

SUCCESS STORIES

Ugandan Side of the Karamoja Cluster
Amudat District-an area of coverage of the CEWARN Mechanism

18th September, 2010

A Warning to Raiders by CEWARN Field Monitor Averts Another Raid

The CEWARN Field Monitor based in Amudat district received a phone call from the local council three chairperson of Karita sub county on the 18th September, 2010 informing him of an impending raid by the Pokot warriors from Kapetawoi, Amudat sub county against the Pian community of Namalu sub county in Nakapiripirit district or the Sabiny of Kapchorwa/Bukwo district. The Pokot warriors had been seen mobilizing, buying biscuits and re-grouping for the evening. This was sign enough for early warning requiring early response.

The Field Monitor called the UPDF commanders of Amudat, Nakapiripirit and Bukwo districts, the local council three chairperson of Namalu Sub County, the local council five chairperson Nakapiripirit district, the district peace committee chairperson Kapchorwa, the District Internal Security Officer Nakapiripirit district, the district peace committee chairperson Nakapiripirit district and the Country Coordinator CEWARN informing them of the impending raid.

The Field Monitor was advised by the district peace committee chairperson Nakapiripirit district to call Kapetawoi, where the raiders were coming from to let them know that the soldiers were already aware of their mission. The Field Monitor went to Kapetawoi where he met with the warriors whom he advised not to go as they would be killed since the army had deployed and were only waiting for them.

A raid was prevented with everything that goes with it including loss of life and livelihood but above all reducing on the cycle of revenge that feeds into the conflict and sustains it.