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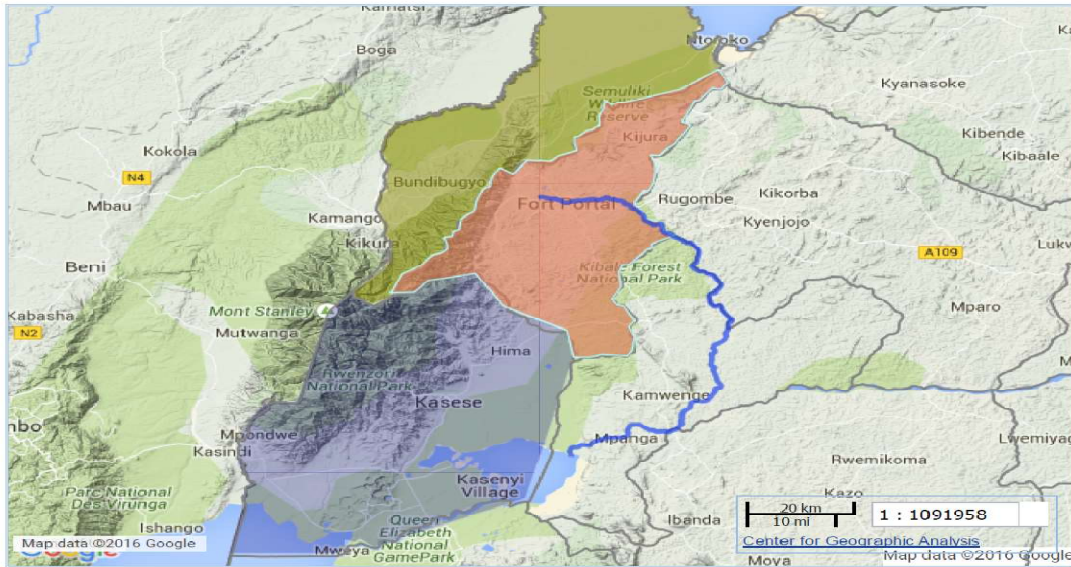
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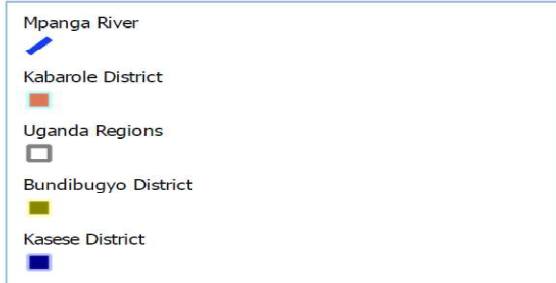
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1. BACKGROUND

Rwenzori Region



LEGEND



KRC through the online web based platform has continued to monitor the conflict situation in the region with focus on hotspot communities, daily engagements of various community members with various stakeholders, post election environment as well as other community based initiatives. This has been through the use of the online web based platform hosted at KRC. The information generated has been analysed with appropriate recommendations for action.

KRC sent out a trigger to assess the situation at present so as to get the perspective of what is taking place in the communities in as far as peace and stability is concerned. The messages sent were specific to each district and the focus was on Ntoroko, Kasese and Bundibugyo. The responses were later followed up with phone calls to generate a deeper and informed discussion on specific issues especially where the situation was reported to be chaotic.

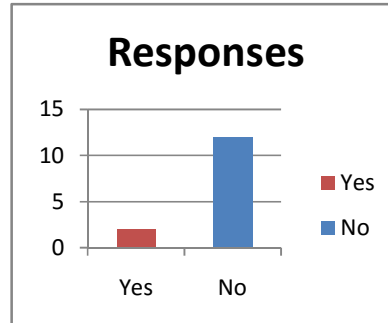
2. CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

The Ntoroko Situation

256781997430	1 ?<the situation is tenson?>	2016/06/10 12:30:50	Yes	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256777307796	1 yes	2016/06/09 12:41:17	Yes	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256788156961	1 no	2016/06/08 18:22:58	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256772180029	1 no.	2016/06/08 17:23:37	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256777307780	1 no	2016/06/08 15:22:39	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256771437438	1 no	2016/06/08 13:00:49	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256779057810	1 no	2016/06/08 12:41:27	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256774686745	no	2016/06/08 9:12:26	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256786515053	1 no	2016/06/08 8:34:24	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256782995447	no	2016/06/08 7:13:38	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256787908104	1 no	2016/06/08 7:10:08	No	Are there likely conflicts in your area?	Ntoroko June situation
256787908104	1 no	2016/06/08 7:05:37	No	Is there any threats of possible attacks in your area?	Kabarole conflict situation
256777726891	no	2016/06/08 7:03:02	No	Is there any threats of possible attacks in your area?	Kabarole conflict situation
256775368731	1 no	2016/06/08 7:01:21	No	Is there any threats of possible attacks in your area?	Kabarole conflict situation

Response Number

Figure 1. Graphic presentation of responses



The responses to the question “Are there likely conflicts in your area” generally indicate that the situation is **CALM** and there were no major incidences of conflicts reported. However during the follow up phone call interviews with those who had specifically reported tension it was found out that there were was tension between the communities of Rwebisengo Town Council and Uganda Wild Life Authority UWA. The conflict was about community Vs Park Boundaries, Massive arrests and detentions of civilians grazing from the game reserve, killing of civilians from the game reserve and un receipted fines from cattle keepers grazing from the reserve.

