



JRP during a community dialogue in Attiak, 2010.

JRP AT A GLANCE

TOPICS OF INTEREST: Transitional Justice (TJ), Community-Involvement, Traditional Processes of Reconciliation, Reintegration

FLAGSHIP REPORT: *Roco Wat I Acoli: Traditional Approaches to Justice and Reintegration*, September 2005.

AREAS OF FOCUS: Documentation, Community Mobilization, Transitional Justice Policy, Gender Justice

ACTIVITIES: Research, Advocacy, Community Outreach, Dialogues, Workshops, Trainings, Stakeholder Engagement, Documentation, Media Engagement

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WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION WITH GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES

JRP strives to meet the needs of conflict-affected communities by investigating how TJ mechanisms can be effectively implemented and by creating informed, involved civil societies and communities. In line with this, our work is guided by the following objectives:

1. To preserve memory of conflict-affected communities through documentation;
2. To advocate for locally sensitive approaches to transitional justice;
3. To mobilize communities to engage in processes for redress, reconciliation and healing;
4. To support vulnerable groups and individuals in their pursuit of justice.

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ENVISIONING A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY

The Justice and Reconciliation Project (JRP) has played a key role in transitional justice (TJ) in Uganda since 2005 through seeking to understand and explain the interests, needs, concerns and views of communities affected by conflict.

We aim to promote sustainable peace through the active involvement of war-affected communities in research and advocacy. In addition, our work seeks to provide tools to empower other victims and survivors of conflict in Africa's Great Lakes region also in situations of transition.



Women during the launch of the Lukodi massacre report, 2011.

THE JRP APPROACH.

JRP EMPOWERS CONFLICT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCESSES OF JUSTICE, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION.

We regard community-led transitional justice processes as critical elements in post-conflict justice and reconciliation. To aid these processes, JRP focuses in the following areas:

1. Community Mobilization

We engage communities in the identification of what needs to be done to promote justice and reconciliation, provide information and updates on transitional justice processes and build the capacity and opportunity for victim involvement in such processes.

2. Documentation

We document conflict-related experiences and memories of individuals, communities and victims' groups to preserve memory, acknowledge loss and promote reconciliation and healing. We also support community-led documentation efforts.

3. Transitional Justice Policy

Through in-depth research and advocacy on emerging transitional justice issues, we inform national- and international-level policy debates,

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Where can I download JRP's latest reports and learn more about your work?

A All of JRP's publications are available free of charge on our website www.justiceandreconciliation.com. There you can also learn about our latest activities and any upcoming events.

Q When was JRP formed?

A JRP was founded in 2005 by the Gulu District NGO Forum and the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia in Canada. We became an independent NGO, registered in Uganda, in January 2010.

Q What is transitional justice (TJ)?

A According to our working definition, transitional justice, or TJ, is a response to widespread human rights abuses for situations of conflict transitioning to situations of peace. It aims to prevent such atrocities from happening again. TJ can include processes for accountability, truth-telling, reparations, memorialization, traditional justice, gender justice and systemic reform.

through proactive engagement of policy-makers and other stakeholders to ensure that policy outcomes are locally sensitive and appropriate to the TJ needs and aspirations of victims.

4. Gender Justice

We empower formerly-abducted and conflict-affected women and contribute to bridging the gender gap through an advocacy platform where unique gender concerns in transitional justice can be deliberated and discussed, and through storytelling and legal counseling support.