



GREAT LAKES PEACE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this 2023 Great Lakes Peace Center (GLPC) Annual report.

This Annual report has been put together by our editorial team led by the Chief Executive officer Mr. Faruku Kibaba together with project leads and a team of volunteers working at GLPC.

We are excited that even when we have worked with reduced staff, we were able to meet our 2023 targets and much more.

Our partnerships and networks continue to grow both locally and on the international scene and this is something that proves our consistent growth aligning with our Vision,

Mission and Core Values.

GLPC has been running two programs which focused on several projects under Peace Building & Social Development Plus Health Promotion.

Our partnership with Kiima Foods has continued from the areas of renewable energy to climate smart agriculture for youth and women.

We remain very grateful to our partners **GIZ in Uganda** and the **Rotary Club of Winchester** for the continued support towards our work.

Our Partners:



OUR VISION:

We envision a society that is peaceful and violence free.

OUR MISSION:

To empower communities in particular young people to take responsibilities for their peace in the Great Lakes Region.

OUR CORE VALUES:

SERVICE

Service activities to bring cohesion among communities and ultimately foster world understanding and peace.

DIVERSITY

Organizational membership to reflect diversity of vocations, race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion and political affiliation. Diversity is required to direct projects and activities of the organization across boundaries of communities, cultures and nations.

INTEGRITY

Adherence to ethical code of conduct and professional standards in our work. Respect for humanity and accountability from all member to all we serve.

LEADERSHIP

Every member/ staff of the organization is a leader in one way or the other. We are a conglomeration of different leaders in different fields. It is therefore important to bear in mind that as staff members, when duty calls, show-up and be prepared to live up to the leadership demands

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FOREWORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is my pleasure to introduce to you the **GLPC** Annual report 2023. We believe that every youth has a right to participate in their decision-making platforms to contribute to the peace they cherish and in 2023, our work was made critical progress towards this aspiration.

The stories in this report represent a sample of this work across our two program areas of Health Promotion and Peacebuilding & Social development.

We believe that by working together with all stakeholders, we can build a future free of violence with youth at the frontline of ensuring peaceful coexistence. We work across the whole life cycle of a youth, ensuring good health and wellbeing, education and protection of their rights, a good and sound social environment, quality skills and capacity to do work, knowledge of positive peace and living

harmoniously in the environment that hosts us.

At **GLPC**, we believe that youth should not only benefit from our good programs and those from government but rather contribute to making them in a more active way. I am particularly thrilled by our role this year where we had the opportunity to ably work with other youth groups in the Great Lakes Region to come up with Action Papers to their regional Ministers to ask for their attention in issues affecting the youth in the region. This will ensure a road map for acting on youth issues in conflict for the four participating countries.

We are committed to supporting Uganda's long-term development plan and also responding to key issues in the area of Peace and security in the context of youth participation. I am pleased that we played a crucial role in the formulation of the National strategy for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism with the Ministry of Internal Affairs which was a much-needed strategy to aid our work but also guide Government.

I would like to extend our gratitude to our donors, partners, Staff and Volunteers whose tremendous work throughout the year enabled Great Lakes Peace Center to build a peaceful environment in local communities through local youth efforts.

FARUKU KIBABA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GREAT LAKES PEACE CENTER

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HEALTH PROMOTION HEPATITIS B PROJECT

Great Lakes Peace Centre continued to carry out Health promotion programming in 2023 focusing on prevention of Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis and Pneumonia.

Adolescent Sexual Reproduction Health promotion (SRHR), Water personal hygiene and sanitation programming (WASH) and Nutritional assessment counseling & linkage to care (NACS).

With support from rotary club of Winchester, Rotary Snow peaks and Kasese district local government we carried a campaign dubbed #NOhep-Mom to raise awareness among pregnant women attending antenatal care (ANC) at Bwera General Hospital, Kyempara Health Centre, Karambi subcounty Mpondwe Muslim HCII, Nyakimasa Health centre III, Kitholhu HCIII, Ihandiro Health Centre III and Nyakimasa Health centre IIII to emphasis triple elimination through Continuous health talks and continuous medical Education.

GLPC secured funding from the coalition against hepatitis for people of African origin To Raise Awareness about Hepatitis in local languages (Ihukonzo) in Rwenzori Region-Uganda with objective To raise awareness about Hepatitis B among young mothers, hepatitis ambassadors, stakeholders to reinforce the benefits of screening, testing prevention, care seeking behaviour, management and treatment especially among

rural women to deal with misconception and myth through Community medical mobilization, Table Talks /Focused Group Discussion, Community Barraza and Talk Shows using local community. We continue to commemorate World Hepatitis day on 28-7-2023 with stakeholder's religious, cultural leaders, village



health teams, local leaders, Resident district commissioner, district health team and members of parliament in Uganda.

