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Who are we?

John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre (JPIIIPC) is a Faith Based, Indigenous, non-governmental, and not-for-profit organization. It was established in 2006 as an Indigenous non-governmental organization by a consortium of five religious' congregations: Comboni Missionaries, Holy Cross, Mill Hill Missionaries, Missionaries of Africa and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The Centre is legally registered under the Non-Governmental Organizations Registration (Amendment Act) 2006. The intention of the founders was to create an institution that would facilitate collective action by the various member congregations against social injustice: through research, advocacy and training based on the Catholic Teaching of the Church. JPIIIPC has effectively executed four strategic plans since its inception in 2006. Each of these programs is based on: Human Rights and Governance; Leadership and Governance; Peace and Conflict Transformation; Economic Empowerment of the Vulnerable; and Institutional Reinforcement. JPIIIPC has been at the fore of the peace-building in Uganda in the past 12 years through the publication of action-oriented research reports, capacity building programs, civic education, campaigns against human trafficking, support of survivors of human trafficking, and professionalization of the Uganda Police Force. In addition, JPIIIPC has facilitated the formation of community peace animators' groups, sponsored radio and TV talk shows, and organized drama films to support program implementation.

In 2022, JPIIIPC marked the last year into the implementation of its fourth Strategic Plan (2019 - 2022). In the four- year program JPIIIPC recognized the need for involving the member religious institutes and all organs of the Centre in the design, implementation and monitoring of programmes. Therefore, the Centre is being governed by subsidiarity and partnership principles in its relationship with the member institutions and other partners while effectively playing its core roles, namely: coordination, resource mobilization and capacity building. Further, the Centre continues to expand its

resource base in a bid to implement planned programs. JPIIIPC is proud to be associated with a number of implementing, and regulatory partners namely: Uganda Episcopal Conference (UEC), Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU), Catholic Dioceses, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Kampala, United Nation High Commission for Refugees (UN-HCR) Bidibidi and Imvepi, Uganda Police Force (UPF), Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), Caritas Kampala, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Welthunger, Caritas Uganda, Yumbe Catholic Parish, Lugbari Catholic Parish, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Community Technology Empowerment Network (CTEN), Catholic Centre for Legal Aid Services (CCLAS), Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), and Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Imvepi and Bidibidi. The media that have supported our campaign include: The New Vision, Daily Monitor, Bukedde, among others.

JPIIIPC receives financial support for its programs from foundations, individuals and donor agencies that have interest in the activities of the Centre.

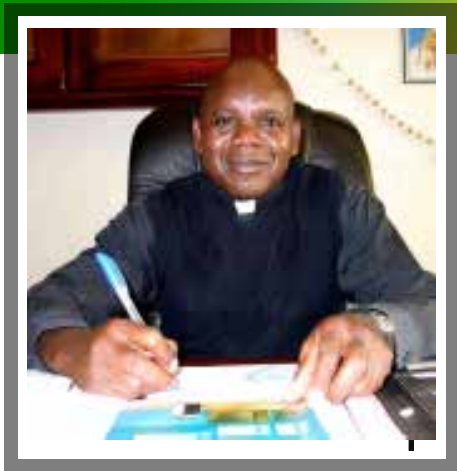
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The Centre acknowledges and appreciates the support and collaboration of her sponsors, partners and collaborators. Worthy of mention is the Diocese of Rotenberg – Stuttgart who is sponsoring the second phase of the peacebuilding project at the Refugee Settlements added to the purchasing of a brand-new Toyota Hilux awaiting delivery from Toyota South Africa. Similarly, the Children's Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF) who continued sponsoring the program to curb the impact of COVID-19 among the refugees and host community in Bidibidi Settlement, jointly being implemented with CCLAS. We are equally grateful to Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) who partnered with the Centre in the research on the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the girl child education and in the intervention against human trafficking and attention to the survivors. We keep appreciating the support of DKA who invested all the necessary resources for JPIIJPC institutional strengthening which is bearing results of which everyone can see today. We appreciate AGGIAMONDO who has been with the Centre at all times supporting us materially, financially and in resource mobilisation. We are equally grateful to GlobalGiving (GG) and especially our collaborator in Spain – Asociación AMAP, who undaunted/undeterred by our huge project to provide Solar Energy for critical infrastructures at the Refugee Settlement, which we posted at the GG crowdfunding portal, commenced mobilising resources from other partners in Spain, namely – Roviralta Foundation, and the local governments of Toledo, Valladolid, and Besain, to enable JPIIJPC solar-energize 2 Health Centre IIIs. Finally, in a special way, we are indebted to Rt. Rev. Bishop Sabino Odoki, the Bishop of Arua Diocese, without his commitment and support the peacebuilding project in the settlement would not have been possible.

