



African Peace and Development Initiative (APADI)

Project Goal

World Learning's African Peace and Development Initiative (APADI) funded by USAID aimed to strengthen the capacity of Ethiopian and Ugandan civil society actors to address conflict in their societies.

World Learning's African Peace and Development Initiative had two objectives:

- Strengthen the capacity of local stakeholders to transform conflict in their societies and
- Provide follow-up assistance and seed grant support to beneficiary institutions, in order to contribute to the mitigation of conflict in the two countries.

Project Activities/Approaches

In order to accomplish the project, World Learning developed a four-component project approach:

- Four field-based trainings have taken place in Kenya. Throughout the weeklong workshops, World Learning resource persons focused on teaching skills in conflict analysis, conflict intervention, relational peace building, inter-group dialogue, reconciliation and post-conflict peace building, negotiation and mediation, and issues regarding women in peace building.
- Action Planning & Technical Assistance: After the workshops, the organizations develop action plans to utilize the new knowledge, skills, and ways of thinking gained from the initial training
- Small Grants enable the organizations to implement action plans based on the new knowledge and skills developed during the APADI trainings.
- The Conflict Transformation Across Cultures (CONTACT) Fellowships enable participants to attend the Summer Peace Building Institute at the School for

International Training (SIT) in the U.S. followed by online distance learning

Project Impact

After three years, 111 Ethiopians have been introduced to concepts, models, frameworks, skills, knowledge and new ways of thinking regarding their constructive role in peace building and national reconciliation. Most of these people have acquired the necessary skills to undertake advocacy activities for peace and reconciliation at the community, regional and national levels in Ethiopia. They have mainstreamed peace-building work in their activities.

In Uganda were 21 civil society organizations were engaged in peace building training and several follow-up activities at different levels. The most remarkable impact of APADI in Northern Uganda has been the enhanced efforts through APADI of the Acholi traditional leaders and elders to reconcile formerly abducted girl mothers with the community.

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