

The Theme

THE RELEVANCE OF HOLDING SUB-COUNTY SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING.

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INTRODUCTION:

People need to develop. Development can not take place without peace in place. Peace can not come by itself. It must be established and maintained by Institutions and People who need it and live there.

People means security personnel, local leaders, the population, visitors and neighbors who must be linked, not only for the benefits but also for them to play their role to support local leaders who then must support security personnel.

This means that the community and local leaders should be brought on board and be prepared and informed of their roles. The most suitable level of management is the sub-county. This matches with the government policy on security to have a basis at that level in order to provide security services to the people. Uganda Police also puts its basic policing structure to be a sub-county.

2.0. FORMS OF SECURITY

- 2.1. Primary Security: peace, safety, information, health, food, unity and team work.
- 2.2. Secondary Security: Education, freedom, liberty, justice, Democracy, wealth, rights, respect, Good governance etc.

3.0. PRINCIPLE VICES TO BE ENCOUNTERED.

3.1. Root causes.

- a) Lust- Excessive love and all sorts of sexual abuse.
- b) Gluttony- Over indulgence and over consumption of any thing to the point of waste and denial of others to benefit. No equity.

- c) Greed- Excessive disloyal, deliberate and betrayal and or trickery personal gain. Includes robbery, corruption and embezzlement.
- d) Sloth- Sadness or despair in form of a path, depression and joylessness. It also includes laziness.
- e) Wrath- In ordinate and uncontrolled feelings of hatred and anger. Leads to violence, assault, murder, arson etc.
- f) Envy- General and pervasive greed for all that is lacking. Includes selfishness, malice, sabotage and terrorism.
- g) Pride- Considered the original and most serious of the seven vices, as ultimate source of all vices. Love for self perverted to hatred and contempt of ones neighbor.

3.2. Principle Values or Solutions to Vices

- 1 Chastity: Sexual moral ness and honest relations
- 2 Temperature- Enables use of the scarce resources.
- 3 Charity- Budget that is blessed and generous, objective in nature.
- 4 Diligence- Managing with skills and commitment. Owning and sacrificing.
- 5 Patience- Tolerance but timely. Dealing in a strategic manner.
- 6 Kindness- A human treatment, win attitude
- 7 Humility- Encouraging and motivating. Failing is not final

4.0. FUNCTIONAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

4.1. National objectives and Directives Principles of state policy.

- a) Objectives III (i) - For National Unity and Stability: All organs of state and people of Uganda shall work together towards the promotion of National unity, peace and stability.
- b) Objectives III (iv) - There shall be established and natured institutions and procedures for the resolution of conflicts fairly and peacefully.
- c) Objectives IX- The right to development: In order to facilitate rapid and equitable development, the state shall encourage private initiative and self reliance.
- d)Objective x- Role of people in development: The state to involve the people in the formulation and implementation of development plans and programs which affect them.
- e) Objective xxix (a)- Duties of a citizen: It shall be the duty of every citizens be patriotic and loyal to Uganda and to promote its well being.
- f) Objective xxix (e)- to foster unity and live in harmony with others.
- g) Objective xxix (g)- To acquaint himself or herself with the provisions of the constitutions and to uphold and defend the constitution and the law

The Constitutional Mandate on Defense and National security.

- a) Article 209 (b)- Functions of defense. Forces: To cooperate with the civilian authority in emergency situations and in cases of natural disasters.
- b) Article 209 (c)- To foster harmony and understanding between the defense forces and civilians.
- (c) Article 212 (a): Functions of the Uganda police force: To protect life and property.
- (d) Article (b)- To preserve law and order.
- (e) Article 212 (c)- To prevent and detect crime.
- (f) Article 212 (d)- To cooperate the civilian authority and other security organs established under this constitution and with the population generally.

The local Government Act.

- a) Section 26(c) functions of a lower local government executive committee. Assist in the maintenance of law and order and security.
- b) Section 30(i) (c)- The functions ,powers and services of a council: To protect the constitution and other laws of Uganda and promote democratic governance.
- c) Section 69(3) (e)- It shall be the duty of a chief within his or her area of jurisdiction to obey and execute orders and warrants issued by any court of competent jurisdiction. (The chief is a Sub-county chief)
- d) section 69 (3) (f)- It shall be the duty of a chief within his or her area of jurisdiction to assist in the prevention crime and public nuisance, and(h)to detect, apprehend and bring offenders to justice.

