



Stakeholders pose for a group photo at the launch of the ALLRight project in Tororo district. Photo by Caritas staff.

Advancing Local Leadership in the Right Way (ALLRight)

OVERVIEW

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Vision 2030 and the CRS Agency Strategy aspires to build local leadership. One of CRS' guiding principles, *subsidiarity*, has long driven the organization toward localization. In Fiscal Year 2022, CRS established the Advance Local Leadership in the Right Way (ALLRight) Fund, which is a unique CRS fund designed to intensify and catalyze investment in partner capacity strengthening for local leadership. Through efforts under the ALLRight Fund, CRS seeks to accelerate and intensify its capacity strengthening initiatives to strategic partners including church, civil society, government and private sector to be effective, dynamic and sustainable catalysts for change for the communities served.

CRS Uganda and Caritas Tororo have worked together in the development and humanitarian sectors since 2014 and have established a strong relationship based on mutual trust and shared commitments. Caritas Tororo is a reputable organization in emergency response and sustainable livelihoods and works with communities, government, peer organizations and donors. In August 2024, CRS and Caritas Tororo launched the ALLRight

QUICK FACTS

Sector	Local Leadership
Funding/Funder	CRS Internal Funds
Partners	Caritas Tororo
Project Location	Tororo
Target Participants	Caritas Tororo
Timeframe	July 2024 – Dec 2026

project in Uganda to enhance Caritas Tororo's vision to become an effective and efficient leader in emergency response programming in Eastern Uganda. The Uganda ALLRight project will focus on strengthening Caritas Tororo's institutional systems and structures for emergency programming, resource mobilization as well as Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) thereby making them better able to respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently, while ensuring the safety and dignity of affected individuals.



Fr. Patrick Ochwo, Caritas Tororo Board Chair (L), Lainey Heyl, CRS Uganda Head of Programs (M), Fr. Sylvester Okoth, Caritas Tororo Director (R). Photo by Lanyero Flavia/CRS.

KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Development an Emergency Response Strategic Plan (ERSP).
- Development of emergency response volunteer training resources, including pretesting and roll-out with Caritas volunteers.
- Facilitation of trainings in Sphere standards, cash readiness and multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA).
- Facilitation of tailored trainings and tools in proposal development and pre-positioning (examples of relevant content include advocacy, MEAL, and communications).
- Development, testing and roll-out of an emergency MEAL, complementary to the ERSP, to guide emergency program implementation.
- Establishment and roll-out of a Caritas Tororo Feedback and Complaints Response Mechanism (FCRM) system.
- Provision of ongoing and continuous training and mentorship to enhance staff knowledge and skills.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Caritas Tororo has stronger organizational structures to effectively respond to emergencies.
- Caritas Tororo staff have improved knowledge and skills in emergency response sector standards.
- Caritas Tororo has increased capacity to engage priority institutional donors and mobilize funds.
- Caritas Tororo has strengthened a MEAL system to generate and manage data for quality emergency programming.

ABOUT CARITAS TORORO

Caritas Tororo is the social development arm of the Archdiocese of Tororo. It works through a network of 48 Catholic Parishes located in 17 districts in Eastern Uganda, with the purpose of empowering communities for sustainable development. Caritas Tororo's organizational values and principles are derived from the social teachings of the Catholic Church aspiring for the enhancement of social services and human dignity. Over the past five years, CRS and Caritas Tororo have collaborated in seven rapid responses to disasters following heavy rains, flooding, and landslides in the Mt. Elgon region. Caritas Tororo is also currently working in partnership with CRS and other local and international organizations on implementation of the Restore Africa project, which aims to restore over **560,000** Ha of ecosystems in Uganda. Over the years, Caritas Tororo has developed a strong reputation with local communities, local government, and with international donors.

ABOUT CRS

CRS has been working in Uganda since 1965 in partnership with the local Catholic Church, the Caritas network, other national and international NGOs and private sector partners in support of CRS Uganda's vision that *"Empowered families reach their full potential and are resilient to external shocks in safe, just and inclusive communities, supported by effective local systems."* Strategic Priority Areas include Health and Social Services Systems Strengthening, Resilient Food Systems, Emergency Preparedness and Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Local Leadership. Between October 2022 and September 2023, CRS supported over 1.6 million Ugandans and refugees residing across the country.