

Land and Equity Movement in Uganda (LEMU)

Annual Report 2024









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List of Acronyms

CED Center for Environment and Development

CLA Community Land Association

COPACSO Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organisations

DCA Dan Church Aid

FRA Food Rights Alliance

FIRD Foundation for Inclusive Rural Development

GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

GOV-CSO Government- Civil Society Organisation

IDRC International Development Research Center

IEC Information, Education and Communication

KYLKYS Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed

LEMU Land and Equity Movement in Uganda

LRA Lord's Resistance Army

MISR Makerere Institute of Social Research

MoLHUD Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development

MUK Makerere University

NGO Non-Governmental Organisation

NLC National Land Coalition

PELUM Participatory Ecological Land Use Management

PWDs Persons with Disability

RDC Resident District Commissioner

SEATINI Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations

Institute

UAA Uganda Agribusiness Alliance

UCOBAC Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children

Welfare

UCU Uganda Christian University

TC Thousand Currents



Our 2024 work in numbers

71% No. of Women affected by land conflicts

40,049,000 =

No. of people reached through
Keep Your Land Keep Your
Seed Campaign

48 No. of countries that participated in the Global learning week in Uganda.

75million No. of people reached during Leaning week

45,000No. of people

No. of people reached during Land Awareness Week in Busoga

34 No. of CLAs formed between 2020 and 2024 in Karamoja

40,000

Hectares. Size
of communal
grazing land
protected
through CLA
formation in
Karamoja

105 No. of family land disputes reported to LEMU

65 No of family land

disputes resolved

(61%)

46 No. of investments conflicting with communities being handled by LEMU

11 No. of Publications

written. **3,128**No of publications distributed

1million No.

of people reached through LEMU's website

1,919,030,334

Annual income

24,139
No. of people reached through LEMU social media



Table showing LEMU's 2024 work in numbers

Category	Numbers
Community Land Protection Work	
Total Number of communal grazing land hectares protected	40,000
Communal Land Associations formed since 2016	34 CLAs
Land Rights Cases	
Percentage of women in land disputes	71%
Land based investments generating Community-Investor Conflicts being resolved by LEMU	46
Number of Family Land disputes received	105
Number Family Land disputes resolved	65 (71%)
Partnership Engagements	
Number of people that physically participated during the global learning week	1,075
Number of People reached directly during the Land Awareness Week in Busoga sub-region	4,500
Institutional Personnel	
Number of LEMU Board of Directors	7
Number LEMU Staff	21
Social Media & Website Impressions	
Number of people reached through LEMU website	1,000,000
Number of people reached during the Global Learning Week through the media	75,000,000
Numbers reached through LEMU Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)	24,139
Keep Your Land Keep Your Seed Campaign	
Number of People reached by Keep Your Land Keep Your Seed Campaign	40, 049,000
Publications Distributed Physically	3,128
Publications Downloaded from LEMU website	2,270
Newspaper articles, Policy briefs, Poems, and Issue Papers written and distributed	11
Annual Income	1,919,030,334



Section A: INTRODUCTION



1. Foreword

I am honored to present the 2024 Annual Report, reflecting on our collective efforts to promote and protect customary land rights in Uganda.

Land is more than just a resource as it is regarded, land is identity, heritage, and a source of livelihood for communities across the country. Yet, customary land tenure continues to face persistent threats, including land grabbing, weak legal protections, and limited awareness of land rights. In response, we have tirelessly worked to strengthen community land governance, empower vulnerable groups, and also engage key stakeholders like policymakers to enhance legal frameworks that safeguard customary land tenure.

This year, we realized a considerable expansion in our reach, deepened community engagements through our interventions, and fostered strategic partnerships that have amplified our impact on work around land rights and food sovereignty. Thanks to the unwavering collaboration of our national partners in Uganda, among who are Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD), Food Rights Alliance (FRA), Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare (UCOBAC), LANDnet Uganda, Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI), The Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organizations (COPACSO), Uganda Agribusiness Alliance (UAA), OXFAM in Uganda among others. Their contributions shone light on LEMU's movement building agenda in order to build collective power for positive change. We also counted on the tremendous financial support of our international funders (acknowledged in this report) who overwhelmingly contributed towards the realization of LEMU's stated objectives and vision, and towards specific achievements enumerated in this report. We sincerely appreciate our dedicated team of staff who seized every opportunity to deliver on their tasks without compromise, your resilience has paid off. Finally, we hold in high esteem, the communities in northern and north-eastern regions of Uganda for the unwavering support offered to the LEMU team whenever called upon. As we look ahead, we remain committed to ensuring that land rights are recognized, protected, and upheld. We invite you to continue walking this journey with us to promote land rights for current and future generations.

Grace Angeline Chelimo
Chairperson Board of Director



2. Message from The Executive Director



As we reflect on this year, I am proud to share remarkable strides made in promoting and defending land rights and intervening on the critical question of food in Uganda. In the face of increasing market pressures on communal land ownership, our work remains more critical than ever.

Through research and advocacy, resolution of land conflicts, community education and dialogues with leaders, strategic media campaigns, strategic partnerships, we have strengthened land tenure security for thousands of individuals

and vulnerable communities in Lango, Teso, Acholi and Karamoja sub-regions of northern and north-eastern regions. This year, we engaged with the different stakeholders including; policymakers, national and international land actors, local government, clan, religious and local council leaders etc., to ensure that customary land rights are recognized and protected. We have expanded our grassroots programs, through the launch of a new campaign called 'Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed' which we are optimistic will farther LEMU's mission to support vulnerable communities in Uganda, to secure their land rights. The campaign draws on LEMU's values in forming alliances and working within the movement of land rights defenders but also brings new areas of interventions, such as tackling the move towards food sovereignty.

Throughout the year, our efforts were deliberately coordinated from the local villages of northern and north eastern Uganda, to the district local governments, to the line government ministries, to the strong network of CSOs working in the land and food sector at the national level, to policy making board rooms and to academic institutions and mainstream media in Uganda. This deliberate coordination reflects LEMU's aspirations towards movement building as an approach that contributes to positive change, the change desired within our larger collective society. We are indebted to all our stakeholders who joined the movement wagon during this year, we call upon you to continue with us in this journey as we pursue the most important ideals of equity, dignity, justice and independence in a world that is fast transforming and the poor people have to pay the price for the misdeeds of rich. Join us again in restoring justice and equity!

Theresa Auma O. Eilu (PhD)

Executive Director



3. About LEMU

Land and Equity Movement in Uganda (LEMU) is a Ugandan Non-Governmental Organisation that has been working to uphold and secure the land rights of the most vulnerable people in Uganda.

For over 20 years now, we have used our expertise in customary tenure to promote and defend especially the customary rights of Ugandans in Lango, Teso, Karamoja and Acholi sub-regions.

In the last 20 years, LEMU's main success in the Uganda land sector has been around improving understanding around customary land tenure through research and publications, contribution to the recognition of customary land tenure in the 2013 National Land Policy as equal with other land tenure systems and resolution of land conflicts both at family levels and between investors and affected communities.

Our work at community levels has been mainly in Northern Uganda.

OUR MISSION

LEMU supports vulnerable communities in Uganda to secure their land rights under customary tenure and to achieve sustainable and productive land use

OUR VISION

An empowered and flourishing society with securely held and productive land

OUR VALUES

Equity: Promoting fairness with regard to the land rights of vulnerable people.

Transparency: Being open, practicing what we say, being accountable and truthful.

Voluntarism: Willingness to do voluntary work when called upon without expectation of personal gain.

Respect for cultural institutions and their positive values.

