

THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

ANS QUESTION I:

Context: TRIBAL CONFLICT IN UGANDA, RWENZORI REGION IN PARTICULAR

Uganda is one of the countries on the continent that has very many different tribes and Rwenzori Region is suffering the same. Rwenzori Region has many Districts, For this matter I will talk about a few of them which are found in Fort Portal and Kasese Catholic Dioceses, and that is : Bundibugyo, Kabarole, Ntoroko and Kasese District.

The above mentioned Districts have very many different tribes with different cultures. The main conflict that has come out of this is power sharing. When it comes to cultural /Traditional leaders e.g. the Batoro have their King (Omukama) in Kabarole District, the Bamba – Bawisi have got their king(Omudinjia) in Bundibugyo District and the Bakonzo /Banadi have also their king(Omusinga) in Kasese District but claim other subjects in Bundibugyo and Ntoroko District.

The above context or situation create a very big tribal conflict more especially it comes to the minority tribes who would wish to enjoy their own cultural beliefs freely.

For example Kasese District in Kasese diocese has three main tribes i.e Bakonzo , Basongora and Banyabindi yet the king under this context is a Mukonzo, meaning that the Banyabindi and Basongora are being subjected to the culture and tradition that they don't belong to causing a very big tribal and cultural conflict.

Context : Domestic Violence:

Domestic Violence has remained a big issue in the region due to a number of factors including: Poverty, drug abuse, lack of Education, inter marriage, polygamy, property sharing and mixed marriages.

Context :ALLIED DECONCRATIC FORCE(ADF) in Kasese and Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Gulu District.

The two armed wars in both Western and Northern parts of Uganda have impacted negatively to the general development of these two regions in Uganda.

For example the ADF in Kasese destroyed a number of property, lines including attacking public institutions among them St. John's Minor Seminary in the Diocese of Kasese.

ANS QUESTION II:

STRENGTH

- Amnesty
- Reconciliation
- Litigation
- Compensation
- Rehabilitation
- Intervention of religious leaders.
- Active Justice and Peace Commission

Opportunities

- Traditional way of the elders in settling matters at family level.
- Government intervention.
- Non-Government Organization Services.

Ans question III:

The Justice and Peace Commission in each Diocese should be empowered both economically and capacity building of its human resource.

The Pastoral Laity Council should be budgeted for and strengthen the capacity through regular trainings in conflict management and resolution which would help these councils to sensitize the catholic community about none violence practices.