



INSPIRATION TALK CONDUCTED BY CENU TO NACARA COMMUNITY IN OJAPI PARISH, TARA SUB-COUNTY

Component: Inspiring the young people

Activity date: 18/04/2017

Overall summary:

This report represents an activity conducted by Community Empowerment Network Uganda (CENU) in NACARA community, Ojapi Parish, Tara Sub County. It outlines the background of the activity, description, objectives of engagement, methodologies, facilitating factors, key indicators, key results, challenges and recommendations.

The key events were needs identification, selection of participants, delivery of the talk, development of action plans, indicators, implementation & Interventions, Key results and follow up on the action plans.

Activity Description

The activity was conducting an inspirational talk to the NACARA community group in ojapi parish, Tara Sub County, Maracha district

As a service commitment, CENU designs its interventions to harness the private energies of the citizens committed to their own and public good of developing their human capacity, self-reliance, self-esteem and radiance.

These enhanced capacities can then be translated through positive energies into positive socio-economic transformation.

Because of numerous hard hitting socio-economic challenges including poverty, unemployment, changing climatic conditions, lack of opportunities, high illiteracy, corruption, poor governance, low societal support, high crime rates, high morbidity, population pressure among others, people have generally lost hope in the communities.

CE NU believes and appreciates the model of reclaiming the inner capacities of the individual within the communities by building their positive energies through inspiration and turning these positive energies in to action by empowering them. This activity was meant to inspire the young people in NACARA community to propel them into self-action and group solidarity setting a platform for self-initiatives CENU could support either directly or indirectly through networks.

The activity was conducted for one day and arrangements were made in consultation with group leaders and the activity was guided by the following Agenda.

TIME	DESCRIPTION	RESP.PERSON
9:00am	Arrival and registration of member	Chairperson NACARA community
10:00am	Opening prayers, introduction	Volunteer
10:10am	Opening remarks by master of ceremonies	M.C.
10:30am	Official remarks by chair person	Chairperson NACARA community
10:40am	Health break	
10:50am	Talk by Mr. Ondoma Sam (former head teacher Mvara ss, member of the community)	Mr. Ondoma Sam
11:50am	Talk by the Executive director Rural initiative for community Empowerment(RICE-WN)	Mr. Pax Sakari
12:50pm	Talk by the Executive director Community Empowerment Network	Mr. Asau Sunday

	Uganda (CENU)	
1:50pm	Lunch	
3:00pm	Questions, comments, p	MC
4:00pm	Follow up meeting (youths, women, older person, Departure of key note speakers	MC

Goals and Objectives of the activity.

Inspire the community of NACARA (youths) to think outside the box, identify available opportunities within and outside their community and turn existing challenges into opportunities inform of self-help initiatives.

Specific objectives:

- I. Deliver a one day inspirational talk to the community members targeting the young people to change mindsets, attitudes and habits in a positive direction.
- II. Stimulate the members to develop self-help initiatives using group solidarity for social economic transformation.
- III. Liaise with CENU and RICE - WN for direct or indirect support

Activity Methodology

A need assessment was conducted by Mr. Sam Ondoma who is one of the prominent members of the community and also the former head teacher Mvara Secondary School. He did a small survey and conducted focus group discussions with community segments namely youth, women, and older persons.

Mobilization of community members was done to attend the inspiration session and personal invitation was extended to the community members.

The activity was delivered as per the program drawn but the talks involved intend to motivate, build positive energy, gain life skills, inspire in a positive direction, create a positive attitude and mindset.

It was delivered in a combination of lecture, motivation speaking, discussion, question for answer sessions, reflections and experience sharing between participants and the speakers.

After the main session, there were separate follow up meetings between a different segments.

Implementation of planned activities would follow with direct or indirect support of CENU and RICE-WN.

Activity Results

Indicators	Planned	Achieved
• Number of meetings conducted	01	01
• Number of people who attended	50	41
• Group follow up meetings	03	03

Key successes

The activity mobilization, attendance, participation was as per expectation though attendance was a little less than 100% (82%).

Pre and post activity evaluation indicated high success of the achievement of the aims & objectives of the activity as the different segments were motivated to act and indeed had their follow up meetings in the evening.

Expected Results

- The activity delivered the following results
- 01 whole day inspiration session was conducted as planned
- 82% attendance achieved
- 3 segmented follow up meetings were conducted by the community segment groups.

- Action plans developed and communication channels and links were established between NACARA community and CENU, RICE-WN.

Facilitating factors

- Excellent mobilization by the community leaders.
- Clear communication flow between the coordinator Mr. Ondoma San, RICE-WN and CENU.
- Availability of transport provided by RICE-WN.
- Readiness, willingness and the ability by the community members to make a change.
- Vibrant presentations & talk delivered to desired result.

Challenges

Poor weather, heavy rain fall creating poor roads that caused late arrival, hurdles with the journey.

In sufficient time creating pressure on delivery of content as intended.

Some segments received communication poorly.

Recommendations

The community needs regular meetings to keep all members well informed and involved in all group activities and have collaborative decision making.

The women segment of the group has been saving. This needs to be expanded to cover the whole group

There is need to build the group structure and train the group on Village savings and loan methodology.

There is need for guided action plan development by the group segments and liaison with CENU, RICE-WN for possible support & linkages to achieve planned activities.

There is need for a follow up meeting involving the group, CENU, RICE-WN.

