

**DYNAMIC AGRO-PASTORALIST DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (DADO)
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LIST OF ACCRONYMNS

DADO-dynamic agro pastoralist development organisation

PILAC-public interest law clinic

DIHR-danish institute for human rights

SIBCO-sustainable, inclusive bio diversity compatible cotton value chain in northern karamoja

CI-conservation international

VSF-veterenaires san frontiers

HPP II-humanitarian protection project phase II

FMD-Foot and mouth disease

CBPP-Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia

PPR-Peste des Petits Ruminants

CCPP-Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia

SEPALATER-Securing agro Pastoralist Land Tenure Rights in Karamoja.

PPE-Personal Protective Equipment

CBCR-Cross Border Community Resilience

USAID-United State Agency for International Development

LVCD-Livestock Value Chain Development

VSLA-Village Savings and Loan Association

FY-Fiscal Year

AKITARE-Accelerating resilience in Karamoja through Innovation, Transformed Agriculture and restoration of Ecosystems

UGX-Uganda shillings

HWC-Human Wildlife Conflict

MLHUD-Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development

NLP-National Land Policy

RBA-Rights Based Approach

POCC-Potential, Opportunities, Challenges and Constraints

FIDA-Federation of Women Lawyers

FMNR-Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration

SLM-Sustainable Land Management

IRM-Integrated Risk Management

IWRM-Integrated Water Resource Management

PRM-Participatory Rangeland Management

WHO WE ARE

Dynamic Agro-Pastoralist Development Organization - DADO limited is a National Non-Governmental Organization established on 6th July 1996. DADO is registered with Uganda Registration Service Bureau as a limited company by guarantee and with the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uganda.

OUR VISION

Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Agro-Pastoral Transformed Communities

OUR MISSION

Strengthen Rural Agro-Pastoral Communities Overcome Poverty, reclaim their Fundamental Rights, Achieve Food Security through Sustainable and Resilient Livelihoods Systems.

DADO's values

Mutual respect: Recognizing the innate dignity and worth of all people and the value of diversity, Fairness, equity and justice:

Equality and Equity: Ensuring that everyone, regardless of sex, age, race, color, class and religion, has equal opportunity for expression and for using their potential.

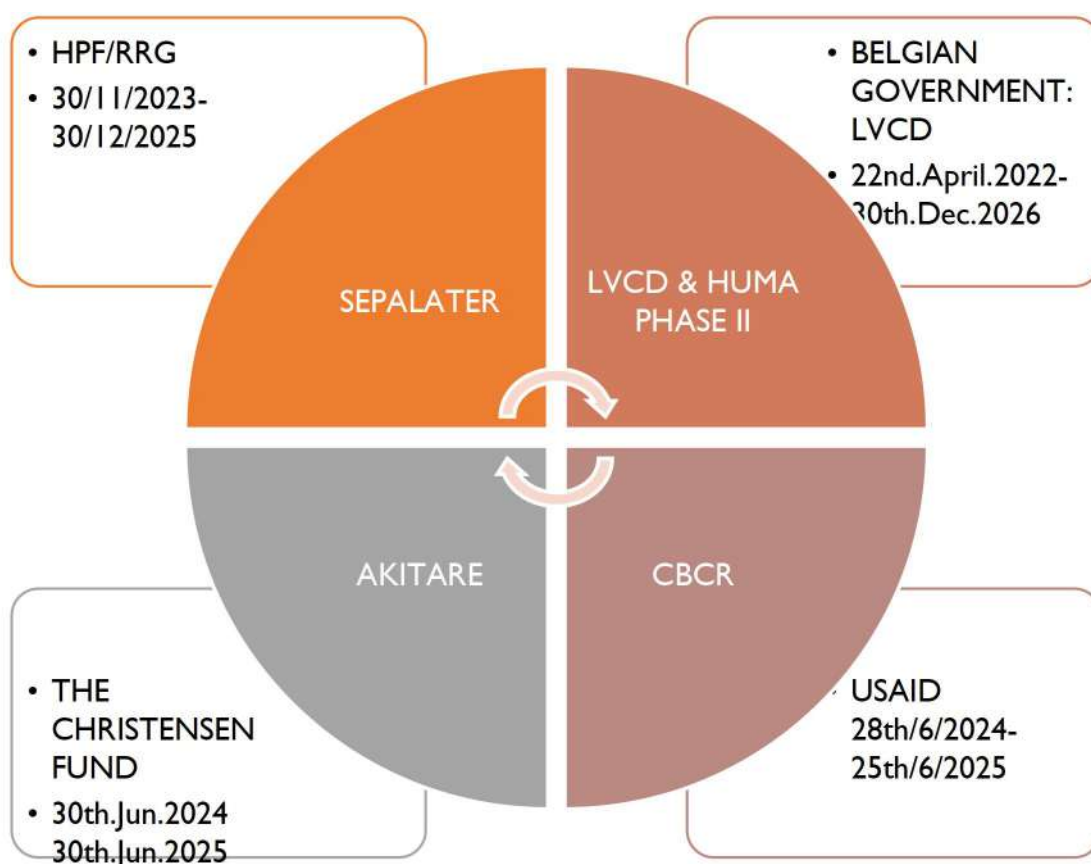
Integrity: Honesty, transparency and accountability: We strive to be accountable for the effectiveness of our actions and open in our judgement and communications with others.