The situation was tense and required an immediate response for UWA to interface with community. KRC and RFPJ organized a reconciliation meeting in response which attracted over 50 participants including UWA officials. Major resolutions included; access to 20% revenue sharing fund by the front line communities, development of Resource User Agreements between

UWA and the community to access products from the Game Reserve and establishment of Community Vermin Guards to work with the game rangers as a direct linkage between the community and UWA.



Figure:2. Members of the public engage UWA officials and security personnel during a reconciliation meeting in Rwebisengo Sub County, Ntoroko district on June 17th, 2016

The Bundibugyo Situation

The Bundibugyo situation seemed to hit a balance in response, while about 60% responded that there were no likely conflicts about 40% responded that there were looming conflicts especially in the mountainous Sub Counties which are mostly occupied by Bakonzo.

During a phone call follow up to specific individuals who reported Chaos it was generally found out that there is still a sense of “fear” between the conflicting Communities (Bakonzo Vs Bamba). These have since lived in isolation, fear and envious perceiving each other as enemy. It was further revealed that the two communities are no longer in communion and have tribalized all social avenues viz; Hotels and Restaurants, Markets, Trading Centres, Schools and other amenities.

This calls for critical interventions that can reconcile these very communities, foster reconciliation, tolerance and harmonious living. KRC has in package a number of community oriented dialogue sessions that will be entry points to reducing such intrigues within the communities. KRC will further explore the various resolutions contained in the Royal Communique that was signed by the two cultural leaders of Obusinga Bwa Rwenzururu OBR and Obudhingiya Bwa Bwamba to engage various stakeholders towards positive peace.

The Kasese situation

Despite the trend of ethnicity and tribalism that characterize the attacks in the region, Kasese has been faced with a twist from Machettes to armed killings between security agencies and the Royal Guards of the OBR. Close to 6 Royal Guards are reported to have been killed by flying squad a security group in the Uganda Police Force. The very first Royal Guard was shot in the middle of Kasese Town near Shauriyako Market when he resisted arrest by armed civilian looking security operatives together with his other two colleagues who were detained. A week later another Royal Guard was shot dead and other 2 arrested in while trying to attack Kidodo Police Post in Kasese, two others were killed openly during an exchange between security at the Omusinga’s place in Kasese Town, some soldiers of the UPDF were also killed.

Figure:3.

An extract of the online responses to the possible causes of the death of the Royal Guard in Bigando

Respondent Contact	message	Date Received	Question Option	Question
256772884379	1 royal guards came from buhuhira to bigando purposely to kill 4 people who have become a problem , that these people give information to government	2016/06/10 12:29:34 2016/06/10 12:29:34	Give us details	What was the cause of the recent clashes between police and royal guards in Bigando
256776604652	1 the cause is not yet known		Give us details	What was the cause of the recent clashes between police and royal guards in Bigando
256772460747	the cause of bigando was on wrong information	2016/06/10 12:18:54	Give us details	What was the cause of the recent clashes between police and royal guards in Bigando

This called for strong interventions between central government and the cultural institution. A few days later a Royal Guard was shot dead in Bigando by Police personnel; it alleged that the former had gone to take leave at his home and was killed when he had gone to visit a friend. Sources indicate that while in the house of a friend who is also a fellow Royal Guard security was tipped that they (Royal Guards) were planning an attack, they were immediately surrounded and shot at. While on the other hand it is alleged that small chits had been circulated all over the village saying Police should quit Bigando, that the Royal Guards had therefore planned a meeting to attack the Police post and therefore the deceased was killed when he tried to grab a gun from a police officer when they had come to disperse the meeting.