4.4. The National security Act

- a) Section 3- functions of the National security council
 - i) Section 3(i)(c). To review national security needs and goals.
 - ii) Section 3(1)(e)- To review and act on reports from the joint intelligence committee.
- b) Section 6 (4) - Functions of the district security and intelligence committee.
 - i) Section 6(4) (d) to receive reports from the district intelligence committee.
 - ii) Section 6(4)(e) To advice on any other security matter which may arise in the district from time to time.
 - iii) section 6(5)- The district intelligence committee shall collect intelligence within the district and report to the district security committee.
- c) Section 8- sub- county intelligence committee.
 - i) Section 8(1)- There shall be established in every sub -county a committee to be known as the sub-county security committee (sacs)
 - ii) section 8 (2)- The committee shall be composed of the chairperson of the LCIII council as its chairperson, the GISO as secretary, the sub-county

chief as member, secretary for defense- member ,area police commander (officer in charge sub-county police post) member ,all parish secretaries for defense as member and the chair person for sub-county women council as member.

iii) Section 8(3) states functions of SCSC

- Inform and advice the district security committee on matters to security in the sub-county.
- Coordinate and advice on matters relating to intelligence and security in the sub-county.
- Forward to the district security committee the security needs of the sub – county.
- Carry out any other functions as the district security committee.

d) Section 9 –observance of Human rights council, etc. Members and staff of the council and committees shall observe and respect human rights and freedoms in the execution and the performance of their functions (in other words, leadership by role models).

4.5. National motto and Anthem.

a) For God and our country: A call that is made on the committee to honor god and to be patriotic to the country- Uganda

National Anthem: Still calls upon God to help us-thus we may pray for that help, and recognize all including neighbors to be served.

c) Both Anthem and the motto call for the observance and enforcement of the ten commandments of God and all laws of Uganda.

4.6 Oath of Allegiance.

a)Enforcement allegiance to Uganda:

"I....., swear in the name of the Almighty God / solemnly, affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the republic of Uganda and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution".

"So help me God"

B) Oath of chair/chair person

I....., swear in the name of almighty God/solemnly affirm that I shall faithfully exercise the functions of the person or Vice chair person of(Local government) and shall uphold, preserve , protect and defend the constitution and observe the laws of Uganda and that I Shall promote the welfare of the people of this(Local government, ("so help me God")

c) Oath of a councilor

I swear in the name of the Almighty God/solemnly affirm that I will give

faithful service to this council and support and uphold the constitution of the Republic of Uganda as by law established ("so help me God").

5.0 PRIORITIES FOR THE SUB –COUNTY SECURITY COMMITTEE

5.1. Coordination and mobilization

- a) Linking awareness,: Roles and benefits between lower units, the population and the sub-county committee itself.
- b) Conducting general and special awareness campaign to inform the population.
- c) Encourage members of the community and their immediate village and parish leaders to perform both security and development duties.
- d) Use the community to keep account of security information to be reported and or reviewed from to time to time.
- e) Teach the community and their lower units crime prevention, law abiding and to do incase of crime, insecurity of law and order.
- f) Coordinate, inform and get support from the next appropriate level of authority in the district.

5.2 Sub-county security committee meetings (sacs)

- a) Hold regular sacs meetings to review progress of security and assignment of the previous problems.
- b) The absence of a chair person should not stole the meeting , the vice chairman or sub-county chief should stand in
- c) With the state of security being normal, meeting may be held once a month, but can be as many as twice a month.
- d) There can be co-opted members who may in cluded the chief, parish development committee chairman on member, special institutional representative (of school, court, church etc.) and a local responsible elder for wisdom and guidance.
- e) The agenda to be:
 - i) prayer
 - ii) Communication from the chair.
 - iii) Minutes and matters arising
 - iv) Security briefings and discussions
 - v) Specific matters or concerns for discussion and or action

f) security briefing may be categorized into three:

- potential security information
- actual occurrences of insecurity
- main causes of the potential or actual incidences
- whether the causes and perpetrators are local or external to the

sub-county/district

- Co-coordinated action of plans or actions being taken and the results.

g) Team responsibility

All members of the SCSC: are responsible, each contributing his or her part diligently for the good of public interest. No apportioning of blame, but each supporting one another to create an environment for security, peace and development within the sub county, the district and Uganda generally.

- g) Record of the meetings must be a duty in a concise manner to reflect what matters were discussed and resolved.

Thank you,

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