

Project Profile

<u>Sector</u>	Multi Sectoral
<u>Sub Sector</u>	Public Administration
<u>Code</u>	0021- PA51(D)
<u>Title</u>	Support to Disarmament of Karamoja.
<u>Implementing Agency</u>	Office of the Prime Minister.
<u>Location</u>	Karamoja region.
<u>Total Plan Exp.</u>	-
<u>Total Funding Secured</u>	Ug.shs 109m
<u>Funding Agency</u>	Government of Uganda.
<u>Start Date</u>	2001 - December
<u>Completion Date</u>	Unknown

Background:

Karamoja region includes the Districts of Moroto, Kotido, and Nakapiripirit with a total area of 27,321 sq. miles. The high temperatures cause high rate of evaporation while the tilted nature of the land allows quick run off of rainwater leaving the area a perennially drought-prone area. The region has other special and unique problems such as internal inter-tribal wars, social conflicts, lawlessness, cross border conflicts with neighbouring districts, cultural stagnation and chronic rustling within and without the region. Continuous cattle rustling and instability has affected development in the region and neighbouring Districts as well. So the Project was initiated to address the above unique multi sectoral problems.

Main Objectives:

1. To disarm the Karimojong and bring peace and development to the region and its neighbours.
2. To provide water for livestock production and safe drinking water for people.
3. To reconstruct basic economic and social infrastructure destroyed over the years.
4. To introduce serious agriculture in the region.
5. To mobilise the community for development and therefore poverty eradication.

Expected Outputs:

1. Remove all illegal guns from the Karimojong and reduce rustling and establish peace in the region.
2. Provide emergency requirements to the population affected by the disarmament exercise.
3. Introduce measures to eradicate poverty in Karamoja region by introduction of serious agricultural activities.
4. Improve the quality and quantity of service delivery in the area.
5. Enhance Law and Order in conjunction with the Amnesty Commission.
6. Improve mobilisation and sensitisation of the pastoral communities within and outside Karamoja region on issues concerning security, peace building and conflict management and disarmament.

Project Components:

1. Law and Order

2. Peace building and Conflict Management
3. Community mobilisation and sensitisation for Development.
4. Capacity Building and training in development skills.
5. Developing a policy for Karamoja.
6. Coordination, supervision and monitoring of development projects.

Achievements.

- a. Over 14,000 illegal guns have been recovered voluntarily
- b. Forceful disarmament is also on going by the army.
- c. Water ponds (ngatapis) have been constructed.
- d. Distributed Agricultural supplies and relief goods to the affected population.
- e. OPM has established a data bank on all development activities in the region and has continued with the coordination and monitoring of the disarmament process.

Relevance to PEAP.

The project is addressing Security in the region, peace, Law and Order, which are necessary for the socio-economic development and poverty reduction.

Financing:

The Project is financed by the GoU. For FY 2004/05 there is a budget provision of Shs. 50m. The provision was very minimal because the overall budget for all non PAF projects under OPM was Shs.540m only. Secondly, voluntary disarmament has stalled. Other relevant Sectors also budget for activities under their sectors.

For FY 2005/06 the Project budget provision is Shs.100m. although, the requirement was Shs 500m. The funds are needed for coordination and fulfillment of the Presidential pledges on voluntary disarmament.