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Table 1 UACD PROGRAM REPORT: 2022 & 2023 ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT

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Table 2 Acronyms

Acronyms

The acronyms used in the document.		
S/No	Acronyms	Full meaning
1	Boma	Equal to sub-county in other countries
2	County	Equal to District in other countries
3	IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
4	KKC	Kajo-Keji County
5	MHPSS	Mental Health & Psychosocial
6	Payam	Equal to county in other countries
7	PLWD	People Living with Disability
8	PRTS	Public Radio Talk Show
9	RRC	Relief & Rehabilitation Commission
10	SSD	South Sudan
11	UACD	United Agency for Community Development
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South Sudan attained her independence in July 9th 2011 from Sudan after the long Civil war that lasted for 21 years. No sooner than later, South Sudan entered into a political crisis due to ideological differences between the leaders of the South Sudan ruling Party, SPLM /A. These political differences quickly resulted in the outbreak of a new fresh war in Mid Dec 2013 in Capital City Juba and it separated to other States in the country.

The political difference also resulted in the split of the ruling SPLM/A party into two; now referred to as SPLM/A in Government (IG) and SPLM/A in opposition (IO). In 2015, the two major warring Parties to the conflict signed a compromise Peace agreement that collapsed in July 2016 and another fresh war broke out in the Capital City Juba that affected most Counties of Central Equatoria State that were considered peaceful before the collapse of 2015 compromised peace deal.

The renewed July 2016 war forced the majority civilians in the four counties of Central Equatoria State to flee the country for safety in the Neighboring countries; mainly Uganda as refugees because the war was characterized with: arbitrary arrest of civilians, detention, torture, targeted killing, violence against women and girls, gang rape, including looting of people's valuable property by the parties involved in the conflict.

In September 2018, the two major warring parties to the conflict signed a revitalized peace agreement under the mediation of African Union, Troika, Norway, including the other international peace players. The 2018 revitalized peace agreement attracted voluntary and simultaneous return of the population from the refugee camps in Uganda, Kenya, Congo, Ethiopia, Sudan, including other countries that host south Sudanese refugees.

Following the displacement of the civil population due to the war in late 2016 and early 2017, Kajo-Keji County experienced an influx of armed cattle herders from Jongolei State with an estimated 800,000 head of cattle. The armed cattle herders continued terrorizing Kajo-Keji County with their cattle even after the signed revitalized peace agreement in September 2018. The armed cattle headers continued raiding animals of the people of Kajo-Keji, looting property of the returnees from the refugee camps, destroying crops in the farmland, raping women and girls at the villages. In different incidents, they targeted and killed civilians who complained of their barbaric actions. For instance, in 2021, they killed up to 15 people in Moijo and Sokare of Kangapo One Payam and in April 2022, the soldiers from Kajo-Keji military barracks killed 3 brothers in Kiri Boma of Kangapo One Payam. Not only that, the armed cattle herders also killed 5 people including the Chief of Sokare Boma in Liwolo Payam, they also killed 3 people in Kangapo Two Payam and 7 people were killed in different intervals in Nyepo Payam as well.

To make matters worse, on the early morning hours of February 2nd -2023, groups of heavily armed cattle herders massacred 28 (26 men including a child and 2 women) innocent civilians in Likamerok Boma and Mogiri Village of Mekir Boma, Lire Payam. Not only the Killing of the civilians, they also burnt up to 74 houses, including people's property in Gedoru Boma of Nyepo Payam on February 3rd -2023 after the massacre in Likamerok Boma.



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Civilians fleeing from Likamerok & Mogiri after the Massacre on Feb. 02nd 2023



The collected bodies of civilians massacred in Likamerok & Mogiri



The massive Grave for 28 civilians massacred in Likamerok & Mogiri

It wasn't only the barbaric actions of different armed groups and the armed cattle herders that affected the peaceful coexistence of the people in Kajo-Keji, but also the engagement of the Key government figures, including the top military commanders in destroying the public and private infrastructure and logging exercise in the natural forest, including cutting of individual planted trees in Kajo-Keji have affected the relationship between the civilians and those in authority. Therefore, all the above identified issues in the community deemed it necessary for UACD to respond in Pillar one and two of her intervention strategy as captured in this detailed report.

Source of information on logging exercise in Kajo-Keji County:

<https://onecitizendaily.com/index.php/2022/02/28/soldiers-facilitating-illegal-logging-in-kajo-keji/>



Community leaders/landlords forced under gunpoint for logging to take place.