We shared our works through engaging 7 webinars and global stage attending the Conference on liver disease in Africa COLDA Dar el salam September 2023 and African hepatitis summit Abuja 2023.

FIGURES

400

Pregnant Women reached during our Hepatitis awareness raising meetings.

200

People reached during the Commemoration of the World Hepatitis Day.

4

Community Baraza meetings Conducted.

1000

Social Media messages on medical education were generated.

5000

Followers on all Social Media platforms were targeted as we shared IEC local languages materials.



Success Story

Great lakes peace is part of viral hepatitis Africa action group that amplifies the voices of patients, champions patients' rights at continental level and also joins community programs at World Hepatitis Alliance to strengthen community voice and to drive the elimination of viral hepatitis.

Great lakes peace Centre has successfully been admitted to be part of Alliance for the prudent use of antibiotics.

Great lakes peace Centre and Kasese district was successfully able to induct OBR leaders in areas of Nutritional assessment ,Counseling support NACS



EDUCATION PROMOTION EDUCATION PROJECT

ACTIVITIES

- First term, delivery of scholastic materials and payment of school fees for all students in different levels on 14th and 15th February.
- Second term, purchase of scholastic materials, delivery of the same and payment of school fees to the respective schools on 6th and 7th June. Purchased materials include books, pens, sanitary pads, toilet papers, mathematical sets among others.
- Third term, paid school fees for all learners, purchased scholastic materials and delivered to different schools to all learners on 7th and 8th September.

Monitoring visits, these were made in different schools to check performance for different students and to ensure their well-being back in their homes. Mpondwe primary school was visited to check students as well as Sudias Moslem secondary school.

7 learners were checked in Mpondwe primary school and 7 in Sudias Moslem secondary school.

At Kabwohe Secondary school a visit was made to check performance of the student which was very positive. At Tawheed education center 6 learners were monitored and general school performance was checked on each student.

ACHIEVEMENTS/OUTCOMES

The program has so far realized students moving to higher levels, Edrine has successfully completed her diploma course at Mountains of the Moon University. Henry Makasi at MeryLand high School in Entebbe and Muhindo Nuria at Sudias Moslem secondary school have sat their O level exams.

The program has grown in number by supporting 20 females and 12 males making it 32 students all together.



Masika Fauzia, is one of the active and brilliant students on the program. She is in Kabwohe Moslem secondary school where she contested for food prefect, supported by fellow student and went through. She is now promoted to Senior Four.

GALLERY



The photos on this page are of some of the pupils/students benefiting from the GLPC Education Promotion program. They study from schools in Kasese district & other neighboring districts.



PEACE BUILDING GLOBAL PEACE ROOMS



The Global Peace Room project registered significant developments. Several activities including Multipliers Online and physical meetings, meeting with activists and the International Peace Day Symposium at Mpondwe Primary school aimed at fostering peace through dialogue, education, and conflict resolution.

The Global Peace Room leveraged technology to facilitate virtual peace trainings and meetups, making its efforts more accessible and inclusive on a global scale.

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As a result of his effort, students embraced the need to live in harmony and also take due actions by not collaborating with ADFs but rather working with the local security forces to strengthen security in the region.

Six Ugandan youth multipliers were directly well trained and equipped with the knowledge to advance peace talks and conflict resolution on the globe.

More than 6 Schools, who participated in the international peace day symposium at Mpondwe Primary were given an opportunity to share with trained multipliers on matters concerning peace and conflict resolution.

Similarly the matters discussed on the action day 21st September 2023 were broadcasted on 4 local radio stations, NBS a national broadcaster and other platforms of **GLPC** and ACT For Transformation which spread the message widely.

Overall, the project continued to make strides in its mission to promote peace and harmony across the world but most importantly in Bwera which has registered cases of conflict and ADF attacks in the past months.

Regan Kule, who was a dedicated participant of the Global Peace Room Project, grew up in a community marked by conflict and unrest because of ADF attacks, he actively engaged in the program, embracing values of peace and reconciliation.