Dialogue as a way to find solutions, offering alternative strategies to achieve land rights, sometimes amidst conflicting interests.

Humanity: respect for mankind and values that sustain life.

Integrity: Honesty and trustworthiness



Strategic Objectives

- i) Support communities secure their land rights
- ii) Support communities to manage land conflicts
- iii) Change the perceptions towards customary tenure as being relevant and productive
- iv) Promote sustainable and productive land use under customary tenure.
- v) Build LEMU's capacity to achieve its mission and objectives

Cross-cutting objectives

While implementing its plan, LEMU adopts the following strategies across all its activities:

- i) Work closely with other key stakeholders and institutions to ensure that LEMU continues to bring local evidence and perspectives into national policy dialogues.
- ii) Embark on research-based advocacy.
- iii) Focus on the youth, on gender equity, on GBV issues and on the most vulnerable groups including children, the disabled and the elderly.

4. Governance of LEMU

LEMU is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors composed of national experts who guide the strategic direction of LEMU's interventions and play an oversight role on the overall management of the institution. Below are the members of the Board of Directors in 2024

No.	Name	Position on the Board	Picture
1.	Grace Angeline Chelimo	Chairperson	
2.	Dr. John Jaramogi Oloya	Out-going Chairperson	
3.	Matthew Otto	Vice Chairperson	



4.	Caroline Nabatanzi	Treasurer	ur
5.	Anthony Okech	Board Member	
6.	Norah Owaraga	Board Member	
7.	Jimmy Spire ssentongo	Board Member	

5. What was planned for implementation during the year

- Mass awareness and sensitization on land rights and investments through radio programs, community engagements, social media, publications
- ii) Resolution of land conflicts: 1) conflicts between communities and investors, families recovering from the LRA war in Lango and Teso regions
- iii) Demarcation of customary land boundaries
- iv) Change perceptions of customary land being unproductive
- v) Promote productive and sustainable use of customary land by communities
- vi) Build LEMU's institutional capacity
- vii) Networking; research, protection of land rights of vulnerable groups
- viii) Building Alliances with District Local Governments, Cultural Institutions, Justice centers and Police to counter land related irregularities
- ix) Hold widows land conference in all the regions though implemented only in Teso



Section B: OUR PARTNERS

1. Our national implementing partners during the year

LEMU's primary partner in Uganda is the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD) and the 23 district local governments in northern and north-eastern Uganda where the majority of LEMU's projects are implemented, for more than 20 years now, a good number of these projects have been implemented in Lango, Teso, Acholi, West Nile and Karamoja subregions.

In the Lango sub region, we collaborated with the Diocese of West Lango and Foundation for Inclusive Rural Development (FIRD) in sensitization, land conflict mediation and awareness raising activities to strengthen women's land rights in Kwania and Alebtong districts respectively. In June 2024, LEMU again partnered with UCOBAC through the Stand for Her Land Campaign and conducted a dialogue on social norms transformation on women's land rights in the districts of Otuke and Oyam. More than 150 participants composed of local council, clan and religious leaders were trained to protect the land rights of especially women and children.

This year, LEMU on boarded several national level partners with whom a number of activities were successfully executed. These include NGOs working in both the land and food sectors in Uganda, including; Food Rights Alliance (FRA), Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare (UCOBAC), LANDnet, Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI), The Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organisations (COPACSO), Uganda Agribusiness Alliance (UAA) and OXFAM. Together, the 'Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed' campaign was auspiciously launched in November, 2024. In October and November 2024, LEMU partnered with Uganda Christian University (UCU), Law School to bring about 15 law students to mediate a total of 52 family land conflicts in the districts of Lira, Otuke and Oyam. Out of the 52 cases mediated by the law students, 40 were successfully resolved. Most of the family land conflicts were arising from the impact of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) insurgency. The resolution of land conflicts by LEMU staff and UCU law students has been a result of the strong collaboration with clan leaders, local government leaders, Local Council leaders and security agencies such as police and the office of the Resident District Commissioners RDCs.

At the International Level, LEMU mainly partnered with members of International Land Coalition during the Global learning week in Uganda, for research projects and relevant networks.







































2. OUR FUNDERS

During the course of implementing its various programs during the year 2024, LEMU attracted and sustained collaboration through funding support from a total of about 15 institutions as reflected below.

























Section C: KEY INTERVENTIONS OF THE YEAR

1. Formation of the LEMU (research) Working Group

In order to ensure that its work on the ground contributes to knowledge creations and relevant to intellectual debates, LEMU instituted a Core (Research) Working Group on land and agrarian questions. This working group is charged with the responsibility of defining and spearheading a research agenda for LEMU specifically on Land and Agrarian Questions. The current members of this working Group include; Dr. Theresa Auma (Team Lead), Mr. Adeventino Banjwa, (Chairperson) Dr. Muhamad Lunyago (Vice Chairperson), Mr. Samuel Nyende (General Secretary). The last three members are PhD fellows at Makerere Institute of Social Research MISR. Their specific roles include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Defining LEMU's research agenda and conducting research;
- ▶ Writing academic and semi-academic publications under the auspices of LEMU;
- Spearheading the constitution, organization and coordination of panel discussions, seminars, and intellectual workshops on emerging and contested questions on land and agrarian questions;
- Convening an intellectual study group at LEMU and deliberating on topical issues regarding land and agrarian questions in Uganda and the global south;
- Participating and engaging in national, regional global conferences and workshops relevant



to the work of LEMU;

- Supporting in fundraising initiatives for LEMU where necessary;
- Offering strategic support in building potential networks and strategic partnerships for LEMU;
- Offering strategic guidance on LEMU's contribution to policy engagements;
- Offering support in building LEMU's social movement initiatives i.e., campaigns.

During the course of the year, the working group was instrumental in shaping key interventions areas such as; the keep your land keep your seed campaign, preparation for the Inaugural Judy Adoko (Judy Adoko was an activist, mentor, writer and founding director if LEMU) Memorial lecture in 2025, writing policy briefs and researched issue papers and developing a new research agenda for LEMU.





2. Hosting the ILC Global Learning Week in Uganda

The Global Learning Week is an initiative of the International Land Coalition (ILC) that is held in various countries every year, and members of the ILC always take lead in organizing these learning events at the National level. As a member of ILC and a host of the National Land Coalition in Uganda (an ILC initiative), LEMU was at the forefront of organizing the global learning week, key partners and participants at the community, district, national and international levels were mobilized. As a member of the Local Organizing Committee led by the Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development, LEMU closely worked with the other NLC members to effectively convene the week-long event.

LEMU was specifically in charge of the Dokolo district field visit, where the learning week delegates had the opportunity to interact with Awer forest reserve community, together with the Dokolo District local government officials to learn from LEMU's intervention to restore peaceful co-existence between community and Awer forest private investor who had exploited the community members for more than ten years in terms of land boundary disputes, environmental degradation, economic extortion and labour exploitation. The Learning Week, organized with a major focus on land governance, aimed to create a dynamic platform for co-learning and capacity sharing among diverse stakeholders.

The event's objectives were strategically designed to enhance knowledge exchange, foster networking, promote global and regional frameworks, validate research findings, and learn from specific incountry experiences. With five (5) main objectives namely; 1. Engage Participants in Knowledge Exchange, 2. Foster a Network of Key Actors, 3. Promote Global and Regional Frameworks, 4. Validate Research Findings and Toolkit and 5. Learned from Uganda's National Land Coalition, the learning week event greatly achieved and the outcomes of the learning week event are expected to contribute significantly to advancing land governance initiatives and globally strengthen GOV-CSO partnerships. The learning week attracted participants from more than 48 countries in the global South, and the participation of both the central government leaders and district local government leaders in Dokolo and Butalejja Butalejja districts.





























