

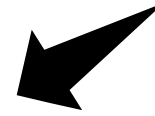
# **Integration Social Cohesion in a Refugee Recovery Context**

**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



**Social cohesion**



**Owner-driven shelter construction**  
Specifically for the most vulnerable persons



**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)

VS

## 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

# 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