Solidarity: Connecting with poor and excluded people. We try to do everything within our means and in the interests of the poor, excluded and marginalized.

Humility: Recognizing that we are part of a bigger fight against poverty and requiring our presentation and behavior to be modest,

Learning and adaptation: We are open to learning from our work and the works of others especially those that are implementing projects and Programmes with Human Rights Based Approach to Development and Independence.

DADO's PROJECTS 2024 WITH FUNDERS AND PROJECT CYCLES.



OTHER PROJECTS

PILAC in partnership with the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) 1st Oct 2024-31st March 2025

SIB-CO-Funded by Conservation International (CI) 1st.May.2024-30th.May.2026

Humanitarian Protection phase II 1st /Oct/2023-30th.Oct.2025

OUR THEMATIC AREAS

DADO secures support from various donors; federal and non federal funds to pursue her strategic objectives. Thanks to the good will from donors stated above in supporting the initiatives DADO gears towards strengthening rural Agro-Pastoral communities eradicate poverty, reclaim fundamental rights and be food secure. DADO staff and affiliates continue to derive their intrinsic motivation through the support from esteemed donors to uphold DADO's goal.

Core thematic areas of focus by DADO in 2024:



LIVESTOCK HEALTH

Livestock health is a foundational pillar of agro-pastoralist resilience for the Development Agro-Pastoralist Organization (DADO). In the fiscal year 2024-25, with funding from the Belgian Federal Government and in collaboration with Veterinarians Without Borders (VSF), DADO implemented Phase II of the Humanitarian Protection Project (HPP). This initiative facilitated large-scale vaccination campaigns targeting zoonotic and infectious diseases, including prophylaxis against *Glossina* spp. (tsetse fly)-transmitted trypanosomiasis, Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), and Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP). Additionally, small ruminants were vaccinated against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP). Technical expertise from DADO personnel ensured effective administration to thousands of livestock across multiple sub-counties.

Under the SEPALATER project, Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) in Lobongia, Lodiko, Sidok, and Loyoro were equipped with essential veterinary tools, including personal protective equipment (PPE) such as goggles, boots, overalls, knapsack sprayers, gloves, and masks. This intervention enhanced grassroots-level animal health service delivery, improving disease prevention and control.