Charcoal burning as alternative livelihood for the local population



Lumbering in Kajo-Keji County without replacement in KKC.



Heavy logging in the natural forest in Kajo-Keji County.



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PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED IN 2022/2023 UNDER PILLAR ONE.

Humanitarian and Emergency Response (HER)

Food and non-food Items Distribution for the Displaced Population.

Following the massacre of 28 civilians in Likamerok and Mogiri village of Mekir Boma in Lire Payam by the armed cattle herders from Jonglei State, including the Looting of individual's valuable household property, burning of houses in Gedoru Boma of Nyepo Payam, raping of women and girls, torture of innocent civilians by the same armed cattle herders resulted to displacement of about Fifty thousand (50,000) civilians for the safety of their lives. The majority of those displaced were women, Children, persons living with disability and elderly persons from Lire, Nyepo and Parts of Kangapo Two Payams. The displaced escaped with bare handed and they were not able to access their farmlands due to the presence of the armed cattle herders rooming in the villages collecting food and other valuable household items.

UACD project objective /output on 1.A.

UACD responded by drafting a quick impact concept note calling for financial assistance to support the displaced population of about Fifty Thousand People accommodated in different public facilities in Kajo-Keji County.

The table below shows the number of households including the total figure accommodated in each Centre. *Source of information.* Office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), Kajo-Keji County.

Table 3 POPULATION BREAKDOWN PER CENTER

S/N0	IDPs Convergence Sites	Payam	Households	Total Population
1	Kimu (St John Parish),	Lire	1,300	7,757
2	Gore secondary school,	Lire	1,349	7,603
3	First Baptist Church, Lowakoke	Kangapo II	3,286	17,522
4	Bori Secondary School	Kangapo II	1,268	12,910
5	Kansuk center	Nyepo	626	3,249
6	Gedoru Centre	Nyepo	172	939
7	Grand total		8,001	49,980



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UACD project outcome on pillar 1.A.

This outcome describes measurement of indicators versus planned targeted population. UACD had limitations in meeting all the needs of the displaced population to benefit from both food and the non-food items. Nevertheless a few of the displaced persons in the four centers i.e. Kimu Parish, Gore secondary school, Kansuk and Gedoru Center only benefitted from the limited food and the nonfood items purchased and distributed.

The pictures below described the displaced, the food items purchased and delivery time to the displaced centers.



First group of Children fleeing from Likamerok after the attack by the armed cattle herders



Displaced civilians gathered in Kumu parish for their safety



The UACD procured food & non-food items in UACD store.



Delivered food items to displaced persons in Kansuk.

Source of funding: Kuku Community of Western Australia.

- UACD received financial support from the Kuku Community of Western Australia for buying the food and non-food items to rescue the lives of the Lactating Mothers, children, persons with disability and the elderly persons who cannot access their farm lands and home due to the presence of ruthless armed cattle herders roaming in the villages looking for food and valuable basic household items.
- With the funding from the Kuku Community and other well-wishers, UACD procured the Food and the non-food items and distributed them in the four centers hosting up to 19,548 displaced persons as described in the table: 3 below.
- Lactating mothers, Children, person with disability and elderly persons were rescued with food and the non-food items since they were not able to access their farmlands due to the presence of the armed cattle herders roaming in the villages.
- The distributed food and the non-food items controlled the affected population from returning to the villages to look for food and non-food items that could have endangered their lives in the hands of the ruthless armed cattle herders roaming in the villages.
- The distributed food reduced more killing and raping of women/girls and torture of innocent civilians by the armed cattle herders because the population was confined in one place.
- The quick response of the sons and daughters of Kajo-Keji, including their friends in diaspora gave hope to the displaced persons that they were not being left alone in the time of crisis.
- The response also prevented the displaced persons from returning to the refugee camp in Uganda



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Table 4 Summary of food & non-food items procured & distributed to the displaced persons.

