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## Makerere University Rotary Peace Center Updates april 2022

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# Arrival of Cohort 3

The Center received Cohort 3 Peace fellows. The fellows come from 17 countries. These Countries include; Myanmar, Kenya, Sudan, Nigeria, Cameroon, Zambia, Australia/South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, USA, Germany, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Somali Land, Ethiopia, Liberia and Uganda.



*Picture: Some of the fellows pose with their host counselors upon arrival to Uganda*



*Picture: Rotary Peace Fellows during the study visit to Uganda Martyrs' Catholic Shrine*

## Urban Field Study Visits

Cohort 3 Peace Fellows had their urban field visits to; Cultural Institutions and local peace approaches; visit to the Urban slums and studying the causes of the urban crimes in Kampala; the urban refugee crisis; youth and the role of religion in Peace building. Their study visits to the Interreligious Council explored a deeper understanding on the use of dialogue in solving conflict especially in indigenous communities.



*Picture: Rotary Peace Fellows during the study visit to Kampala Urban Slums*





**Picture:** Cohort 3 Rotary Peace Fellows while on a study visit to Nyamata Genocide Memorial site in Rwanda

## Study Excursions

Earlier this month (April), the fellows had a study visit to Kigali-Rwanda, to explore on the post genocide era of Rwanda.