Promoting Successful Partnerships in the Uganda Land Governance Sector between CSOs and the Government Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala - Uganda









A detailed report of the Global learning week can be accessed at:

https://land-in-uganda.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/FINAL-REPORT-for-the-Gov-CSO-Learning-Week-2024.pdf

Link to Learning week photos, interviews, documentary and sound bites: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BrwYhg_2y8wHtyArQxbMz9iVBSQlJwAt

3. The National Land Awareness Week (LAW)

On 26th- 30th August 2024 LEMU in partnership with the Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development and the civil society land actors led by PELUM Uganda participated in organizing and facilitating during the 8th National Land awareness week 2024 hosted in Busoga region. As their contribution, LEMU made contributions towards the printing of IEC materials that were used to impart land related knowledge to the Land Awareness Week participants. Three (3) districts in Busoga namely; Kaliro, Luuka and Kamauli were specifically reached by LEMU to conduct community dialogues with especially local council, clan leaders and community members understand their



experiences with loss of indigenous food/seed varieties in Uganda. LEMU also conducted a similar meeting in Dokolo and Soroti, to understand the perspective of the loss of indigenous food/seed varieties in both Lango and Teso sub-regions.

The Land awareness week was grounded on the theme, Promoting Land rights and land use for inclusiveness and sustainable development, it was intended to strengthen the capacity of farming communities and their organizations, Local governments, formal and customary land management and land administration entities, civil society, state and non-state actors.

With this engagement LEMU rolled out its expertise by reaching out to the communities and investments communities to offer community meetings and dialogues, participated in the radio talk shows, Investor- community dialogue meetings, and also supported mobilize communities for other CSO partners. This facilitated the development of issues papers highlighting the injustices crippling communities visited and also unlocking opportunities for LEMUs intervention. This massive event directly reached out to 4,500 women, men, youth, PWDs with information on land, 4 dialogue meetings held, Joint Local government council resolutions on critical emerging issues on land rights, climate change, investments challenges in Busoga sub region obtained and strengthened linkages and collaborations amongst local and national level actors.













Community dialogues conducted in Kaliro, Luuka, Kamuli, Soroti and Dokolo in August

Click the link below for a detailed Land Awareness Week Report: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qmxtYyP5RjLOIr8okefJ0w8OLSxQjE28/view?usp=drive_link

4. Community Land protection in Karamoja

In 2016, Land and Equity Movement in Uganda LEMU and DanChurch Aid (DCA) entered into a partnership to protect communal grazing areas in Moroto, Napak and Amudat districts. This nine year-long partnership has however, this year 2024, come to an end as a result of the dwindling funds towards protection of customary land rights in the Karamoja region.

A total amount of 2,503,848 Danish Krone was extended to LEMU and this funds contributed toward key interventions including; 1) the formation of 34 Communal Land Associations (CLAs) in Lorengechora sub-county (Napak district); Amudat and Looro sub-counties in Amudat district; 2) the mapping of over 40,000 hectares of communal grazing lands, 3) demarcation of communal grazing



land with physical concrete pillars and sign posts, 4) the creation of 34 CLA land management committees and CLA constitutions/bye-laws; 5) the creation of 1 district ordinance on communal land management in Napak district, 6) resolution of community-investor conflicts in the Tapac subcounty (Tororo cement Vs the community) in Moroto district, limestone mining, and in Lokales subcounty (Evergrande resources Vs the community) in Amudat district over gold mining; 7) Writing and dissemination of about 8 policy briefs, lessons learnt, information leaflets and issue papers on the land question in Karamoja.







Project beneficiaries in Amudat sub-county, Amudat district erecting concrete pillars & a sign post on Arimonyang grazing land secured by LEMU with support from Danish Church Aid (DCA)

5. Empowering communities affected by land-based investments

In accordance with the three (3) yearlong International Development Research Center (IDRC) funded project on preventive legal empowerment to strengthen rights in the face of land based investments, in 2024 the project advanced to respond to investor-community grievances prioritizing to register impacts on a few selected cases out of the 46 reported cases of rights violations by investors. The cherry pick of cases was conditioned by the late disbursements of limited project implementation funds that usually happened two (2) to three (3) months after the implementation expected start date. The implementation of the project in the year 2024 focused mainly on consolidating impacts of the project, documenting research findings for publications jointly with other research project consortium members, that is, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in United Kingdom and Center for Environment and Development (CED) in Cameroun.

The project managed to register significant impacts despite the delayed disbursement of funds through recurrent and amplified advocacy efforts at the community level to strengthen rights against abuses in the context of land-based investments. Notable among the project impacts was the hosting of over one hundred (100) delegates both from local, regional, national and International circles during the global learning exchange on the successful collaboration of government and civil society on promoting land rights organized by International Land Coalition (ILC), this event hosted by LEMU converged participants in the field on one of the projects' implementation sites at Awer Forest Reserve in Dokolo district as a medium of publicizing, naming and shaming investors' rights abuses in Uganda. At the same field visit, LEMU distributed part of the research results through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) toolkit with over fifty (50) copies given to participants.

The action research project also invented an expert research working group to analyze qualitative research and produce three (3) thematic policy briefs on; mining, forestry and agriculture/ agroprocessing. LEMU through the project continued to reach grass root communities all throughout the year by conducting extensive data collection exercises, community level dialogue meetings with key stakeholders and through holding and participating in local, regional and national partner's forums, meetings and workshop.





Local children Artisanal miners engaged in gold washing in Cheptokol village, Lokales Sub-county-Amudat district. Photo credit, Alex Ssebukalu, 19th December 2024.

6. Launch of the Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed campaign

Between June and November 2024, LEMU engaged in the development of the Keep Your Land Keep Your Seed (KYLKYS) Campaign Strategy. The purpose of the KYLKYS Campaign Strategy was to inform the work of LEMU and partnering organizations in driving the KYLKYS national campaign, both in the short- and long-run. In the process of developing the campaign strategy, three versions of the campaign strategy were produced as an outcome of a process of formal engagements such as the meetings with the LEMU Core (Research) Working Group between June and August, 2024. With the presentation and discussion of the initial outlines of the strategy with LEMU staff on two occasions in August 2024, the first full draft of the campaign strategy was developed. The meetings and feedback from the campaign planning committee in the course of September 2024 generated the insights that informed the revision of the first draft, to which was added insights from the regional pre-campaign launch Issues Papers to produce the second draft of the campaign strategy towards the end of September, 2024.

The final draft benefitted from insights from a meeting with members of the Core (Research) Working Group on November 19, 2024. Thus, the latest (final) version of the campaign strategy has benefited from a rich process, with contribution and feedback from LEMU staff and the Core (Research) Working Group members, the campaign partner organizations, insights from pre-launch regional research studies (Issues Papers) on loss of land, indigenous seeds and productivity, and from the communities and other stakeholders, not forgetting the deliberations of the different stakeholders during the launch of the *Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed* National campaign, which took place on November 7th, 2024 at Okwongodul Sub-county Headquarters in Dokolo district.

Before taking the launch to Dokolo district, a press conference was organised on 5th November, 2024 at Hotel Africana, to popularize the campaign launch in Dokolo district but also to allow LEMU's partners in the land and food sector air out a call to community, government and Civil Society Organisations about the need to preserve and promote indigenous food and seed variety that have since faced extinction in Uganda. A total of five issue papers and three poems on loss of land and indigenous foods were written and presented during the launch of the campaign in the community in



Okwongodul sub-county, Dokolo district. This campaign reached a total of 40,049,900 people with messages around protecting land rights as an economic right (economic Justice) and protecting indigenous food varieties as a form of cultural independence (food sovereignty).

