

CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to this overview of CECORE's work from January to December 2016.

These records help us realize the milestones covered, measure our successes and challenges, and use the gaps to design the other programs appropriately.

The report gives the account of the work that CECORE has carried out by either designing the projects or as a result of invitations for partnership or consultancies in the area of peacebuilding.

CECORE has registered a number of successes thanks to a variety of factors including the profile of the organization, which has been steadily built over more than twenty years.

However, there are a few challenges; the first being the limitations in raising timely and sufficient funds for the ever increasing demands from our constituencies. The other challenge is in ensuring the continuity of projects, given the standard funding cycles. To mitigate this, CECORE ensures that skills are built in a participatory way so that the beneficiaries have something to take home and move on with when the projects end.

All the successes have been made possible with the physical, moral and financial support from a wide range of partners that we have. A special thanks to all the financial supporters.

Lastly, my sincere thanks go to all the staff at various levels for their dedication and hard work, in sometimes not-so-easy situations.

Thank you all!

Rose Othieno

ABOUT US

The Center for Conflict Resolution works to seek alternative and creative means of resolving and or transforming conflicts

WHO WE ARE

CECORE is a nonprofit NGO registered with the NGO Registration Board in Uganda. CECORE works in Uganda, the Great Lakes Region and the Greater Horn of Africa in partnership with civil society organizations and governments. Our funding is through grants from governments, independent trusts and consultancy services.

Our work focuses on communities, women, children, youth, media, educators, community leaders, parliamentarians, government departments, former and active armed groups, international agencies and mediators.

We are members of several national networks and coalitions including the NGO Forum, Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA), Human Rights Network Uganda (HURINET), Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), and the Coalition on UNSCR 1325, among others.

CECORE also belongs to various international networks and coalitions that work in related thematic areas. Among these are: the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), and the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).

CECORE is governed by a Board of Directors, which is assisted by technical sub-committees of professional researchers, trainers, and people conversant with the law.

OUR VISION

A prosperous society where peace and human dignity prevail.

OUR MISSION

To promote a culture of peace through advocacy, research, mediation and capacity building of individuals communities and institutions.

OUR VALUES

- Respect for fundamental human rights; particularly the right to life, dignity, and freedom of expression and of association
- Assurance of equal opportunities for all persons irrespective of race, religion, age or gender
- Appreciation of differing opinions
- Professional integrity, transparency and accountability
- Team work and collaboration

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN 2013 – 2017

CECORE'S CURRENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ARE:

- Improved human security and peace
- Increased government and participatory advocacy
- Resource-based and gender related conflicts reduced/prevented
- Enhanced growth and sustainability of CECORE
- Reduced proliferation and increased control on the use of small firearms
- Increased awareness among individuals, institutions and communities concerning peacebuilding

CECORE FULFILLS ITS OBJECTIVES UNDER THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROGRAMME AREAS:

- I. Training in conflict prevention, management, resolution and transformation
- II. Media and peacebuilding
- III. Building bridges: conflict resolution in practice
- IV. Research documentation and information dissemination on various thematic areas

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MAKING AN IMPACT: KEY ACTIVITIES IN 2016

CAPACITY BUILDING

PANYADOLI SELF-HELP SECONDARY SCHOOL

In 2016, CECORE conducted two separate streams of capacity building activities at Panyadoli Self-help Secondary School in Kiryandongo refugee settlement.

In partnership with World Peace & Reconciliation, in October we organized trainings on non-violence and peaceful co-existence, carried out tree planting, and formed a peace club. This was to equip students and teachers with knowledge on how to deal with conflicts and conflict situations with non-violent approaches.



CECORE was asked to return to the school during the 16 Days of Activism in December 2016 to again carry out peace education and nonviolence awareness for the students, teachers and parents. This was an interaction exercise between and among the groups, where all participants freely discussed matters of importance to their lives. Issues covered included gender roles and equality, sexual assault, violence related to small arms and light weapons, vulnerability of refugee girls and boys, young women

and young men and their challenges in accessing public services, and education.

WINDLE TRUST UGANDA

In cooperation with Windle Trust Uganda, CECORE conducted training sessions for refugee students on CV writing, job applications and interview skills.



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

In June 2016, the Electoral Commission National Consultative Forum together with CECORE carried out a training on *Promoting Unity in Diversity in Post-Election Uganda* for the Acholi and Lango sub-regions in Gulu.