We also acknowledge the role of the partners who have been collaborating with us in most of our interventions: UEC, ARU, IRC, ADRA, Welthunger, Caritas Kampala, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Bidibidi and Imvepi, Yumbe Parish, Lugbari Parish, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Community Technology Empowerment Network (CTEN), Catholic Centre for Legal Aid Services (CCLAS), and Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC). We also appreciate so much the role of our regulating partners – Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Kampala, OPM Imvepi and Bidibidi. We specially, recognize the support of UEC, through the Secretary General Msgr. John Baptist Kauta who is committed and dedicated in ensuring JPIIJPC realises the goal and objectives for which it was established by the founding congregations.

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Message from

Fr. Olobo Leonard

Chairman Board of Governors JPIIIPC

Dear Partners, Friends, and Collaborators,

In the capacity of the Board Chair JPIIIPC, I welcome you all to this year 2022 Annual General Meeting. This AGM provides us opportunity to take stock of JPIIIPC interventions, accomplishments, challenges and lessons learnt through the year. It is perceptible that John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre (JPIIIPC) keeps fulfilling the vision of its founders not withstanding numerous challenges. JPIIIPC in pursuit of its mandate for peace and justice in Uganda continues to execute its obligation through: training, research and advocacy in line with the principles of the Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

Having emerged from the constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre has made remarkable strides in fulfilling its strategic objectives according to its strategic plan that elapses this year 2022. We are happy to report that the Centre remains a formidable brand meticulously pursuing the purpose for which it was established 12 years ago. With the invaluable support from our sponsors and partners, through a dint of hard work, the Board of Governors and Management of JPIIIPC have achieved a lot this reporting period.

Notwithstanding the limited resources and amidst the present global socio-economic and political upheaval, the Centre has resolutely maintained a strong prophetic voice on the teething problems of society in collaboration with religious and civil authorities

rights and peaceful Uganda. Worthy of mention is the uncompromising and resolute stand of the Centre in combatting the horror of human trafficking using all tools available such as the UN Universal Peer Group Review (UPR) and National Prayer on Human Trafficking. We are equally happy with the Draft Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027 presented to the Board focusing on promotion of: the respect for human rights by Uganda Police Force, democratic practices and citizen participation, girl child education, care of creation and green initiatives; combatting trafficking in persons and modern slavery; and empowerment of refugees and host communities for peaceful coexistence. At the institutional level, we are proud that we were able to keep our governing bodies functional. I leave the detailed report to be presented to you by the Director of the Centre.

We are pleased of what we have managed to achieve despite the numerous challenges. We are grateful to our Trustees, staff and development partners for increasing the reach and depth of JPIIIPC's work over the course of 2022.

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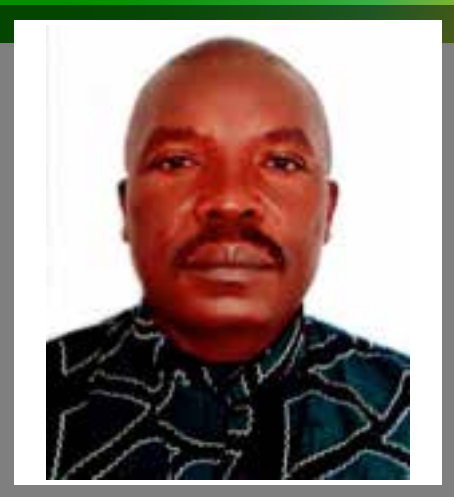
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Synopsis of the Key Interventions of 2022

Avuni Alfred
Director

With great pleasure I present to you JPIIIPC Annual report 2022. The Annual Report highlights JPIIIPC interventions, accomplishments, challenges and lessons learnt through the year. It is heart-warming that JPIIIPC keeps fulfilling the vision of its founders not withstanding numerous challenges. As we were recovering from the impact of COVID-19, 2022 presented another global political and economic challenged caused by the Russian – Ukraine war. The upheaval diminished support by most of the development partners. JPIIIPC had to adjust to this new phenomenon in the implementation of its activities. Within this environment, JPIIIPC conducted activities around: promotion of human rights, prevention of Trafficking in Person (TIP), peace-building and prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in refugees' settlements, curbing the effect of COVID-19 among the youth in Bidibidi Zone 3, and enhancing its institutional capacity and sustainability.