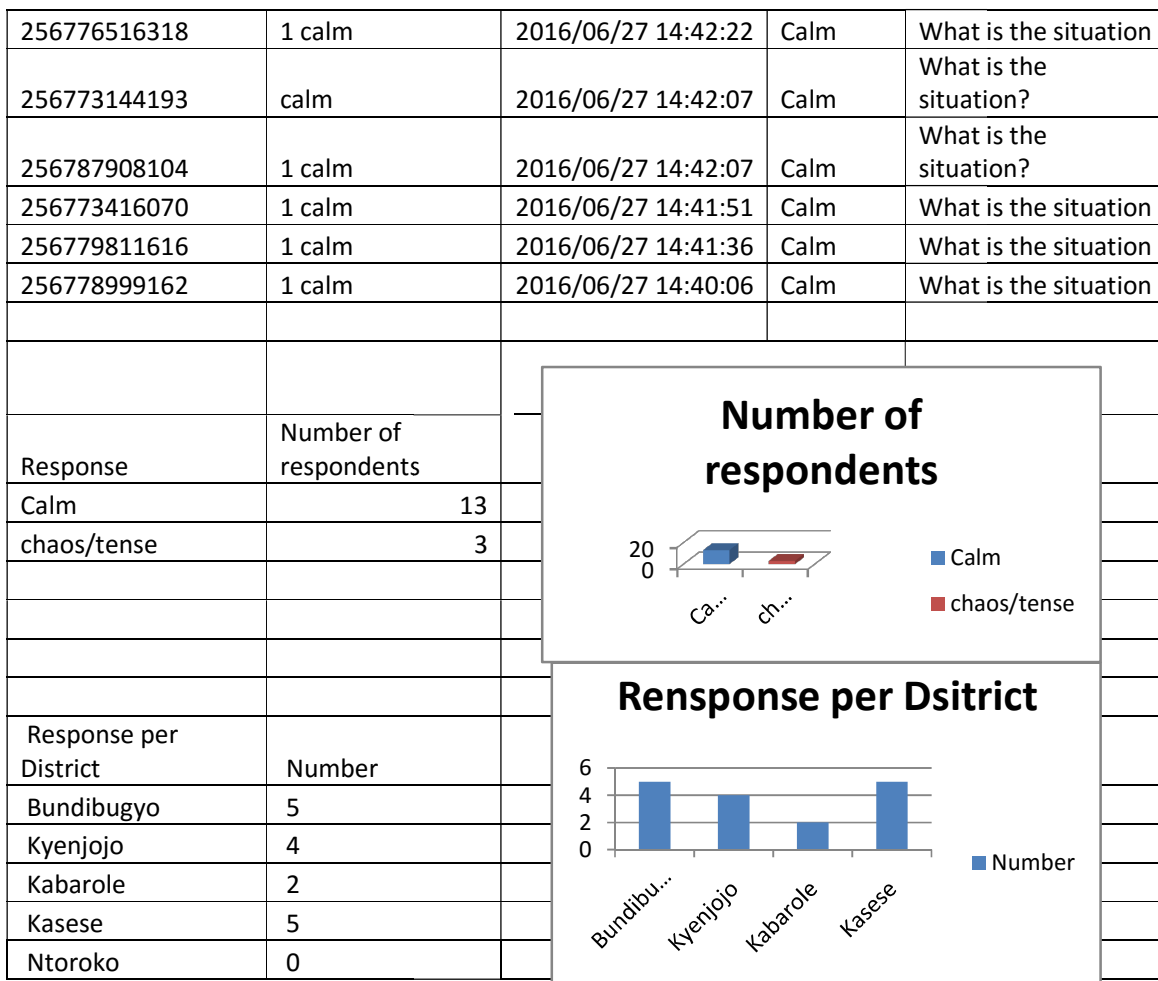
Current information indicates that the Royal Guards have been locked up in the palace and cannot visit their homes for fear of being arrested by security operatives. There is therefore need to analyze the reason for the killings and reconcile the police with the royal guards and the Kingdom.

The Kyenjojo Situation

Kyenjojo has been one of the districts that have been experiencing harmonious living since the interventions of this project, however during and after the February General Elections the district was faced with **religio-political** conflict and tensions following the central role of religion and ethnicity in shaping both the conduct and outcome of the 2016 parliamentary elections in Mwenje North constituency. Specifically, parliamentary candidates built their political leverage along Christianity and the Desteo-Bisaka-led Unity of Faith Religious group which heightened tensions between followers of these religious groups. In one incident at Nyamyenzi Church of Uganda (C.O.U),

followers of different religious groups clashed a few weeks to election date on February 18th, 2016. Reacting to reports from peace actors in Nyakwanzi Sub County that indicated continued implicit tension and anger among adherents of different religious denominations in this post-election period. Through the online platform KRC followed up with phone calls and decided to conduct reconciliation meetings to as a platform to Explore ways and means of furthering inter-religious co-existence in the Sub County and district at large. The meetings entailed using an empowering and consultative approach. In this approach, local religious and civic leaders, elders, eminent persons and security agencies became part in planning for and managing all reconciliation meetings. Notably through the meeting KRC and the stakeholders were able to 1.To more understand and appreciate points of contention and unity and;2. Draw a reconciling roadmap to be pursued after the reconciliation meeting. Advance interventions will still be takes on to ensure total peace in the area. The role of the Interreligious council here will be very prudent to de-escalate the conflict situation.

Fig: 4. An over view extract of the general situation



Conclusively, the region is moderately calm despite sentiments within individual communities and households especially in Kasese where there is still a negative tint on Police. KRC will continue to monitor and give updates about the situation and cause action with relevant stakeholders where necessary.