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In this edition

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our newsletter dedicated to the host communities of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). As a network committed to fostering environmental protection and promotion of human rights of vulnerable communities affected by the oil projects. We aim to provide you with insightful updates and resources on key thematic areas and Engagements of land rights for vulnerable communities, climate justice, sustainable developments, agriculture and food security, environmental conservation and wildlife protection.



Youth groups from Kikuube district

EACOP HC visits EACOP project affected youth from Kikuube district to discuss the emerging concerns of the EACOP Project on youth livelihoods.

Between June 10-15, 2024, field visits to the EACOP project affected villages in Kikuube were organized with an aim to monitor and document views of the Youth on the emerging concerns from the EACOP project activities on their livelihoods and environment.

The youth in the region were engaged and discussed about their concerns and also their efforts to stop or challenge the ongoing violations of the human rights and environmental conservation efforts.

There was a small recap of the April 15, 2024 peaceful protest they organized against unlawful displacement of oil project affected persons from their land without compensated in line with Uganda constitution and international best practices, and the challenges they faced.

The youth also discussed the challenges they faced during the peacefully demonstration among which included intimidations from security organs aiming at stopping the Youth from defending and protecting their environmental and human rights.



From the meeting, the youth agreed to continue fighting for the respect and protection of the environment and their human rights. Through mobilizing their fellow youth within the region to build a strong community led fossil free social movement.



KEY OUTCOMES.

- A fossil-free social movement of oil project affected youth was launched Increased
- Youth agreed to continue organizing actions within their communities until their concerns are addressed
- Continuance monitoring and documenting the ongoing

- violations of human and environmental rights within the region.
- Continue engaging government and Oil companies to address their concerns.

YOUTH CONCERNS.

- Failure by the government and oil companies to compensate the oil project affected persons in line with Ugandan constitution and international best practices
- Failure by the government and oil companies to respect our cultural right in land acquisition and resettlement process
- Unlawful displacement of project affected persons without composited
- Failure by Ugandan judicial system to give justice to the project affected persons.
- Failure by the oil companies to protect biodiversity and protected areas from oil threats.



Engagement meetings EACOP Project affected persons in Hoima district

Between June 17-22, 2024, EACOP HC held community empowerment meetings with EACOP project affected Youth and women from Hoima district.

The empowerment meetings aimed at equipping at forming youth and women groups responsible for monitoring, documenting and reporting on the negative impacts of oil and gas activities on community livelihoods and environment.

From meetings, a youth and women network of community journalist was formed and lunched to increase media reporting on negative impacts of oil and gas activities.



KEY OUTCOMES.

- A Community based journalist network formed and launched
- Community journalists equipped with knowledge and skills in monitoring, documentation and reporting

- Community Journalists were empowered on how to use ESAI reports for oil projects to monitor the level of compliance.

Youth and women affected by the EACOP Project demands

- Respect the land rights of the oil project affected persons
- Stop unlawful displacement of oil project affected communities
- Stop oil and gas activities in protected areas
- Restore the live livelihoods of the project affected communities
- Respect our cultural practices
- Judicial systems stop denying oil project affected persons justice
- Government and oil companies should only invest in a just green and inclusive economy campaigns.



Get Involved

Your participation is crucial! Join our efforts to promote sustainable development, advocate for climate justice, and safeguard community rights. Whether it's attending a workshop, sharing your story, or joining a local initiative, your voice matters and the change we fight for begins with us.

About us.

EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE HOST COMMUNITIES (EACOPHC): is an association of EACOP affected communities based in the Albertine region of Uganda, EACOPHC is dedicated to promoting sustainable environmental use, human rights and land rights of vulnerable communities. The organization was formed in 2019 to promote and advocate for the protection of environment and human rights in areas affected by the proposed East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)

EACOPHC works with oil project affected communities, youth, women, religious and local government leaders to ensure promotion of environmental justice and human rights in the EACOP oil project affected areas. Through lobby, research and community education, EACOPHC works with vulnerable communities, cultural, religious and local government leaders to ensure that natural resources are utilized in an environmentally conservation manner and land rights of vulnerable communities are protected.

Reach out to us with your questions, suggestions, or to contribute to our next newsletter. Together, we can create positive change and build a sustainable future for all.

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