

CIDD, AAIU and URA Enhance tax compliance and accountability for improving public service delivery through tax interface meetings in Namutumba.

CIDD-UG, in collaboration with Action Aid and URA, has embarked on conducting tax-payers interface meetings in Busoga that have involved **273** participants, **164** males and **109** females including local leaders and taxpayers. The objective is to enhance awareness to increase Local revenue generation and citizen active involvement in demanding transparent revenue



Namutumba District and selected sub county leadership, CSO representatives pose for Photo after District level engagement.

mobilization and management. This initiative addresses challenges posed by reduced central government funding to local governments, emphasizing self-reliance for better services in Namutumba District. The decentralization process aimed to empower local areas, but Eastern Uganda districts face resource constraints due to limited revenue sources and ineffective management. Rural areas struggle to gather revenue, while urban zones deal with robust sources marred by poor collection practices and mismanagement. These issues highlight the necessity for efficient revenue mobilization and accountability mechanisms. This kind of collaborative effort with Namutumba district in Busoga is crucial for promoting transparency, accountability, and active civic engagement within local communities. Empowering both local leaders and taxpayers is rebuilding trust among the taxpayers in collective decision-making processes and a stronger sense of community ownership in revenue mobilization and management at lower government level.