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theme: "my daddy, my hero" June 2023, Kyenjojo District



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Kyenjojo Fathers' Festival (in June) is a season to **Appreciate**, **Build** up, and **Celebrate** the fathers of Kyenjojo District. It was inspired by the International Father's Day which is a holiday of honouring fatherhood, father figures (uncles, grandparents). Father's Month gives us [individuals and corporates] the opportunity to express our love to these special people; Fathers.

The Festival was **championed by Kyenjojo District Local Government** through the CBS Department (Community-based Services) and Mr Twooli Yafesi (District Community Development Officer, DCDO). DCDO mobilised the development partners from private sector to support this collective campaign in response to the rise in social and spiritual disorders like divorce, domestic violence, rape.

The **activities** that reached 305 fathers in 30 days with 3 objectives included: CARE/JESE (50 role model men from SFtW Project); Men's Week at God's Care Church (20+ men); District Pastors' Committee for NFBAPC (10+ executive reaching 400 churches); Nyaibanda Child Development Center (50+ guardians); DadCamp (3 conferences reaching 50+ fathers); Father's Sunday on 18 Jun (10+ Churches reaching 100+ fathers); Father's Summit - 25 Jun at Pulpit Church (15+ fathers); St Peter's Day for Wedded Couples in Church of Uganda (100+ fathers); Father and Child Dialogue on 27 Jun (60+ delegates).

There were 5 key **Recommendations** viz: **Gazette** June as a Father's Month through an Ordinance by the Kyenjojo District Council; **Invest** in building capacities and innovative solutions to tackle online harms to children; **Generate** new knowledge and evidence on what works across public and key actors; **Lobby** key stakeholders to prioritise online child safety in their budgets and practices; **Embrace** Child Safety online as religious leaders.

There were **Commitments** by the 5 estates of Community Governance:

E1. **Political Wing** pledge to support this noble cause including an Ordinance or Council resolution to gazette June as Father's Month in Kyenjojo..

E2. Businesses showed interest if engaged early.

E3. Civil Society vowed to use their pulpits as advocacy platforms

E4. Research/Media: Senior Male and Female Wardens vowed to support.

E5. Households showed up for events at places of worship, schools, and workplaces.

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