Link to Photos taken during the launch of the Campaign on 7th November 2024, Dokolo district

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1-8-NIKxBY19mblGhOtsp5xzJ0q1ssEta



Click the link below for a detailed Report of the *Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed* campaign launch:https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fciYx7zMxB23DF9USW-83ykNdaou80Yz/view?usp=drive_link



7. Resolution of customary land conflicts at family level



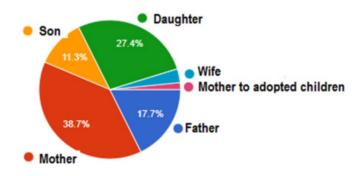
Because of the increasing pressure on land due to the rise of land markets, land shortage resulting from population growth and discriminatory practices that deny women from accessing using and owning land, many vulnerable individuals and families in the communities of north and north-eastern Uganda where LEMU works are caught up in small-scale land disputes which reduces their ability to produce food to sustain their families.

The just system in Uganda has not been supportive as many vulnerable and poor people can not afford to go through the system due to highs costs, the long duration taken in the formal courts and the lack technical knowledge. To support these vulnerable customary land holders, LEMU works with local-traditional leaders, professionals with legal knowledge, and law enforcers such as the police as a more sustainable and cost-effective mechanism for dispute resolution.

During the year, LEMU offices in Lira and Soroti received a total of 105 cases of family land disputes and worked with the leaders above, together with 15 law students from Uganda Christian University (UCU) and resolved a total of 65 land disputes (61%) while the remaining 39% of the ceases were either referred or unresolved and pending further dialogues and community engagements. Most the complaints in the cases above were women, constituting a total of 71% as shown in the chart below. This shows that there is a critical need to focus interventions around land and economic justice to women, but also the need to understand the rise of land disputes as a question of power within the context of gender relations in families.



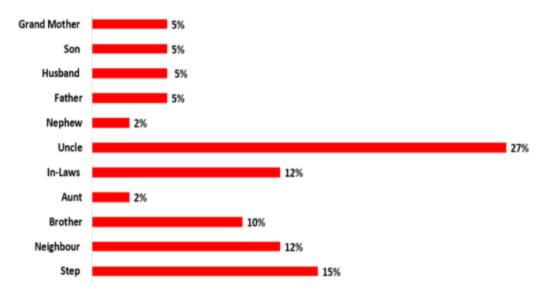
Chart 1: Status of the complainants in family land disputes



Source: Statistical analysis of cases reported to LEMU Lira office in 2024

Our statistics, again as shown in the graph 1 below shows that the male relatives are the main perpetrators of land grabbing and abuse of women's land rights as shown below.

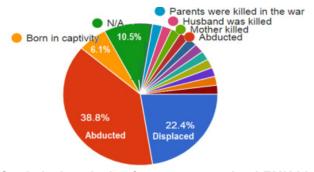
Graph 1: Relationship of female complainants to respondents in land dispute cases



Source: Statistical analysis of cases reported to LEMU Lira office in 2024

Most of the complainants in the formerly war affected northern districts of Lira, Oyam and Otuke expressed that their current land struggles stems from the effect the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) war had on them, as most them were with displaced, abducted or born in captivity, as shown in the pie-chart below.

Chart 2: Effect of the LRA war on the victims of land grabbing/complainants



Source: Statistical analysis of cases reported to LEMU Lira office in 2024



During our interventions to resolve these conflicts, LEMU treated the restoration of these conflicts as a means to achieving economic justice for the many vulnerable women and men whose rights to a dignified life on land been snatched by the very close family members who needed to protect them. From the cases resolved, our team documented the positive impact the resolution of these cases have had on the effected persons as below.

Documented impact of LEMU's conflict resolution activities on the lives of beneficiaries

- Opuyo Parish, Soroti district. Widow complainant against the son. Complaint: The boys deliberately chased their mother out of home because she refused to let them sell off their fathers land. After conflict resolution; The widow regained her status as the head of the house hold and land administrator working closely with the clans to oversee her land, the sons are now staying within the boundary of the land divided to them and not causing unrest to their mother. Case successfully resolved, land sketch map drawn and consent agreement signed.
- ▶ Kongoto village, Serere district. Wife against husband. Complaint, the husband upon marrying the second wife chased away the first woman and all her children stating that they did not have land rights and should never return to his home. The woman stayed out of home for two years and reached out to LEMU because even the clan was unable to help her resolve her situation. LEMU worked with the local leaders and resolved the case. Impact; The woman was asked to return to her marital home, and the husband was tasked to divide for her land and for children which our follow up confirmed that she finally returned and settled, case resolved and consent agreement signed.
- Coo rom village, Aleka sub-county, Oyam district. Widow complainant against her brothers-in-laws for her three gardens that were grabbed. LEMU facilitated a mediation meeting with the support of law students from Uganda Christian University. Impact: Through LEMU's intervention, the complainant widow recovered her three gardens from her in-laws who had forcefully taken possession after the death of her husband. Justice prevailed after the mediation and the widow's land rights restored.
- ▶ ALink to photos taken during conflict resolution mediation meetings conducted collectively by LEMU staff, local leaders, and law students from Uganda Christian University (UCU) June to November 2024. https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1lBaqetNUMBWUsS_MWQ9UukL9M9qB5KSB









Left: Photo taken during a land dispute mediation meeting in Ajaa Good B village, Omito Parish, Lira district during the UCU law student legal clinic at LEMU Lira office in which they led mediation meetings in the community, 14th November 2024. Photo credit, Isabella Ajok, LEMU. **Right and below:** LEMU staff and UCU law atudesnts after a successful mediation of a family land dispute in Ogwete sub-county, Otuke district, 15th November 2024.

▶ Video documentation of stories of change by people whose customary land rights were restored: https://youtu.be/DPhYy0aUAgg?si=WLrwDXeD5AFSf0FR

8. Publications and LEMU's contribution to knowledge towards improving practice, policy and intellectual debates

No.	Name of Publication	Link to Publication
1	Let the River Flow – a poem for the Food Sovereignty Campaign under Keep Your Land Keep Your Seed Campaign	https://land-in-uganda.org/shared-files/1732/?- Poem%20Series%203%20-%20COPAC- SO%20-%207%20Nov%202024.pdf
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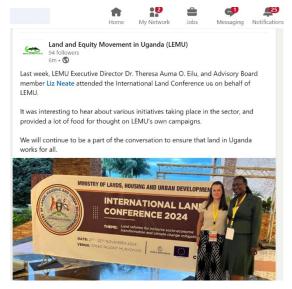
5	LEMU Issues Paper Series - No.4 of 2024: Uganda's Loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Experiences of Widows in Teso and Kumam Sub-regions	https://land-in-uganda.org/ shared-files/1728/?LEMU%20Series%204%20 -%20WIDOW%20ISSUES%20PAPER%20 -%2030%20Oct%202024.pdf
	LEMU Issues Paper Series - No.3 of 2024: Uganda's Loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Explorations from Busoga sub-region	https://land-in-uganda.org/ shared-files/1727/?LEMU%20Series%203%20 -%20BUSOGA%20ISSUES%20PAPER%20 -%2030%20Oct%202024.pdf
	LEMU Issues Paper Series - No.2 of 2024: Uganda's Loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Explorations from Lango Sub-region	https://land-in-uganda.org/ shared-files/1726/?LEMU%20Series%202%20 -%20Lango%20Issue%20Paper%20-%20 30%20Oct%202024.pdf
8	LEMU Issues Paper Series - No.1 of 2024: Uganda's Loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Issues from an Engagement with Clan and Local Government Leaders in Teso and Kumam Sub-regions	https://land-in-uganda.org/ shared-files/1725/?LEMU%20Series%20 1%20-%20KUMAM%20and%20TESO%20 ISSUES%20PAPER%20-%2030%20Sept%20 2024.pdf
9	COPACSO Issues Paper: Uganda's Loss of Pastoral Land and Indigenous Food, Animal and Grass Varieties: Experiences from the Pastoral Complex of Karamoja Region	https://land-in-uganda.org/ shared-files/1724/?COPASCO%20Issues%20 -%20Paper%20final%20-%2030%20Oct%20 2024.pdf
10	LEMU's Response to Land Registration Process in Uganda	https://land-in-uganda.org/ shared-files/1673/?Lemu%27s%20re- sponse%20to%20Land%20Registration%20 process%20in%20Uganda.pdf
11	Our Land Our Future! What does this statement mean to people who depend on land?	https://land-in-uganda.org/shared- files/1638/?Our%20Land%20Our%20Fu- ture!%20What%20does%20this%20state- ment%20mean%20to%20people%20who%20 depend%20on%20land%20.pdf





