Integration Social Cohesion in a Refugee Recovery Context

Case Study: Homes & Communities in Uganda
ABOUT SOCIAL COHESION IN H&C

By The Community, For The Community

Access to and skills building in livelihoods
Agriculture, SILC, Business Skills

Owner-driven shelter construction
Specifically for the most vulnerable persons

Social cohesion
Community Centre
Managed by community members

Social Cohesion
OUR APPROACHES

Inclusion & strong coordination with other peace-building and protection stakeholders (community leaders, government, peer agencies, UNHCR)

Community-led & targeted interventions (refugee/host, men, women, girls, boys)

Working with existing community-based structures, as people know and trust them, & building their capacities

Varied approaches (sensitization, dialogues, music, connector activities, mediations, etc.)
IMPLEMENTATION

STAND-ALONE

Reduction in food rations
Water crisis
Youth idleness and poverty
Conflict over unsustainable natural resource sharing between hosts and refugees (wood fuel)

MAINSTREAMED

Savings groups: conflict resolution sessions & social cohesion / group dynamics
Agriculture: Mitigate conflict with landlords
Community Centre: strengthening linkages of different participants through the community centre
Shelter: conflict resolution sessions & group dynamics
Business skills: high demand due to potential for economic growth within HH

VS
**IMPACT**

- Increased ownership and community-driven solution finding and implementation
- Strengthened integration for sustainable interventions that promote peaceful coexistence
- Community Center being a hub and entry point for positive engagement of youth
- Refined MEAL framework to support impact measurement of social cohesion
- Strengthened relationship between communities and their leaders, agencies, and government
- Promoting better coordination among social cohesion partners