Throughout the project, Kule dedicated remarkable leadership skills, fostering unity with in Bwera. He initiated a dialogue on the international Peace Day bringing together young school going students to discuss shared goals and common ground.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE-GIZ COFFEE ENTERPRISE



ACTIVITY 1

Mapping of local farmers for provision of quality coffee.

1. Mapping of local farmers for provision of quality coffee as an activity was conducted in the five coffee hubs of Karambi-Kitholu, Kyarumba-Kisinga, Kilembe-Mahango, Maliba-Bugoye-Katooke and Buhuhira-Bwesumbu.

We held a one-on-one meeting with different farmers on their farms with the emphasis of Sustainable Agriculture Standards (SAS) of:

- No discrimination at the farm when the farmer employs workers.
 - Payment of a wage equal or higher than what the community pays for similar tasks/work.
 - No employment of workers less than 18 years of age.
 - No any type of forced labour (including prisoners).
 - Access to sufficient clean water
- We also discussed the supply of fresh

red cherries from their gardens after sorting and floating them to **GLPC** for easy processing.

Other farmers preferred to process the coffee themselves and supply the fairly acceptable quality (FAQ) of which **GLPC** shall buy at a high price should it be of a premium quality.

ACHIEVEMENTS

o**GLPC** identified a team of 15 farmers willing to supply them both fresh coffee from the field and processed coffee of good quality.

oMore introduction of **GLPC** to the coffee world as the governing body UCDA is now fully aware of our coffee activi-

SUCCESS STORIES

All the farmers that accepted to work with **GLPC** agreed to maintain and improve on their gardens by practicing the good agricultural practices and maintaining the agricultural standards as **GLPC** shall also purchase their coffee at a premium price.



ACTIVITY 2

Training of staff in Coffee value chain
This was a two days training for the participants of the Coffee Social Enterprise Project at Great Lakes Peace Center (**GLPC**) supported by **GIZ - German International Cooperation** aimed at training staff to equip and enable the participants produce the expected coffee and frequently do the supply to allow sustainable production which is affordable to the final consumer.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Understanding coffee Regulations
2. Coffee Harvesting and post harvesting handling.
3. Coffee roasting and Baster Skills
4. Management as Coffee Business in a shop.



SUCCESS STORIES

The participants learnt:

- Ways of making money with in the coffee industry like coffee roasting.
- Management of coffee Roasting and Barista business.
 - Benefits of taking coffee.
- Types of Coffee, Types of coffee processing methods and defects in coffee.

ACTIVITY 3

Quarterly reflection and learning meeting

This was a one-day activity where the participants of the Coffee Social Enterprise Project at Great Lakes Peace Center (GLPC) supported by **GIZ - German International Cooperation** aimed at reflecting on the various activities that have been covered within the project in that quarter, identify if the activities were executed well with their relevant results and milestones reached within the project and use it as an opportunity to further discuss how to use this enterprise to champion the core values of **GLPC**.

Achievements

1. Reflection on what was supposed to be done, what has been done in regards to the project, the methods used plus their results.
2. Identifying and correction of challenges found in the last quarter of the project
3. Discussions on how other activities

shall be carried out so as to meet the goals and objectives of the project.

4. Presenting better options and ideas that can drive the enterprise to succeed.

Success Stories

- The Executive Director (Farouk Kibaba) was tasked to discuss with the funders of the project and organizers of the Rwenzori marathon to enable GLPC to have an exhibition table on the marathon day which was done successfully
- The ED was also tasked to discuss with the organizers of the coffee international day celebrations so as GLPC can participate and it was blessed too.

ACTIVITY 4

Procurement of one barista coffee machine, one Roaster

Achievements

We managed to purchase a 2kgs coffee roasting machine, a commercial coffee grinder and a barista machine for **GLPC**.



NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS NBS-PROJECT

Great Lakes Peace Center (GLPC) under a partnership with Kiima Foods with support from the European Union (EU) through WWF is implementing a project titled Innovative and Gender-sensitive Nature Based Solutions for Resilience and Green Jobs (NBS-Project) in Kyarumba Sub County in Kasese District.

This NBS project 2023 aims at practically enlightening the local community members with best sustainable environmentally friendly farming practices that help in adaptation and mitigating the effects of the ever changing climate.

The project involved training selected farmers in the community with a bid to enable them coexist with the ever changing climate thus enabling adaptability.

Trainings and awareness campaigns were made in the first quarter (April to June 2023), then follow ups followed in the last quarter (August to December 2023).

ACTIVITIES

1. Conduct Trainings and follow ups in Soil and Water conservation (Contour ploughing, Terracing and water basins)-Reaching 60 people.

