

## **PROJECT BRIEF ON ENHANCING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACE PROCESSES IN YUMBE DISTRICT.**

CECORE is a non-profit NGO registered with the NGO Registration Board in Uganda. We work mainly in Uganda, the Great Lakes Region and the Greater Horn of Africa in partnership with local and international civil society organizations and governments. Our funding is through grants from inter-governmental organizations, independent trusts, governments and consultancy services.

Our work focuses on communities, women, children/youth, media, educationists, community leaders, parliamentarians, government departments, former and current armed groups, international agencies, mediators and policy-makers, among others.

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

Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE) in partnership with the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict ([GPPAC](#)) with financial support from **Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund Rapid Response Window (WPHF-RRW)**, are implementing a project on "Enhancing Women's Participation in Peace Processes in Yumbe District" which intends to empower local women from the most affected communities and increase their ability to participate in conflict resolution efforts within their context.

*The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund Rapid response Window is a funding mechanism that addresses urgent funding gaps with targeted, short- term support to increase women's participation in peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements.*

*WPHF is a flexible financing tool supporting quality interventions to enhance the capacity of local women to prevent conflict, respond to crises and emergencies, and seize key peace building opportunities.*

The project is intended to last for six months from December 2023 to May 2024.

The project is targeted for identified beneficiaries of Yumbe district. These will majorly be women and men from the community. Among these women will be Christians, Muslim and refugee women.

For a long time, Uganda has had a history of conflicts in many parts of the nation. These conflicts are both internal or external. The conflicts vary from whatever part of the country they are happening. Examples include; those happening in Karamoja sub region that are pastoral related and also cross border in nature. Teso sub region has also had a fair share

of rebel activity. The Rwenzori region has suffered the ADF (Allied Democratic Forces) conflicts which are cross border in nature, but also natural disaster when the river banks burst. The northern region had the Lord's Resistance Army whose effects are still felt to date.

West Nile as a region has had her own share of conflicts too which are multiple. These are also related to rebel groups and also the challenges of hosting the largest number of refugees in Uganda and probably the highest in Africa.

For each of these conflicts, women have borne the brunt. Their roles have varied from region to region. Whether they participate in the resolution of the conflicts or not is what we would all like to discover. We all know Mrs. Betty Bigombe as one woman who made a move and now we would like to rally more Betty Bigombe's to participate in the resolution of conflicts in the different regions and Yumbe in particular. It is therefore for this reason that CECORE would like to enhance the participation of women in peace building processes both in their homes and the community at large.

CECORE intends to do this by building the capacity of the women in Peace Building and conflict transformation, set strategies and advocate for them, participate in radio talk shows, engage the local leadership in what they would wish for, and create awareness to the larger community where they are resident. All these will be done in relation to UN Resolution 1325.

The women will also be supported in establishing Connectors for Peace. These will keep them engaged so that they are not idle, as well as bring them together for gainful activities.

CECORE believes, by the end of this project, a process would have been started and enhanced for women to participate in peace process.