

- 4) Undertake a participatory research on gender equality social inclusion (GESI) on mineral resource governance in Karamoja, document experiences and contribute to appropriate policy changes in areas of improved indigenous pastoral communities' inclusion (engagement) in decision-making and benefits sharing in mineral resource governance in Uganda.

Project Targets

Indigenous women, men, youth and elders, Customary institutions, Districts land boards, Sub county area land committees, Local Councils, JLOS actors, Uganda Cabinet secretariat, Parliament, Uganda Management Institute, Media Houses, Rights-based organizations, Private mining actors -investors and artisanal mining group members.

Project Approach/Strategy

Social capital mobilization for collective action – aimed at safeguarding the customary land rights (ownership, management, use) and tackling the social problems - converting it into a stream of benefits for improved collective wellbeing of indigenous people in the mineral extractive industry.

Policy literacy enhancement: Undertake policy education with the aim to create an environment for right holders (female and



male) to dialogue with government and mining investors (as duty bearers) on pertinent policy issues.

Partnership and collaborative approach: Promote a collaborative stance with Ministry of Lands (MoLs), Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS), Uganda Management Institute (UMI), local governments, CSOs and private sector.

Media advocacy: Involving citizen journalists advocates and duty bearer to amplify the voices of indigenous people and keep track of commitments and resolutions agreed upon during periodic policy dialogues and engagement platforms at local and national levels.

Participatory policy research and learning: In collaboration with UMI will undertake participatory research to gather evidence on various aspects of policy implementation regarding mineral resource governance and hold national policy advocacy forum and ambassadors' dialogues.



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Communities' Engagement
in Decision making
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Project Overview

Arica Leadership Institute (AFLI) is an Independent, non-partisan learning, research, and advocacy policy think tank that implements socio-economic development initiatives particularly among peripheral and cross border communities. Since 2014, AFLI has been empowering communities and supporting their leaders by influencing design of policy and appropriate program interventions resulting into improved human wellbeing in Uganda and peripheral cross-border communities.

Desirous to deepen program work on democracy, human rights, and governance (DRG) linked to national level policy research and advocacy in land and mineral resource governance for pastoralists' communities wellbeing, in December 2022, AFLI secured funds from USAID/EWMI Uganda Civil Society Strengthening Activity (CSSA) to implement a project titled "Improving Pastoral Communities' Engagement in Decision making processes in Mineral Resource Governance (PACED)" from January to December 2023 in the districts of Moroto and Kaabong, Karamoja Region, Uganda. This project contributes to two thematic areas of USAID CSSA-DRG namely:

- 1) Increasing protection and fulfillment of human rights and gender equality;
- 2) Improving citizens' inclusion and engagement in decision-making processes at local and national levels.

Project Goal is "to contribute to improving indigenous pastoral communities' inclusion and engagement in decision making processes in mineral resource governance at local and national level.

The Overall Objective is "to strengthen participation of indigenous pastoral communities in decision making in mineral resource governance and equitable benefits sharing in mineral extractive industry. The following specific objectives will be pursued:

1. To enhance awareness of indigenous pastoral communities, state and private sector actors on their rights, roles and responsibilities in mineral resource governance.
2. To strengthen the governance capacity of Communal Land Associations (CLAs) and Community Development Trusts (CDTs).
3. To strengthen the advocacy capacity of CLAs and CDTs.
4. To promote advocacy engagements between community structures, state and private sector actors on mineral resource governance.

Project Expected Results

- i) Enhanced awareness of indigenous communities and active dialogue with state and non-state actors on human rights and mineral resource governance

- ii) CLAs and CDTs formed, registered and their governance and advocacy capacity built.
- iii) Evidenced based advocacy undertaken for a change of conditions of the indigenous pastoral people (women, men, girls, boys).

Project Key Activities

The project will implement activities that:

- 1) Promote awareness and active dialogue with state (national and local government leaders and institutions) and non-state actors (private sector companies and CSOs) on human rights and diverse range of mineral resource governance issues;
- 2) Support formation, registration and capacity building of community structures (Customary land associations, community development trusts).
- 3) Undertake evidenced based advocacy for improved change of conditions of the indigenous pastoral peoples (women, men, girls, boys) socio-economic wellbeing