2. Conduct Trainings and fol-



low ups in Soil Feeding (Compost Manure, Green manure and Liquid Manure making)-Reaching 62 people.

3. Conduct trainings and follow ups in Crop management practices, pest and disease control using sustainable agricultural practices -Reaching 58 people.

ACHIEVEMENT

The NBS Project 2023 particularly handled topics on Crop Management-Pest and Disease Control, Soil and Water Conservation and Soil Feeding in selected communities in Bukangara Cell Kyarumba Sub County in Kasese District.

1. Training in Water and Soil Conservation (Contour ploughing, Terracing and water basins) - Reaching 60 people
InlinewithSoilandWaterConservation,thefarmers were trained on how best to conserve the soils and water we are blessed with in the area.

Creation of water basins and trenches was encouraged as a means of water storage for crop consumption.

De-silting of the existing water basins and trenches too was emphasized.

The farmers were encouraged to use scientifically proven ways of locating water ways such as through an A-frame in order to know where to correctly place a trench or a contour.

Roof top Water harvesting too was encouraged as most of the homesteads have iron sheets thus enabling them to harvest clean rain water for both home and farm consumption.

The farmers were also advised to fully embrace soil conservation technics such as through farming in sacks to avoid soil erosion and also to mulch their gardens in order to protect the top soils.



Mrs. Mbambu Grace displaying her raised garden during the follow ups at her homestead in Bukangara Cell Kyarumba Sub county Kasese District.

SPIRIT IN ACTION (SIA)

Great Lakes Peace Center (GLPC) through support from Spirit in Action (SIA) is implementing a project titled; Sustainable Outcomes for Disaster Affected Households for the past two years in Bulembya Division, Kilembe, Kasese District. The project in 2023 involved 25 selected beneficiaries for the 2nd cohort each receiving a goat and of which they are required to return the first offspring of each received goat for later distribution to future beneficiaries in order to ensure continuity of the project. Additionally, the beneficiaries receive trainings in best agronomical practices and financial literacy.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Mapping of the 2nd phase households; 25 households reached.
2. Purchase of the Goats, 25 goats.
3. Capital grant to the savings group.
4. Training of identified households in mushroom growing and buying mushroom inputs; 25 beneficiaries.
5. Training of the households selected in Goat rearing; 25 beneficiaries.
6. Training of selected households in financial management; 50 participants.
7. Training of selected households in environment protection and good agronomic practices; reached 50 participants.



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Selected beneficiaries for the 2nd cohort each receiving a goat and of which they are required to return the first offspring of each received goat for later distribution to future beneficiaries in order to ensure continuity of the project.

ACHIEVEMENT/ OUTCOMES

The Mapping of the 2nd phase households was successfully done. Purchase of the Goats and Training of the households selected in Goat rearing was successfully undertaken.

1. Buying of mushroom inputs and training of identified households in mushroom growing was also completed.
2. Training of selected households in financial management.
3. Training of selected households in environment protection and good agronomic practices was well accomplished.
4. Relief aide in terms of food supplies was also supplied to the selected project beneficiaries.



GREAT LAKES PEACE CENTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The year 2023 was a challenging year but worth of an experience looking at the stability brought in by our social enterprise.

This has sustained a salary contribution for a section of our staff and some administrative costs.

In terms of finances, our incomes slightly dropped compared to 2022 despite a raise in liquidity due to the social venture business. The reduced income can also be explained through the lenses of delayed release of funds from donors.

TOTAL INCOME 2023	UGX 201,551,000
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	UGX 55,011,000
EXTERNAL SOURCES	UGX 146,540,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	UGX 201,000,100

The Budget projections for 2024 is **UGX 424,513,000** hoping that **UGX 360,000,000** will come from external donations and **UGX 64,512,000** will come from the local sources.

GREAT LAKES PEACE CENTER LOOKING AHEAD: 2024



In the year 2024, we have focused our activities and energies on resource mobilization and social enterprising as a way of sustaining the organization.

We will continue the pursuit of prospective partners in the Health and Development sector to support and expand our mandate.

Our relationship with **GIZ** remains at its best and we are hoping to launch more work with them be-

fore the end of 2024 thus supporting our local efforts and mandate. Spirit in Action is another donor that has facilitated our experience sharing with community and her collaboration will stay longer.

The Rotary Club of Winchester is yet another partner that has concerned themselves with our local dynamics and how to use our local solution models to deal with challenges and we will stay in the collaboration.