In partnership with UEC, ARU, AFJN, JPIIIPC campaigned against TIP, rescued and supported victims of TIP, provided psycho-social support, and trained and provided start-up capital to 11 survivors. Awareness campaigns against TIP were organized including, national prayer at Kololo Ceremonial Ground. Radio talk shows involving

survivors were also conducted. The survivor's testimonies were game changer to the listeners. The advocacy initiatives culminated into the issuing of the pastoral letter entitled "Break the Yoke" by the UEC. This pastoral letter is a blessing for JPIIIPC and partners in their advocacy TIP in the country.

Joint report on Universal Peer Review (UPR) and to Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by JPIIIPC, The Bright Dove of St. Francis, Caritas Kampala and Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), were presented to the UN Assembly in January and February, led by Franciscan International (NGO with ECOSOC). Out of the 28 recommendations made on UPR and to CEDAW, 56% of the recommendations were adopted by the Government of Uganda and the 34% were noted. To effectively monitor government's commitment to the implementation of the adopted recommendations, JPIIIPC and partners' undertook training supported by Franciscan international. The activities that JPIIIPC will undertake under the UPR and CEDAW in the next five years will include, but not limited to: provision of comprehensive data on the trend of trafficking in the country, raising awareness on TIP and Anti – trafficking Act 2009, advocating for assistance (shelter,

rescue, repatriation, economic empowerment, psychosocial support, counselling) to the victims of TIP, raising awareness on the National referral Guidelines for the management of the Victims of Human trafficking, providing assistance direct to the victims of TIP, and advocating for the prosecution of all suspected companies and perpetrators of TIP.

Campaign on 'Girl child Education' in partnership with ARU and AFJN was undertaken. The campaign was informed by a study on the impact of COVID-19 on the girl child education in collaboration with the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (JNLC) – Makerere University. The study highlighted the challenges posed by COVID-19 on the education of teenage girls, gaps in the policies addressing the challenges, and generated policy options. The campaign involved: workshops, visit to line ministries, radio talk show, and Market encounter. Resolutions adopted by the stakeholders was submitted to the line ministries and parliament. The resolutions among other things, tasked government to address the traditional problems affecting the girl child education and the exacerbated issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Similarly, in curbing the effect of COVID-19 on youth in Bidibidi Refugee settlement, support was given to 60 youth to undertake employment initiatives. Their capacity was built in business skills and provided start-up capitals. With this support, they are engaged in various businesses, namely; milling, retail shops, goat rearing, saloons and Second-hand clothes selling. The project is being implemented in partnership with Catholic Centre for Legal Aid Services (CCLAS) with the support of CRVPF. It promotes resilience and economic empowerment.

The second phase of the two-year peace building program in Imvepi and Bidibidi Settlements commenced in October with inception meeting. Training was conducted for 100 youth, 150 teenage girls, and 240 settlement and community leaders at Bidibidi and Imvepi Settlements. The Centre is optimistic that, this continued effort will create harmonious living and foster unity in the targeted zones. Trainings

were also conducted in 6 schools for 300 student leaders on Gender Based Violence and human rights. Legal aid services on GBV was provided for 8 impact cases related to defilement, domestic violence, and early pregnancy.

In preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the targeted settlements, sensitization on Covid-19 prevention and vaccination, through: radio talk shows, and "Boda-Boda Talk Talk" was undertaken. Hygienic supplies; sanitizers, liquid soap and mask and Food-Support to Covid-19 Patients in isolation Centres (APO, Amagatuti Isolation Centre and Bijo Protection House) were distributed. eggs, sugar, mineral water and Lato Milk were distributed. This improved the dietary requirement for the recovery of the patients. With the help of corporate partners in Spain – Asociacion AMAP, Fundacion Roviralt, Ayuntamiento de Toledo and Besain, JPIIJPC installed 10.1 Kilowatts of solar energy at Twajiji and Igamara Health Centres in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement. The solar installation has improved services in the two health Centres. Services which were previously inaccessible such as (diagnostic machines, oxygen concentrators, computers, etc.) are now being provided and the health workers quarters are powered as well. As the fundraising drives continue through AMAP, the Centre is optimistic to provide more solar energy to the neediest health facilities, Schools and Business Hubs which are not catered for at the moment.