S/NO	Items	Units' bags/ boxes	In kgs/liters/bars etc.
1	Maize flour,	50 bags	2,500kgs
2	Sugar,	8 bags	400kgs
3	Vegetable oil,	6 jerkins	120 liters
4	Beans,	6 bags	300kgs
5	Biscuits,	10 boxes.	60kgs
6	Laundry soap	6 boxes	150 bars

Table 5 The table below shows the centers and the population that received the food and the non-food items

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2	Gore secondary school,	Lire	1,349	7,603
5	Kansuk	Nyepo	626	3,249
6	Gedoru	Nyepo	172	939
7	Grand total		3447	19548

Challenges encountered:

1. Due to limited funding secured from Kuku Community of Western Australia, and friends, only limited quantity of food and non-food items purchased and distributed to the four centers and that enabled the population to have one light meal per day.
2. Due to limited quantity of food and non-food items purchased, UACD was not able to support the displaced persons in Lowakoke First Baptist Church and those accommodated in Bori secondary school.

Opportunities:

- WFP responded by distributing food items though late by one month.
- Other agencies, including well-wishers were able to support the most vulnerable among the displaced persons with food and non-food items as well though late.



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- The armed cattle herders were pushed out of Kajo-Keji territory by the Central Equatoria State government with the support of the army.
- The population was able to return and settled in their respective villages three months later though in pain over the atrocities committed against their rights.

The Lapura Shelter support. 1. B.

The Lapura shelter project was a respond to the burning of 75 houses in Lapura, Kinyanya, Jondale, Mondri and Nyomuding villages of Gedoru Boma in Nyepo Payam a day after the massacre of civilians in Likamerok and Mogiri village of Lire Payam. The burning of those houses by the armed cattle herders left hundreds of civilians in the affected village homeless and the most affected vulnerable households especially people living with disability, older persons without care takers, including single mothers could not return and settle in their respective villages because they don't have capacity to construct for themselves houses as majority were returning to their respective villages from the displaced centers after the normalization of the situation.

Figure 2



The burnt houses in Gedoru village, Nyepo Payam,



Beneficiaries collected local construction materials



Super structure of the house constructed by UACD hired carpenter



A complete structure of the constructed houses in Gedoru Boma.

The shelter, as being one of the basic human needs prompted UACD to quickly draft a concept note calling for financial and material support from donor agencies, charitable agencies, companies, well-wishers, friends, including individuals to extend hand of support to rescue the most affected vulnerable families with the construction materials to enable them return and settle in their respective villages.

Source of funding for the project.

UACD secured funds from the Kuku Community of Western Australia, including their friends who funded the Lapura shelter project in May 2023 for the most vulnerable identified families that does not have care takers, single mothers, including people living with disability to enable them return to their respective villages than sheltering in public facilities that doesn't have any privacy.

Beneficiaries Selection criteria.

- With the support of the community Leaders, representatives of the people living with disability, youth leaders, women representatives and the opinion leaders, they successfully supported UACD in identifying the most vulnerable households that benefited from the limited number of shelters funded.



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- The community leaders, including representatives of different groups in the community identified 20 most vulnerable households to benefit from the limited number of houses approved for construction.

Project achievements

- With the funding secured from the Kuku Community of Western Australia, UACD successfully procured Iron sheets, Nails, binding wire, including other construction materials to support the identified most vulnerable households and their houses constructed.
- Successfully, UACD constructed 20 shelters of two rooms each for the most identified vulnerable households in Lapura, Kinyanya and Jondale village of Gedoru Boma.
- The identified most vulnerable households who benefited from the shelter construction have now settled in their respective villages.

Challenges

- Due to limited financial resources obtained from the Kuku Community of Western Australia, including their friends, only UACD supported 20 households with the shelter construction at the three villages of Gedoru Boma in Nyepo Payam.
- Due to limited funding secured for the project, UACD did not fix the doors and windows for the constructed houses that was left for the project beneficiaries to find way out to fix for themselves.

Opportunities:

- Availability of local construction materials i.e. local poles and reeds enabled the construction work to succeed.
- The teamwork spirit portrayed by the project beneficiaries enabled the mudding of the constructed houses easily and helped the beneficiaries who does not have caretakers.
- The unity and corporation of Kuku community, including their friends made it easy for UACD to support the identified most vulnerable project beneficiaries with the shelter construction.
- The presence of humanitarian agencies who positively responded by supporting the affected families with basic household items, food and non-food aid, moral support, including counselling and trauma healing services enabled the population from the displaced centers to return and settle in their respective villages.
- The shelter project beneficiaries managed to fix the doors of their constructed houses with the support from the community members, including their relatives.

Basic Household Items Distribution.

