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## **THE REAL FATHERS PROJECT LAUNCH IN DOKOLO DISTRICT.**



*ANCDC Project Manager, Edwe Dorcus Rita (extreme right) with District and sub county stakeholders posed for a photo during the launch at Adeknino sub county headquarters in Dokolo District on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

All Nations Child Development Centre (ANCDC) is implementing a project call REAL Fathers which targets young fathers of age (16-25), having a child age (0-3) years old. For this initiative to be implemented, District project launch was carried out and this activity took place in all the four (4) districts of implementation i.e. Lira Dokolo, Oyam and Kole, from the 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. This activity was spear headed by the District Project Officers (DPOs) of these respective districts with support from some project staff who went on ground as well.

The District launch convened key district stakeholders and sub county leaders like CAO (Chief Administrative Officer), DCDO (District Community Development Officer), SEO (Senior Education Officer), SPWO (Senior Probation and Welfare Officer), CDO (Community Development Officer, SAS (Senior Assistant Secretary aka Sub County Chief), Chairperson L.C

3, OC – Sub County Police Station/Post, In-charge Health Centre II or III, Chairperson – Sub County Head teachers Association, all these stakeholders were in all the respective districts and sub counties of implementation, this was carried out at the sub county headquarters at Adeknino for consensus discussions to drive the implementation of REAL Fathers activities in the districts of implementation. This launch was to officially introduce the REAL Fathers project to both district and sub county stakeholders in Dokolo District, this would also help gain support and good will from the sub county stakeholders by way of pitching the project to them and leveling their expectations about the project. The launch was conducted in the following sub counties of Adeknino, Okwongodul, Okwalongwen, Bata (both Sub County and Town Council) and Amwoma.

However, stakeholders recommended the selection of some public spaces in the community to paint some pictures or display some community art mural, for the purposes of creating awareness of the projects presence in the community, and for a longer lasting image of the project.

This event highlighted the fact that child wellbeing committee should be activated in the sub counties starting with appointing members in the communities so that their work can start and be seen in the communities with the support from ANCDC and other partners as well.

The stakeholders emphasized the fact that couple separation in the communities might threaten the project since in most communities visited, children were left in the care of their grandmothers to raise. This might pose a bigger challenge during the implementation as some young fathers have run away from their responsibilities.

## THE REAL FATHERS PROJECT LAUNCH IN OYAM DISTRICT.



*The District Community Development Officer (DCDO), Oyam district, Mr. Ogwal Geoffrey making his presentation during the project launch at Minakulu Town Council.*

This was done to orient the District and sub county stakeholders on the REAL Fathers implementation as well in Oyam District. It also helped to engage both district and sub county stakeholders for consensus discussions to drive project activities in Oyam District. This was carried out in the sub counties of Ngai Sub County, Iceme Town Council, Acaba Sub County, Oyam Town Council and Minakulu Town Council.

The different stakeholders in Oyam proposed the need to increase the age of children and young fathers to a maximum of 0-6years and young fathers from 18-28 years old respectively since that age bracket has a lot of people in those different categories. However, they emphasized the need to sensitize the young fathers about the project since some may be expecting financial help and yet the benefits they shall get may be more than the financial benefits that they would expect from the project.

## **THE REAL FATHERS PROJECT LAUNCH IN LIRA DISTRICT.**



*The stakeholders attending the launch in Barr sub county headquarters, Lira District on 19<sup>th</sup>/ March/2024.*

This was carried out basically to enable the key stakeholders have clear understanding of the project intervention, their involvement and ownership of the project for ease and smooth implementation and achievement of the project goal. This was carried out in the sub counties of; Agweng Sub County, Aromo, Barr and Lira City East – Ngetta.

The District Project Officer (DPO) did make presentations to the different stakeholders in the district and sub counties which really yielded benefits since at the end of the exercise everyone had understood what the project is all about.

The stakeholders emphasized the need to have to have joint monitoring and ensuring that the project intervention is carried out as scheduled.

There was need for REAL Fathers- ECD intervention be integrated into the district Development plan for sustainability purposes.

### **THE REAL FATHERS PROJECT LAUNCH IN KOLE DISTRICT.**



*District Project Officer Kole District, Mrs. Alango Gloria Monica making her presentation during the project launch to the stakeholders in Alito Sub County on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

The rationale for this launch was to have entry into the Sub County and town council of operation having secured the MOUs. This engagement involved the district local Government leadership. The initial process of the intervention, the objective of this activity was to guarantee the buy in of the stakeholders about the project. This was carried out in the following sub counties; Kole sub county, Ayer Sub County, Alito Sub County and Town Council

The stakeholders highlighted the need to work together with the different partners to get the statistics of the young fathers so that we have the real target and number of young fathers from the communities.

The District Community Development Officer (Mr. Opio Steven) suggested the need for total collaboration with partners so that the project can succeed better and endeavor to work with the local persons in the communities since this shall benefit the young fathers a lot.

However, they emphasized the need to have more Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centers since some communities lack the existence of these centers.

There is need to involve the key stakeholders in this project for easy implementation and monitoring of the success of the project.

## Up-coming Events:

Watch out for exciting community activities geared toward empowering young fathers to engage meaningfully with their families, but specifically connect and bond with their children.

Thank you for joining us on this journey to empowering young fathers and creating positive change in families and communities.

### Contact us:

Connect with ANCDC and share your feedback. We value your input and are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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