Institutional strengthening is one of the key areas in the Centre's operation. The Centre successfully renewed its permit for the next five years. As the current Strategic Plan come to an end with this AGM, a draft Strategic Plan for next five years 2023 – 2027 has been developed. The four main strategic objectives of the new strategic plan are: Human rights and governance, peace and conflict transformation, integrity of creation, and enhancing

institutional capacity and sustainability. JPIIJPC was also blessed by the presence Fr. Berry Apire to support the work of the Centre through the generosity of the Holy Cross Missionary under the leadership of Fr. Cyprian Binaka CSC. On the other hand, after service for more than three years, Miss Beatrice Anicia, the Accountant requested to be relieved of her duty due to circumstances beyond her control. In bridging the gap created by her departure, the Centre recruited a new accountant – Mis Gaudensia Adaa who is currently being inducted by Miss Beatrice Anicia.

In a drive to promote cooperation with various partners, JPIIJPC held a number of meetings with various stakeholders, namely: UEC, FEC-CLAHA, All-Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), AFJN, ARU, among others. The meetings have improved JPIIJPC activities implementation and resource mobilization. Additionally, partners' meetings culminated into three JPIIJPC staff attending Youth Congress in Accra-Ghana. The congress, was organized by the AACC, with focus on Africa Patriotism; Active citizenship; Justice and Security, and African Dignity. The staff were instrumental in connecting the Centre to key partners and managing the event. The Centre is optimistic that the staff will actively utilise the knowledge and connection acquired from the youth congress.

In a bid to increase resources for project activities, management developed a number of project proposals for funding, out of which some turned up positive while others had regrets. Further, repair and replacement of office equipment were also done. Most equipment had depreciated or damaged and needed either repair or total replacement. Repairs and replacement were made in the toilets, the water pump system, the security lighting system, computers

and updating of software in all computers. Finally, the road was upgraded and there is prospect for tarmacking it.

These accomplishments nevertheless, the organization was still confronted with a number of challenges. The impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the outbreak of Ebola, posed serious challenge to the operation of the Centre. However, little would have been achieved without the financial and technical support of our development partners. To them we say thank you for the support, trust and confidence in us. May God bless you all.

Program Achievements

The programs were prioritized under the following Strategic Objectives (SO): SO1: Observance of human rights; SO2: Combat Trafficking in Persons in Uganda; SO3: Empower the people to demand adequate and quality services from duty bearers in the health and education sectors; SO4: Enhancing civic rights and responsibilities among teachers and students, youth out of school and pastoral agents; SO5: Support the youth to undertake initiatives that will provide them with employment; SO6: Promote peace and peaceful dispute resolution in families and communities; SO7: Promote peace, prevent violence, and empower South Sudan refugees and the host communities solve conflicts peacefully; and SO8: Enhance institutional capacity and sustainability.

SO1: Observance of human rights. Joint reports,under the Universal Peer Review (UPR) and Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), were presented to the UN Assembly in January and February this year, by JPIIIPC, The Bright Dove of St. Francis, Caritas Kampala and Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), led by Franciscan international (NGO with ECOSOC). Out of the 28 recommendations made on UPR and CEDAW with regard to human trafficking, freedom of expression and right to peaceful assembly, access to education of children with disabilities, domestic violence and harmful traditional practices against women, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Women victims of trafficking, access to education for Girls with disabilities, and Child marriage and teenage pregnancies, 56% of the recommendations were adopted by the Government of Uganda and the rest were noted. To effectively monitor government's commitment to the implementation of the adopted recommendations JPIIIPC and partners' capacities were built by Franciscan international in November 2022 at St. Augustine Institute.



The training session was followed by advocacy activities byJPIIIPC and all the partners with government ministries, Agencies and Departments. The activities that JPIIIPC will undertake under the UPR and CEDAW in the next five years include, but not lime to: provision of comprehensive data on the trend of trafficking in the country, raising awareness on TIP and Anti – trafficking Act 2009 in all communities, advocating for assistance (shelter, rescue, repatriation, economic empowerment, psychosocial support, counselling) to the victims of TIP, raising awareness on the National referral Guidelines for the management of the Victims of Human trafficking, providing assistance (rescue, shelter, reintegration, life skill, etc.) to the victims of TIP, and advocating for the prosecution of all suspected companies and perpetrators of TIP.