- The distribution of the basic household items was in response to the looting of individual valuable basic household items by the armed cattle herders from Bor county of Jongolei state, including burning of 75 families in Lapura, Kinyanya, Jondale, Mondri and Nyomuding villages of Gedoru Boma in Nyepo Payam where utensils, clothing and beddings were looted and some burnt inside. The horrible situation of those affected families triggered UACD to develop another concept none requesting the donor agencies, charitable organizations, companies, well-wishers and individual for financial and material support to rescue the lives of the affected population in Likamerok and Mogiri village, including Gedoru Boma of Nyepo Payam

Source of funding for the project.

- UACD drafted another concept note calling for financial assistance from well-wishers to support up to 250 affected families in Likamerok Boma and Mogiri village of Mekir Boma in Lire Payam, including Gedoru Boma



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of Nyepo Payam who lost all their basic household items to the hands of the armed cattle herders, including the families that their houses were burnt by the same armed cattle herders on Feb – 03rd – 2023.

Likely enough, on September 2023, UACD secured a grant from LUSH fresh Hand Made Cosmetics Company Canada for the implementation of multiple projects. UACD was able to use part of the grant allocated for buying the much-needed basic household items and successfully distributed them to meet the needs of the most vulnerable families.

Beneficiaries Selection criteria and distribution plans.

- UACD worked in coordination with the community leaders, opinion leaders, religious leaders, and women representatives to participate in identifying the most affected families that were left with nothing to survive on.
- The selection criteria successfully worked and the beneficiaries did not have a complain before and after the distribution.
- UACD used community driven formula for distributing the purchased basic household items and it perfectly worked leaving zero complains among the beneficiaries.

Project outcome.

- This project outcome describes the measurement of indicators over the targeted population.
- With the funding from LUSH, UACD successfully procured Saucepans, Plates, water cups, Jerrycans, blankets and sleeping mats and successfully distributed to 90 households.
- Out of 90 households who benefitted from the distributed basic household items, 40 of the beneficiaries were from Likamerok and Mogiri village of Lire Payam, while 50 households were from Gedoru Boma of Nyepo Payam.
- Each family received 4 saucepans, six eating plates, Six Pcs of water cups, three blankets, 3 sleeping mats and one piece of water jerry-can.



Picture of a burnt house by the armed cattle herders in Gedoru Boma of Nyepo Payam.



Basic household items set ready for distribution to 90 families in Likamerok and Gedoru.



Beneficiaries received basic household items

Project impact.

- The project gave a lasting smile to the faces of the most vulnerable people (families) affected by the massacre, the local government and community leaders, and the Kajo-Keji county administration because their lives has been transformed again with the basic household items they received.

Challenges encountered during the project implementation.

- UACD had financial limitations to buy the required quantity of the basic household items to meet the targeted 250 population. Nonetheless a few beneficiaries pictured below received the basic household items.



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Medical support services

1. c. one time off medical support for most vulnerable victims.

One survivor of the February 02nd 2023 crisis who was shot with two-gun bullets at his back and the right hand. The victim was supported with Mourner's fund in the first referral from Kajo-Keji Civil Hospital to St. Mary's Lacor Hospital in Gulu but the budget got finished before the patient finished his treatment. He was discharged unsuccessfully. The bullet wound worsened & client's hand continued decaying

UACD project objective/input on 1.C.

In line with UACD policy of advocating and supporting the most vulnerable victims of any crisis situation with one time off medical cover in dignified medical facilities, UACD came across the most vulnerable bullets survivor of the Feb 2nd massacre with rotting hand in his village painfully waiting to die

In August 2023, UACD quickly intervened by drafting a concept note, circulated it through social media, including but not limited to existing local associations calling for financial support to cover the medical bill, transport and welfare for this very survivor and other survivors of the crisis situation.

UACD project outcome on pillar 1.C.

This outcome describes measurement of indicators verses the number of clients benefited. UACD managed to cover the medical bill, transport and welfare for this survivor. Client received full recovery in Gulu St Mary's Lacor hospital in Uganda see below pictures attached



UACD secured financial support from the Kuku community of Western Australia, contributions from UACD Board members, UACD friends from diaspora, including sons and daughters of Kajo-Keji within South Sudan that covered the medical bill for the referred victim and survivor of the 2nd Feb massacre of 28 people in Kajo-Keji County by the cattle herders from Bor County

UACD PILLAR 2: DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE

2. A. Peace meetings in Kajo Keji County

The 2016 renewed conflict including the barbaric actions of the armed cattle herders were forcefully grazing their animals in the farm lands of Kajo Keji citizens. They committed lots of atrocities against the lives of innocent civilians. As a result, many people flee to the refugee camps in Uganda for safety. While others were pushed out of their villages or got displaced internally. These innocent civilians were again being targeted in the camps and in the internally displaced locations within South Sudan. Many got killed in cold blood by



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supporters of the two warring parties involved in the conflict. This created feelings of mistrust and vengeance other than forgiveness

UACD project objective /input on 2.A.

