

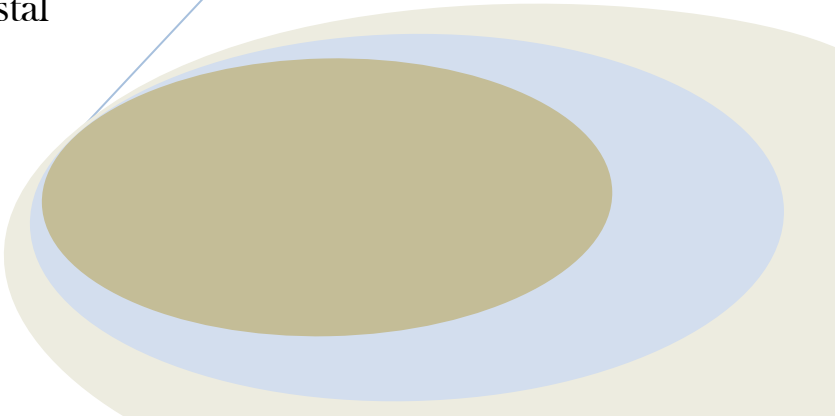


PAG-KARAMOJA

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A healthy fellowship of Pentecostal
Disciples

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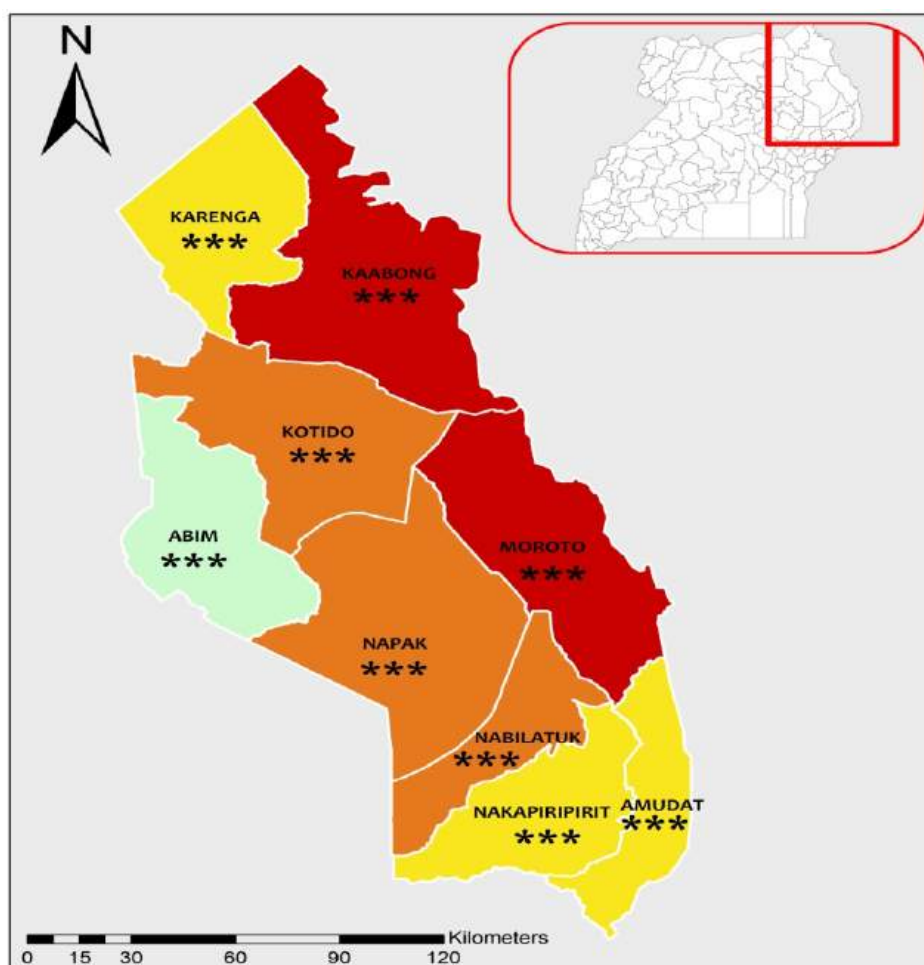
1. 1. THE PROFILE OF KARAMOJA REGION

