

Livelihoods Promotion and Diversification in Amudat Update 31st October 2022 Sponsored by

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Brief update: Karamoja / Amudat district

Current ZOA projects

- Education (EMBRACE Education Amudat) continues until October 2024
- Current Livelihoods project continues until June 2024

Context

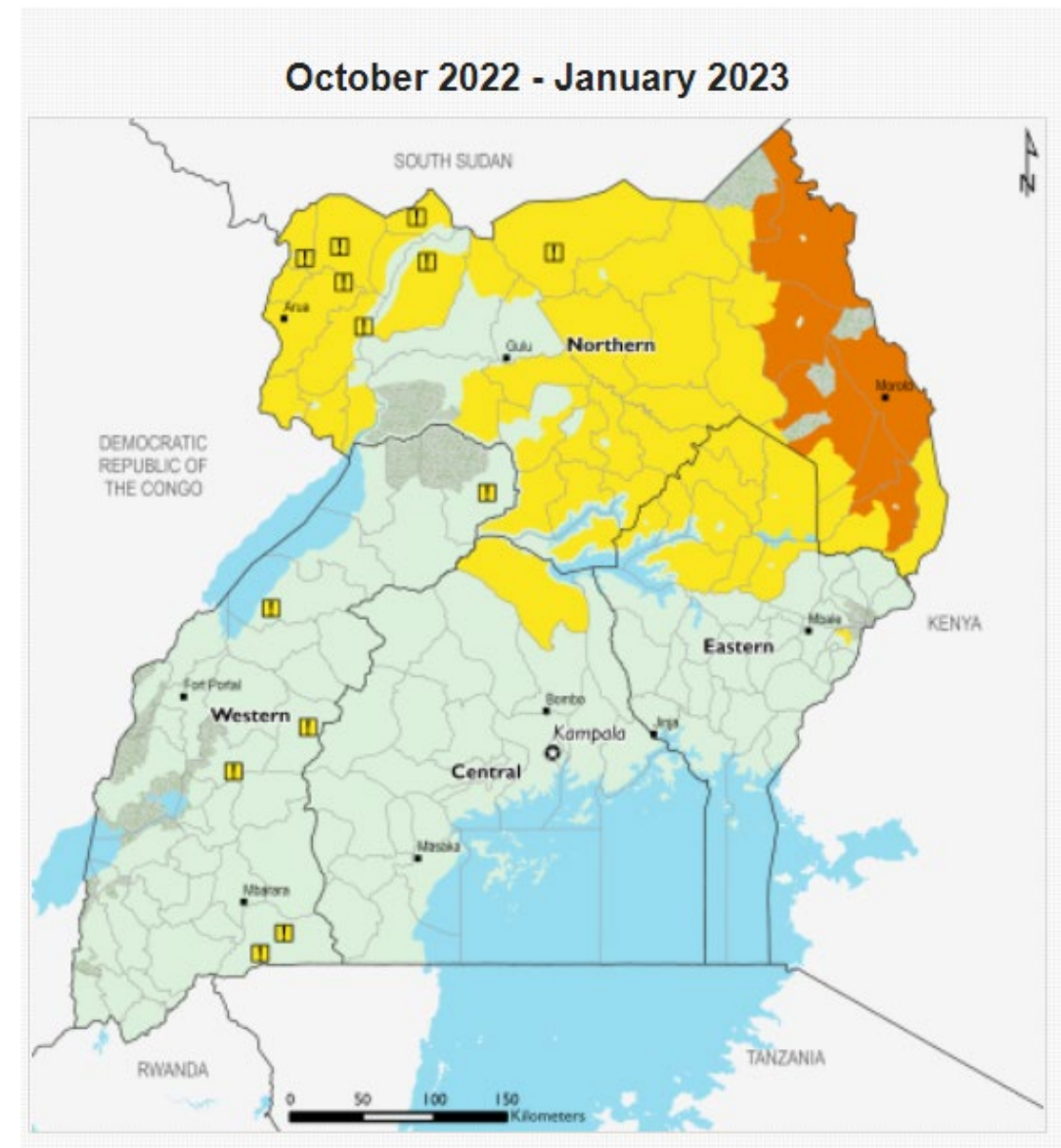
- Drought
- Rising prices / inflation (fuel and food)

Humanitarian/short term needs for food insecurity response immediate concern – concept note / seeking funding, aiming to coordinate any response, could include neighbouring districts to promote stability

Internal challenges – staffing gaps, and wish to support capacity development of current team



- Between March and July 2022, prolonged drought, high inflation rate, continued insecurity, and high incidence of livestock disease as well as fall army worm impacts on crops:
- July 2022: 41% (as opposed to 30% in 2021) of the population of the sub-region (518,000 people) in a crisis situation
- Expected good rainfall by end October 2022 – has not occurred – limited recovery of pasture and water. Generally people do not plant second crop once first crop has failed
- Expected around 315,000 people in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or higher between August 2022 and February 2023.

