

REPORT ON IJD CELEBRATIONS NORTHERN UGANDA BY NUTJWG IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NECPA

Activities

Football (Northern Uganda peace cup finals) and MDD, public dialogue and awareness creation

this activity was kick started with a meeting of stakeholders on the 16th July to inform the community on the Rome Statute and their roles in sensitizing the victims on their rights enshrined in the Rome statute in connection to transitional Justice

The participants were drawn from the following categories

Religious, Cultural, Civic leaders and CSO. Representatives of the community and victims from Lango sub-region a total of 35 people attended and was facilitated by ICTJ country director, Coordinator NUTJWG, Coordinator UVF and the Chairperson NUTJWG with support from Irish- Aid

The IJD celebrations for Uganda took place in Kole district Lango sub region in Northern Uganda, this event attracted over 3,000 people and was officiated by the Presidential Advisor , Hon Dr. Ricky Akeny , other dignitaries in attendance where the chief administrative officer Kole district, chairpersons LCV of the following districts attended Kole , Apac, Oyam Lira ,Otuke and Amolatar .Religious, Traditional and CSO in Lango sub-region and local leaders, the community and the victims who participated in football and drama and the general community within the host Sub-County and the neighboring sub-counties

14 teams participated in football competition which was at Parish level and 9 teams in drama

The football and drama activities were basically performed by the victims benefiting from support of the trust fund for victims as part of the psycho social support activity of restoring livelihood project and community peace building .this activity brings people together and reduces trauma among the community and victims taking in considerations of the complexity of the LRA/ GOU war where most perpetrators were children abducted and forced to commit crimes In his closing remarks the chief guest called upon all stakeholders to promote and sensitize the community in the region and with in east Africa and Africa at large on the Rome Statute he promised on behalf of the president of the Republic of Uganda to ensure that Uganda fulfills her obligations of Arrest and Surrender the Indicted individuals by the ICC and lobby other states to Ratify the Rome Statute



WINNERS OF THE PEACE CUP CELEBRATING THEIR WIN



COORDINATOR UVF GIVE HIS SPEECH AND INTERPRETED THE DRAMA MEANING ACTED BY VICTIMS AT THE OPENING CEREMONIE



VICTIMS ACT DRAMA



GROUP LEADER OF THE DRAMMA RUN UP RECEIVE AGOAT GIFT OF BEHALF OF THE GROUP



WINNERS OF DRAMMA RECEIVE CELEBRATING THEIR WIN AND GIFT



COORDINATOR UVF, CHAIRPERSON NUTJWG / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NECPA AND AREA COUNCILOR AWATCH FOOTBALL



WINERS OF THE PEACE CUP RECEIVE TROPHY AND GOAT GIFT



VICTIMS DANCING TRADITIONAL SONG OF PEACE THANKING UN FOR ESTABLISHING APERMANENT COURT FOR WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY THUS REDUCING IMPUNITY



GUEST WATCH FOOTBALL AND DRAMA



CHIEF GUEST AND LEADERS LISTEN TO THE OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON NUTJWG



COMMUNITY AND FOOTABLE PLAYERS WATCH DRAMA



ICTJ COUNTRY DIRECTOR MAKING HIS PRESENTATION AT THE MOBILISATION MEETING IN LIRA ON THE 16/7/2010



PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFYING TJ ISSUES FOR LANGO SUB REGION DURING THE MOBILISATION MEETING



COORDINATOR NUTJWG, CHIEF GUEST CHAIRPERSON LCV APAC DISTRICT AND CHAIRPERSON NUTJWG AT THE OPENING OF THE MOBILISATION MEETING FOR IJD IN LIRA