Karamoja sub-region, commonly known as Karamoja, is a region in Uganda. It covers an area of 27,528km and comprises Kotido District, Kaabong District, Karenga District, Nabilatuk District, Abim District, Moroto District, Napak District and Nakapiripirit District. The region is projected to have a population of 1.4 million in 2022 by UBOS.[1]

More than half a million people are going hungry in Karamoja, approximately 40 percent of the population of this neglected, long-suffering rural region between South Sudan and Kenya. Natural disasters, plagues of locusts and armyworms, and raids by heavily armed cattle thieves have left little to eat.

Irrespective of the challenges faced, the region has continued to grow in population, infrastructural development, the discoveries of minerals like gold, etc. This is attracting people from across the Nation, many settlements in the districts of Abim, Kotido and Napak and this is affecting the culture of the region as cultures interact with each other. This has affected church growth both positively and negatively.

Worthy to note as we bring the above information into perspective of church growth in Karamoja is that Karamoja's population is growing at a very high speed. e.g. In 2017 Karamoja had a population of 12 million people compared to the current 14 million. This growth in population comes as a challenge for the church as far as growth is concerned.



1.2 THE CHURCH PROFILE

For the past years, Karamoja Pastorate kept on receiving missionaries from Teso, Lango, PAG National office, and other visiting missionaries.

The challenges that these missionaries took upon themselves led to planting churches and establishing local autonomous congregations of practicing Christians in the region. Up to 2006 when the churches in Karamoja received the pastorate status, there were five assemblies and twenty-seven churches in the region.

2.1 THE CHURCH STATISTICS:

The church has been steadily growing over the last ten years and today there is no pastorate supporting a missionary pastor in Karamoja like it was the case a few years ago when we had Lira, Kumi and others sending and supporting missionary pastors in Karamoja.

The graph below shows church coverage in the pastorate: -

S/N	ASSEMBLY	NO. OF CHURCHES	NO. OF CHRISTIANS
01.	ABIM	06	815
02.	MORULEM	08	950
03.	ORWAMUGE	08	955
04.	NYARIKIDI	09	1,089
05.	NYAKWAE	09	1,051
06.	KOTIDO CENTRAL	08	1454
07.	KAABONG	07	1,974
08.	MOROTO CENTRAL	5	1,086
09.	AMUDAT	09	1,096
10.	MATANY	9	1,098
11.	NAKAPIRIPIT	06	1,205
12.	AWACH	14	1,543
13.	KOTIDO WEST	16	1,234
14.	IK	07	1090
15.	MOROTO WEST	09	1008
16.	NAMALU	08	848
17.	ROGOM	06	380
18.	APEITOLIM	06	1,024
19.	IRIRI	08	727
20.	KOBULIN	07	537
21.	KARENGA	07	571
22.	KOSIROI	05	778
23.	KOKULONYO	05	1100
24.	ALEREK	04	864
25.	NAKODOKODOI	08	1200
26.	ADEA	06	494
TOTAL	26	204	26,171

NOTE We handled Five churches to East Acholi Pastorate in Agago District and Now we have 199 Churches in PAG Karamoja Pastorate

3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS:

3.1 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

The pastorate has been developing leaders through formal and non-formal theological trainings and as a result the following have been trained

in-formal theological trainings					Formal theological trainings					
Ordained ministers	On TLT	Done TLT	on IBS	Done IBs	doing cert in C+ Min	Doing Dip	Done cert	Don e Dip	Doin g BA	Doing Masters
22	90	06	106	7	03	8	14	28	01	01

3.2 EVANGELISM:

- ◆ There has been fruitful evangelism which has resulted to planting of many other churches in the pastorate and this year we have Planted Twenty-four Churches.
- ◆ Every local church was empowered to engage in planting new churches in Un evangelized villages around them in order to achieve Karamoja vision thirty.
- ◆ Resonate is supporting church planting mission and leadership development through TLT in Ik and Kotido. As a result, two churches have been planted and 98 leaders undergoing TLT.

