchanges and contractual agreements increased.
- 3.1. Increased adoption of community-based gender transformative nutrition initiatives
- 3.2. Increased community appreciation of SRHR (family planning)

Implementation Approaches.

The program will apply Inclusive Market Development approach, as premised in the Economic Empowerment Framework, which fosters equal access to and control over economic resources, assets and opportunities as well as changes in social norms and economic structures that benefit women and men equally. A community based approach to nutrition, gender, sexual reproductive health and family planning will be championed. The program will emphasize district ownership and participation, gender equality and women empowerment, youth engagement and employability, community-based nutrition, the value chain approach, engagement with private sector entities, and linkages between smallholder farmers, producer groups, and agro-processors. Implementation will be fused using multi-stakeholder engagement and building of synergies with existing government and development partners' initiatives.

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