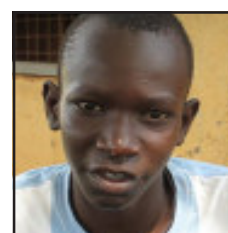
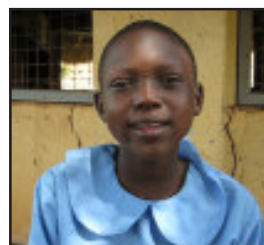


For Their Name & In Their Name



***For Their Name & In Their Name* is about remembrance and recovery from the social wounds caused by Northern Uganda's 21 year long war.** It represents new approaches to community based peacebuilding, ones which respond to the changing realities of today's civil wars.

The project's starting point is the experiences of those who have suffered most in this war - children and youth. It uses this base to create a process which engages youth, academic researchers, community elders, cultural and religious leaders, community organizations and families.

For their Name & In Their Name begins with the simple yet complicated process of counting - identifying the children and youth who died or are still missing from abduction or other war related causes. This archive will function as a kind of 'Truth Commission' to describe the impact of the war from a child's perspective. The project's work will also include public education, focus group discussions, ecumenical healing ceremonies and the establishment of a permanent memorial with the names of Acholi's lost children.

This work will be primarily led by youth as part of their recovery of their history. They will be trained and guided by the Gulu University Centre for Peace & Reconciliation Studies and an advisory committee of cultural and religious elders. The project will also include numerous community consultations and close collaboration with parents.

While this project relates to the post-conflict situation in Northern Uganda, its approach, with a high level of youth and community engagement, provides new ways of understanding and contributing to peacebuilding work. A critical part of the project's plan is to document and evaluate its approach as a model for other post-conflict situations.

Project Objectives

1. **An increase in returnees' capacity for a positive integration into their communities.**
2. **An increase in the restoration of community relationships and reconciliation with the social wounds caused by Northern Uganda's war.**
3. **An increase in young people's knowledge and skills in community level peacebuilding and children's rights. (Limited to the youth working on this project)**
4. **The development of community based models for peacebuilding and restorative justice.**



Project Activities & Outputs

1. **Documentation of Gulu District's children who died or are missing from the war.**

This documentation will cover the 21 years of the war. It will include statistical and personal information and a brief description of the cause of death/missing status. The work will be conducted by trained youth researchers in collaboration with parents, family members and village elders. All records will be verified and properly catalogued.

In addition to its contribution to the specifics of Northern Uganda's situation, this work will provide a model for documentation of children who have been killed inside wars, one that can contribute to the monitoring activities for UN Security Council Resolution 1882.
2. **Ecumenical reconciliation events in Gulu District's four sub-counties.**

These ceremonies will follow the documentation process in each sub-county. Caritas Counselling Centre will work with youth organizations, schools, village elders, cultural leaders, sub-county officials and religious leaders to create ceremonies which speak of collective memory and shared grief.

These events will combine features of a traditional funeral service ("ceremony of acceptance") with calls for the community to make peace with the past.

3. **A permanent record and commemoration of the impact of this war on children:**

- ◆ **An archive and report noting key findings and patterns of abuse.**
The records will be presented to the District office to be stored and protected.
- ◆ **A permanent memorial to honour the young people lost to this war and pay respect to the grief of their families and communities.**

“The acknowledgement is for today but it is also a warning for future generations, that war is costly. It is also to say: this is the experience of young people, this is our voice. We were denied a forum for speaking about this, but here, here it is – never forget it.”

Youth returnee

4. **A documentation and assessment of the project’s contributions to the development of new models for post-conflict restorative justice processes.**

This publication will combine a description of the memory of war, from young person’s perspective, with an evaluation of how a collective acknowledgement of these experiences can be transformed into a force for reconciliation and the restoration of community relationships.

To set the context, the publication will include artwork by returnees, historical and present day interviews and an overview of major events during the war. This will be followed by a critical analysis of the efficacy and effectiveness of this approach in peacebuilding with comparisons to other situations. This publication will draw on CAP’s 12 year long work with returnees as well as a participatory evaluation process which will be integrated into the project’s workplan.

Project Partners

- ◆ **CAP Gulu Uganda: Youth membership organization, registered in Gulu District.**
Chief Responsibility: Involvement in all project activities.
- ◆ **Advisory Committee: Cultural, religious and political leaders**
Chief Responsibility: Overall guidance, liaison with communities.
- ◆ **CARITAS Counselling Centre**
Chief Responsibility: Organization and implementation of ecumenical healing ceremonies.
- ◆ **World Vision Children of War Program**
Chief Responsibility: Administrative and operational support.
- ◆ **Gulu University Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Studies**
Chief Responsibility: Training of youth researchers, assistance with documentation process.
- ◆ **CAP International**
Chief Responsibility: Participatory evaluation and assessment of project as a model for youth led restorative justice work in post-conflict settings.

Project Budget & Time Frame

\$ 132,000. (one year)

Project expenses include: Public engagement activities; training of youth researchers (20); honoraria and transport for community research work in Gulu District; ecumenical ceremonies in four sub-counties; verification, cataloguing and storage of records; design and construction of memorial; participatory evaluation process; community consultations; production of project publications (on line and hard copies) and final inauguration ceremony.



"This project represents the opportunity to do something for ourselves, to respect our history while also giving something back to our families and communities.

***It is a vote for our future.** It will make us stronger inside ourselves and in our future relations with others."*

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