3.3 PASTORATE OFFICE:

- ◆ We are not now renting a Office space. We are now in the Church Compound in our Own Office.
- ◆ We are mobilizing resources for the bishop's House

3.4 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ We have twelve (12) schools both nursery and primary in Karamoja.

3.5 MISSIONARIES CONTRIBUTIONS:

Below are some of the properties acquired through contributions from National office and VOLKS Missions

a. Towards Transport

S/N	Donor	Reg. No.	Model	Assembly	Rider	Condition
01	CMV	UDU 006V	Bajaj	Awach	Pastor Awach	Sound
02.	CMV	UDM 497K	Bajaj	Napak	Pr. Napak	Sound
03.	CMV	UDU 208V	Bajaj	Moroto	Pr. Moroto	Sound
04.	AWMI	UEG 197Q	Bajaj	Napak	Pr. Elijah	Sound
05.	AWMI	UEG 174Q	Bajaj	kotido	Pr. Herbert Lokong	Sound
06.	AWMI	UEG 443Q	Bajaj	Morulem	Pr. Ezekiel	Sound
07.	AWMI	UEG 789X	Honda	Moroto	Bishop	Sound
08	CMV	UEJ 685L	Bajaj 150	Kaabong	Pr. David	Sound
09.	CMV	UEJ 985A	Bajaj 150	Amudat	Pr. Michael Lokol	Sound
10.	CMV	UEJ 833L	Bajaj 150	Moroto	Alomu John	Sound
11	Volk Mission	UEV 689L	Bajaj 150	Ik	Rev Jacob Lochul	sound
12	Volk	UEA 736Y	Bajaj 150	Orwamuge	Rev Julius Abura	DMC
13	Volk		Baja 150	Karenga	Pr Lokine Michael	Sound
14	Volk		Bajaj 150	kosroi	Pr kosroi	Sound
15	Volk	UFA 118G	Bajaj 100	Pastorate	Pastorate office	Sound

The churches highlighted in blue already have land

C. Financial Support to Pastors and Orphans education:

S/N	PLACE	ORPHANS IN PRIMARY	ORPHANS IN SECONDARY	TOTAL	WORKERS	IBS	THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE	DONOR
01.	Kaabong	06	Nil	06	04	05	02	Volks Mission
02.	Kotido	08	01	9	00	Nil	Nil	Volks Mission
03.	Abim	03	Nil	03	02	Nil	3	Volks Mission
04.	Moroto	06	04	06	01	Nil	Nil	Volks Mission
05.	Napak	Nil	Nil	Nil	02	Nil	01	Exek37
06.	Nakapiripirit	02	04	06	01	Nil	01	Volks Mission
07.	Ik	04		04		05	Nil	Volk Mission
08.	Namalu		Nil				01	Volk Mission
07.	G/TOTAL	22	09	31	10	10	05	

PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

The pastorate in partnership with compassion international has resulted in the birth of 15

CYDCS over the last Five years and still expect more projects in 2025.

FUNDING FOR THE PERIOD JAN-NOV 2023

The funds indicated in the table below are funds from CI-UG and include both support, CIV and gifts funds for the period reported.

FCP	Funds received Jan – Nov 2022
Nakapiripirit UG0692	562,485,636
Amudat UG1026	334,424,104
Ariamaokot UG1027	246,498,980
Kokulonyo UG 1028	307,029,534
Matany UG1029	285,522,100
Awach UG1030	317,705,774
Agile UG1031	321,225,252
Nyarikidi U1032	349,208,118
Timu UG1033	310,544,038
Kaabong UG1034	339,302,777
Kotido UG1035	174,307,873
Komoret UG1055	265,510,500
Loreng CYDC UG1056	446,514,894
PAG Namalu CYDC UG 1085	193,022,745.
Alaakas CYDC UG 1084	160,324,265
Total funds received by all the FCPs	5,198,000,335

ACHIEVEMENTS

During the period December 2024, a number of activities were implemented by the different

projects and below shows the key achievement status of the CYDCs. The achievements mentioned below cover all the four outcomes of spiritual, physical, socio-emotional and cognitive development.

