



# **LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION (LWF)**

## **SAVE PROJECT (LAMWO, KITGUM, PADER, AGAGO DISTRICTS)**

**NOVEMBER 2019**



THE  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD  
FEDERATION

## BACKGROUND

- Shea tree (*Vitellaria paradoxa*) is an endemic species-Grows in only 20 countries across Western to Eastern Africa.
- Its highly valued for its many benefits e.g. shea butter & oils for food, cosmetics, cultural values and medicine.
- In Uganda shea tree is an endangered tree species (IUCN, 2012)



## CONT...

- Further, the growing demand for wood fuel, timber, charcoal in urban areas (Gulu, Sortoti, Lira, Kampala etc.) is leading to increased of felling of Shea trees in its growing areas.
- The degradation risk is also worsened as shea trees take btm 25 to 30 years to achieve maturity & fruiting.



# OBJECTIVES

To contribute to the development of green jobs for women and youth along the shea nut value chain (SNVC) and Apiary in Northern Uganda.



# ACTION PICTORIALS



CollectiVE Bulking of shea nut kernels for value addition at MSEs and EEAs (E.g. Latanya – Pader)



THE  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD  
FEDERATION

## CONT'...



Value Addition at EEAs E.g. sorting & grading shea nut kernels, processing into shea butter and oil.



# CONT'...



Product Diversification: EEAs guided to make soaps, creams and lotions from shea butter.

# CONT'...



EEAs marketing shea butter & Honey Products during National Labor Day of 1<sup>st</sup> May - Agago, 11<sup>th</sup> UMA Trade Fair in Mbale 6<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June & National Honey Week of 12 Aug – K'la



## CONT'...



Shea Extraction Machine Installed at Puranga EEAs; Honey Processing Equipment at Palabek EEA – Lamwo.



## CONT'...



Hands-on shea tree regeneration practices through raising seedlings, planting and grafting to reduce fruiting time-supported by NgeZARDI.



THE  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD  
FEDERATION

## CONT'...



THE  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD  
FEDERATION

Kitgum District Council approved and blessed the Sub County by-laws on shea nut & environment protection for implementation.

## CHALLENGES AND WAYS FORWARD

- The prolonged dry-spell that extended through May 2019 resulted in low vegetative growth, low fruiting, and limited bulking and propagation activities – Shea nut bulking encouraged through purchase from community markets using own savings; Propagation extended through Nov and Dec.
- Difficulty in getting stainless steel shea extraction machines-most machines in the market are made of cast iron/non stainless steel - Procurement run open media adverts on New vision and vendor verification conducted to identify the right types suitable for EEAs.





# LESSONS

- Community perception on shea tree and shea nut  
E.g. exist naturally, cannot be planted, artificially planted ones take many years to fruit, gods are against bulking kernels past one season.
- High demand for shea butter products (soaps, lotion, creams) in local markets that need to be tapped into.





# THE END