9. Policy Advocacy

During the year, LEMU continued to be at the forefront of advocating for just laws and policies for the protection of the majority Ugandans whose land rights are held under customary land tenure. The Uganda Government through its Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD) is in the process of reviewing its 2013 National Land Policy (NLP) and LEMU was nominated by the Ministry to be among the 40 institutions to review the National Land Policy – **belonging to the National Land Policy Review Working Group (NLPRW)** which is charged with the mandate of considering national-wide consultations and making the final version of the draft NLP to be approved by the Uganda Government. LEMU uses its position in this strategic space to advance the rights of the customary land owners, in a context of increased marketization of land, to call for a policy shift towards a regulated land market, rather than leaving customary land owners to the vagaries of the market. LEMU also continued to be part of other regional and national-level policy related conferences and dialogues such as the World Bank Conference 2024 and the ADRA-Karamoja regional NLP consultative meeting.







Section D: COMMUNICATION, INFLUENCE AND IMPACT

1. International collaborations

► A learning visit to Cameroon.

In line with the IDRC action research project proposal, LEMU and CED as Africa consortium partners under this project conducted an international learning exchange visit to Cameroon in January, 2024. The learning exchange aimed at facilitating mutual learning and sharing of experiences regarding project implementation. The exchange uncovered numerous similar findings or grievances related to the land-based investment space in both countries; most of the grievances like price exploitations, child labor, displacements, unpaid compensations, etc. faced by people in mining communities in Cameroon were the same as those in Karamoja sub-region in Uganda. This learning exchange provided an opportunity to both of the teams in Uganda and Cameroun to design project intervention paths together and appreciate each other's efforts towards protecting local communities land rights.

Detailed report link; https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eE_dHnR_y_ZKMxWWtLfcfbup5s6LVmyt/view?usp=drive link



► East Africa Indigenous Minority (EAIM) convening in Nairobi.

Land and Equity Movement in Uganda participated in the 2-day EAIM convening in Nairobi around April 2024, aimed at identifying systemic barriers preventing indigenous minority communities in East Africa from legally claiming their land rights. Key among the discussions at the networking, collaboration and knowledge sharing among diverse indigenous groups and land actors was the status of land owned by indigenous minorities across the three (3) East African countries; Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.

The meeting aimed to discuss realities of indigenous communities in Kenya as regards their land rights. Most of them are not aware of their rights to land making it impossible for them to claim for their land rights. These marginalized communities in Kenya currently dealing with decades of



land grabbing and dispossession, struggle to leverage existing laws to secure their ancestral lands and also grapple with limited access to resources and alienation from state services. The meeting discussed strategies through learning, sharing and solidarity to support the indigenous groups in the East African region who majorly occupy forests and land gazette as public land making it hard to register as community land, to claim their land rights.

The deliberations revealed that indigenous communities from the East African countries experienced similar unique challenges ranging from Historical land injustices, political interferences, environmental conservation among external factors.

LEMU's participation in this convening provides LEMU with new strategies and approaches employed by Uganda's counterparts; Kenya and Tanzania, to strategically engage key stakeholders especially community land owners to strengthen their management of communal land. Key lessons from the convening positions of LEMU to domesticate best practices that have worked in the other countries to promote the land rights of similar communities in the areas of their intervention and also in Uganda at large.

The convening exposed participants to fresh ways of engaging key stakeholders in the promotion of land rights of citizens like governments and civil society organisations. The convening provided LEMU with the opportunity to share key publications on land rights to the participants. LEMU's project of Communal Land Protection which necessitated the formation of Communal Land Associations CLAs for communal grazing lands held under customary tenure in Napak and Amudat districts provided participants with important processes of communal land protection.





Detailed report link;

https://drive.google.com/file/d/144cFlqH9VxR30qvkaqp6o6mkK2nTl4CO/view?usp=drive link

GIZ Learning exchange visit to Zambia

LEMU in partnership with NAMATI through its synergies like Paralegal Alliance Network, participated in a six day learning exchange Visit in Lusaka Zambia from 16th - 23rd November 2024 that brought together a consortium of Civil society organizations working to provide access to justice through the provision of legal aid to the marginalized and vulnerable communities in 7 African countries with the core intention of delving on the legal empowerment cycle of Knowing the law, Using the Law and shaping the law, something LEMU has embraced and implemented over years. This was an opportunity to showcase LEMUs work at a continental level and use our expertise to leverage the opportunities for funding. The outcome from this learning visit gave LEMU a limelight as its presented ideas ranked among the top three in Africa and First in East Africa generating an opportunity to be funded by Legal Empowerment Fund in 2025 Under the Grassroot Justice Network Umbrella.





► Thousand Currents – Africa Consultative Meeting in Nairobi.

In October 2024, LEMU joined more than social movements from across Africa and shared its work around food sovereignty and protection of customary land rights. It shared its approach of using scholarship as an effective method for decolonizing the food question in Africa.



2. Numbers of people reached by LEMU's work during the year

(i) Publications physically distributed and videos viewed online = 3,128

Name of publication/documentary	Number printed/ disseminated
Documentary on Knowledge and Satisfaction of Investments by Farmers, Investors and Government representatives	63 views on youtube
A documentary on land rights violations in Karamoja	30 views on youtube
LEMI-IDRC: Land Rights violations in Karamoja	146 views on youtube



Documentary on Knowledge and Satisfaction of Investments on Land in Dokolo and Amolatar districts	100 views on youtube
Total video views in 1 year	339 views
PPRR (Luo and English)	4
PPRR (Swahili and English)	2
PPRR (Acholi and English)	1
PPRR (Ateso and English)	6
PPRR (Ateso)	23
PPRR(Runyoro and English)	2
Breaking the stigma against wild and tradional foods in Uganda	50
Fixing the food system- Farmers first	50
Increasing household dietrary diversity and improving resilence to schools and stresses through agroecology	50
Recovery of traditional foods in Latin America, Zimbabwe and Uganda	50
Wild edible plants of Acholi and Teso sub-regions of Uganda	50
Lango vegetables and wild fruits: What should we do to avoid their extinction	50
LEMU's message for 2024 World Environment Day	200
Position paper and LEMU's contribution on the proposed amendment of the Land Act.	60
A decade of National Land Policy Implementation In Uganda	20
LEMU's contribution toward the implementation of the National Land Policy	20
LEMU Strategic Plan (2023- 2026)	40
LEMU Celebrates 20 years of influence, impact, and identity	60
Rapid Response Mechanism Toolkit	50
ADR Gender sensitive toolkit	30
Lessons Learnt from the field (CLA)	16
Good practices and Lessons Learnt (RGIL)	100
RGIL Impact Report	30
PPRR (Luo only) Cik me Lobo me tekwaro me lango	400
From which family do rights come	400
RAI Posters	100
Taking stock of LEMU's work since 2003	23
Extract of the approved NLP	29
Is documenting customary land system against the new NLP	18
Fighting the wrong battles	38
Will the implementation of NLP 2013 support the evolution of customary tenure	9
What should be included in the new CSOs	30
Iteso clans directory	17
Women left holding the bag	13
What land rights do people have under customary tenure	77
Risks in the Land Act in regards to protecting women's rights.	35
Risks in registration of communal land	31