UACD initiated peace meetings targeting the five Payams of Kajo-Keji County that were badly affected with the conflicts and the barbaric actions of the cattle herders. The meetings only targeted the Payam head chiefs, Boma executive chiefs, Head men, opinion leaders, including religious leaders to discuss values of forgiveness and reconciliation with one another. As leaders, they together encourage and persuaded the population in the refugee camps in Uganda and the internally displaced to return home

UACD project outcome on pillar 2.A.

This outcome measures the indicators of the planned peace meetings which targeted the various leadership categories at Payam and Boma levels. To UACD's dismay, only Payams of Kangapo II, Lire & Nyepo were reached due to financial constraints. Not only that, UACD could not manage to use other ways of reaching the greatest population with the peace initiative modules such as the available FM radio stations in Kajo Keji and Uganda respectively. This resulted in reaching few members of the population in the absence of convenient & relevant radio talk shows in capturing the attention of the greatest population of Kajo-Keji County.



consultative meeting to drive peace strategy for peaceful coexistence.



Joint meeting with the leaders of Kangapo II Payam



children presenting their grievances over the abuse of their rights those in authority

Only three meetings were conducted successfully in the three Payams leaving out two.

Security situation and threats against civilians improved in Kajo-Keji County as the community meetings enabled to resolve most pressing issues that caused insecurity in the County

Finally, the community meetings enabled the leaders to speak out boldly in public gathering against behaviors of people and groups engaged in vengeance instead of forgiveness for peaceful coexistence.

2. B. Radio Talk Show Public Education for Positive Social Interaction

After several attempts and approaches had been tried to reconcile the people through community meetings, UACD realized that only community leaders were targeted leaving out the key stakeholders and the general public with their views and opinions unattended to.

UACD project objective/ input on 2. B.

UACD proposed at least 6 rounds of educative public radio talk shows for distinguished community leaders i.e. government leaders organized forces, National security, department of police, Religious



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leaders and community leaders at Payam levels

UACD project outcome on pillar 2.B.

This outcome categorically measures the 5 rounds of public radio talk shows conducted in 89. 6. Hope FM Radio station at Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji in Romogi. Invited stakeholders & various leaders.



The Army general, head of police and the director for national security talking to the public in 89.6 Hope FM.



Picture of the army general brig General. Malong Agat after the Talk Show.



The representatives of Prison services, Wild life, Fire Brigade addressing the public on 89.6 Hope FM.



Picture of the officers invited for the public talk show.

Different categories of leaders who participated in the public radio Talk shows

The following category of leaders participated on different days in the five rounds of public radio talk shows.

- Kajo-Keji military command represented by Brig, General Malong Agat with his team.
- Directorate of National security represented by Director, Subek Lokiden with his team.
- Directorate of Police represented by Canon Nathaniel Mawa Loaligo with his team.
- Department of prison services represented by captain Ramadhan with his team.
- Department of wildlife represented by priv. Kenyi Baba with his team.
- Department of fire brigade represented by Kiden Susan with her team.
- Kajo-Keji County administration represented by the Executive director with his team.
- The entire Kajo-Keji community was represented by Payam head chiefs and
- Faith based institutions, represented by Imam Ibrahim Mustafa, Rev. Canon Wani and Rev. Canon Edward Jale.
- A total of 147 individuals successfully called in to the Radio Hope FM studio telephone line.
- The invited commanders of the organized forces admitted all their mistakes identified by the public during the public radio talk show and they called for a public apology on the mistakes committed by their officers.
- The public demand for reform in the system of administration ranging from Military, Police, Judiciary, including the County administration realized in Kajo-Keji County, hence leading to high turn up of voluntary return of the refugee from the settlement in Uganda.
- In summary, the organized forces commanders admitted all the atrocities committed against the rights of their citizens that have negatively impacted on their psychological feelings and emotions of the civilian



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population especially on the relatives of those who lost their loved ones in the conflict of the two warring parties.

