
Advocacy case studies

ACCESSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES IN UGANDA

COUNTRY:	Uganda
THEMES:	Children and education; governance; land and property; water, sanitation and hygiene
ADVOCACY APPROACHES:	Church and community mobilisation; government officials: meeting with

Kanyangan is a small community of three villages in northern Uganda. After the pastor at the local church had received training from Tearfund partner Pentecostal Assemblies of God, he trained the community in how to do advocacy. The community decided to set up an advocacy group to identify issues in their local area requiring an advocacy response, and requested a ‘community dialogue’ meeting with local government officials.

Their request received a favourable response from sub-county-level government representatives, and together the community and officials agreed a way forward on numerous issues. While some matters were dealt with directly at sub-county level, the sub-county government officials referred other issues to the district-level government.

The community’s advocacy work has achieved a great deal. The government has now cleared a road and provided a rainwater-harvesting tank. It has also built a classroom, latrines for two schools and houses for teachers, and provided desks and books to students, all at the community’s request.