

Research on “Job Creation and Economic Empowerment Opportunity for Youth, Women, & Elderly Persons in newly established Omoro District, Northern Uganda” 8<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Amani’s research team are currently conducting a baseline survey in the newly created Omoro District in Northern Uganda on current and future job creation and economic empowerment opportunity for youths, women, and elderly persons.

The research seeks to identify and map out the various economic development and recovery programs launched by the Government of the Republic of Uganda and development partners as part of their contribution to the recently launched Vision 2040 and the Sustainable Development Goal 2030 adopted by the United Nations on 25 September 2015.

These include the NAADs, Youth Capital Venture Fund, Operation Wealth Creation, Youth Livelihood Programmes, and Skilling Uganda throughout the country etc.

In post-conflict northern Uganda however many of these programmes have performed dismally, due of high burden occasioned by the over two decades LRA conflict, lack of citizens awareness or conditionality which impeded their access and participation.

The Peace, Recovery and Development Programme (PRDP) and a series of Northern Uganda Social Action Funds (NUSAF) I and II - for example, have had little, if any impact on bridging the economic development gap between the north and other parts of the country, or in reducing the income inequality, addressing poverty, and unemployment rates.

In order address this informational gap and contribute to effective implementation of government programme and post-conflict recovery and development initiatives in northern Uganda, Amani Institute Uganda is undertaking a two weeks study designed to identify and map out existing programs, awareness, perceptions, knowledge and accessibility of these programs by youths, women, and elderly persons in newly created Omoro districts, both as part of Gulu previously and going forward as a new district.

The specific objectives of the study are;

- Identity and map out all current and forthcoming job creation, economic empowerment & recovery programme and initiatives accessible to youth, women and elderly persons in the district and the region;
- Identify and map out all the relevant criteria, requirements, procedure and contacts necessary in the access and deliverance of the programme;

- Examine the existing institutional and structural mechanisms for implementation, gaps and opportunities;
- Develop practical recommendations and determine relevant course of action necessary to enable the target groups (youth, women, and elderly) access and benefit from these programmes/initiatives;

### Methodology

The mapping exercise will involve a review of key government documents, policy papers, and interviews with key informants including central government representatives, MPs, and local government officials, development partners' representatives, and the target groups representatives.

### Ethical considerations

Some key informants will be purposively selected on the basis of their official position and knowledge of government programmes and implementation at the central and local government levels. Other respondents, especially the target groups, will be randomly selected to minimize possibility of bias.

Also, the interview will follow a semi-structured interview map with a set of guiding questions in order to ensure a degree of consistency, but also allow for open conversation and honest reflections by the research participants. In some instances, a short questionnaire may be developed and shared with target respondents who are unable to provide direct interviews.

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