

About the Research

The Beyond War Compensation: Gender Justice, Livelihood and Rights in Northern Uganda is a collaborative research project being undertaken by Amani Institute Uganda and Makerere University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS), under the UKRI – GCRF: Gender Justice and Security Hub under the Lands, Livelihood and Rights strand.

Its findings will contribute to the Hub's central focus on addressing intractable development challenges of achieving gender justice and inclusive security in conflict affected states. It seeks to explore the dynamics of land access in northern Uganda from a gendered perspective, to situate women's agency in post-conflict conflicts within northern Uganda, as well as to identify, document and explore the potential of traditional/customary justice approaches to addressing such conflicts.

The findings from this study will form part of an ongoing comparative research on livelihood, land rights and justice in conflict affected societies within the Hub. The research problem is around what continues to undermine sustainable peace in Northern Uganda even when guns went silent over a decade ago. The key question is, what is it that continues to undermine possibilities for return to social cohesion in post-conflict northern Uganda and how does this influence advances in women's social citizenship?

The major outputs from the research will include reports, academic journal articles, briefing notes, documentaries, and practice manuals. The findings will be shared with the target communities, local council leaders and institutions mediating and addressing land conflicts. The study process and outputs will generally engender new perspectives and scale up the debate on the gendered nature of peacebuilding and reconstruction of social citizenship that goes beyond the hardware modes of compensation. This will also be widely disseminated amongst key stakeholders at all levels. For more information: visit www.amaniuganda.org and www.chuss.mak.ac.ug.

About the GCRF Hub

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Hub is part of the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) new ambitious approach to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges through twelve (12) interdisciplinary research hubs which will work across 85 countries with governments, international agencies, partners and NGOs on the ground in developing countries and around the globe, to develop creative and sustainable solutions which help make the world, and the UK, safer, healthier and more prosperous.



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The UKRI-GCRF Gender, Justice and Security Hub is a five-year project working at the overlap of Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) 5 on gender equality, Goal 16 peace, justice and strong institutions, and the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda of the United Nations.

Acknowledging that conflict and gender-based violence have devastating, long-term consequences on individuals, families and communities and severely hamper the successful delivery of development goals internationally, this Hub seeks to advance sustainable peace by developing an evidence-based research around gender, justice and inclusive security in conflict affected societies.

The Hub will develop an evidence base on the intersections of gender, justice and security; expand research capacity in collaboration with international partners; and make use of unrivalled links with leading ambassadors for gender justice (Hub Champions) to translate research into impact for the achievement of sustainable peace.

The Hub will pursue its key questions through four projects - on Transformation & Empowerment; Land, Livelihoods & Rights; Migration & Displacement; and Masculinities & Sexualities, as well as two cross-cutting work streams on Law & Policy Frameworks and Methodological Innovation. The challenge the Hub confronts is global but appears in different ways across contexts. To generate detailed knowledge from which to draw scalable conclusions and recommendations, the Hub will focus on eight core cases: Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

While each is distinctive in its experiences and timelines of conflict, the cases are broadly geographically representative and are all significantly conflict-affected. The Hub structure is designed to build deep and lasting links between researchers, project partners, policy makers, civil society actors and vulnerable groups.

In addition to a range of academic outputs (monographs; journal articles; visual materials; working papers; policy reports) specific to each project, the Hub will yield several other outputs of significance for the wider research community: new datasets on transitional justice, women's empowerment and subsequent backlash, and post-conflict reconciliation; a major 'Global Gender, Justice and Security' report, with researchers from across the Hub contributing data and chapters; and an innovative web portal providing wide access to Hub research. The portal will be the Hub's main site of public engagement, featuring videos, podcasts and case studies of the development challenge and effective responses to it, as well as serving as a resource beyond the end of the award.



While the Hub will be housed administratively at the LSE Centre for WPS, its activities will be most evident in the eight core countries. Hub workshops will be held in each one throughout the grant, to include knowledge exchange, research presentation and development, leadership team meetings to identify project synergies and forward plan, visits from Hub Champions, policy meetings, networking and collaboration opportunities and expert-led training. Hub institutions have committed to providing access to research methods courses for researchers from the core countries.

The Hub's activities will be geared towards achieving five forms of impact (including policy and institutional reform and capacity building), in partnership with global south researchers and civil society, to the benefit of those currently facing gender insecurity and injustice.

- Impact 1 is the creation of new knowledge and advocacy networks that amplify the voices of women and marginalized groups to catalyse change.
- Impact 2 will be local and global policy change on SDGs 5, 16 & the WPS agenda instigated by evidence on policy impacts generated by the Hub.
- Impact 3 is institutional reform in core countries and more broadly, to underwrite inclusive security and just peace, for the benefit of conflict-affected societies. It aligns with SDG targets 16:6 to develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and 16.7 (above), and with the UNSG's Prevention Agenda priority to advance a preventive approach to human rights.
- Impacts 4 (capacity-building to benefit hub participants) and
- Impact 5 (creation of new knowledge; development of research methods & sector good practice to benefit the wider academic community) are detailed elsewhere in the application.

The ultimate aim of the Hub is to transform situations of gender insecurity and injustice for the groups they render vulnerable. The Hub will deliver five forms of impact to achieve this aim:

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