

ENHANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN KARAMOJA

Resource Rights Africa (RRA), with support from DanChurchAid, is implementing a 36-month project aimed at enhancing access to justice for most at-risk communities and human rights defenders in the Karamoja sub-region.

As mineral exploration and extraction activities expand across Karamoja, the region is experiencing increased investor presence. While this presents economic opportunities, it has also intensified pressure on already limited resources—particularly land—and contributed to environmental degradation and human rights challenges.

In response, RRA is working closely with government, civil society, and community stakeholders to promote responsible business conduct within the extractive sector. The project adopts a comprehensive advocacy approach that empowers communities with knowledge and tools to demand accountability and justice.

Key interventions include raising awareness on both judicial and non-judicial grievance mechanisms, enabling communities to seek redress in cases of human rights violations. Through radio talk shows and community outreach, the project amplifies critical conversations on land and property rights, responsible investment, human rights, and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

RRA also strengthens the capacity of civil society organizations, human rights defenders, and the media to monitor, document, and report human rights violations linked to extractive activities. This has significantly improved coordination and response among stakeholders.

At the community level, the project supports grassroots structures—including human rights defenders, puppeteers, Communal Land Associations, local leaders, and district and sub-county representatives—to actively engage in advocacy, report violations, and promote accountability in the mining sector.

Evidence-based advocacy is a cornerstone of the project. RRA conducts targeted research to inform policy and practice, including a recent study on the respect for Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), which is guiding improved planning and implementation of projects.

Through multi-stakeholder engagements, community dialogues, and national-level advocacy, RRA is contributing to a more just, inclusive, and accountable extractive sector in Karamoja.

PICTORIALS



Awareness raising through radio talk show program in Ateker FM, Moroto District on Community Development Agreement (CDA) what it is, people involved and its advantages led by Byaruhanga Andrew, the Executive Director at Resource Rights Africa (RRA)



A photo of Mary Goretti Akello project (at the centre) Lead Access to Justice project during community dialogue meeting in Loyoro Sub County



Training of media representatives, CSOs, local government representatives and private sector on judicial and non-judicial mechanism including independent accountability mechanism and United Nations guiding principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPHR), the role of media in upholding human rights



Focussed group discussions during the CSOs, media and private sector and local government representatives at Lamaison hotel in Kotido