S02: Combat Trafficking in Persons in Uganda: In the reporting period,JPIIJPC advocat-
ed against the vice, rescued and supported survivors, provided psycho-social support, trained and



Mr Alfred Avuni (left) and Sr.Lilly Driciru and TIP survivors during a radio talk show at Radio Maria

provide start-up capital in partnership with: UEC, ARU – Department of Justice and Peace and African Faith Justice Network. JPIIJPC and partners were able to rescue a girl who was trafficked from Tororo to Kam-pala and was enslaved in Kawempe Division. The Director JPIIJPC and Coordinator after upon concern of a religious sister

whose sister disappeared from Tororo when Radio Maria schools were closed during lock down, shared tips on the where about of the girl with the police at CPS, who took interest to investigate and trace the girl where she was being exploited. She was reunited with her parents. In March, 10 survivors were given training in business skills and given up start – up capital.

The survivors were given counselling sessions and contin-ue to involved in prayer at the Centre. In March with the support of the Acting Commissioner Community Policing, Anatoli Muleterwa – the Survivors were able to share their plight with the Directorate for Labour Externalization at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development. Sensitization was done through radio talk shows involving survivors giving testimonies.

The survivor’s testimonies were game changer to the listeners. JPIIJPC and the partners (ARU, UEC and AFJN-U) also joined the rest of the world in celebrating St. Bakhita Day, 8 February 2022 with a live national radio program. The program focused on the state of Human Trafficking in Uganda highlighting the general situation, dynamics, prevalence and its impact



Human Trafficking Survivors who ventured into catePringage 13 of 25

National Prayer on Human Trafficking: JPIIJPC and partners held this programme at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds on the 9th of September 2022. The aim of the prayer was to create awareness and promote the



Religious leaders from different denominations holding a joint prayer at the National Prayer against Trafficking at Kololo Independence Grounds

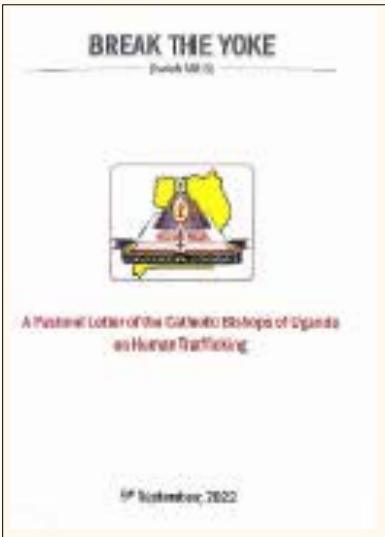
rights and dignity of the victims of human trafficking in line with UN member state resolution A/RES/68/192. The prayer was intended to seek God's protection for the victims, encourage the groups that assist the victims, ask for proactive actions against the vice by all stakeholders and appeal for the conversion of the perpetrators. The event brought together all the denominations and key stakeholders.

His Grace, Rt. Rev. Archbishop John Baptist Odama the chairman of the JPC-UEC presided over the function, and the Honourable Minister Betty Amongi, the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, represented the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister RobinaNabanja. At the prayer, the leaders urged young people to embrace working in Uganda, to be vigilant to avoid being victims and to report any suspected human trafficking activities to the relevant authorities. They also tasked government to decisively intervene in combatting

the vice. His Grace, the Archbishop exhorted his listeners to break the chain of the thriving idolatry of wealth linked to this inhuman trade compounded by unemployment and poverty. In his message on behalf of Bishop Anthony Joseph Zziwa, the Chairman of the Uganda Episcopal Conference, said it was a disgrace that people are treated as objects, deceived, raped, and often sold as they seek greener pastures abroad. The Hon. Minister, acknowledged the complicated nature of human trafficking and committed to work with the stakeholders to address the problem. She notified the organisers that the Prime Minister was prepared to engage with them to work together and find a suitable and lasting solution to the challenge of TIP in Uganda.



His Grace John Baptist Odama-Archbishop of Gulu shakes hands with Hon Betty Amongi-Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development at the Nation Paryer in Kololo



Pastoral Letter on Human Trafficking:

The persistence advocacy initiative by JPIIJPC and partners culminated into the issuing of the pastoral letter 'Break the Yoke' by the UEC. JPIIJPC under the leadership of the Secretary General Msgr. John Baptist Kauta was co-opted in the Committee for the development of the pastoral letter. The pastoral letter is the first of its kind on the subject. This pastoral letter is a blessing for JPIIJPC and partners in their advocacy against human traffick- ing in the country.