This partnership has created job opportunities for forty-one (58) staffs and a number of support staff and volunteers.

CYDC	Key achievement for the period January – December 2024 update
Nakapiripirit UG0692	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The project has supported 3 selected highly vulnerable children (HVC) with food items from July to November 2024 ✓ The church was able to support 8 beneficiaries through distribution individual gifts to these participants ✓ Supported 233 children through payment of school fees from term one to term three. ✓ Nakapiripirit CDC supported 7 saving groups with savings toolkits i.e. cash boxes and cash books in order to promote financial literacy amongst the rural community members. ✓ Income Generating Activities. The FCP has distributed IGAs funds to 27 caregivers. 6 received five hundred shillings each and 21 received three hundred shillings each in order to boost their businesses.
Amudat UG1026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The FCP distributed food to 281 households; 230 households received 40 kg of posho and 16 kg of beans each and 51 households received 25kgs of posho and 16 kg of beans each. ✓ The church has been able to sensitize the community and caregivers on food security and positive parenting. This was aimed at empowering the community members to be resilient ✓ The project also from Jan – Nov supported the 12 caregivers and 1 sibling that are living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) with nutritional supplement. This was aimed at boosting immunity and promoting drug adherence amongst the PLWAs. ✓ So as to promote attainment of the cognitive outcomes, the FCP supported 230 beneficiaries to pay for their school fees payments for three terms through the year.
Arimaokot UG1027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The FCP distributed food to 265 households. Initially 280 household had one meal a day; however, with the distributed of the food, 265 households were able to access food and have at least two meals a day. This improved participants ‘school retention and attendance. ✓ In the bid to promote hygiene and sanitation amongst the community members and the supported households, the FCP distributed WASH kits to 3 zones. Each zone was given 10 pick axe and 10 spades and the community members have given a period of 3 months for each zone to put in place at least 10 pit latrines. ✓ The church distributed Mattresses to 199 beneficiaries this was in line to addressing the problems identified during home visitation whereby some of the beneficiaries were found lacking bedding items
Kokulonyo UG 1028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The FCP distributed food relief worth 3.9 tons of beans and 8.19 tons of posho to 195 households

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Participated in a door to door evangelism outreach in Poron Sub county Osagari village Napak District ✓ Trained 28 caregivers on liquid soap/ detergent production skills during the period Jan – Dec 2024 ✓ PEP (participatory evaluation processes) training for 60 caregivers including church leaders ✓ The FCP participated in service opportunity (cleaning community bore hole) by participants.
Matany UG1029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The FCP conducted go back to school sensitization among the project participant and the caregivers, this led to 100% school enrolment, attendance and retention of participants in schools. ✓ The spiritual development of the participants as a result of gospel sharing, outreach mission within Matany CYDC. 12 caregivers got saved and 22 participant got saved and discipleship class for the new believers is ongoing. ✓ Distributed emergency food relief (21,304kgs of posho and 14,479kgs of beans) to the participant’s households and community members. This has improved the health and nutrition’s of the participants, participant’s family since they were able to eat food three times a day, school attendance and centre day attendance has improved. ✓ Conducted general health screening 280 new and old participants, 100% of participant’s screen for HIV were negative, other participants identified with some health issues were referred for medical treatments to Matany Hospitals, St. Benedict Hospital Totoro, Mbale referral hospital Corso Hospital in Entebbe. ✓ Reduction is domestic violence in participant’s homes due to caregiver’s continuous sensitization and awareness trainings of 155 caregivers on GBV and domestic violence related issues in homes. ✓ The centretogether with the caregivers participated during the celebration to mark international women’s day celebrations, the community members were sensitized on issues of violence against girls and women, early marriages, gender equality for both men and women in accessing the various opportunities in the society were emphasized and participants pledged to fight against it. ✓ The gifts distributions to some sponsored participants has improved livelihoods of these families since they were able to buy food, household items and animals.
Awach UG1030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sensitization of the caregivers in different areas. As one of things we are looking at in the development of Karamoja more so in fighting ignorance by creating awareness to the participants, caregivers, church members and the community members. At least many people were sensitized in this areas child protection, Food security, nutrition and the values of education. ✓ Education. Through the support of the partners we have been able to pay school fees for all the 250 children both in primary section and nursery school. This year in November we were able to graduate 47 children top class who will be joining primary one next year, we believe this will be of great transformation for Karamoja. ✓ Food distribution. As hunger hits Karamoja sub region this year, we were able to distribute food to 362 households. It started with phase one in

