



Quick Facts

ECLT in **UGANDA**

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Budongo Forests Community Development Organisation, BUCODO, a Ugandan NGO¹.

STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISES

Growers' Association (UTGA)*, BATU*, National Organisation of Trade Unions*, Masindi District* ILO/IPEC*, Trade union movement*, Federation of Uganda Employees, Central Ministries (Education & sport; Gender, labour and & social development; local government, agriculture), Uganda Beverage Tobacco & Allied Workers' Union.

LOCATION

Masindi district (2004-2006 two sub counties, Budongo and Karujubo; 2006 to 2008 working in 12 sub counties)

BUDGET

Phase 1 (including the extension phase) Jan 2004 to June 2008. Total ECLT budget: US\$927,563
The local BATU contribution: US\$77,837.

Transition phase: July 2008 to June 2009. Total ECLT budget: US\$100,000 (plus an additional US\$76,400 to complete the vocational college Kyema). Local BATU contribution: US\$9,300.

OBJECTIVES OF PHASE 1

- To increase awareness of the consequences of child labour in Masindi District and specifically in the two sub county project areas;
- To provide sustainable alternatives to child labour through education and skills development; (by providing primary education support and a vocational training institute);
- To reduce school absenteeism as a result of child labour from the initial 25% to 5%;
- To reduce the prevalence of child labour to negligible levels by the end of the project.

OBJECTIVES OF TRANSITION PHASE

To transfer the project to the government to ensure its long term sustainability. The objectives for the transition include:

- Ensuring the focus of Kyema institute remains on children most at risk of child labour (and accommodate only children who have no formal education);
- Securing state funding at district and central government level for the initiative;
- Consolidating the village child labour committees and awareness raising activities (with a focus on five sub counties);
- Ensuring ownership of the initiative by the Government (eg. the Kyema Board of Governors will be government nominated);
- Transferring responsibility for the completion of the Kyema institute to the Government.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 9,077 children were reached by the project overall. This is 4.3 % of the estimated child population (210,240) in the Masindi district
- School materials were distributed to 8,960 children (half to boys and half to girls)

¹ NB: Bucodo-Budongo Forests Community Development Organisation - replaced SODECO as coordinating partner in Sept 2008

* Member of the Trust (Executive Committee)



- 3,394 children were withdrawn from tobacco farms by the child labour committees;
- 200 village level child labour committees were established;
- Awareness about the consequences of child labour and the importance of education was increased:
 - Enrolment in Masindi district in 2007 increased and fluctuations were stabilized. Enrolment in initial project areas (2 sub-counties) increased: see table below.
 - The situation is different in neighbouring district Buliisa that saw a decrease in enrolment.
- More than 200 seminars and training sessions were conducted (for tobacco growers, local authorities, CLC);
- Kyema school buildings were completed: classes, dormitories, administrative block and teacher houses.
 - Drop out decreased
 - 64% of the intake in 2008 were boarding students;
 - Curricula includes bricklaying, tailoring, agriculture and carpentry;

Enrolment rate since project start

Budongo & Karujubo)	Beg term1	End term1	Beg term2	End term2	Beg term3	End term3
2004	n.a	12'385	13'412	13'989	12'385	6'987
2005	n.a	13'232	12'864	12'979	12'547	11'627
2006	10'467	12'372	9'701	10'603	3'977	9'386
2007	12'615	12'680	12'458	12'970	12'426	12'862
2008	13'755	13'911	13'698	13'809		

Kyema vocational training inst. (initial project area) enrolment

	Enrolled	End of intake	Drop-out	Passed exams
Intake 5 (March 09, enrolment in process)	57			
Intake 4 (inc 24 OVC)	84	67	20%	63
Intake 3	117	92	21%	82
Intake 2	101	65	36%	53
Intake 1	97	66	32%	41

- The Kyema business arm has been initiated to make the college more sustainable;
- The Central Government is strongly committed to the project;
- Stakeholders have agreed on a joint plan;
- The Kyema building work was completed in March 2009.