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Baseline Survey on the Status of Implementation of the Uganda Gender Policy:

The Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development of the Republic of Uganda formally launched The Uganda Gender Policy in December 2007.

The Uganda Gender Policy is the revised version of the National Gender Policy of 1997 meant to confirm "the Government of the Republic of Uganda's unequivocal commitment to take actions that bring about more equal gender relations." As an integral part of the national development policies, the Uganda Gender Policy (2007) is aimed at guiding all levels of planning, resource allocation and implementation of Development Programmes with a Gender a perspective.

CEEWA-Uganda formally entered into a partnership with Danish Association for International Co-operation (MS Uganda) and committed its contribution to pursuing the realization of MS Uganda's Country Programme Strategy immediate objective of

Equal opportunities and gender equality reflected in Local Governments' plans and budgets and institutional practices in sampled districts by end of 2011.

Major outputs are focused on popularizing and operationalizing the National Gender Policy 2007, Gender needs in education, health and agriculture sectors at Local Government institutions are identified and 20% of these addressed by Local Government by 2011.

The survey was to establish the status of implementation of the Uganda Gender Policy in Local Governments' plans, budgets and institutional practices since December 2007 in the districts of Nakapiripirit, Bukedea, Apac and Koboko so that the results of subsequent interventions are measured against the bench marks so established (by this study). For example, are there citizens'

development committees at both district and sub county levels? If yes how many? And have they established and organized to articulate gender needs of citizens? What is the number of women in technical and political decision-making positions? Are Local Governments' plans and budgets gender-responsive and sex-disaggregated?



CEEWA Coordinator, CEEWA Gender Facilitator handing a copy of the UGP to LC V Chairman Nakapiripirit.

What is the level of knowledge of the Uganda Gender Policy that the technocrats and civil society Organizations have? Do government policies get disseminated to the lower levels of government?

A final report shall be shared with all those who may be interested to get more information about the survey.

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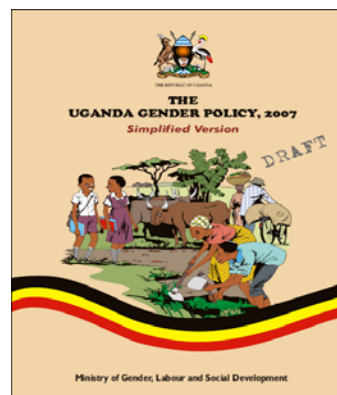
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Simplifying the Uganda Gender Policy 2007:

In a related Subject the Uganda Gender Policy 2007 spells the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in implementation of Uganda Gender Policy. The Civil Society Organisations (CBOs, NGOs), Faith Based Organisations and Religious institutions are expected to collaborate and translate the policy to address local development concerns in their areas of operation, provide gender specific

motivation and support to marginalised groups and participate in gender planning and budgeting. CEEWA-Uganda in collaboration with the ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development has produced a simplified version of the Uganda Gender Policy 2007 in fulfillment of the above role. The version has been pretested in Bukedea and Apac districts. A final copy

shall be produced and translated in the major local dialects.



A draft copy of the simplified Uganda Gender Policy 2007.

Engendering the National Export Strategy:

The Core Gender Team entrusted to engender the National Export strategy where is CEEWA-Uganda is a member finalized its work (recommendations) on issues constraining women's participation in export and identifying the principle opportunities for women's greater involvement in the export sector.

NES provided the base reference for consultation and recommendations have been compiled into a Draft concise document entitled 'Uganda NES. Integrating the Gender Dimension'

Uganda Export Promotion Board (UEPB) in conjunction with the International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva has organized a half day national symposium on "**the gender dimension of the national export strategy**" to be held on 4th November 2008, at Imperial Royal Hotel, beginning at 8:00am.

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Increasing Women's Access & Utilization of ICTs

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Increasing women's access to and utilization of ICTs:

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It is an affordable and cost-effective technology:

Relevant and updated agricultural information sources are often difficult to obtain for rural and remote communities throughout Africa and Uganda is not unexceptional. Many development organizations and agricultural extension service providers are off the Internet grid or have limited, or prohibitively expensive Internet services, making **World Space Satellite Radio technology** (WSSRT) a better option.

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Netherlands in collaboration with Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Institute (CSIR INSTI), Accra Ghana organized a training workshop in *Agricultural Information Production with Satellite Receivers* which took place from 01st-05th September 2008. CEEWA-Uganda was among the beneficiaries through the sponsorship of CTA.

The main objective was to enable agricultural and development workers integrate the technology in their work of bridging the information gap between the information sources and the end users.

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This allows the user to download content directly onto a hard drive without depending on any terrestrial infrastructure or Internet Service Provider.

It will assist us in accessing and delivering timely, relevant and cost effective agricultural information using web-based content via satellite. He adds.



Trainees connecting the receiver to the computer at CSIR INSTI, Accra Ghana.

In a related training, a one-day skills transfer training was conducted for CEEWA-Uganda staff, Buwama Community Multimedia Centre staff and CEEWA Community Based

Trainers to enable staff utilize and manage the technology and create awareness among Community Based Trainers about the new information source. The training took place at CEEWA-Uganda Mukono Information and Communication Centre where the radio was installed.