S03: Girl child education: In April and November JPIIIPC in partnership with Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU) and Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) carried out advocacy on ‘Girl child Education’.



Mr Alfred Avuni presenting the report findings during the workshop

The advocacy was informed by the study on the impact of COVID-19 on teenage girls’ education in collaboration with the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (JNLC) – Makerere University. The study identified: the challenges posed by COVID-19 on the education of teenage girls as schools have opened, gaps in the policies of the government permitting all the girls to return to school whether pregnant or had delivered, and generated policy options in addressing the teenage girl’s education challenges caused by COVID-19 restrictions and other causes in Uganda.



Participants during the workshop

The advocacy in Kampala involved workshops, visit to government line ministries, MADs, radio talk show, and Market campaign. From the workshop at the Centre, a resolution was adopted by the stakeholders which was submitted to the Government MADs and the parliament of Uganda. Among other things the resolution tasked the government to address the traditional problems affecting the girl child education and the acerbated girl education issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

From 3rd– 7th November 2022, another advocacy

was conducted in Lira Diocese involving cultural leaders, local leaders, government officials, religious leaders, and community leaders. Meetings and interactions were at a community level, where they were sensitized on how Covid-19 impacted the lives and education of teenage girls. Deliberations were also made on how the communities and key stakeholders can intervene.

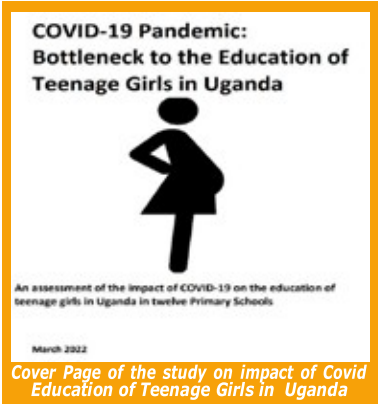
The communities were also sensitized to debunk certain myths about Africa, they were sensitized on globalization and its impact on Africa, advocacy in scriptures and advocacy as a Christian calling. Participants committed themselves to hold leaders accountable and stand firm to fight those issues in their communities.



Fr. Anniedi Okure engages the participants on the importance of advocacy



Participants during a community discussion in Lira District





"Joy Corporate Boutique" Group showing some of the clothes they would be selling

S07: Promote peace among South Sudan refugees and with the host communities: JPIIJPC commenced the second phase for the two-year peace building program in Imvepi and Bidibidi Settlements in October. Inception meeting with various stakeholders was conducted on the 18th October 2022, 100 youth were trained on family and community values on the 20th of October, and special training for 150 teenage girls was conducted on the 19th of October 2022. The Centre also carried out a peace building and conflict transformation training for 240 settlement and community leaders (youth, women, religious leaders and RWCs/LCs) from the 22nd of November to the 2nd of December at Bidibidi and Imvepi Settlements. The Centre is optimistic that, this continued effort will create harmonious living and foster unity within the area.

Trained student-leaders on GBV and human rights: The outbreak of the pandemic pressured the increase in GBV cases in the settlement provoking injuries, psychological torture, family breakdowns and death. JPIIJPC and CCLAS conducted training workshops in 6 schools for 300 student leaders on Gender Based Violence and human rights. They were encouraged to identify and report abuses to their teachers. Their capacity was built to detect unsafe places in schools where violence is prone to occur. The pupils were able to map out the safe and unsafe places around their schools. The student leaders were sensitised on the importance of talking messages and tasked to put them in the unsafe places to discourage Gender Based Violence in school. The student leaders were empowered on their rights and corresponding duties. After the training, they were able to

S05: Support youth to undertake employment initiatives: From February 2021 JPIIJPC embarked on curbing the effect of COVID on youth in Bidibidi Refugee settlement. The project is being implemented by JPIIJPC and Catholic Centre for Legal Aid Services (CCLAS) with the support of CRVPF. It began in January 2021 and will end February 2023. It promotes resilience and economic empowerment. It involves empowering young women and men with entrepreneurial skills and start-up capital for sustainable livelihood. 60 youths had their capacity built in business skills and provided start-up capitals. With this support, they are engaged in various businesses, namely, Milling, Retail shops, goat rearing, saloons and used clothes selling.



Likico Paula- the project officer, interacting with the pupils of Hilltop Primary school about SBGV.



