Kyaka II Refugee-led Organizations Network

KRLON

INTRODUCTION
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Kyaka II Refugee Settlement
Kyegegwa District, Uganda.

About Us

Kyaka II Refugee-led Organizations Network – KRLON, is the network uniting all of the Refugee-led Organizations-RLOs, community based organizations – CBOs and Groups of Kyaka II Refugee Settlement and host community.

It was created in February 2nd, 2022 by 15 founder community based organizations.

KRLON is now composed of 98 CBO members and 426 groups, making a total of 524.

Our Mission

To strengthen coordination, act as a collective voice for policy influence, promote partnerships and build the capacity of local organizations to be effective first and post recovery responders to humanitarian situations in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement.

Role of RLOs/CBOs/Groups in humanitarian response

- Refugee-led organizations (RLOS) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement play a crucial role in the humanitarian response in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. These organizations have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges faced by the refugee community.
- The interventions that RLOS/CBOs/groups provide in the settlement include:
- Education, Health, Sports and entertainment, Income-generating activities, Services, Digital inclusion, Farming, Humanitarian aid, Energy, Environment protection, Media, Protection etc.

Challenges

RLOs/CBOs face a number of challenges in their work, including:

- **Inadequate capacity:** CBOs may lack the skills, knowledge, and systems necessary to effectively manage their operations, deliver programs, and measure their impact.
- **Lack of Funding:** CBOs often struggle to secure stable and sufficient funding to support their operations and programs.
- **Limited resources:** CBOs may have limited human, financial, and technical resources, making it difficult to deliver their services and programs effectively.
- **Lack of visibility and Recognition:** CBOs may struggle to raise awareness of their work and attract support from key stakeholders, including government, donors, and local communities.

Challenges cont'd

- Neglect: many people who operate in refugee setting assume that refugees don't have capacity/ability/knowledge to do good work where some see refugees as valueless.
- Devaluation of refugees initiatives
- Lack of Office and its materials
- Lack/inadequate collaboration with stakeholders (OPM, UNHCR, IPs, OPs, etc.)
- Lack of involvement in some activities.
- Lack of access to information.

Challenges cont'd

These challenges can make it difficult for RLOs/CBOs to achieve their goals and effectively serve their communities. However, with adequate support and resources, RLOs/CBOs can overcome these challenges and continue to make a positive impact in their communities.

Strengths

- RLOs/CBOs have a number of strengths that make them well-positioned to address the needs of their communities:
- **Local knowledge:** CBOs have a deep understanding of the communities they serve, which allows them to identify and respond to local needs more effectively.
- **Strong relationships:** CBOs have strong relationships with members of their communities, which enables them to engage community members and build trust.
- **Flexibility:** CBOs have the flexibility to quickly respond to changing needs and opportunities, making them well-suited to address complex and dynamic community challenges.
- **Cost-effectiveness:** CBOs often have lower overhead costs compared to larger organizations, allowing them to maximize the impact of their resources.

Strengths cont'd

- **Community involvement:** RLOs/CBOs often involve community members in the design, implementation, and evaluation of their programs, which can lead to greater buy-in and sustainability.
- **Innovation:** CBOs can be innovative in their approach to problem-solving, using local knowledge and resources to develop creative and effective solutions.
- Gaps filling
- Creating safe space for households by going home to home.

These strengths make CBOs valuable partners in efforts to improve communities and address social and economic challenges. By leveraging these strengths, CBOs can have a significant impact on the well-being of their communities.

Plans

Effective Collaboration with OPM, UNHCR and its partners through:

- Linking RLOs with the implementing/operating partners (IPs & OPs) with the same area of intervention.
- Coordination meetings attendance
- Effective Information sharing
- Proper Reporting Pathway
- Self Capacity building first to better capacitate groups.
- Searching for different Opportunities

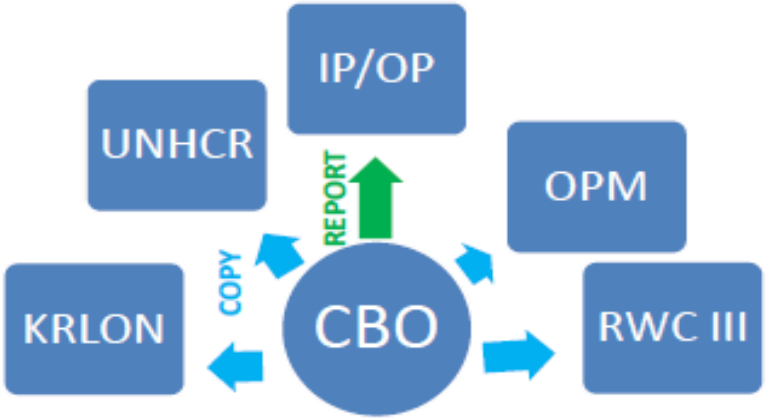
Why the RLOs/CBOs need to be capacitated?

- RLOs/CBOs need to be capacitated to effectively carry out their mission and achieve their goals.
- Providing capacity building support, RLOs/CBOs can improve their management and operations, increase their capacity to deliver services, and enhance their ability to secure funding and partnerships. This, in turn, can lead to better outcomes for the communities they serve.

Request from the Different Stakeholders.

- Office and its materials provision
- Support in skilling RLOs/CBOs as a way of capacity building.
- Access to Effective Information sharing and Proper Reporting Pathway for RLOs/CBOs.
- Harmonization of funding opportunities, motivation/incentives
- Attending different meetings so that RLOs can get informed and have a contribution in decision making.
- Funding to KRLON income generating activities.
- Financial and /or materials support to KRLON or its members where possible
- Advocacy
- Guidance
- To implement some projects for Stakeholders,etc.

Needed Reporting Pathway for RLOs/CBOs



Through e-mail addresses

IP : Implementing partner

OP: Operating Partner

RWC: Refugee Welfare Committee

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