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How does community land encroachment impact wetlands	38
Is land grabbing a sin against GOD	25
Strategy to protect women's land rights	8
Lango vegetables and wild fruits: What should we do to avoid their extinction	50
Lessons from the field on conflict Resolution in Community land protection	14
Can wetland user permits co-exist with traditional wetland use	43
How should financial institutions manage loans using customary land as collateral	52
Is the clan justice system ready to assume a greater role in land administration as provided for in the 2013 NLP	60
Women left holding the bag	87
Can rural Karimojong succeed in protecting their communal land	19
Agreements reached during previous cabinet meeting on 12th September 2014	109
Ask these questions to promoters of land titles	13
Strategy to advance women's land rights	10
Treacherous exploitation and grabbing	15
Abaluan nu imorikitai ekale	40
Akiro nu epplok kotoma	40
Epone mene kame wan otwero dwodwoko kede	120
Precedence and other learning from 2008-2010 mediation cases	9
Do petroleum laws and policies consider alternative livelihoods of land owners?	111
Risks in the Land Act as regards to registration of communal land	10
What should be included in the new Certificate of Customary Title Ownership	12
Comparing state and traditional institutions	11
Is the clan justice system ready to assume a greater role?	48
TOTAL	3, 128

(ii) Publications downloaded from LEMU's website in 2024

DOWNLOAD FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER 2024

No.	Name of Publication	Downloads
1	Poem: Let the River Flow	26
2	Poem: Te Kwaro	28
3	Poem: Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed	23
4	Uganda's loss of land, land productivity, and indigenous seed/food varieties: A synthesis of emerging issues and demands towards the promotion of food sovereignty.	31
5	Uganda's loss of land, land productivity, and indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Experiences of Widows in Teso and Kumam Sub-regions.	25
6	Uganda's loss of land, land productivity, and indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Exploration from Busoga Sub-regions.	23



7	Uganda's loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Exploration from Lango Sub-regions.	29
8	Uganda's loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Issues from an Engagement with Clan and Local Government Leaders in Teso and Kumam Sub-regions.	21
9	Uganda's loss of Pastoral Land and Indigenous Food varieties, Animal and Grass Varieties: Experiences from the Pastoral Complex of Karamoja Region.	24
10	The Ugandan experience of land market policy	112
11	Research to explore Customary Land Owners' Perceptions of Titling in Lango and Teso Sub-regions Uganda 2019	106
12	Compulsory Acquition of Land: The need for robust governance to deliver public interest projects through land assembly.	104
13	A Land Market for Poverty Eradication? A case study of the impact of Uganda's Land Acts on policy hopes for development and poverty eradication.	124
14	LEMU's response to Land Registration Process in Uganda	224
15	LEMU hosts the learning week to promote successful government and CSOS partnership in the land governance sector on 9th June - 15th June 2024.	0
16	Our Land Our Future! What does this statement mean to people who depend on land?	218
17	LEMU QR-CODE	561
18	Demarcation and Documentation of Customary Land Manual	591
Total		2,270

(iii) LEMU 2024 Publications

Publications (written, printed for distribution and published through LEMU's website) as LEMU's contribution to knowledge towards improving practice, policy and intellectual debates

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1	Let the River Flow – a poem for the Food Sovereignty Campaign under Keep Your Land Keep Your Seed Campaign	https://land-in-uganda.org/shared-files/1732/?Po- em%20Series%203%20-%20COPACSO%20-%20 7%20Nov%202024.pdf
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5	LEMU Issues Paper Series - No.4 of 2024: Uganda's Loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Experiences of Widows in Teso and Kumam Sub-regions	https://land-in-uganda.org/shared-files/1728/?LE-MU%20Series%204%20-%20WIDOW%20IS-SUES%20PAPER%20-%2030%20Oct%202024.pdf



	LEMU Issues Paper Series - No.3 of 2024: Uganda's Loss of land, loss of indigenous seed/food varieties and their productivity: Explorations from Busoga sub-region	https://land-in-uganda.org/shared-files/1727/?LE-MU%20Series%203%20-%20BUSOGA%20IS-SUES%20PAPER%20-%2030%20Oct%202024.pdf
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11	Our Land Our Future! What does this statement mean to people who depend on land?	https://land-in-uganda.org/shared- files/1638/?Our%20Land%20Our%20Future!%20 What%20does%20this%20statement%20mean%20 to%20people%20who%20depend%20on%20 land%20.pdf

(iv) Numbers reached through social media = 24,139

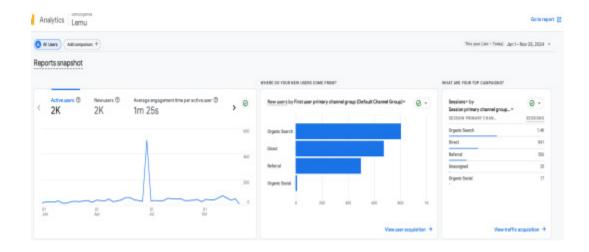
Numbers reached through the LEMU Website where more than 1 million as reflected in the activities on the website summerised below;

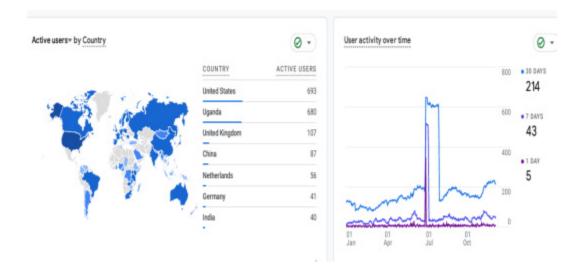
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		Followers	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	
		Page views	0	0	0	0	0	21	10	3	1	6	57	
		Likes and Reactions	0	0	0	0	12	42	33	17	0	2	5	
	Facebook	Profile Visits		0	0	2	10	52	23	14	13	24	31	
		Followers	0	0	0	5	7	12	12	13	13	13	13	
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Active user (Avg engagement time per Active user)





(v) Numbers of people reached through the mainstream media during global learning week in Uganda = 75 million people.

