

**RESOLUTIONS MADE DURING THE MEETING WITH LANGO SUB REGION CULTURAL LEADERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY PLANNING IN HARNESSING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND ON THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER AT MAGARHITA HOTEL, LIRA, UGANDA**



*The Paramount Chief of Lango H.H The Won Nyali Me Lango, Zee Yosam Odur Ebiid (Centre, in red and gold Regalia) in a photo with some of the cultural leaders and partners who attended the advocacy meeting in Lira city. PHOTO: UNFPA/Evelyn Matsamura Kiapi*

**Recommendations from the Assistant District Health Officer, Lira Dr Edmond Acheka**

1. Strengthening enforcement of laws concerning defilement, GBV and child neglect in the region;
2. Emphasis on better parenting and education for all in the region;
3. Total involvement of religious and cultural leaders to champion family planning and reduction of teenage pregnancy
4. Regular community hearings and engagements to discuss ways of reducing teenage pregnancy in the region.
5. Use of radio talk shows to sensitize the communities on family planning, preventing early marriages and teenage pregnancies;

6. Emphasize on adolescent SRH in schools;
7. Establishing Youth Friendly Corner in all health facilities
8. Deliberate education of communities about family planning to accelerate fertility decline.

### **Recommendations from cultural leaders of Lango Cultural Foundation (LCF)**

1. Need to protect land by addressing land wrangles with policies to address land issues especially customary land
2. Need to emphasize the need for FP as an investment to harness the Demographic Dividend in Lango region
3. Sensitive communities to demystify myths and misconceptions about FP and aiming at changing negative views
4. Integration of SRH /FP among existing cultural practices
5. Adopt/domesticate national and international policies on SRH/FP and GBV prevention to ensure the information is well packaged.
6. LCF should embrace FP services and adopt a strategy to change mind-sets among communities
7. Integrate FP messages in all forms of community gatherings
8. Integrate and mainstream FP in cultural budgets and Constitutions
9. Need to establish FP working group to facilitate FP activities.
10. The clan leadership should harmonize clan identity to reduce on rampant incest in the communities
11. Need for deliberate actions to embark on reducing GBV cases in the community
12. Cultural leaders should work towards addressing poverty issues in the community to sustain the need of the girl child
13. Need to devise means to take care of orphans in the Lango sub region
14. Lango leaders should devise means for accelerating economic empowerment of communities
15. Lango cultural leaders to mobilize resources to send girls to school and the chiefs should conduct quarterly meeting to ensure girls stay in school
16. Need for involvement of men in family planning and FP should target both men and women
17. Partner with other institutions and development partners to solve family related issue including family planning
18. Increase awareness about sexuality education in the community

19. Lango Cultural Foundation commits to follow up on the discussion on addressing SRHR issues in the region