

ESAU-NUDIPU NORTHERN UGANDA HIV-AIDS PROJECT

Epilepsy Support Association Uganda under the trust fund project of Northern Uganda received funding from NUDIPU. ESAU as an Organization had earlier on had an interest of working in Acholi sub region. To achieve this interest, ESAU used this opportunity and went to Gulu in October/2010, then held several inception meetings with various stake holders in Gulu district. ESAU held these meetings with organizations like TPO (Transcultural Psycho-social Organization), Gulu Disabled People Union (GDPU), NUDIPU Gulu branch, Gulu University Faculty of medicine, Management of Opit and Pabo health centers etc

As a result of these meetings, ESAU signed Memorandum of Understanding with two faith based health Units i.e. St Mauritze health center Laroo Division and St Philips Mican Health center in Bardege Division where currently 199 persons living with epilepsy receives their medication from St Mauritze health center and 58 persons living with epilepsy is getting their medication from St Philips Mican Health center.

In November 2011, Epilepsy support Association Uganda (ESAU) received yet another fund under the same project to the tune of 7,864,000 UGX from NUDIPU under the livelihood project of Northern Uganda, under the theme Bringing epilepsy out of shadows in Gulu District. ESAU used this fund for organizing two partnership meetings with thirty (30) local government politicians and twenty (20) civil servants in Gulu district including health workers.

The first meeting was conducted between ESAU and 20 civil servants and the second one was with 30 local politicians in Gulu district. Both meetings took place at Lamaco Hotel (White House), Gulu Municipality and the purpose of these meetings were:- identification of persons living with Epilepsy, mobilizing them into psycho-social groups, building their capacity, networking them with other organizations, counseling of clients, encouraging them to participate in income generating activities (IGA's) etc