No.	Date	Media House	Media Link	Numbers reached
1	05.06.2024	New Vision (World Environment Day message)	https://www.newvision.co.ug/opportunities/ notices-3805	10,000
2	13.06.2024	Daily express	https://dailyexpress.co.ug/2024/06/14/govt-told-to-allocate-1-of-national-budget-towards-land-governance/	200,000
3	13.06.2024 11.06.2024 12.06.2024 13.06.2024	NTV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjTMxlKRqwc	30,000,000
4	1	NEW VISION	https://newvisionapp.page.link/Cq2Q	600,000





5		URN	https://www.ugandaradionetwork.net/story/ international-stakeholders-verify-forestland- conflict-resolution-in-lango	10,000,000
6		TND	https://x.com/tndnewsuganda/sta- tus/1801311849914208687?t=I5Lmf7dR1I- KUic158oC3Ug&s=09	3,583
7	14.06.2024 12.06.2024	DAILY MONITOR	https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/ national/museveni-issues-fresh-orders-on-land- evictions-4657664	13,000,000
8		NEW VISION	https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/news/ nfa-accuses-lango-politicians-of-inciting-att- NV_190032	22,000,000 (online)
9	13.06.2024	WATCHDOG	https://www.watchdoguganda.com/ news/20240614/169097/uganda-urged-to- allocate-1-of-national-budget-for-land-governance. html	300,000
10	14.06.2024	Daily express	https://dailyexpress.co.ug/2024/06/14/govt-told-to-allocate-1-of-national-budget-towards-land-governance/	200,000
11	12.06.2024	UG SPOT	https://theugpost.com/international-experts- gather-in-uganda-for-land-learning-week/	5,000
12	14.06.2024	The Independent	https://www.independent.co.ug/international- stakeholders-verify-forestland-conflict-resolution- in-lango/	300,000
13		Teso Advanced news	https://tesoadvancednews.wordpress. com/2024/06/12/foreign-countries-call-for- community-involvement-in-land-matters/	2,398
Total				75, 000,000

(vi) Number people reached during the Keep Your Land Keep Your Seed Campaign = 40,049,900 through mainstream media campaign launch and pre-launch activities as summarized below;

No.	Date	Media house	Media Link	Numbers reached
1	13.11.2024	Daily Monitor	https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/poverty-pushing-families-to-dispose-of-their-land-cheaply-study-4821540	13,000,000
2	6.11.2024	UBC TV Kampala	https://youtu.be/c2TTiKSn1yM?si=ToaQ6ujG8_ p4Nusj	2,000
3	8.11.2024	Unity FM	https://hearthis.at/unity-socials-iu/unity-fm-97.7- lira-morning-news-08-11-2024/	4,000,000
4	8.11.2024	Lira Media Centre	https://youtu.be/ iZwkSesqsck?si=VVM0t0CJZAUdEays	600
5	8.11.2024	UBC TV Dokolo	https://youtu.be/ zuNN9ymuDzo?si=EfLnXxoZzURUDzPn	5,000
6	9.11.2024	The Cooperator	https://thecooperator.news/keep-your-land-keep-your-seed-campaign-launched-in-dokolo-district/amp/	36,000



7	9.11.2024	TND News	https://bit.ly/3AAvjwl	3,500
8	11.11.2024	NBS	https://x.com/nbstv/sta-	2,800
			tus/1855919242866016647?t=3eydQDLoWifTP-	
			wILQ_V2TQ&s=1	
9	11.11.2024	Uganda Radio Network	https://www.ugandaradionetwork.net/story/ farmers-calls-for-protection-of-indigenous-seeds https://www.ugandaradionetwork.net/story/ farmers-advised-to-develop-land-to-avoid- grabbers	10,000,0000
10	13.11.2024	Daily Monitor (Dokolo)	https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/poverty-pushing-families-to-dispose-of-their-land-cheaply-study-4821540	13,000,000
Total				40,049,900

vii) Numbers reached through workshops/ Meetings attended by LEMU staff = 7,051

Date	Organizer	Topic of discussion	No. in attendance	Location of meeting
18th Sept 2024	MUK	Wealth inequality	80	MUK
20th Sept 2024	Min. of Lands	NLP consultation for Gambian delegation	15	Africana
26th Sept 2024	FRA	Afflotoxin	22	Parliament
29th Jul - 1st Aug	Min. of Lands	NLP review working group	45	Imperial royale
10th-12th Jul	Min. of lands	NLP review working group	45	Kabira country club
16 Jul	GIZ	TOLIPA interest group	7	GIZ Soroti office
20th June	DCA	Partner meeting	49	Royal suites Bugolobi
24 Oct	TC	TC Africa partner meeting	35	Nairobi
12th-14th/3/24	GFA/GIZ	Responsible Governance of Investment	25	Abidjan
25th/may/2024	Dokolo	District Investment/ Security committee meeting	17	Dokolo
17th-22/11/2024	Grassroot Justice Net- work	Legal Empowerment	12	Lusaka
11/10/2024	Kumam Cul- tural Heritage	Building Alliances	07	Soroti
13th MAY 2024	Coalition for Pastoralist Communities (COPASCO)	Drafting Uganda chapter position paper on the intersectionality of Pastoralism and Rangelands	15	Kampala
10th – 14th June 2024	International Land Coalition (ILC)	Global learning week on Government- Civil society partnership in advancing land rights	300	Kampala
21st June 2024	Karamoja Resilience Support Unit	Conducted meeting with Reconcile and Karamoja resilence support Unit	6	Kampala



5th July 2024	NLC	CSO convening to Produce a position paper on the assessment of the 2013 National Land Policy	20	Kampala
30th July 2024	PELUM	first district planning meeting for the LAND AWARENESS WEEK IN Busoga sub-region, Iganga district	30	Iganga district
26th – 30th Aug 2024	PELUM	Land Awareness Week	500	Busoga sub-region
13th Sept.2024	Food Rights Alliance	National Colloquium on Stunting among children under five years in Uganda organised by Food Rights Alliance	100	Kampala
14th Oct.2024	COPASCO	Validation workshop for Uganda chapter report on the intersectionality between pastoralism and Rangelands	13	Kampala
23rd Oct.2024	PELUM	6th national agro-ecology symposium at Hotel Africana	250	Kampala
31st Oct. 2024	DCA	Attended DCA Build Communities Partners Online meeting	11	Kampala
6th Nov.2024	FRA	CSO Food System Coordination Convening at Imperial Royale Hotel in Entebbe	300	Kampala
7th -8th Nov. 2024	OXFAM	CSO Food System Coordination Convening at Imperial Royale Hotel in Entebbe	40	Kampala
7th Nov. 2024	DCA	DCA Uganda partners meeting with the global DCA governing board	12	Kampala
20th Nov. 2024	UCOBAC	Validation workshop for the Stand for Her Land Baseline report organized by UCOBAC	12	Kampala
21st Nov. 2024	UCOBAC	Training on Gender & Climate change organized by UCOBAC	18	Kampala
23-24/04/2024	NAMATI	EAIM Convening	60	Nairobi
	UCOBAC	Grassroots women assembly	50	Kiboga
12/08/2024	LANDnet	WLRM meeting	45	Piato-Kampala
26-30/08/2024	PELUM	LAW	4,500	Busoga
18/10/2024	FRA	High-level policy dialogue on the state of food and Nutrition	400	Imperial Royale
Total			7,051	



Section E: INSTITUTIONAL REFLECTION AND GROWTH

1. What we could not do

Legal actions for exceptional cases of land rights abuse in the context of land-based investments. The program has not facilitated any new legal follow up on investment related cases apart from the cost of legal expertise to resolve community grievances in Opwateta sub-county, Pallisa district.

Implement 4 actions to document and publicise the positive role of clans in managing customary land. Although no specific activities focused solely on documenting and publicizing the positive role of clans in managing customary land, these aspects were highlighted in various publications addressing broader topics on customary land protection. Prioritizing the documentation and dissemination of this role will be a key focus next year. Form 10 farmer groups and conduct lessons about innovations in sustainable land use practices. The program will work to have these farmer groups established next year in line with work under the keep your land keep your seed campaign.

