

TORORO DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026



Monthly Meeting of the Grievance redress committee at Morkapel Primary school (left) and Mella B apiary group (Right)

31ST JULY 2026

INTRODUCTION

This is a report highlighting the key activities implemented in the month of July 2026 in community based services department. The activities are drawn from the District Development plan IV and Annual work plan for the Department for the Financial year 2026-27.

Our mandate

The Mandate of Community Based Services Department is to empower the community to harness their potential through cultural growth, skill development and Labour productivity for sustainable and gender responsive development.

Our Vision

Although our vision is drawn from the District vision "To have a Healthy, Productive and Prosperous people living in a clean environment by 2040" our contribution is to "A better standard of living, gender equality, equity and social cohesion".

Our Mission

The Department exists in order to promote gender equality and empower women, the vulnerable and marginalized and ensure decent employment and protection of rights of all for social economic development.

Our core values

- a) Team work
- b) Commitment
- b) Accountability and transparency
- d) Integrity
- e) Mutual respect
- f) Equality and inclusion
- g) client centeredness

Strategic objectives

- ☐ To promote decent employment opportunities and labour productivity
- ☐ To enhance effective participation of communities in the development process.
- ☐ To improve the wellbeing of vulnerable, marginalized and excluded groups.
- ☐ To address gender inequality in the Development process.

- ❑ To improve performance of social development institutions to coordinate, implement and evaluate social development initiatives at all levels

Major achievement for financial year 2025-26

- a) Promoted three (3) community Development officer (2 males and 1 female).
- b) Supported 32 women groups (160 women) with start-up capital under UWEP.
- c) Supported 14 youth groups (42M and 28 F) with start-up Capital under YLP.
- d) Supported 27 PWD groups (120 PWDs, 67M and 53F) with start-up grant under SG
- e) supported 10 older person's group (50 CS, 32M and 28F) with start-up grant under SEGOP
- d) Paid 5,211 senior citizen with a monthly stipend of 25,000 UGX every month for twelve months.
- e) Support 37 women with loans under the grow project
- f) Trained 30 youth in structured inclusive life skills training for out of school adolescents (teenage girls and boys, pregnant, child mothers, married, divorced, widowed)
- g) Provided Emergency Case management support to 123 victims of Violence, neglect, separated children.
- h) Conducted 4 District Reference coordination meetings and 40 Subcounties Reference coordination meetings
- i) Trained 143 Gender based survivor in Group dynamics and economic empowerment.
- j) Facilitated compensation of 102 workers with fatal or non-fatal injuries
- k) Formed an investment committee that gives platform to employers to meet quarterly as a means to harness revenue
- l) Collect local service tax of 69,000,000 and 1,400,000 from CBO Registration

Lessons learnt

- 1) Social norm changes from negative cultural practices to adoption of universally accepted norms for example, a daughter can be bequeathing an estate to day
- 2) Change of attitude and positive economic growth through intensive mind set change which is seen in many homes living in permanent iron sheet roofed houses as opposed to temporal grass thatched houses

- 3) Increased respect for the rights of children, women and PWDs with high reporting instances in the bid to protect the rights of children, women and PWDs
- 4) Change of attitude from consumption of unsafe water, living in unhealthy environment with faecal matter to consumption of clean and safe water and living in a healthy environment.
- 5) Promoted a well-established referral path ways and formed grievance redress committees to enhance peace and security
- 6) Promoted adoption to modern agricultural methods, sustainable use of roads and markets for commercial purposes through forming of road and markets management committees and training farmers in group dynamics and governance
- 7) Promoted the use of sustainable use of wetlands and proper management of catchment areas through forming catchment committees and development of catchment plans
- 8) Mobilized and referred the community to seek services at health centres instead of reverting to traditional healers and birth attendants

Challenges

1. Inadequate staff with only 41.2% of substantive position filled in which situation the department operates below average
2. Lack of transportation means for example motorcycles and accommodation facilities for staff at the lower local government.
3. Empowerment of women and children on their rights have made men shy away from inclusion in many development programs and many have resorted to alcoholism.
4. Systemic youth unemployment as such many young people migrate to urban centres only to face a highly competitive job market, often resulting in underemployment in the informal sector or reliance on low-wage
5. Land fragmentation that affects extensive commercial farming
6. Double taxation that has affected nascent business, not allowing them live beyond their first birth day especially in the informal sector.
7. Slow adaptability of new technologies and high expectation for quick gains.
8. Unequal power dynamics and societal norms which result to gender based violence
9. Quick adaptation for foreign and unacceptable norm and culture

Financial review of the financial year 2025-2026

SN	SECTION	BUDGET	RELEASED	SPENT	% BUDGET PERFROMACE
1	Community Development	343,373,476	310,445,342	309,435,301	99.6
2	Youth, Gender and culture	289,435,600	124,556,302	123,402,000	99.1
3	Elderly and Disability	19,532,522	19,532,522	19,432,500	99.7
4	Probation and social welfare	723,123,400	193,467,200	192,367,200	99.4
5	Labour and Industrial Relations	10,417,346	10,417,346	10,317,300	99.7
	Total	1,457,154,273	658,418,712	654,954,712	99.4

Expected revenue for FY 2026-2027

SECTION	IPF AS AT JUNE 2026	COMMENTS
WAGE	356,530,680	
Condition transfer to CD	130,721,297	
Unconditional grant	8,000,000	
Local revenue	17,500,000	
UWEP	43,244,000	
UNICEF	698,123,400	
UNFPA/UNDP	226,191,600	
TOTAL	1,505,816,308	

Activities implemented in July the financial year 2026-27

1. Paid salaries to 23 staff in community based services department (8F and 15M)
2. Prepared and submitted 25 file under special grant
3. Prepared and Submitted 9 files under SEGOP
4. Prepared the Community Engagement plan for FY 2026-27
6. Submitted request for vacant positions of 14 CDOs,1 SPSWO,SLO,9 SDCO & 9ACDOS
7. Conducted 3 CBSD Senor staff management meeting
8. Conducted one CBSD General staff meeting
9. Made a draft of the CBSD Client charter that is still under review by CBSD Staff
10. Inaugurated the older person's council

10. Appointed a focal point person for the National Assessment

Activities implemented in August the financial year 2026-27

1. Follow up on the Minutes, Reports on GRC, GBV and community engagements in the sub counties and town council in preparation for the National Assessment

2. Hold the one CBSD General staff meeting

3. Youth, older person executive and council meeting

4. Inaugurated the women and PWD councils

5. Provide Emergency Case management support to 140 victims of Violence, neglect, separated children.

6. Conduct child wellbeing committees at the District and sub counties

7. Conduct village sensitization meetings on the Government programs 120 villages

9. Hold 20 community dialogues with the community on GBV/VAC

10. Mediate 20 cases under Labour and 40 cases under child protection

11. Conduct inspection in 20 work Establishment and sensitize worker on their rights and responsivities

12. Conduct home to home visits by the 517 parasocial workers and 40 CDOs on positive parenting and child protection.

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Formation of special grant group in Mukuju sub county



formation of social empowerment grant for older persons in Petta sub county



Community Sensitization on succession and administration of estates



Mental health session at mukuju s/c headquarters facilitated by a student of applied psychology from makerere university