



Action for Strengthening Good Governance and Accountability in Uganda

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Introduction

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a Germany political foundation working worldwide in the areas of civic and political education. KAS has been working in Uganda for over thirty years in the promotion of democracy, human rights and rule of law. Action for Development (AFODE), a women's NGO focussing on the promotion of women empowerment, gender equality and equity.

KAS and ACFODE have received funding from the European Development Fund (EDF) as part of the Democratic Governance and Accountability Programme (DGAP) for the project: "Action for Strengthening Good Governance and Accountability in Uganda", to be implemented over a period of 24 months.

The project will be implemented in 11 districts namely Jinja, Palisa and Soroti in the east; Kabale, Kisoro, and Mbarara in the west; Arua, Pader and Lira in the north; and Masaka and Kiboga in the central region.

Objective

The **overall objective** of this project is to contribute to the enhancement of democratic processes and accountability at the local level in Uganda. The **specific objective** is to increase the capacities of and mechanisms for civil society and elected representatives to fulfil their roles and responsibilities in a democratic system more effectively. This will be achieved through a range of educational and networking initiatives by which Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V. (KAS) and its partner Action for Development (ACFODE) will strengthen the knowledge of civil society actors and elected leaders to help reinforce democratic processes at local level. Best practice exchanges complemented with a set of tools and mechanisms to provide the grounds for increased democratic principles will be established.

Expected Results

Result 1: Enhanced capacity of civil society actors to promote democratic governance and accountability at local government level and to conduct grassroots civic education

A combination of activities which complement one another will help achieve this result. Through training a considerable amount of trainers, important content will be passed on to a group of motivated civil society actors. Before passing their newly gained knowledge onwards through multiplier effects, trial and review initiatives will be conducted.

Networking platforms, cooperation, dialogue and best practice exchange will be initiated and developed into a sustainable system.

Result 2: Increased knowledge and awareness of elected leaders at local government level of their roles and responsibilities

The result will be achieved by a set of activities which complement one another: Through training elected councillors, essential information will be passed on to newly elected leaders. Therewith, they will engage in their leadership function more knowledgeable and better informed of the processes and challenges. By initiating network platforms, a culture of inter-district dialogue and sharing of experiences and best practices in promoting democratic governance can be built.

Result 3: Mechanisms to increase national and local awareness on, recognition of and commitment to democratic principles and processes within society are established

The result will be achieved by a number of complementary activities: By introducing the democracy torch, national and local level actors will be mobilised to commit to the principals of democratic governance. Platforms for interface between local governance actors will be created thereby establishing opportunities for continued dialogue and information dissemination. By developing tools and frameworks for democracy assessments and inter-district review, a basis for continuous dialogue and exchange on democracy gaps and for realising tailor-made interventions will be in place.

Target Groups and Beneficiaries

The *first target group* of the action is civil society actors working at the local level in 11 districts across the four major regions of Uganda. In each district, a total of 20 CSO actors are targeted. A minimum of thirty percent (30%) of the targeted CSOs will be those working with women, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and elderly people. The selection criteria will also include CSOs that have some experience working in the districts with both a qualitative and quantitative value and that demonstrate sustainability with clear plans of continuing to work on democracy promotion in the districts.

The *second target group* is local councillors in the 11 districts where the action will be implemented. A total of 275 councillors, 25 in each district (including the district speaker and executive) will be targeted. At least 30% will be councillors representing special groups – women, youth and persons with disabilities.

The *third target group* are the local citizens in selected localities in the 11 districts. In each district a total of 1.320 local citizens are targeted.

The *final beneficiaries* of the action will be the general population in the 11 districts where the action will be implemented, as well as the society of Uganda as a whole.

Main Activities

1. Development and launch of a Civic Education Tool Kit on democratic governance and political pluralism at local level
2. Training of Trainers workshops for civil society actors on democratic governance and accountability and the application of the Civic Education Toolkit
3. Conducting and reviewing initial trainings at grassroots level on democratic governance and accountability by local trainers

4. Establishing an Inter-district Forum for exchanging best practices in promoting democratic accountability at local level and enhancing cooperation between civil society actors
5. Training workshops at district and national level for local councillors on their roles and responsibilities as elected leaders and best practices for democratic accountability
6. Organisation of "Democracy Fairs" in the districts, including reception of the "Democracy Torch" and display of a democracy exhibition
7. Assessment of democratic governance and accountability in the 11 districts through a District Peer Review Mechanism (DPRM) and compilation of the results in a national report

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