Group photo with the Chairman of Electoral Commission Dr. Badru Kiggundu

PEACEBUILDING

INTEGRATING CONFLICT SENSITIVITY IN LAND GOVERNANCE FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION

One of the largest projects CECORE continued to undertake in 2016 was “Integrating Conflict Sensitivity in Land Governance for Conflict Prevention and Resolution”, which was done in partnership with USAID-SAFE and Saferworld. The goal of the project was to contribute to the prevention of new and the reduction/resolution of current land conflicts in Mbale, Mukono, and Mityana Districts. This was done through improving the ability of key formal and informal structures at district and national levels to effectively manage land issues in a conflict-sensitive manner.



The project made significant strides in contributing to the prevention of new conflicts and the reduction/resolution of ongoing land conflicts with beneficiaries reporting a reduction in land related violence. In Mbale, a group of youth in Nyondo sub-county who were accused of using violent means to resolve land and related conflicts were said to embrace dialogue and participate in *talking circles* as a way to resolve conflicts. The commitment of the youth towards project interventions, and their active participation

contributed significantly towards the realization of this goal.

PEACE III

From May 2015 to June 2016, CECORE and Dodoth Agro-Pastoralist Development Organization (DADO) implemented a cross-border conflict transformation project under the USAID Peace III program. The project operated in the Loki-Kapoeta corridor in the Karamoja Cluster, referred to as Zone 6 including the Lokichogio-Narus-Nadapal, Kalapata-Kamion-Nawountos areas.



The project aimed at contributing to enhancing local cross-border conflict transformation management in the Loki-Kapoeta area. To achieve this, the project focused on three areas;

- I. Improving the openness of communities to social reconciliation
- II. Mobilizing communities' peacebuilding capacities
- III. Encouraging local governments to partner with their cross-border counterparts and communities in conflict management



The project employed conflict sensitive approaches (CSA), rights based approaches (RBA), environmental protection and climate change adaptability, and gender as cross-cutting areas.

The following output results were attributed to the PEACE III Project:

- Enhancement of peace and relative calm among the Dodoth, Turkana and Toposa in the Loki-Kapoeta Kaabong corridor
- Healing of psychological wounds through trauma healing



- Reconciliation of communities, co-existence and joint resource sharing
- Operationalization and promotion of peace dividends
- Increase of women's participation in peacebuilding initiatives
- Empowerment of youth in peace-building and economic empowerment
- Formation and functioning of peace structures like cross border peace committees
- Improved coordination and response among local government and other peacebuilding actors
- Transformation of former warriors into 'Peace Ambassadors'



ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING

COCAFEM/GL

In March, Rose Othieno, CECORE's Executive Director, attended the 3rd Conference of the Collective of coalitions of associations working for the advancement of women in the Great Lakes region (COCAFEM/GL). The conference, held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, was to discuss the domestication and implementation of the Kampala Declaration on sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) and the UNSC Resolution 1325. CECORE and its Ugandan partner, Isis-WICCE, made a presentation on the Uganda status.

ICGLR CSO FORUM

The launch of CSO Handbook on the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) was co-organized by Akina Mama Wa Afrika (AMWA), Nairobi Peace Initiative (NPI), the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) and ACORD Great Lakes Project took place on June 27, 2016 in Kampala.

The ICGLR emerged from the conflicts that had engulfed the region in the 1990s including the 1994 Rwanda Genocide and widespread instability in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The ICGLR was established under the principles of ownership and inclusiveness by all 12 member state governments and all other stakeholders, including CSOs, who have been recognized and engaged as key parties in the whole process.

CSOs seeking to engage with the ICGLR needed to come together under a common umbrella in order to increase their involvement, particularly becoming valuable allies to the ICGLR in policy development; outreach and implementation of programs and projects. CECORE serves on the Uganda ICGLR CSO Forum.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH

INTERNSHIP

Gabriel Maisonnave interned with CECORE between June and July 2016 during his Masters in Applied Field Experience Programme in practical experience in peacebuilding and conflict transformation.



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FIELDWORK

For a number of years, CECORE has been welcoming groups of students from the Masters in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution program at Columbia University in New York. The students are given the opportunity to get hands-on experience in conflict resolution and peacebuilding in Uganda.

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	
Columbia University	10,125,000
Saferworld -SAFE Project	121,515,168
USAID PACT Project	21,548,536
Consultancy (Windle Trust)	846,000
Interest Income	328,616
Total Income	154,363,320
EXPENDITURE	
USAID PACT Programme	(8,638,536)
Saferworld -SAFE Project	(100,406,600)
Administrative Expenses	(9,031,000)
Staff Salaries	(30,423,000)
Total Expenses	(148,499,136)
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	5,864,184