**Picture:** While in Kigali, the fellows also visited the Museum for Campaign Against Genocide

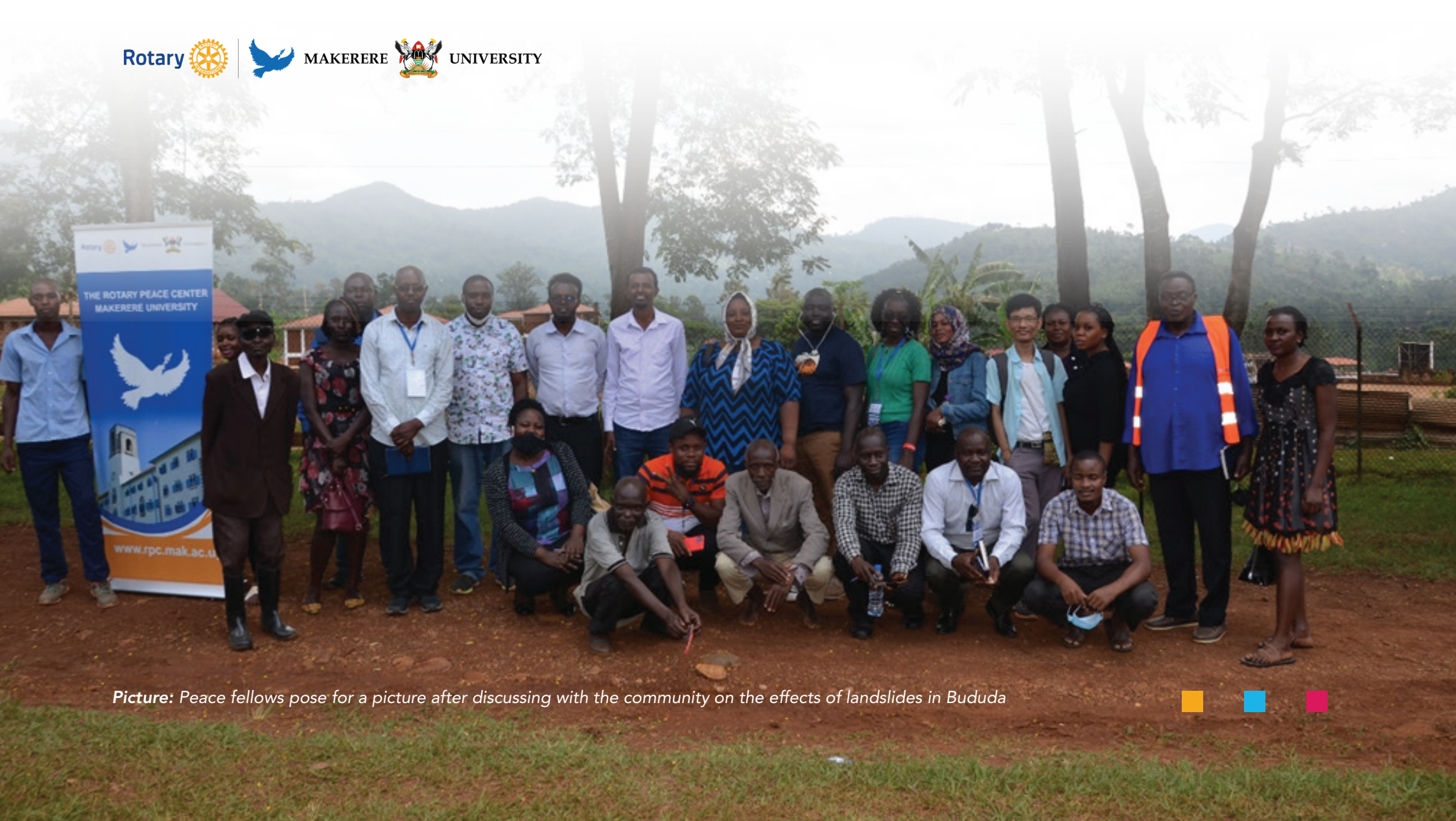
# Local Field Excursions

The fellows explored and studied the Post-conflict era in the North-western part of Uganda, highlighting the effects of the Lords' Resistance Army on lives of victims and ex-combatants; visited the Landslide affected area in Eastern Uganda and also studied the climate change on the environment and advance causes of natural resource conflict.



Picture: Rotary Peace Fellows speak to the Refugees from South Sudan in Adjumani





*Picture: Peace fellows pose for a picture after discussing with the community on the effects of landslides in Bududa*



# Positive Peace Workshop

The fellows also took part in the Positive Peace workshop organized by the Institute of Economics and Peace. The one-week workshop explored in-depth the pillars of Positive Peace and how to use the local peace approaches to building peace in communities.









## Cohort 2 updates

Cohort 2 Fellows are now concluding their Social Initiatives. They will be coming back in October to make presentations at the second CAPSTONE Conference.



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 CTF 2 AUDITORIUM  
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**THEME: "Peace Building Reimagined: Social Change Initiatives as a Vehicle for Peace Building and Development in Africa."**

25-26 April 2022  
8:30 - 4:30 PM

The Center hosted Cohort 1 Peace Fellows in April for the Capstone conference. Fellows reported onsite on the 25th of April 2022 at Makerere University for the Conference.

During the event, fellows gave presentations on their Social Change Initiatives. Through the presentations, the fellows demonstrated the impact created in their respective communities, challenges and

possible solutions to the problems identified.

Through the Social Change Initiatives, the fellows captured aspects of Gender-Based Violence, youth and women empowerment, education, peace journalism, use of community radios for dialogue and disability inclusion in development.





**The fellows presented their reports, achievements and the theories of change that they have impacted in their communities. These topics include;**





### Amina Warsame -Somalia

Empowerment of women and youth through capacity building trainings towards self-reliance and leadership.

“I trained 37 girls in leadership skills, Public speaking and career development in Garowe, Somalia.”



### Ronald Kasule -Uganda

Facilitating Professional Support Services for persons with disabilities

“I designed a web-application called DASUNS that gives support services to persons with disabilities.”



### Paul Mushaho-DRC

Youth Conflict Prevention and Development in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

“My initiative targeted youths in building their knowledge, skills and empowering them to be able to resist the temptation of being drug abusers, robbers, and prostitutes in Nakivaale Refugee settlement camp”.



### Patience Rusare-Zimbabwe

Training Journalists in Zimbabwe on Conflict-Sensitive Reporting



“I held a training for 22 young journalists from 4 provinces in Zimbabwe on how to report stories that promote peacebuilding”.

**Peter Pal-Australia/  
South Sudan**

Church and Community Radio for community dialogue platform for Peace and Development in Great Upper Nile Region South Sudan.



“I partnered with an existing radio station in Australia to engage effectively with the community across the globe particularly in South Sudan. We are hopeful that this community radio will contribute to nation building, community resilience and impact change”



**Catherine Baine-Omugisha  
- Uganda**

Local council 1 officers championing the prevention, mitigation and resolution of domestic violence in their communities



“Through my initiative, I discovered that there is need for engagement in dialogue to mitigate conflicts”.

**Thomas Sithole  
-Zimbabwe**

Tackling information disorder in Zimbabwe

“Through my project, I discovered that there is a need to engage Youth in Developing Constructive Digital Media, Promotion of Media and Information Literacy to prevent fake news.”