- The public radio talk shows drew the attention of the general public to speak out against the atrocities committed by the parties to the conflict that need to be documented for future reference and action.
- The demand for documentation and endorsement of all atrocities committed against the civilians in Kajo-Keji County resulted to the call for the bigger conference in May 2023 by UACD

2. C. Peace and reconciliation conference.

From 3rd to 5th May 2023, United Agency for Community Development organized a three days' conference under the theme; 'Kajo-Keji Road Map for sustainable peace, security, Development and restoration of lost hope among the people of Kajo-Keji.

UACD project objective/ input on 2. C.

This conference discussed the most pressing issues that hold back the realization of sustainable peace, security and development in Kajo-Keji County. The primary issues discussed were the root causes of the persisting conflicts and some workable solutions were devised to address the socioeconomic and political wrangles in Kajo-Keji. UACD thought it wise to organize and brought Key technocrats, stakeholders /counterparts within and representatives from refugee camps in Uganda

UACD project outcome on pillar 2.C.

This outcome measures the effects of the outbreak of 2013 and repeated 2016 wars. Not only that but also the multiple invention of Kajo-Keji county by the cattle herders who destroyed crops, looted property, raped women & girls. Finally, they burnt houses and killed people.



UACD Drama for peace group demonstrating, how to survive on mangoes to move the conference forward, with or without money



Participants in the conference hall discussing pressing issues that are affecting sustainable peace, security & development



Group presentation on issues affecting women and girls in Kajo-Keji County



Group presentation on facts finding on causes of insecurity in Kajo-Keji County

The three days' conference brought up to 175 + intended, including unintended invitees comprising of all the community leaders in the five Payams of Kajo-Keji County, the invited government departmental representatives including but not limited to opinion Leaders, women, Youth, Business and people living with disability, to identify the major pressing issues and declare resolutions to each of them as here under.

1. Sore military-civil relationship in Kajo-Keji County.



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2. Leadership crisis in Kajo-Keji County
3. Presence of armed cattle herders in the territory of Kajo-Keji County
4. Over stay of Army at one deployment point
5. Political crisis and lack of rule of laws in Kajo-Keji County.
6. Abuse of power i.e. corruption/Looting of public resources, including private entities.
7. Land and border disputes over territorial gain and control.
8. Establishment of military barracks in the middle of civilians
9. Loss of culture among Kuku people.
10. Disunity among Kajo-Keji people over leadership position & gaining of fame in a corrupt way.
11. Poor and limited-service delivery by the government to her citizens.
12. Illegal Lumbering/ logging in Kajo-Keji County.

The developed and adapted resolutions are categorized into three parts: Political, Social and Economic. The resolutions were agreed upon and signed by all the departmental heads and key representatives. The signed document is hereby referred to as “**The May 5th Romogi Declaration**”. For more details, please visit: <http://www.uacdss.org>.

Impact of the “May 5th Romogi Declaration”.

Reformation in the civil-military relationship. Illegal roadblocks along Kangapo two to Liwolo and Lire to Nyepo roads have been removed. This has enabled civilians to move freely within the interior of Kajo-Keji County in conducting their day-to-day businesses with and across the borders

Intimidation, illegal arrest and detention of civilians by the security personnel has been reduced in Kajo-Keji County following the lengthy discussion and pointing out of weakness of the army and the police in maintaining security of the citizens, including law and orders as mandatory to police

Bigger conference organized on the 7th-9th March 2024 which attracted up to 350 leaders of distinguished categories i.e. political delegates from the presidency office, Central Equatoria State MPs Members of Parliament political party representatives, United Nations mission for South Sudan UNMISS, Representatives from other humanitarian Aid workers, Kajo-Keji county leadership and the entire representation of KKC community i.e. Church clergy, youth, chiefs, women & opinion leaders.

2. D. Mental health and psychosocial intervention (MHPSS).

The UACD intervention on MHPSS in Kajo-Keji County started in late 2023 and its full implementation was pushed 2024 due to the level of preparedness. In late 2023, UACD was only majoring on facts findings about the MHPSS magnitude, triggers, level of intervention by other key actors, including the impact on the people in the community. This level of preparedness and strategy development enabled UACD to fully intervene in 2024 though with limited funding secured for the project.

