

ORGANISATION PROFILE	
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Type of organization	Community Based Organization
Mission & Vision and other background information	<p><i>Rao Community Development Initiative (RACODI) - Uganda</i> is a registered Community Based, not-for-profit, organization in Amach Sub County of Lira district, Northern Uganda founded by young people. The organisation is registered with Amach Sub County Local Government, Lira NGO Forum and Lira District Local Government.</p> <p>It arose out of the desire to meet the needs of the community that have few or no organisations intervening in addressing issues that face the community today.</p> <p>Vision: “A Peaceful, Healthy, Educated, Self sustained and Developed Community”</p> <p>Mission: “Striving for Peace, socio-economic development of the Children, Youth, and Women through: information dissemination, vocational skills development, education, community outreaches, moral and psychosocial support, referrals and linking for appropriate services/support”</p> <p>Aims and objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To improve the socio-economic welfare of children, women, and youth in Northern Uganda who have been deprived of such development to cope up with the rest of the country and entire Globe which have gone far in socio-economic development through: agricultural rehabilitation, income generating activities and advocacy. b) To encourage the youth in Northern Uganda who have lost hope for formal Education to realize their talent by encouraging them to engage in activities that enable them acquire life skills through vocational skills development training, performing arts in order to promote self sustenance. c) To give hope to children, women and youth in Northern Uganda infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and helping those who have been affected to protect them selves from HIV/ AIDS. d) To reduce the effects of violence and conflict on children, women and the youth especially in Northern Uganda that has for over twenty(20) years suffered the effects of the LRA insurgency and

	<p>advocate for upholding children's and women's rights.</p> <p>e) To protect the environment through; advocacy and supporting environmental projects so as to curb global warming.</p> <p>Organizational Structures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual General Meeting- the supreme organ. • Board of Directors (7 Members; 4 are women, makes policies and provides overall direction). • Secretariat: implements programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dedicated 3 staff (permanent, non permanent and volunteers) ○ Sound financial management policies and systems ○ Sound human resources management polices
<p>Thematic areas</p>	<p>1. Education This is a cross-cutting activity in all the programmes of RACODI. It is an integrated activity. RACODI wishes to support orphans and vulnerable children in provision of scholastic materials, school fees and basic materials. There is a relatively bigger number of needy children but are challenged in terms of funding considering the level of poverty resulting from the 20-year war.</p> <p>2. Livelihoods Support Provision of sustainable and profitable means of livelihoods, training of Income Generating Activities and financial management, support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs'), youth and women to attain vocational skills and provision of basic start up tool kits to beneficiaries War affected children in the community.</p> <p>3. Peace Building Training of Parents Groups and Youth Groups on peace building and conflict resolution, facilitation of community reconciliation and peace meetings, community and religious dialogues and consensus building on traditional justice systems, interactive games and sports among children and youth, development and implementation of peace, action plans, and dissemination of Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials to provide acceptance and reintegration.</p> <p>4. Health This involves HIV/AIDS awareness creation, Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health, and aspects of mental health (drug and substance abuse).</p> <p>5. Child protection Formation and training of child protection committees, community dialogue meetings, and support to community led initiatives on child protection, translation of key legal and policy documents into local languages, data collection on violation of children's rights and supporting formal education for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Northern Uganda</p> <p>6. Environmental Protection and conservation Training of Youth Groups, formation of Environment Clubs in schools, established a tree nursery which acts as a demonstration site and supplies tree seedlings to the community. RACODI will open a tree demonstration garden in 2012 which will be used as a learning centre for tree growers, students and environmentalists.</p> <p>We feel there is need for an immediate response to this programme.</p>
<p>Projects under taken</p>	<p>HIV/AIDS project With funding from the Positive Action for Children Fund, RACODI is</p>

	<p>mobilizing the community to use PMTCT services through community education, referrals and linkages. The project is designed to help pregnant mothers living with HIV and AIDS bear HIV free children. It is also mobilising the community to go for HIV Counseling and Testing with special emphasis on married couple going together and knowing their status together. The aim of this project is to help the non infected people protect themselves from the virus and the persons living with HIV/AIDS to plan for their lives (positive living). The project is currently running and will end in July 2012.</p> <p>Education project In partnership with Rotaract Club of Lira and with funding from the Rotaract Club of Toronto. RACODI identified and offered scholastic materials to 10 orphans and vulnerable children in Apala Sub County who are orphaned by HIV/AIDS and the Northern Uganda war. The project was implemented in Apala Sub County and was successfully sustained by the introduction of farming as a business to the beneficiaries households and the orphans are still attending school and continueing in farming as a business to meet their basic household needs. RACODI is still offering support supervision even after the closure of the project.</p> <p>Environment protection and Conservation In partnership with Rotaract Club of Lira, RACODI raised 10,000 tree seedlings and distributed to schools for planting to protect and conserve the environment. The tree seedlings were distributed to 10 schools within Lira district and at least over 70% of these seedlings are growing into trees. This project however faced challenges as there was overwhelming demand for tree seedlings but we were able to offer only a few.</p> <p>Conflict Resolution and Peace Building RACODI with members' and well-wishers contribution trained women's groups in the community in peaceful means of conflict resolutions. This was geared towards realising peaceful homes that value the rights of women and at the same time uphold that of children. It is a project that is still needed but due to limitation in funding, RACODI cannot continue with it in full gear.</p> <p>Youth advocacy This is a cross-cutting activity that acts as an avenue for sending information. RACODI mobilises the community using various means like games and sports, music dance and drama and cultural gala. It us a mobilisation tool geared towards promoting the advocacy strategy of RACODI.</p>
<p>Geographic areas of operation</p>	<p>Amach Sub County, Erute South County, Lira District</p>
<p>Other collaborating (regional) partners & main funders/donors</p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RACODI is registered with Amach Sub County Local Government and Lira NGO Forum. 2. RACODI is in the final stages of registering with Lira District Local Government <p><u>Funders/Donors</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positive Action for Children Fund, Mobilizing the Community to use PMTCT services through community education (HIV/AIDS Project). 2. Rotaract Club of Lira, Environment Protection and Conservation Project. 3. Rotaract Club of Lira, paying fees and providing scholastic materials for orphans and vulnerable children 4. Members and well-wishers' contribution, Conflict Resolution training to women's groups

Web site	www.racodi.webs.com
Future plans	Extend programs to other areas of Lango Sub Region
Youth and Women Peace groups	Abutoadi, Abwocolil and Rao parishes