**Jew Moonde  
-Zambia**

Youth Conflict Prevention in the electoral process in Zambia



The project undertook various interventions and activities. The first thing to be undertaken was youth mindset change and capacity building for the participants to be able to conduct radio programmes and engage in conflict prevention, management, resolution and transformation. In total, 59 community radio programmes and interactions were done while 21 mediation sessions were held.

### Fikiri Nzoyisenga -Burundi

Addressing the issue of women's trafficking through awareness-raising, capacity building and job creation among the vulnerable women in Burundi

“Through my initiative, we trained 408 women (10 women's solidarity groups). We used an approach of Capacity-building, Networking, Small grants and involvement of media.”



### Nobantu Taylor- Liberia

Empowering women as key partners in building peaceful and resilient communities in cross border areas in the Mano River Union

“Securities and traders understood conflict resolution, violent extremism, non-conflict management, networking for peace as well as how to partnership and collaborate with women around conflict prevention and early warning signals. They also learned how to identify their common interest in maintaining a secure border, channels for reporting and addressing problems.”



### Stephen Sempande

Training and commissioning of peace monitors in GBV prevention and response



“Through a two-days training that happened in Kalangala from 11th to 12th November 2021, Peace Monitors were equipped with basic legal knowledge in GBV prevention, access to justice concepts, Referral pathways and holding interactive dialogues as a mechanism for addressing the root causes to GBV within their communities.”

### Sunny Dada -Nigeria

Kick Out Cultism from our Schools



“Increased awareness on the dangers of cultism amongst students  
Collaborative response against cultism by churches and schools  
A generation of teenagers and youths acquired knowledge that enhanced their skills in transformative dialogues.”



### United Kingdom

Facilitate the revival, running and sustainability of Happy Hammys

“My initiative focused on facilitating Access to Inner-city and Rural Education in two schools. We built classrooms and improved skills in rabbit keeping and poultry for the teachers.”



### Olusina Ajao - Nigeria

Youth for Peace in one of the schools in Abuja



“On the first day, over 120 students indicated interest and registered for the training. The demography of the students cut across from the senior secondary school classes 1 to 3. The age range was from 12 to 18 years old. The training modules included the followings: Violent Prevention, Conflict Analysis, Peace-building and Capacity building.”

**Pinkie Mothibedi  
- Botswana**

Inclusion and Participation  
of people with disabilities  
in development

“Thirty (30) managers and the political leadership of the Okavango sub district council were trained in positive peace in order to improve PWD access to services and other opportunities. This process sought to instill a general understanding of positive peace and its dividends. The training also aimed at guiding the sub district on how their development projects and policies can be shaped to build community cohesion and resilience.”



The conference was opened by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and closed by Prof. Henry Alinaitwe, the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Makerere University. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences was represented by the Deputy Principal, Dr. Eric Awich and the Dean, School of Liberal and Performing Arts at Makerere University, Prof. Patrick Mangeni.

The event was also graced with the presence of the Rotary fraternity and dignitaries from respective embassies in Uganda. Among these included, the past vice president of Rotary International, Yinka Babalola; PDG Xavier Sentamu, Governor D9213 Mike Kennedy Sebalu, DGND Anne Nkutu, PAG Fred Masadde; the Ambassador of the Nigerian High Commission; H.E Zanna Umar Bukar-Kolo; the Consul of Liberia, H.E Thelma Awor; the Consul of Botswana, H.E Maria Odido.



The fellows were hosted to a farewell dinner which included Cohort 1 and Cohort 3 fellows and their host counsellors. The event was graced by the presence of Rotarians from the different local Rotary Clubs, and the District Governor, who was the guest of Honor, DG John Ndamira.



# East Africa Rotary Positive Peace Activator Training Program launched

The East Africa Positive Peace Activators cohort will be launched this year in September 2022. The Rotary Positive Peace Activator Training Program will be an opportunity for peacebuilders living, working, and/or studying in East Africa.

## Rotary Clubs support to the Center

The Peace Center at Makerere University continues to enjoy support from the local Rotary Clubs especially through the host counsellors. The fellows have been attached to the local host counsellors who have supported in showing the fellows the local tradition of Uganda and built the networks in the Rotary Clubs.





*Picture: Makerere University Rotary Peace Fellows pose for a picture with the District Governor John Ndamira (Center) with the Area Host Coordinator, PAG Anne Nkutu during the Rotary Charter Night in Kampala-Uganda.*



*Rebecca (USA) and Arinollah (Kenya) pose for a picture during Rotary Club of Kololo Charter Night.*






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