



EAST AFRICAN
CRUDE OIL PIPELINE
HOST COMMUNITIES

YOUTH MEETING REPORT



**Topic: Assessing the impact of Tilenga
oil project on youth in Buliisa and
Nwoya districts
July 2024**

Summary:

Between July 1-15, East African Crude Oil Pipeline Host Communities (EACOP HC) organized community engagement meetings with Tilenga project affected youth from the districts of Buliisa and Nwoya to assess the impact of Tilenga oil project activities on their livelihoods and environment

Environmental Impacts

1. Massive clearing of trees and vegetation within the Murchison National park and host communities to pave way for the construction of central processing facility, feeder pipelines, sit camps for the workers, access roads among others
2. Contamination of Lake Albert lake water by floods from the central processing facility (CPF)
3. Increase of human-wild life conflict caused the ongoing unsustainable oil and gas activities in the National park
4. Increase of air pollution in the Tilenga project host communities due to the massive dust from the CPF

Livelihoods impacts

1. Loss of jobs due to the massive displacement of communities from their land
2. Increase of food insecurity in the Tilenga host communities
3. Increase in school children drop outs
4. Loss of lives due to increase in road accidents in the Tilenga oil project host communities
5. Destruction of farm lands, crops and animals due to the floods from the CPF and high traffic in the communities

Human rights impacts/ violations

1. Displacement of affected communities without fair and prompt compensation
2. Violations of land rights of the project affected persons

3. Violations of cultural rights
4. Intimidations and harassments of the project affected persons to accept unfair compensation
5. Militarization of the Tilenga host communities
6. Illegal arrest of grass-root environmental and human rights defenders
7. Destruction of project affected houses without compensation

Healthy impacts

1. Increase of HIV in the Tilenga project host communities
2. Competition of health services due to the increase of population influx in the host communities
3. Risk of exposure to toxic chemicals
4. Increased risk of cancer, respiratory issues, and neurological damage.

Tilenga project affected youth demands

1. Stop oil and gas activities within the Murchison national park
2. Respect the land rights of the project affected communities
3. Compensate the project affected persons in line with Ugandan laws and international best practices
4. Immediately stop intimidation and harassment of the project affected persons
5. Stop displacing communities without fully compensated
6. Respect the cultural rights of project affected communities
7. Government of Uganda together with private companies should increase Investments in green economic alternatives
8. Financial institutions should stop funding unsustainable oil and gas activities