	<p>August where food was distributed and this has been able to save the children and the families that were hit with hunger and they could not believe surviving by this time. The food distributed has been able to help so much for instance class attendance for the participants improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Medical treatment. This has been so hard but with the grace of God we have had several referral cases for the children and the good news is that the children have been able to get well. For the period reported, we have had three cases of anemic children but these were referred for blood transfusion and by God's grace they got better. ✓ Exposure talk shows. We managed to at least take twenty (20) participants for aradio talk show in KaribuFM in Abim town and the children discussed the values of education, their role as children in education and the role of parents in education. This has helped us remove shyness among the children and improve on their well-being socially.
Agile UG1031	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The project was able to provide domestic assistance to 247 supported children 74 community members. Still under domestic assistance the church was able to provide soap, mattresses, blankets, Bedsheets and mosquito nets to all program participants. ✓ The church is currently constructing a 6 stance VIP latrine and installing a10,000liter water tank to the church premises with aim promoting good hygiene and sanitation practice at the FCP level. ✓ On the cognitive aspect, the church has been able to promote education of the children through payment of school fees and support sick children access medical treatment.
Nyarikidi U1032	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spiritual and socio emotional Notable behavior changes amongst participants – spiritual. Some of our children can now stand and witness Christ to others and the community. They share the word during children's days of ministry like children's Sundays. They relate with others in a compassionate manner. During the month of February 2022 through an outreach that was organized by the project in partnership the church that led to establishment of a branch church in Akoboi village, 5 Caregivers gave their lives to Christ as their Lord and Savior. ✓ Physical Medical treatment was provided to the participants and over 200 children received medical treatment for different conditions during the period Jan – Nov 2022 and notable to this was a rehabilitation treatment that participant number UG103200113 received. The child has been living with a club foot for 6 years and her foot has been restored to normal. The church has been able to offer domestic assistance inform of mattresses, and food during the period Jan – Nov 2022 to the participants' households. During the first phase of food relief, a total of 256 households were supported with posho and beans to a tune of 9.2 tons of posho and 4.2 tons of beans. During the second phase of this activity 319 households have been supported with 14.99 tons of posho and 4.8 tons of beans. ✓ Cognitive The church paid schools fees for the 249 participants for term I and II and a total of 248 participants for term III 2022. School visits were done

