LAND GRABBING CAMPAIGN in Uganda

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Summary of the presentation

- Context of the campaign
- Campaign Objective(s)
- Success factors
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Future steps
Context of the campaign

- The triple F crisis - Fuel, Food and Finances.
- Land is grabbed for food production and produce enormous quantities of bio-fuel.
- Fertile agricultural land and gazetted community resources privatized.
- 1000s are left landless, homeless, have become destitute..
Context of the campaign

- A gap in the legislation - the state does not abide by the law “a Foreign Investor can’t carry on crop production, animal production or acquire or be granted or lease land for the purpose ….” Investment Code section 12

- Social services are destructed.

- Investment holders never compelled to meet their obligation for C SR

- Political and civil unrests
Context of the campaign

- Limited or Not commensurate composition to evictees
- Land grabbing at family
- Grabbers are highly protected by either the state or its organs
- Grabbers are rich and well placed.
- Land cases in court take forever and are very complex
Context of the campaign

- 17,000 - 40,000 Hectares - Madhvan
- 80,000 - Masindi Local investor
- 160,000 - kiboga- UK’s NFC
- 32,000 - Mubende – Uk’s NFC
- 80,000 - Mayuge
- 30,000 - Kamwenge by Government
- Pockets of 100s across the country by Real estate dearers
The context of the campaign focuses on landgrabbing issues in various regions, including:

- **Amuru**: 17,000 evicted from 40,000ha for Madvani investments.
- **Masindi**: 30,000 evicted.
- **Kiboga**: 16,000 evicted to give way for UK’s NFC project.
- **Mubende**: 24,000 evicted by UK’s NFC & Germany’s Neumann Kaffee.
- **Mayuge**: 80,000 evicted from to give way for commercial tree farm.
- **Kamwenge**: 30,000 evicted by govt.

Themes such as "My land is my life" and "Grabbing is grabbing" are depicted alongside a map highlighting affected areas.
MY LAND IS MY LIFE

GRABBING LAND IS GRABBING LIFE

NO LAND NO FOOD NO LIFE

LAND: OUR HERITAGE OUR INHERITANCE
Success factors

Mass mobilization
- Multi stakeholder.

A comprehensive media strategy
- Radio spot messages across the country, radio talk shows, documentaries, articles....

Campaign messages and materials
- T-shirts, stickers, wheel covers, posters
Success factors

Working under a bigger alliance-resident technical Expertise in various required fields

A week of action for launching the campaign

Putting a human face at the centre of the campaign.
Achievements

- Land grabbing is a household name
- Independent debates with clear relationships
- Many human rights and humanitarian organizations have integrated LG in their programmes
- The once hunted for the campaign is now consulted for solutions
Future steps

- Sustaining the campaign
- Focusing on technical issues
- Exploring new aspects of LG such as grabbing of Public land
- Maintaining relationships with other stakeholders
- Building partnerships and Alliances within and outside the country
The role of European actors

The roles are controversial

- Financing both the campaign and land deals - Investments
- Influencing Government for and against the campaigner
- Providing moral support to the campaigners and the land investor

Role depends on the philosophical foundations of the Actor
Thank you for Listening