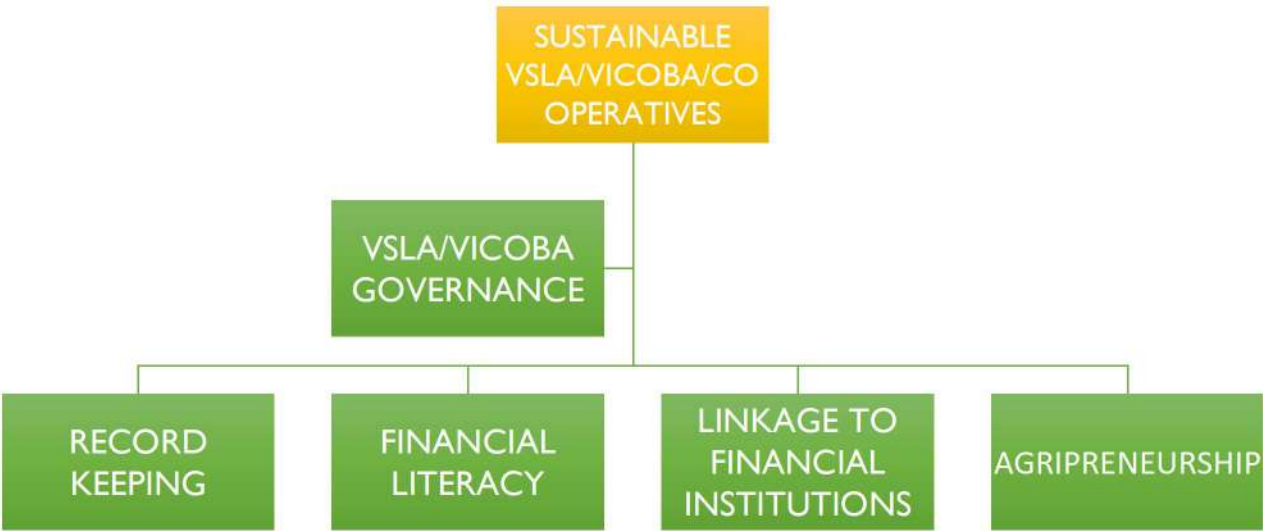
Through the Cross Border Community Resilience (CBCR) initiative, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) prior to an Executive Order, DADO facilitated a three-day refresher training for CAHWs and Community Disease Reporters (CDRs) in Kaakuma. Conducted by the County Veterinary Officer, the training focused on disease symptomatology, diagnosis, and treatment protocols, strengthening livestock health management in Nakapelimoru (Kotido District) and Kamion and Loyoro (Kaabong District).

The Livestock Value Chain Development (LVCD) project, with Belgian support, implemented routine monitoring and technical backstopping to optimize the health of distributed poultry and Galla goats. This intervention significantly reduced morbidity and mortality rates while building

community capacity for sustainable livestock management. Additionally, LVCD, in partnership with VSF, established veterinary drug outlets managed by CAHWs. These outlets, stocked with pharmaceuticals and acaricides, enhanced rapid disease response mechanisms and were linked to broader supply chains, fostering organizational synergy and extending service reach beyond local communities. The SEPALATER project complemented these efforts by procuring drugs and acaricides for pre-distribution treatment of goats, ensuring optimal health outcomes.

LIVELIHOODS AND FOOD SECURITY

Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) and Cooperative Development



In FY 2024-25, DADO catalyzed economic empowerment through the formation and capacity building of 43 VSLAs across multiple projects: 8 under SEPALATER, 4 under AKITARE, 4 under CBCR, and 27 under LVCD, spanning various sub-counties in Kaabong District. The SEPALATER project provided VSLA kits and training, emphasizing governance structures with gender-affirmative policies to promote women’s leadership. This approach aimed to enhance women’s financial autonomy, enabling them to influence land ownership and decision-making processes, critical for socio-economic empowerment.

The LVCD project formalized two cooperatives in Karenga and Kaabong, providing training on governance, financial record-keeping, and transaction management through PostBank branches in Kitgum (for Karenga) and Kotido (for Kaabong). These cooperatives serve as models for sustainable financial empowerment and livelihood resilience.

Under the AKITARE project, four VSLA groups engaged in horticulture value chains generated over UGX 2 million in revenue within nine months, supporting household nutrition and income through vegetable production and surplus sales. Training in agripreneurship and apiculture, coupled with the provision of beekeeping equipment and site-selection guidance, diversified income streams and mitigated Human-Wildlife Conflicts (HWC) in Lolelia South Sub-County.

The LVCD project’s standout initiative was the Lemukial Elephant VSLA Group in Kawalakol Sub-County, which amassed savings of UGX 158,000,000. Supported with small ruminants and poultry (e.g., turkeys and Kuroiler birds), these groups enhanced household incomes, with significant impacts in Kawalakol, Karenga District.

- Akongo Jenifer gets a Profit of **Ugx800,000** Per month out of the grinding mill, and **Ugx300,000** per month in her retail shop business. Ikinya Laura gets **Ugx300,000** per month. Natuk Anne grace gets a profit of **Ugx230,000** in her retail shop, **Ugx45,000** in the two (2) rentals houses. per month (1 room **Ugx 25,000**, and **Ugx20,000** in the next room). Napeyok Easter gets **Ugx300,000** per month in the retail shop and **Ugx50,000** on brewing. Per month. Iluk Regina gets **Ugx350,000** per month in her retail shop. Akongo Grace gets **Ugx400,000** per month in her retail shop. Koryang Betty gets **Ugx200,000** per month after sale of Petrol and diesel.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

Land Tenure and Social Justice

Addressing systemic challenges in Karamoja, where 77% illiteracy and poverty rates (National Population and Housing Census) exceed national averages, DADO advanced land tenure security and social equity. Through the SEPALATER project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD), DADO facilitated systematic land demarcation, registering over 5,000 freehold titles in Kaabong to safeguard community land rights amid growing foreign investment.