Simon Wandera, the IRC Legal in one of the Legal Aid inception session with a victim of Teenage Pregnancy

differentiate between their rights and their duties and to know when their rights have been violated. Legal aid services on were empowered on their rights and corresponding duties. After the training, they were able to differentiate between their rights and their duties and to know when their rights have been violated. Legal aid services on GBV: JPIIJPC and CCLAS also provided legal aid services for 8 impact cases related to unreported defilement, domestic violence, early pregnancy leading to birth and non-provision of basic needs to the new born baby and the mother.

Sensitization of the community on Covid-19 prevention and vaccination: was conducted from March – April. The activities were implemented with the guidance of key partners like – UNHCR,



Hand over of food items at Apo COVID-19 Isolation Centre

OPM, CSOs, Local Government Officials, District Task Force, cultural leaders, religious leaders, Community Peace Animators/Community volunteers, Lugbari and Yumbe Parishes and Refugee Welfare Councils (RWCs) who advised on the ways of implementation and key beneficiaries/areas. JPIIIPC conducted radio talk shows on Radio Ribat, Radio Pacis and Arua One Radio. The community was sensitized on the importance of being vaccinated, the status of vaccine, safety of vaccine, side

effects, available vaccines, and where to easily access vaccines. “Boda-Boda Talk Talk” within Bidibidi Settlement and Host Community was organized. This involved mounted with public address system on the motorcycles with the intended message.

The program significantly changed the attitude of the refugees and host community on the vaccines. Hygienic Supplies for Prevention of Covid-19 (sanitizers 152 liters, liquid soap 400 of 20 liters’ jerricans, and masks 15,020 pieces) and Food-Support to Covid-19 Patients (South Sudanese Refugees and Host communities) was also carried out. A total of 178 trays of eggs, 358.5 kilograms of sugar, 269 boxes of mineral water and 187 boxes of Lato Parked Milk were distributed. The food items were distributed to the isolation



Handing over hygienic materials in Bidibidi Zone 3

Centres, which included APO, Amagatuti Isolation

Centre and Bijo Protection House in the settlement. The distribution of the food enabled the infected COVID-19 patients in the settlement get the necessary dietary requirement for quick recovery.



Handing over hygienic materials in Imvepi Settlement

Solar power for peace in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement: This project is to improve health and education sector and the performance of small businesses through the installation of Solar Energy at 4 Health Centres, 4 Schools (each with 4 computer classes constructed and equipped) and 4 Business Hubs at Bidibidi with a total population of 505,381 (Refugees and Host Community). To achieve this the Centre launched an online fundraising drive through GlobalGiving platform <http://goto.gg/53070> in order to generate funds to finance the proposed plan. However, with the help of their corporate partners in Spain – Asociacion AMAP, Fundacion Roviralta, Ayuntamiento de Toledo and Besain, the Centre has already



Installation of Solar Panels at Twajiji Health Centre in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement

installed 11 Kilowatts of solar energy at Twajiji and Igamara Health Centres in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement. The solar energy now helps power the health centres so that previously inaccessible services (diagnostic machines, oxygen concentrators, computers, etc.) due to inadequate supply of energy are now available to the refugees at the health centres. As the fundraising drives continue through AMAP, the Centre is optimistic to provide more solar energy to the neediest health facilities and Schools and Business Hubs which are not catered for at the moment in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement.

Training of Catechists in peace building: The training was conducted from 7th to 8th November 2022 at Lodonga Minor Basilica, Yumbe District. 72 catechists and lay leaders benefited from the training on skills of peace building and conflict transformation. The Catechists comprise of those in training at the Catechetical Centre and those working in neighbouring parishes and oratories of the Diocese of Arua. At the end of the training, the trainees were motivated to be alert to social issues and act as peace animators in their different communities. They were given a copy of JPIIIPC training manual on the Catholic Social Teaching. As an action point, the priests in charge of the Catechetical Centre recommended that the peace building training



Fr. Ted with catechists during the training

S06: Institutional Strengthening: Institutional strengthening is one of the key areas in the centre's operation. Renewal of permit: The Centre was successful in renewing its permit with the National Bureau for NGOs, as demanded by the 2016 NGO Act.

