



Civil Military Cooperation Project in Karamoja (CIMIC)



The Republic of Uganda

"What are we doing to Strengthen Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) for sustained peace and security in Karamoja Region?"



THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF CIMIC:

To strengthen civil-military co-operation in Karamoja for sustained peace and security in the region.

THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ARE:

- 1) To undertake sustained public mobilisation campaign, information sharing, education and consensus building on peace and security among the civil population in Karamoja and neighbouring regions (through Radio FM, Kraal / community Dialogues on peace, security and rule of law).
- 2) To carry out human rights training of the soldiers of UPDF 3rd Division that undertake actual disarmament process.
- 3) To provide support towards the effective operation of the Civil-Military Co-operation Centres (CMCCs) in Kaabong, Moroto, Kotido and Nakapiripirit Districts.
- 4) To undertake community conciliation projects as a confidence-building measure between the military and civil population in Karamoja.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE CIMIC ACTIONS

The outcome of the civil-military co-operation actions shall include the following:

Component 1: To undertake sustained public mobilisation campaign, information sharing, education and consensus building on peace and security among the civil population in Karamoja and neighbouring regions through Radio FM, Kraal and community dialogues on disarmament activities in the broader context of peace, security and rule of law in the region.

- Capacity of the existing Radio FM Station in Moroto increased to a broadcast range that reaches communities within Karamoja and neighbouring districts of Uganda, Turkana and Pokot in Kenya, and Toposa and Didinga in South Sudan.
- Increased awareness among civilians of peace and security issues including rule of law, penalties for criminality, etc.
- Increased ownership of peace and security among the civilian population thus undermining the use of military force in peacemaking.
- Feedback channels on peace and security matters will be established between the civilians and soldiers at district and community levels.
- Confidence in the work of security forces generated by open communication and thereby leading to a better understanding of the disarmament process among the civilian population.
- UPDF and Police have standing airtime to communicate to the public on matters of peace and security as well as on issues of citizen accountability and rule of law.
- All the Councils of Elders - *Akriket Leaders* in 42 sub-counties integrate peace and security into their council meeting agendas.
- Peaceful gun collection by civilians is revitalised.
- Raiding routes are transformed into peace corridors evidenced by the implementation of peace connectors and joint resettlement schemes.
- Community views are reflected in UPDF disarmament operational plans.
- Reduction in the use of force during the process of gun collection.
- Increase in elders' authority over youth activities in support of peace building and peaceful disarmament activities.

Component 2: To carry out human rights training among the soldiers of the UPDF 3rd Division and Uganda Police Force (UPF) currently deployed in the disarmament process and expansion of rule of law in Karamoja (RELOKA).

- 3rd Division UPDF soldiers empowered with skills and knowledge of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of Ugandan citizens as per



CAP 4 of the Constitution of Uganda, UPDF Act and Disarmament Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs).

- Number of human rights violations reduced during the disarmament community operations.

Component 3: To provide support to the effective functioning of the Civil-Military Co-operation Centres (CMCCs) in Kaabong, Moroto, Kotido, Nakapiripirit Districts.

- 4 CMCCs equipped with laptop computers, 2 cars, stationery and widely operational at district and 42 sub counties.
- Terms of reference of the CMCCs developed and circulated to the public through radio and community dialogues.
- 4 District databases of all disarmed youth developed and utilised for "Peace as an Incentive for Development" projects by both the military and other development partners.
- Ongoing public awareness and education on disarmament undertaken through community outreaches by CMCC officials and other disarmament partners.
- Community accountability rallies held by CMCCs as a response to incidences of human rights violations whenever they occur.
- Database of cases of human rights violations developed and cases forwarded to the Military and Police for investigation as well as to the independent UHRC for investigation and for seeking redress for victims.
- Ongoing compilation of human rights violation incident reports.
- Actions taken on violation cases publicly announced

and placed in strategic public places.

- Information billboards on peace and security established in strategic public places.
- Ongoing training of UPDF soldiers to cover all Brigades in Karamoja.
- UPDF programme on "peace conversations with children" is broadcast on the radio and in school peace rallies, in line with Rights of the Child standards.
- Police and UPDF role in CIMIC enhanced through support to community outreaches on public education and increased UPDF accountability mechanisms.

Component 4: To undertake Community Conciliation Projects as a confidence-building measure between the military and civilians in Karamoja.

- Previous historical lack of confidence between the military and civilians is overcome by the new model of confidence-building measures.
- 4 "speaking classroom blocks" constructed by soldiers and civilian communities in strategic locations across the four districts of disarmament. Classroom blocks will hold messages on peace and security.
- 5,000 children reached by soldiers during the programme on "UPDF Peace Conversations with Karimojong Children".
- 400 disarmed and certified youth engaged in a Cash for Work scheme of classroom construction with the military across the four districts of Karamoja.
- 400 women peace actors engaged in four selected sites across the four districts of Karamoja.
- Dialogue with 20 mobile herders held on citizen accountability, rule of law, peace, security and access to basic services.
- Level of civil police involvement in civilian affairs stepped up at community level.

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