

KAKUMIRO DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PDM ORIENTATION TRAINING IN ALL LOWER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



The District PDM Focal Person facilitating a PDM training at Birembo SC

Introduction

Following the District PDM training at the District headquarters on the 13th, April, 2022, it was resolved that a district wide training be conducted to enable the key stakeholders start the implementation of the PDM in all the sub counties and town councils as well as in the 105 parishes. The training was therefore organized and conducted between the 21st, April-11th, May, 2022 following the schedule below;

PDM TRAINING PROGRAMME			
DATE	TIME	SUBCOUNTY/TOWN COUNCIL	SUBCOUNTY/TOWN COUNCIL
TEAM 1 (DIST PLANNER, DPMO,DWO, IA)			TEAM 2 (DCDO, DCO,PAS)
21st, Apr,22	Morning	Kikwaya Sub county	
26th, Apr,22	Morning	Kakumiro Town Council	
4th, May,22	Morning	Mpasaana T/C	Birembo Sub county
	Afternoon	Mpasaana Sub county	Igayaza Town council
5th, May,22	Morning	Kisiita T/C	Nalweyo Sub county
	Afternoon	Kisiita Sub county	Nyarweyo Town Council
6th, May,22	Morning	Mwitanzige Sub county	Kakindo Town Council

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DATE	TIME	SUBCOUNTY/TOWN COUNCIL	SUBCOUNTY/TOWN COUNCIL
	Afternoon	Kitaihuka Sub county	Kikoora Subcounty
9th, May,22	Morning	Bwanswa Sub County	Katikara Subcounty
10th, May,22	Morning	Kyabasaijja Sub county	Kasambya Sub county
	Afternoon	Kibijjo Sub county	Kisengwe Sub county
11th,May,22	Morning	Nkooko T/C	Kijangi Sub county
	Afternoon	Nkooko Sub county	Kakindo Sub county

As highlighted on the above programme, the training was conducted by two teams of which team 1 comprised of the District planner, District production Officer, District Water Officer and the Internal auditor; and team 2 comprised of District Community Development Officer, District Commercial Officer and the Principal Assistant Secretary.

Training Objectives

The training objectives were mainly;

1. To equip the participants/leaders with knowledge so as to promote a better understanding of the PDM by all stakeholders.
2. To come up with a clear road map on Household selection, enterprise selection and Group formation.
3. To help participants understand and get acquitted of the requirements needed by Households to benefit from the PDM
4. To highlight the likely challenges in the programme and suggest solutions on how to overcome them.

PDM Trainers

The trainers were mainly the District PDM steering committee that had been constituted by the CAO.

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The District PDM steering committee was supported by three other officials that emphasized on ownership and sustainability of the programme. These included;

NAME	DESIGNATION	CONTACT
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Training Participants

As a way of popularizing the PDM intervention, the training targeted key sub county leaders and Parish leaders including but not limited to the following;

- The LC 3 Chairpersons
- The LC2 Chairpersons
- The LC1 chairpersons
- The Hon Sub county Councilors
- The Chairperson NRM at Parish level
- The Youth Chairpersons at Parish level
- The Women Chairpersons at Parish Level
- The PWD chairpersons at Parish Level
- The Parish Chiefs/Town Agents
- The Community Development Officers
- The Agricultural Extension Officers
- The Town clerks and Sub county Chiefs
- Representative from any development partner or CBO

In every sub county/town Council, the representation was way above the expected except in a few areas where the Parish Local Councils are not available. These include;

Subcounty/Town councils	No. of Parishes with no LC2 Councils	Remarks
Kikooro Subcounty	04	All the Parishes have no LC2 councils
Nkooko Town Council	01	Only 1 have no LC2 Council
Mwitanzige Sub county	02	2 parishes do not have LC2 councils
Kisiita Sub county	04	4 out of 5 Parishes do not have LC 2 councils
Mpasaana Sub county	04	

The above parishes need to be supported to constitute Local council 2 since the chairpersons are the leaders of the Parish Development Committees.

In other LLGs, it was noted that some posts of NRM leaders and Women Chairpersons are lacking. The rightful parishes will be submitted after data has been collected.

Training overview

The trainers mainly focused on the following subtopics/areas

- Definition of PDM
- Background and general overview of PDM
- Objectives of PDM
- Pillars of PDM
- Enterprise selection
- Parish Development Committees and their roles
- Group formation
- PDM SACCO
- Reporting system

The above sub topics were well deliberated with much emphasis on **Pillars of PDM, Enterprise selection, Group formation and PDM SACCO**

Question and Answer Session

As we trained, we aimed at giving participants ample time for questions to ascertain their understanding of the Parish Development Model. A number of questions were raised as sampled below;

- How is the programme going to know the poor people against the rich people?

- Who are the target beneficiaries? Is it only for the subsistence households or even the rich can access the PDM revolving funds?
- When is the programme starting?
- Some parishes have no leadership, how will the PDC be constituted?
- Is the PDC going to receive salary?
- Is the funds for individual households or groups?
- For how long will the money be used?
- Is UGX 17M not little for the parish?
- How different is PDM from Emyooga Programme?
- Is PDM targeting agricultural enterprises alone?

All the above questions and many more were asked and the trainers managed to answer them to the satisfaction of participants

Achievements of the training

The training was well conducted and the achievements can be summarized as follows;

- The mobilization of participants was commendable. In all the LLGs, the average attendance was more than 95%.
- Most of the technical staff at lower local governments were available.
- Participants got the right information and assured us of trickling down that information to community members
- The community members appreciated the programme and promised to get involved for socio-economic transformation.

Challenges Encountered during the training

- Participants complained of not having lunch yet the training was intense.
- PDM handouts/handbooks were limited and therefore a few participants got copies.
- Time for training was limited since on a daily basis we were targeting two lower local governments. In actual sense a LLG would have been trained on daily basis.

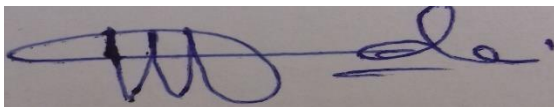
Summary of Recommendations

1. It was agreed that the Parish Chiefs compile a list of the Parish Development Committee and submit it to the District PDM focal person.
2. It was agreed that the PDC committee should select a neutral place in a parish where meetings and further deliberations of the parish will be taking place.
3. The Leaders to continue mobilizing and sensitizing masses on the Parish Development Programme.
4. The Parish with support from Agricultural Extension Officers should start selecting the Enterprises to implement in a specified parish.

Conclusion

The Parish Development model is one of the government strategies that is aiming at creating socio-economic transformation in the lives of the poor households targeting to at least get an annual income of UGX 20M. The training at Lower Local Governments emphasized on the need to create a mindset change so as people embrace this strategy and aim at transforming themselves from Subsistence economy to money economy.

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Pictorial Digest



The RDC (right) & DCAO (left) addressing the Participants at Kyabasaija & Nalweyo respectively.



PDM training on-going at Kakindo Sub county

The RDC trying to drive a point home at Nkooko TC



PDM training at Bwanswa Sub county

The LCV Chairperson addressing Katikara Participants



DCO training at Birembo Sub county

TC Kakindo addressing Participants