Hold 2 wide consultation meetings with farmers to find out and incorporate land conservation and traditional farming best practices into clan laws and rules. Due to funding limitations, the program could not hold two wide consultation meetings with farmers to integrate traditional farming practices and land conservation into clan laws. These meetings will be conducted and promoted next year. Take 20 steps to advocate for policy interventions directed towards increasing land productivity and preservation of rural eco-systems. LEMU did not conduct direct advocacy activities for policies on land productivity. However, the Executive Director was appointed to the national working group reviewing the *Uganda National Land Policy 2013*, providing an avenue for future contributions in this area.

Create 5 chances for staff to advance their skills in the work place e.g. coaching and mentorships, internships and students trainships. The program did not initiate internal activities for staff capacity-building, such as mentorships or internships. Nonetheless, staff participated in external training opportunities organized by partners, including sessions on finance and procurement by Danish Church Aid and training on land rights and climate by the International Land Coalition. Establish 1 sustainable for profit programmes and projects to finance LEMU unbudgeted costs. LEMU has not established any sustainable profit-making ventures to fund unbudgeted costs. Instead, it invested restricted project funds in secure mutual fund schemes, generating interest to bolster LEMU's reserve accounts.

Create digital systems to store LEMU important documents. Efforts to create digital systems for storing LEMU's important documents remain under consideration. Work with 5 land, forestry and natural resources bodies to manage, protect and preserve fragile bio-diversity resources. The program intends to map, engage, and collaborate with five organizations in the land, forestry, and natural resources sectors next year. These efforts will align with the *Keep Your Land, Keep Your Seed* campaign to protect land rights and fragile ecosystems.

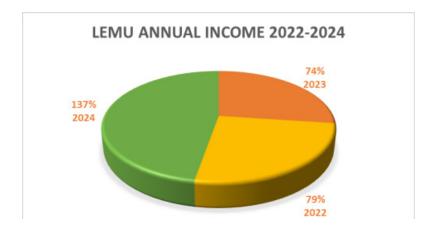
Work with 5 sub-region parliamentary groups to advance protection of land rights While LEMU has worked informally with members of sub-regional parliamentary groups on land rights issues, plans are underway to formalize these relationships through Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) next year.

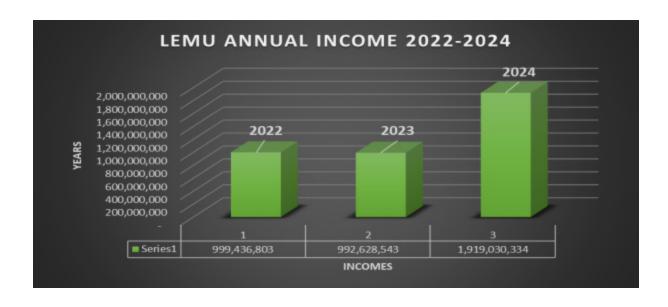


2. Our growth in funding

Within three years, LEMU's funding has doubled. This is mainly attributed to the strong governance of the Board, that shaped the strategic plan of LEMU (2023-2026) which positions LEMU not merely as an NGO but as movement of strategic stakeholders and communities engaged in the question of land rights, land productivity and the food question.

YEAR	TOTAL INCOME	ANNUAL BUDGET	PERCENTAGES %	COMMENTS
2022	999,436,803	1,271,195,964	79	Low Decrease
2023	992,628,543	1,334,755,762	74	Low Decrease
2024	1,919,030,334	1,401,493,551	137	Very High Increase
TOTAL	3,911,095,680	4,007,445,277		







3. The LEMU team

(a) New staff

No	Name of Staff	Position	Duty Station
1	Racheal Aduk	Communication and Advocacy Officer	Kampala Office
2	Jane Ekayu Aswaluna	Program Officer	Lira Office
3	Isabella Dilish Ajok	Project Officer	Lira Office
4	Patrick Opolot	Project Officer	Soroti Office

(b) Continuing Staff

No	Name of Staff	Position	Duty Station
1	Dr. Theresa Auma	Executive Director	Kampala
2	Benjamin Ouke	Finance and Administrative Manager	Kampala
3	Alex Ssebukalu	Project Manager	Kampala
4	Miller Oluka	Finance Officer	Kampala
5	Peter Ojangole	Transport and Logistics Officer	Kampala
6	Moses Emurwon	Security Officer	Kampala
7	Andrew Ewinya	Program Officer	Soroti
8	Catherine Akello Namukasa	Administrative Officer	Soroti
9	Stephen Alida	Security Officer	Soroti
10	Joyce Ediam	Project Officer	Lira
11	Christopher Obwor	Security Officer	Lira
12	Maraka Emmanuel	Project Officer	Amudat
13	Christine Alungat	Administrative Assistant	Moroto
14	Dr. Doreen Kobusingye	NLC Facilitator	Kampala



4. Purchase of new office premises in Kampala, Uganda

With the financial support of our generous funder, Thousand Currents, LEMU solved the problem of its institutional sustainability by prioritizing to purchase its own office building as its headquarters. The house is located on Plot 4174, Block 185 Mulawa, Shimoni Road, Kira Municipality, Wakiso District.



5. Development of Institutional Gide on how to run LEMU as a social movement.

LEMU engaged a consultant who worked together with the staff at LEMU to develop a practical guide with strategies on how to run LEMU as a social movement, even when it operates in the legal frameworks governing NGOs in Uganda.

6. Election of a New Chairperson Board of Directors







7. Challenges

i) One of the major challenges that confronts LEMU's work is dealing with cases of land disputes and land grabbing – both at family levels and where large-scale land based investments are involved. In most of these cases, the power relations between those grabbing land, violating labour rights, degrading the environment (individuals with money, connection to state power or foreign investors) and their victims (usually women, poor community members and the youth) is glaring. As LEMU works to restore equity and justice in these circumstances, there are several risks like; violence against LEMU staff, lack of victim satisfaction arising from prolonged conflict resolution process, end of donor funding cycle before the conflicts are resolved, running in confrontation with state agencies and risking being seen as anti-government.

8. Lessons Learnt

i) Working as a movement creates more influence and impact

During the course of its work throughout the year, LEMU deliberately adopted "working with others" and "working in networks and alliances" as its core method of work and creating influence and positive impact in society. All the achievements reported in this annual 2024 report are results of LEMU's collaboration with community members, government entities, Civil-Society Organizations, the media and donor agencies. With its new guide on how to run LEMU as a movement, LEMU will continue to approach the most critical issues in society, not as alone voice, but as collective voices that resonates with the voices of the less powerful and most vulnerable in society.

ii) Flexible funding is decolonial in nature and allows for those in need of change to drive their change.

One of the major challenges LEMU grappled with in the last twenty years of its work has been around restricted funding, where LEMU in some cases has to bend towards a donor's prescription of what has to be done, even at the level of activities. This is most cases left LEMU pursuing the donor's agenda and carrying less interventions towards the implementation of its own mission, vision and strategy. This year, LEMU received flexible funding from Thousand Currents without restrictions of how the funds should be used, as long as it contributed to themes that the donor works towards. Because the donor theme resonated with LEMU's vision, LEMU used the opportunity of flexible funding to design critical activities that were stated in its (2023-2026) strategic plan.

iii) Importance of strategic communication. We learnt that LEMU had previously made tremendously contributions in the land sector in Uganda, but its work had been less visible outside the context of its implementation and this weakened LEMU's position as a (social) movement. During this year, we adopted strategic communication and use of media to rally as many alliances as possible from different levels and constitutionals. Strategic communication made our work visible and many new constituencies joined our movement in favour of preserving land rights of the landed communities.



The year 2024 in pictures















































































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