In 2023, UACD discovered that the recurring wars, socioeconomic and other environmental factors are the major triggers of MHPSS problem. These identified triggers have caused Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) on the majority youth, women and children in Kajo-Keji County leading to increase in alcoholism, drugs abuse, gender-based violence, child neglect, depressions, psychosis and the end result is suicide.



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UACD's overall objective on MHPSS intervention.

The UACD's overall objective on MHPSS response is to build resilient individuals, households, and communities to withstand post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD).

Innovative MHPSS

During the month of December 2023, UACD initiated and innovative MHPSS called "*A Big Christmas and New Year Gift to The Community of Kajo-Keji*".

Problem statement: Christmas and new year days are often perceived by many people to be days of maximum "**Enjoyment**" associated with, *Shopping, Exchanging Gifts; Families, Relatives, Friends and Social Groups Coming Together in Common Places, Lots of Eating, Drinking, Dancing, Unwanted & Unprotected Sexual Relationships with Young School Girls/Women*, etc. However, celebration of these days often has negative consequences on individuals, families and communities because of the economic hardships (poverty) as they cannot afford to meet their family's needs to celebrate these days.

On the other hand, these days are often abused by others as they go beyond the **Green & Peace** lines to the **Red & Dark** lines, (breaking of the by-laws) causing pain to individual and family lives, increased criminal activities, fighting due to drunkenness, consumption of toxic substances, reckless driving, unnecessary shooting of guns by those in possession of fire arms, increased rape cases, loss of lives, theft, armed robbery, unnecessary burning of bushes and houses, etc. all in the name of celebrating Christmas and New year, ----- turning what is supposed to be a peaceful and happy moments of love and joy with each one to a sorrowful and crying moments in families and communities.

Victims: Based on past experiences in the communities, women, girls, children, elderly and people living with disabilities are often victims of abuse, neglect, increased rape cases of women and young girls, increased domestic violence, gender-based violence, etc.

Purpose: Provide mental health and psychosocial counselling services to the community through ahead of the celebrations of the Christmas and the New Year days.

Mode of delivery: The programme was broadcasted through the Hope FM radio station in Kajo-Keji County and provided opportunities for telephone calls to the studio from the community to provide feedback and reported cases associated to MHPSS that needed to be addressed by UACD team.

Impact: These programmes mitigated and minimized several negative incidents in the community of Kajo-Keji. This is because the religious representative sanitized the community why Christmas is celebrated and how it should be celebrated, the organized forces (police, the army, the prison, fire Bridget and the wildlife services) also delivered messages on gross criminal behaviors and the disciplinary actions and consequences should anyone be caught involving in criminal behaviors. Through this programme, UACD was able to mitigate and minimize incidents of: GBV, domestic violence, neglect of children, older persons and people living with disabilities, armed robbery, theft, etc.



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4-A. Administration

1. Source of income

UACD income comes from board members' monthly subscription fee including one-time off contribution from board members and well wishes within and outside South Sudan (Diaspora community and individuals). This is a quick response to an emergency /crisis situation. Another income source came from The LUSH Cosmetics Company, Canada

Table 6 2. A Budget Incomes, Expenditure & Balance 2023

S/ N o	Activity	Income Received			Amount Spent			Balance		
		SSP	UGX	USD	SSP	UGX	USD	SSP	UGX	USD
1	Administrative cost	35,000.0	-	1,500.0	35,000.0	-	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Office rent	-	-	300.0	-	-	300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	External audit	-	-	300.0	-	-	300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Drama for peace	200,000.0	-	400.0	200,000.0	-	400.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	UACD Visibility	100,000.0	-	400.0	100,000.0	-	400.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	public radio talk show	-	504,763	-	-	504,763	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals		335,000	504,763	2,900.0	335,000	504,763	2,900.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 7 2. B Budget spent & balance 2023

S/No	Activity	Income Received			Amount Spent			Balance		
		SSP	UGX	USD	SSP	UGX	USD	SSP	UGX	USD
1	Program assets and administration	-	1,030,718.66	1,400	-	2,030,718.66	1,400	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Emergency response	517,000	10,808,482	-	517,000	10,808,482	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	May 5 th 2023-kk roadmap conference	50,000	14,849,228	2,525	50,000	14,849,228	2,525	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Lapura Shelter project	-	12,155,740	-	-	12,155,740	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	UACD Mobility	-	4,924,889	-	-	4,924,889	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	SSD independence celebration	-	2,171, 041	-	-	2,171, 041	-	0.0	0.0	0.0



