

PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

Peaceful Coexistence Project is a project implemented by RICE-WN in partnership with Radio Pacis with funds from American Jewish World Service (AJWS). The project is implemented through an organized community dialogue that is aired through the radio to preach and spread peace and harmony between Refugee and host community in Rhino Camp Arua District.

This platform provides a mutual ground for both communities to express their challenges, recommendations and find solutions to factors that affect livelihood, education and environment in Rhino Camp Settlement.

During such dialogues, office of the Prime Minister (OPM), community leaders and some representative from partners working in the settlement are present so as to provide a crystal clear response to some issues raised by the community.

Community Radio Dialogue

Four radio dialogues and two



Mr. Nelson Jamaica RWC1 Eden 6 pointing out his views during the dialogue



*Community Service from OPM Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement
Mr. Pierre responding to the community during the community radio dialogue in Eden VI*

community dialogues within the months of Feb and March were held. The four-radio dialogue were held in Eden 4, Eden 6, Omugo 4 and Omugo 6 respectively. Some of the topics discussed during the community radio dialogue include.

1. *Creating awareness on the available livelihood initiatives for refugees and host communities in Eden 4. Some of the issues that were raised include.*

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- Few livelihood partners within the cluster
- Issues of stray animals destroying crops
- The area in Eden 4 generally water logged

2. *Creating Awareness on access formal Education to refugees and host communities in Eden 6. Issues raised were;*

- Lack of scholarships
- No secondary schools nearby
- Child sexual practices
- Congestion in the primary school
- Distance to the primary school is so far
- Inadequate water in school

3. *Creating awareness on Environment protection was done in both Omugo 4 and 6 and here are some of the issues raised;*

- Rampant tree cutting
- Bush burning
- Lack of waste facilities like Rubbish bins

Community Dialogue

This dialogues happened in Ariwa 2/3 in Siripi Zone Rhino Camp as a result of a conflict between the refugee youth and the host com-



Community expressing their personal vies during the radio dialogue

munity youth.

Three dialogues were held, the first dialogue was with the host community youth only accompanied by their leaders on the 27/02/2019, followed by the one with refugee youth and their leaders on 6/03/2019 and the last a joined di-

dialogue held on 20/03/2019.

The main objective of these dialogues was to solve some of the grievances and create peace and unity between the refugee and the hosting community most especially among the youth, however some of the issues that were raised included

- Drug abuse (opium, alcoholism etc) influencing them to commit some of the crimes
- Stray animals destroying crops
- Theft of property
- Inadequate/ limited services such as water causing them to scramble for the little/few resources
- Relationship issues (Sinter-tribal relationships) for example a refugee girl seen in a relationship with a boy from the host community can spark a fight vice versa.
- Lack of kindness and patience
- Mission for revenge on the refugees since some members from the host community were treated harshly while in S.Sudan.
- Limited land for the refugees to cultivate on
- No access to firewood since the host community are not in

support of the refugees collecting firewood from their farm land

- Poor leadership from the leadership of the host communities
- An equal distribution of resources
- Existence on night discos

The presence of the Officer in Charge Rhino Camp (OC) Mr. Yoro helped solve and sensitize both communities on some of the crimes and their penalties according to the constitutional laws of Uganda. However, the responsibility was left to the LC1 and RWC1 to come up with some solutions with their respective communities in order to harmonize the issues in Ariwa Zone.