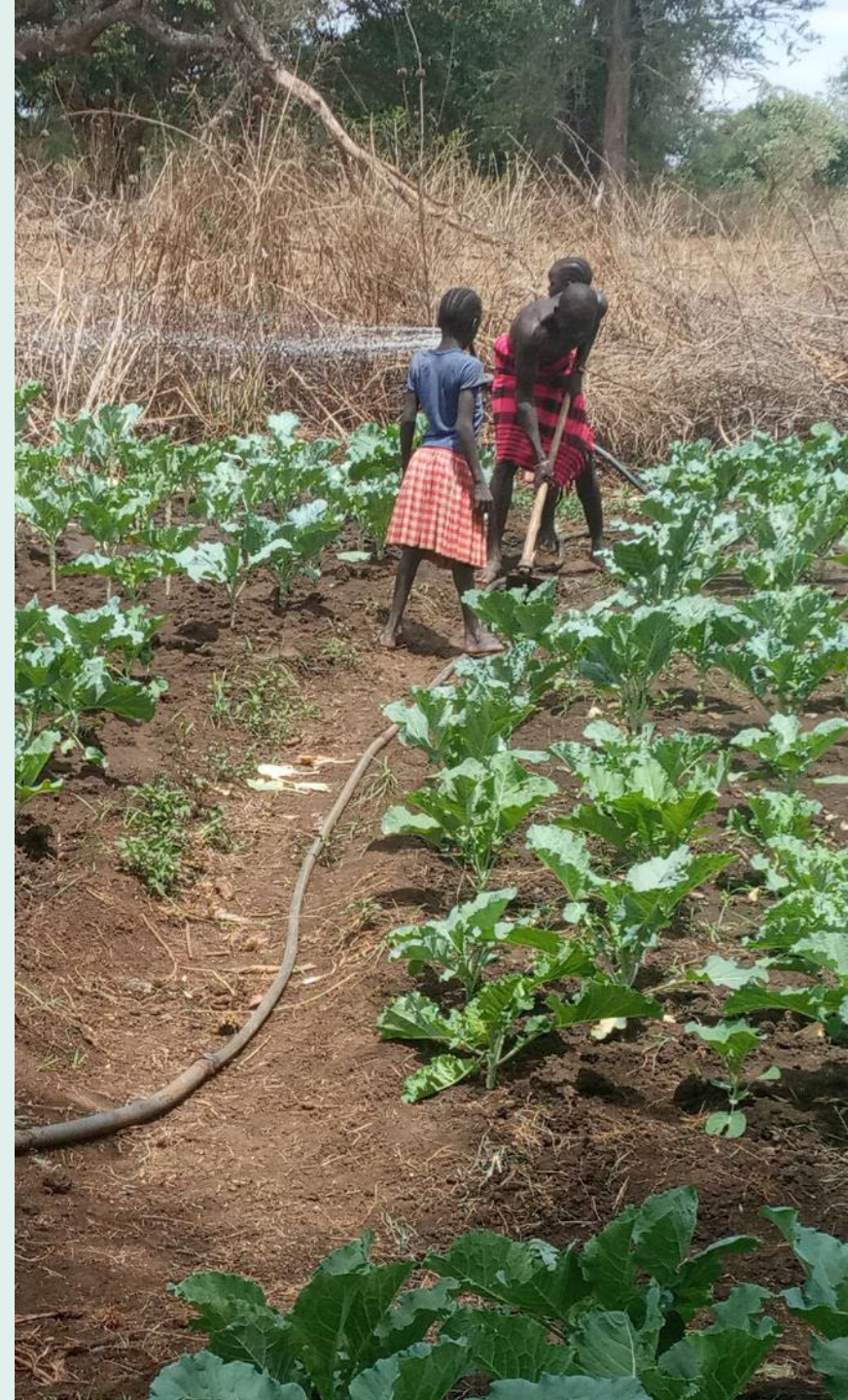


IPC v3.1 Acute Food Insecurity Phase

Presence countries: 1: Minimal 2: Stressed 3: Crisis 4: Emergency 5: Famine

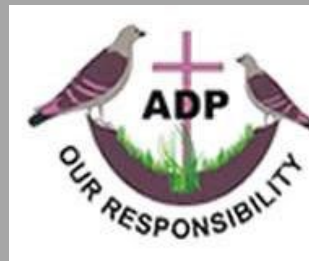
Livelihoods: 5 outcome areas

- 1: Increased apiary productivity and production through sustainable extension services
- 2: Beekeepers' access to markets is increased (through value chain improvement)
- 3: Improved access to markets by horticulture farmers (through increased commercialization)
- 4: Sustainability - by the end of the project the structures, businesses and service provision are self-running
- 5: Piloting more cost-effective irrigation technology (solar pump + tank) and increasing buy-in





- RTC construction starting (Karita)
- Beehouse – one renovated (Amudat), one under construction
- Processing will be underway at the beehouses by April