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7	Emergency medical support	20,000	4,385,791	-	-	4,385,791	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	Recovery project-Feb 2 nd 2023 saviors	-	-	20,008.50	-	-	13,108.5	0.0	0.0	6,900.0
	Support for Bishop's enthronement	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals		587,000	51,325,889.66	23,933.50	587,000	51,325,889.66	17,033.5	0.0	0.0	6,900.0

Human Resources/Staffing Capacity

a- Human power,

UACD has active volunteers both full & part time. Full time staff are five in total. These include the Executive Director, Finance and Admin Officer, GBV/Protection Officer, Community services officer & the mental health and psychosocial coordinator.

b- Office space

Currently UACD is renting two limited office rooms in the episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji compound Romogi to run all the community services program, the MHPSS program, GBV/Protection and the existing emergency programs.

c- Office furniture

UACD has three limited office tables and chairs only not enough for the available active committed full-time staff.

d- Transport.

The organization managed to purchase one motor bike to support movement of the volunteers in running administrative and all other programs of the organization (UACD).

e. Office equipment

The organization has two laptops i.e. one old and 1 new. Moreover, they are not proportional to the number of the committed full time volunteer staff as each of them have to plan his/her activities for the specific allocated program activities individually. Some of the staff have to find unreliable ways of browsing laptops privately for supporting UACD programs. The organization also has a portable multipurpose printer to support the organization with printing, photocopying and scanning of documents.

4-B. Challenges/Limitations

1- No access to Power/electricity.

Reliable Way forward



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UACD needs to purchase and install its own solar power source despite the existing good relationship with the neighboring partners, which have been helping UACD to access power on irregular bases when these partners feel it is convenient to allow UACD share/use their power.

2- Internet connection

No office internet connection

Unreliable Way forward

In the same way, UACD built a rapport establishment among the nearby partners. Though it has been embarrassing to some extent, UACD tolerated several discouragements on internet log in when in serious financial constraints and not able to buy bundles for communications or open their email accounts.

3- Transport.

No program motorbikes for: MHPSS, GBV/Protection & Community services.

Reliable Way forward

UACD depended on one motor bike for administration in running all programs listed above. This affected the effective implementation of the programs which is not cost effective in terms of time and finance, therefore, need to procure motor bike for each program.

4- psychiatrist

No psychiatric nurse/ psychiatric clinical officer volunteer for MHPSS

Reliable Way forward

There is a high need to engage a professional psychiatric nurse /psychiatric clinical officer to technically manage the psychiatric medication of the mentally ill clients.

5- Established centers

No center per each Payam for psychiatric/counseling GBV/protection & Community services

Reliable Way forward

There is high need to build these centers in all the five Payams for relevant psychiatric clinics/distribution of mental and neurological drugs, confidential counselling cases of suicide and GBV/protection cases such as rape etc. Not only that, these centers could also be used for community meetings & training.

6- Incentives/Salaries

No regular incentives for UACD staffs and community volunteers

Unreliable Way forward

Despite the committed UACD fulltime volunteers, they are human beings hence they need to meet their daily basic needs to continue working hard for Sustainable Well-being, Peace, Development, and Prosperity in the nearest future and realize resilient individuals, households, and communities despite the increasing and overwhelming psychosocial problems in Kajo-Keji County, including other counties of Central Equatoria State in the Republic of South Sudan.



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Opportunities:

- UACD board members are all committed in supporting the organization and are ready to contribute out of pockets to support implementation of activities.
- The Directors of outreach and resource mobilization continue to organize for fund raising events locally and in the diaspora among the sons and daughters of Kajo-Keji, continues socialization of the organization's mandate, vision, mission and goals to potential donors locally in South Sudan and overseas.
- UACD is also blessed by its' committed fulltime and part time volunteers which enabled the organization to achieve all its reported results right from establishment/opening of the office in KKC in Mid 2022 throughout 2023 continuing in 2024.
- UACD has also gained an excellent working relationship and undoubtable trust with the KKC administration, security department, organized forces (given the politically complex operating local and national context), local government authorities, community leaders and the general community at large.
- Willingness and active participation of project beneficiaries based on their individual and family capacities.
- Active youth, women and girls are ready and willing to engage in healthy productive economic activities if provided with the necessary technical and financial support and linkages to markets.

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