



## KITARA CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS' NETWORK (KCSON)

*"Combined Effort for Development"*

### VISION

A vibrant and coordinated civil society where development is obtained in a just and peaceful society

### MISSION

Give a collective voice to Civil Society through research & advocacy capacity building and empowerment of vulnerable groups to effectively participate in sustainable development processes.

### VALUES

Transparency & Accountability

Social Justice and Equity.

Gender and Diversity

Collective Action and Solidarity

Unity in Diversity

Time consideration

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## WHO WE ARE

Kitrara Civil Society Organizations' Network (KCSON) is a legally registered network Organisation operating in Bunyoro and Rwenzori sub regions. It started and registered with Government in 2003 and currently has a membership of 87 Civil Society Organisations. KCSON has built a wealth of experience in governance, coordination of development actors, empowerment of vulnerable groups and peace building. Our work has expanded even beyond the District boundaries. The network pursues betterment of people's living conditions mainly through service delivery monitoring, Coordination & Networking, advocacy and vulnerable groups' capacity enhancement. A partnership approach in pursuance of results is always employed by KCSON and various partners have supported the cause. KCSON's governance structure is composed of the General Assembly (GA) that meets once a year, a Board of Directors elected from the General Assembly on a three year term basis and the Secretariat team headed by the executive director that takes charge of the day today running of the Network.

### **KCSON PROGRAMMES:**

#### **The sustainable outcomes for Children and Youth (SOCY) project.**

In 2018 KCSON with funding from USAID through CRS continued with implementation of SOCY project in the two Districts of Kibaale & Kyenjojo and later in June 2018, under the same project, KCSON extended to 2 more districts of Hoima and Ibanda. The goal of the project is to improve the health, nutrition, education and psychosocial well-being of vulnerable populations, as well as reduce abuse, exploitation and neglect. KCSON under this project is in charge of category A and Result Area 3- strengthened referral and linkage system between communities and clinical based as well as other socio-economic services; and capacity enhancement of local structures to identify and link vulnerabilities to points of services.

## CLEAN ENERGY

KCSON in the year 2018 has continued to implement a project titled 'Increasing access to sustainable and renewable energy alternatives in the Albertine Graben to conserve high value forest ecosystems to benefit people and nature in Uganda'. KCSON is the regional Hub host for this project. The direct implementation of the project is undertaken by different Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in six districts of Hoima, Masindi, Kibaale, Kagadi, Kyenjojo and Buliisa. This project focuses on increasing access to sustainable and renewable energy alternatives in the mid-Albertine graben. Distribution of clean energy technologies such as solar panels and improved cook stoves is one key strategy of the project.



**Sample Energy Saving Stove**

## CIVIL SOCIETY BUDGET ADVOCACY GROUP (CSBAG)

Kakumiro district is part of the selected districts in the Bunyoro Sub region that is among the other seven sub regions in Uganda where Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG) chose to Partner with Kitara Civil Society Organizations' Network (KCSON) to implement the PIP (promoting Inclusive Public Finance management) project for three years. The project goal is to have a people centered expenditure policies that promote social sector financing for the delivery of equitable services to citizens in Uganda by 2021.

Through this PIP project CSBAG and KCSON seek to create and work with functional structures and increase collaboration with Government, equip ordinary citizens and CSO's with adequate capacities to influence national and subnational fiscal policies, by adequately engaging Government for prudent Public Finance management (PFM).



### Our Partners



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## IDI-Strengthening Community- Facility HIV/AIDS Services (SCFH) in Kibaale and Kakumiro Districts-BHP project :

KCSON in the year 2018 with funding from IDI continued coordination of interventions aimed at strengthening Community Referral and Linkages Systems for comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Services in Kibaale and Kakumiro Districts. KCSON focus is Strengthening Community- Facility HIV/AIDS Services (SCFH). Program activities are aimed at addressing challenges in accessing HIV care comprehensive services at facilities to cater for patient's family needs for improved health and social wellbeing.

The project is implemented in 10 facilities of Kibaale HCIV, Mugarama HCIII, Kyebando HCIII and Nyamarwa HCIII in Kibaale district. In Kakumiro facilities are Kakindo HCIV, Nkooko HCIII, Nalweyo HCIII, Kasambya HCIII, Kisiita HCIII and Kakumiro HCIV.

### Baylor:

KCSON entered into partnership with Baylor in August 2018 to implement a project titled, Accelerating HIV Epidemic Control in Fort Portal Region. The project is funded by CDC and implemented by a consortium of organizations whose prime is Baylor –Uganda. KCSON is responsible for promoting Bi-directional clinical, community referrals, linkages and service delivery implementation strategy". Focus is on "Utilizing community structures such as Community Health Workers to reach the 95-95-95 targets being guided by the Community Facility Framework (CFF)".KCSON current project scope is 4 sub counties of Kyenjojo district which include Bugaaki, Butiiti, Nyabuharwa and Butunduzi. While working is 8 facilities of Butunduzi HCIII, Rwibaale HCIII, Butiiti HCIII, Adolf HCIII, Kyakatara HCIII, Nyamabuga HCIII, Nyakarongo HCIII and Mbaale HCII.



### Biodiversity component

KCSON has had partnership with WWF-Country Office since 2014 to strengthen bio-diversity interventions in 2 districts of Kagadi and Hoima. The partnership focuses on *Civil Society Capacity Strengthening* for conservation of high value forest ecosystems to benefit people and nature in the Albertine region. While delivering the program, target is community groups adjacent to protected areas of Bugoma Central Forest Reserve and Lake Albert, particularly Women and Youth as the impact groups. Since inception, program interventions have directly targeted KCSON member CSOs and 4 community CFM groups of Namirembe Women's in Rugashari, Kyeterekera Tweyombeke Women's Group, Rugashari Youth Group all in Kagadi district and Mpanga Conservation Development Association in Hoima district. The programme support is based on the fact that, targeted natural resources are of great importance for national and international biodiversity conservation and contribute numerous benefits (e.g. tourism revenue, water catchment functions and provision of energy, food, employment and income) for local communities living adjacent. However Bugoma and the neighboring resources have continuously experienced immense pressure leading to loss of high conservation.