	so as to assess the progress of the participants at school as well as assessing the education standard offered by the different schools within the community.
Timu UG1033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In order to promote cognitive development amongst the supported participants, the FCP was able to support participants with scholastic materials like Books, Pencils and Uniforms. The FCP has been able to support the two community schools of Lokinene and Timu P/S to recruit and pay eight (8) teachers hence improving education in Timu. ✓ The church has also trained 126 caregivers on sanitary reusable pads making ✓ The FCP also during the period of reporting has been able to participate in the propagation of the gospel of Christ and 10 caregivers have given their lives to Jesus Christ. ✓ The project was able during the period to provide food for the participants' households
Kaabong UG1034	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The church has been able to conduct sensitizations to the community members and among which include Back to school campaigns which has seen an increase in school enrollment in the community. ✓ On the physical aspect, the FCP has conducted Health screening of program participants and participants with complications have been referred facilities of high grade for the management of the different conditions for instance Kaabong Hospital, Lacor Hospital, and St. Benedictine Hospital Tororo. ✓ Nutritional support to persons living with HIV/AIDS was also one the activities done by the project. ✓ Child abuse cases have reduced through the child protection sensitizations that have been done by the church in order to change attitude change ✓ The church has been able to support the community through emergency food relief to caregivers and other community households with 24,212Kg of Posho and 18,022Kgs of Beans.
Kotido UG1035	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Implementation of accelerated learning for 179 participants from the total of 200 participants from 15th to 16th of August 2022, individual assessment was done and according to the participants results 28 were recommended to be promoted to their next classes, 43 to be put on remedial lessons, while 108 have been encouraged to continue with their current classes. So currently all our children attend school and all the 249 have brought in their school report cards. ✓ Health and dental screening were done for all our 250 participants. And health and nutrition sensitization for caregivers and participants a total of 328 were trained. The following topics were conducted, good health practices, hygiene and sanitation and good nutrition practices.
Komoret UG1055	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The church has successfully registered 250 participants into child support program and within its first month of operation, it has been able to carry out capacity building for CPCs, Overseers and Staff. ✓ The FCP was able to participate in celebrating world AIDS day that took place on 1st of December 2022.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There has been positivity of the community about the program, this has been evidenced during the current two
Loreng CYDC UG1056	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The church has successfully registered 250 participants into child support program and within its first month of operation, it has been able to carry out capacity building for CPCs, Overseers and Staff. ✓ The FCP was able to participate in celebrating world AIDS day that took place on 1st of December 2022.

1. CHALLENGES:

- Covering an area of 27,528km with a scattered population of 14 million people and the poor road networks by the same personnel at the pastorate office is not just financially constraining as per the administrative cost it attracts but also and more worrying is its toll on the health of the pastorate oversight team, their families and spirituality.
- Insufficient funds to support pastorate major projects like transport and housing for the offices and the staff.
- More space still has to be covered as far as church growth is concerned and more leaders needed to help in the building the work.
- Lack of infrastructure for schools, IBS and churches.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- We request the National office to give support towards:
 1. Training of more students in Theological schools more especially BA level.
 2. Do ordination programs in the Pastorate.
 3. Lobby for more convenient transport for some of our pastors.
 4. Support in the construction of churches and schools.
 5. Support in the payment of teachers' salaries.
 6. Support in the purchase of land in urban centers.
 7. Support in the improvement of pastors' welfare like constructions of retirement houses.
 8. Support the progress of the PAG SDS in Karamoja

3. FUTURE PLANS:

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- To plant and establish self-propagating and sustainable churches in every village and parish in Karamoja.
 - To construct and equip Pastorate offices and bishop's residence
 - To encourage and enable each assembly headquarters to have a permanent structure.
 - To carry out contextualized ministry training to equip ministers according to their area of operation and deployment.
 - To mobilize and ensure productive use of resources for the perfecting of God's purpose.
 - Construction of PAG Iriri, PAG AWach and Other Churches.
 - To strengthen education and land board committees at the Pastorate level to handle the issues of schools and church land in PAG Karamoja.

- Completion of Moroto Marble Church and commencement of the construction of Kotido City church Cathedral.
- Completion of Labwor Zone headquarter PAG Abuk Church

CONCLUSION:

We are grateful to God for having enabled us reach this far. We are also thankful to the National Office, for their fatherly leadership, Support, not forgetting to thank the pastors who have been laboring through difficult circumstances and still serving the Lord.

Kind regards and blessings.

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Rev Robert Olupot

Bishop PAG Karamoja Pastorate.

PICTURES



Figure 1: Bishop Robert Olupot Hosting Rev Siegmar Ghoner and Guest from Germany.



Figure 2: Bishop Robert Olupot Preaching in PAG Nakaloloke Worship CENTER Church

Figure 3: Bishop Robert Olupot and His Wife Christine Olupot preaching in The Young Conference in PAG Kotido city church.



Figure 4: Ordination of Reverends by The Presiding Bishop Dr Rev Simon Peter Emiau in PAG Kotido city church, Karamoja Region



Figure 5: Bishop Robert Olupot, His Wife Christine Olupot , Bishop George Joel Omara and His Jolly Omara at PAG Kotido City church Service on Sunday.