AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE NORTHERN UGANDA SOCIAL ACTION FUND 1(NUSAF 1) TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN IN THE POST LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY (LRA) ERA IN GULU DISTRICT, UGANDA.

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ABSTRACT

The Study investigated the contribution of NUSAF I to the development of women in Gulu District. The objectives of the Study were: The contribution of NUSAF 1 towards the Health status of women in Gulu District; How NUSAF 1 has helped women in Gulu District cope with the changed roles and finally, the contribution of NUSAF 1 to the improvement of the economic status of women in the same district. The study was guided by a cross sectional survey research design applying both qualitative and quantitative methods of data analysis. Data was collected by use of a both open and closed ended questionnaire, in depth interview guides, field observation and focused group discussion guides. The respondents included: The Woman Member of Parliament Gulu District, the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Gulu District, the Medical Superintendent, Gulu Referral Hospital, Female Students (15 years and above), women market vendors and women at the grassroots. The Study revealed that NUSAF 1 had not contributed to the development of women in the district of Gulu. The Study concludes that, much as NUSAF 1 had a number of components, which would have helped to improve the life of women in Gulu District, it had not been entirely possible, due to the fact that, very many would be beneficiaries in the district never got any sub-project and even those who had the chance to get, had theirs prematurely ended. For a proper implementation of projects in Gulu District, the Study recommends putting in place a well-funded team of supervisors, Adult education among women, among others.