Aridland Development
Programme (ADP)
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- Bulk and purchased 9,400 kg raw honey (4 x higher than previous seasons)



- MoU signed
- 3 week training of Apiary Masters completed
- Market research and linking farmers to buyers
- Linking producers to existing business fund
- *Key partner on sustainability outcomes, building capacity and establishing linkages*





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- Selected 50 Market Ready Farmers
- Consultant carrying out capacity gap and market assessment this week
- Consultant will carry out training based on findings
- Looking at involving banks and farmer contribution to support equipment purchase





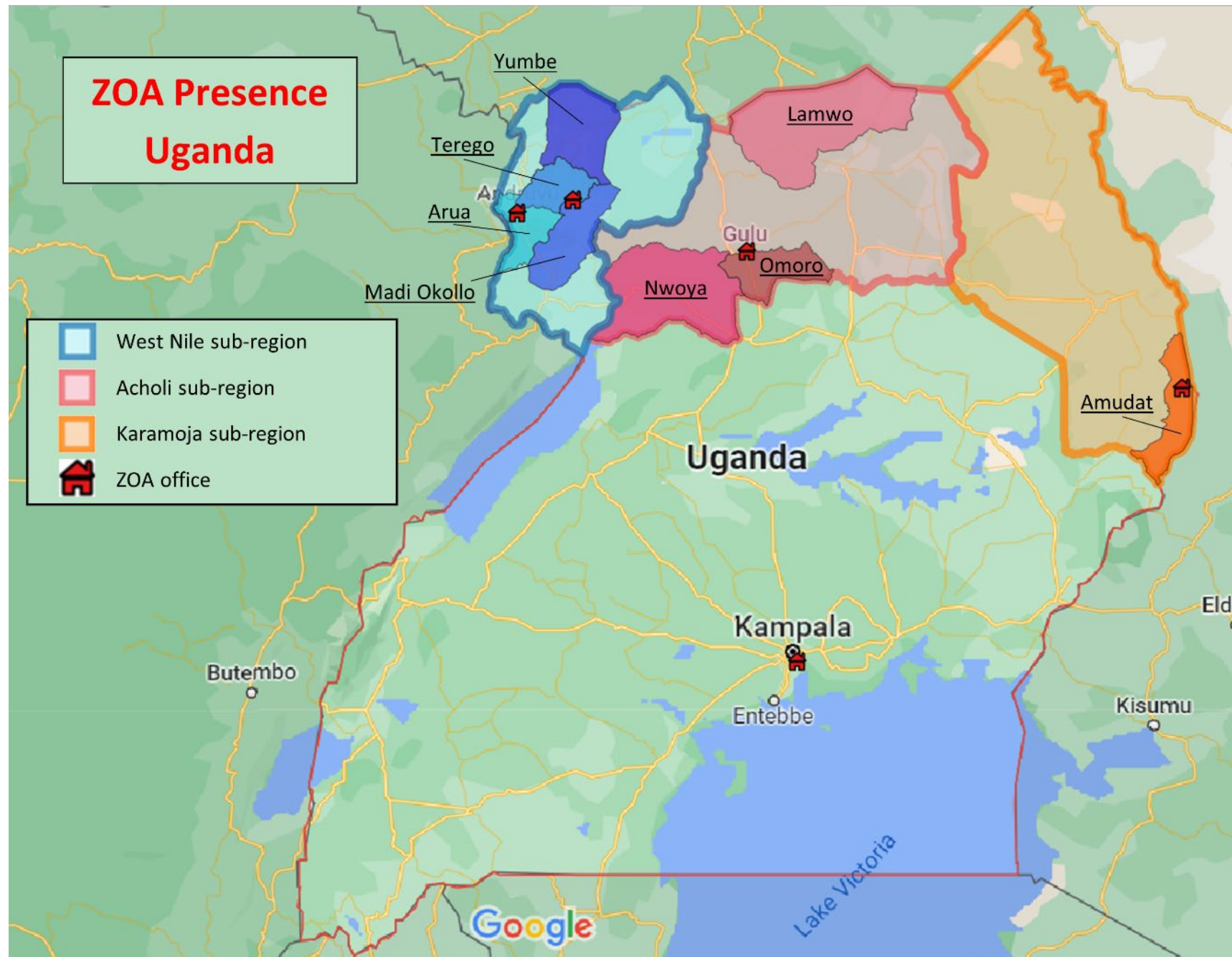
Shallow well irrigation supporting livelihoods:

- Preference for fuel pumps over solar pumps (more affordable from Kenya)
- Irrigation is becoming more common practice
- Pumps themselves become source of income as farmers rent them out

However:

- Fuel prices rising, makes storage tank pilot even more relevant
- Needs to be timely to be available within dry period
- Needs to be coupled with other soil improvement measures (some testing/monitoring water levels needs to be carried out)





ZOA Uganda 2023-2025 (3 year strategy)