DADO's advocacy influenced the National Land Policy (NLP) review, emphasizing pastoralism as a viable land management system and addressing uncompensated rangeland degradation. Capacity-building workshops under SEPALATER, HPP, and the Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) trained land actors in Rights-Based Approaches (RBA) and conflict mediation frameworks like POCC (Problem, Options, Criteria, Conclusion), fostering community trust deeds and reducing land-related conflicts.

DADO's peace-building efforts included a high-level mediation dialogue on May 5, 2024, between North Division (Kotido) and Loyoro (Kaabong), resolving inter-community tensions and promoting peaceful coexistence in Kapisinyang settlement camps.

Women's peace forums, supported by Belgium funded HUMA II, advanced peaceful disarmament, contributing to relative stability in Kaabong since 2024.

Partnerships with the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) and Makerere University enabled legal support through FIDA, empowering torture victims, particularly women, to access justice.

Through community-based talk shows and social media, DADO amplified indigenous voices, driving demand for civic rights like education, health services, and infrastructure. This advocacy led to a new school in Lolelia, improved health access, and increased partner support.

Socio-cultural events, supported by USAID's CBCR and other projects, promoted inclusive resource-sharing resolutions, fostering cohesion at events like Moruanayeche.

In response to a fire outbreak in Leterua settlement camp (Sidok Sub-County), DADO, through Belgian funds crisis modifier budget, provided non-food items (bedding, utensils) and cash

assistance, alongside sensitization on fire risks in congested settlements, enhancing community resilience.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Pastoralist livelihoods depend on sustainable rangeland ecosystems. In FY 2024-25, DADO, under the SIBCO project with Conservation International (CI), established Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) sites in Karenga and Orom Sub-Counties (Karenga and Kitgum Districts). These sites promote assisted regeneration to restore degraded landscapes, with plans for farmer-level upscaling.

Through SEPALATER, AKITARE, and HPP, in partnership with VSF-Belgium, DADO trained Local Environment Committees (LECs) and Natural Resource Management Committees on Sustainable Land Management (SLM), Integrated Risk Management (IRM), Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), and Participatory Rangeland Management (PRM). Pasture demonstration sites were established to rehabilitate bare landscapes, supported by residential workshops, social media campaigns, and community dialogues to promote environmental conservation.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION

DADO's climate resilience strategies focused on adaptive capacity and disaster preparedness. Rapid needs assessments and multi-hazard contingency plan reviews, supported by USAID-CBCR, SEPALATER, HPP, and the Christensen Fund's AKITARE project, addressed climate-related shocks.

A multi-stakeholder meeting with Kenyan counterparts approved and disseminated a contingency plan to communities in Nakapelimoru, Loyoro, Kamion, and Turkana, enhancing awareness of anthropocentric risks like desertification and improving preparedness for multi-hazard scenarios.

Property, Plant & Equipment

			Motor	Computer	Furniture		
	Land	Building	Cycles	& Peripheral s	& Fittings	Equipmen t	Total
	Ushs	Ushs	Ushs	Ushs	Ushs	Ushs	Ushs
1/1/2024	15,000,000	224,000,000	42,949,937	34,200,000	27,075,000	17,588,357	360,813,294
Additions	-	4,626,380	16,179,87	19,000,00	-	3,460,000	43,266,25

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At 31 /12/2024	15,000,000	228,626,380	59,129,816	53,200,000	27,075,000	21,048,357	404,079,553
Depreciation							
At 1 /01/2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	4,572,528	14,782,454	15,960,000	3,384,375	2,631,045	41,330,401
At 31/12/ 2024	-	4,572,528	14,782,454	15,960,000	3,384,375	2,631,045	41,330,401
Net book value							
At 31 /12/ 2024	15,000,000	224,053,852	44,347,362	37,240,000	23,690,625	18,417,312	362,749,152