Participants installing WSSRT software at Mukono Centre.

To make a greater impact of the technology on the communities, there is need to partner with Sub County and district development offices, Agricultural Research Institutions and programs, Local leaders, CBOs among others to disseminate the information.

To share the photos about the World Space Satellite Radio Technology, please visit

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Managing Personal Finance:

Reasons you are not rich:

Many people assume they are not rich because they don't earn enough money and if only they earned a little more they could save and invest.

However, according to Ms. Ruth Musoke a Consultant and a motivational speaker on financial management, becoming rich has nothing less to do with how much you make, but how you treat money in your daily life. She adds that you can turn your sweat into sweet success through understanding the principles of personal finances.

This was during an Empowerment Session **"Managing Personal Finances"** organized by CEEWA-Uganda through its business arm the Empowerment Resource Centre Ltd (ERC). It runs empowerment sessions with the aim of promoting economic empowerment through building peoples capacity in professional skills, responsibility and personal lifestyle.

Participants asked why their pockets are always empty half way into the month leading to frustrations and constantly in debts.

Musoke explained that the reasons we are always in debts and not rich is lack of or poor goal setting and visioning, impatience, bad spending habits and at times investing in things we don't really understand.

Other reasons sighted were poor saving culture and not learning from the past mistakes.

In line of thought with participants in attendance, many agreed that there was need to set achievable goals, save a portion of one's income and to start small businesses to cover eventualities like loss of employment, emergencies like accidents.

"It was a wonderful space, I enjoyed it next I will bring a friend along. I have learnt a lot on financial discipline and had fun at the same time"

The session full of inspiring and practical references motivated participants to reflect on what one wants in life and what needs to be done to get there. It's important to be focused, personal financial discipline as key in the case of money matters to enable one's journey to financial success.

For example managing one's family within personal meager incomes one has to prioritize expenses and working together like setting a family money pool, budgeting and understanding intelligent spending. Daily financial tips to help one to focus on the path to personal financial independence, avoiding to be over penny-pinching and living a life a little, taking good care of ones health, giving to charity and giving to ones old parents a good life.



Participants during the session at ERC, Kansanga.

At the end of the three hours session participants requested more sessions organized inline with similar topics.

One participant had this to say 'it was a wonderful space; I enjoyed it next time I will bring a friend along. I have learnt a lot on financial discipline and had fun at the same time'.

Look out for this space for future sessions.

Resource centre services at CEEWA:

A well equipped resource centre with resourceful books, researches, reports, magazines,

training manuals, video and CD documentaries. These are in categories of Gender, poverty, agriculture, microfinance, ICT for enterprise development, Business management and entrepreneurship, Human rights and democracy, Children, Environment, and HIV/AIDS.

ICT Advocacy & Networking

National Information Technology Authority Bill 2008 (NITA):

Ministry of ICT has gazetted a bill to establish a National Information Technology Authority which shall be responsible to regulate information technology in the country. The Uganda Women Caucus on ICTs (UWCI) of which CEEWA-Uganda is a member has analyzed the bill and shall present its issues to the ICT parliamentary Committee on 04 November 2008 at 10AM East African Time.

The public especially those with interest in promoting ICTs are encouraged to read the bill and present their issues to the committee before it is passed into law.

National Internet Governance Forum (IGF):

In preparation for Internet Governance Forum Athens 2006, Uganda held a pre-forum to identify

country specific internet governance issues to be discussed in Athens. Key issues identified were **Openness, Security, Diversity and Access.**

To audit Uganda's mileage on these issues in preparation for the East African Internet Governance Forum to be held in Nairobi 2008, East Africa ICT4D Networks organized a half day session for government, private sector, civil society and academia.

CEEWA-Uganda participated in the forum and some of the key outcomes were: enacting cyber laws, improving access and affordability of the Internet, development of local content for local users, creation of awareness among the public, dialogue on management of the

Country Code Top Level Domain-.UG (ccTLD.UG), strengthening the public private partnerships among others.

World Poverty Day:

In line with World Poverty Day, UNDP in conjunction with Uganda Debt Network organized a dialogue on "**Human Rights and Dignity of People Living in Poverty**". **CEEWA-Uganda attended the dialogue and key** outcomes were: developing a comprehensive agriculture policy to guide investment in the country's largest sector which is the main source of livelihood for the poor, increasing investment in agriculture, translating the national constitution into local dialects for citizens to understand the constitution and their rights, fighting corruption and increasing health sector financing to achieve health related MDGs lest they may not be attainable by 2015.

Tips on presenting advocacy messages:

- ✓ Audio visuals of original and authentic voices make the message more convincing.
- ✓ Messages on posters, stickers placed on cars and other personal property quickly catch the attention of many.
- ✓ Translated versions cater for many semi-literate and rural communities.
- ✓ Empathy while delivering the message makes it more acceptable.
- ✓ Position papers are good for policy advocacy.

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