Strategic Plan 2023-2027: As the 2019 – 2022 Sept Strategic Come to an end this year,a draft Strategic Plan next five years 2023 – 2027 has been developed. The drafting of the plan began in September 2022 involving board members, staff and consultant. The coming year 2023 JPIIJPC will be guided by the approved draft Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027.The four main strategic objectives of the new strategic plan are: Human rights and governance, peace and conflict transformation,integrity of creation, and enhancing institutional capacity and sustainability. **Staffing:** Under the reporting period, the Centre was blessed by the presence of Fr. Berry Apire to support t the work of the Centre through the generocity



The renewed Permit



Fr Ted Osuala (left) a(left) and Mr. Avuni Alfred-DirectorJPIIJPC (Right) with the Most Reverend ArchBishop Paul Ssemogerere of Kampala

of the Holy Cross Missionary under the leadership of Fr. Cyprian Binaka. The presence of Fr. Berry has brought in new spirit among the staff. On the other hand, after service for more than three years, Bea- trice Anicia, the Accountant requested to be relirelieved of her duty due to circumstances beyond her control. In bridging the the gap created by her departure, the Centre recruited a new accoountant – Ms Gaudensia Adaa who is currently being inducted in the financial admininistration of the Centre by Madam Beatrice Anicia. **Cooperation with Key Stakeholders:** In a drive to promote cooperation with various partners in the area of Justice and peace, the Centre held a number of meetings with various stakeholders including the Bishop of Kampala Arch-Diocese, Most Reverend Paul Ssemogerere. The bishop committed himself to cooperate with the Centre in the fight against human trafficking and other areas of justice and peace.Other notable key stakeholders included FECCLAHA, AACC, UEC, AFJN, ARU, among others. **All Africa Youth Congress in Accra-Ghana:** Three staffattended Youth Congressin Accra-Ghana. The congress, with theme “Africa My Home Africa My Future” was organized by



Youth from 41 African Countries pose for a group Photo at The All Africa Youth Congress in Accra-Ghana

the All-Africa Conference of Churches. It aimed at achieving four thematic areas, which are: Africa Patriotism; Active citizen-ship; Justice and Security and African Dignity. JPIIJPC staff played a key role in connecting the Centre to key partners and were also crucial in the organisation and participation at the event. The Centre is optimistic that the staff will actively utilise the knowledge and connection acquired from the youth congress to the advantage of the youth and the Centre in general.

Resource Mobilization: Management developed a number of project proposals for funding. Some turned up positive while others had regrets. **Repair, update and replacement of office equipment:** Most equipment had depreciated or damaged and needed either repair or total replacement. **Repairs, Update and replacement of office equipment** were made in the toilets, the water pump system, the security lighting system, computers and updating of software in all computers. This enabled the Centre perform efficiently. **Staff Meetings:** Staff meetings were held every Monday after mass, to update and plan the Centre operations.

Challenges of the Year

Much as a lot has been achieved under the reporting period, these did not come without setbacks, namely:

- The absence of a field office in the settlement has hindered Centre's visibility and physical address for beneficiaries. OPM, UNHCR and beneficiaries continues to demand for JPIIJPC field office.
- The general increase in the prices of goods and services in the country due to war in Ukraine. This compelled the management to make adjustments in the planned budgets to accommodate the high prices of the goods and services for the implementation of certain activities.
- Depreciation of office equipment and premises increased expenditure on repair of toilet system, water system, water pump, windows and doors, computers, among others. These unplanned expenditures affected the financial health of the Centre.
- The long process in the approval and final disbursement of funding for the peace building project affected the initial plan for the second phase of the project.
- The unprecedented delay of delay in delivery of the new field car due to last year's flood in South Africa led to extra expenditure of the old pickup for field activities.

Prospects for 2023

As the 2019 – 2022 strategic plan come to an end with this AGM, the Centre will embark on the implementation of the programs and administrative action points of the new strategic plan 2023 – 2027,

Namely: PROGRAMS

- Promote and enhance respect for human rights by Uganda Police Force
- Combat trafficking in persons and modern slavery
- Promote democratic practices and citizen participation in decision making and political processes (civic education)
- Promote girl child education.
- Promote peace in families and communities
- Empower refugees and communities for peaceful co-existence.
- Promote care of creation through community action against environmental degradation and climate change.
- Build capacity of youth in environmentally friendly income generating initiatives, and
- Promote green initiatives within church structure.

ADMINISTRATIVELY

- Putting in place adequate policies' and effectively implementing all the organizational policies.
- Enhancing participation in the activities of the Centre and ownership by the members.
- Continuously undertaking reforms in order to adapt to emerging developments and issues in the operating context and internal environment.
- Enhancing management and accountability systems.
- Expanding resource base for the Centre
- Effective management of human resource.

