

Cross-border Opportunities for Migration, Peace and Self Sustenance (COMPASS)

Project Summary

In partnership with [Makerere University's Centre for Health and Social Economic Improvement \(CHASE-i\)](#), [LWF](#) and [CDSS](#), through the [United Nations Office of Project Services \(UNOPS\)](#), secured funds from [European Union \(EU\)](#) under the [Lives in Dignity Grant Facility](#) to implement a 2.5-year cross-border project titled **Cross-border Opportunities for Migration, Peace, and Self Sustenance (COMPASS)**.

The COMPASS project's purpose is to create avenues that allow refugees and other displaced persons to be productive members of their host communities and participate in furthering their common resilience, socio-economic growth, and development. COMPASS project has three thematic areas: i) **Protection**, ii) **Livelihoods**, and iii) **Access to Integrated Services**. In Uganda it is implemented by LWF-Uganda while in Sudan it is implemented by LWF-South Sudan and CDSS in different sites. Throughout its implementation, the project prioritizes learning and intentionally works:

- i. To strengthen coordination, accountability and stakeholder's involvement and participation in the project implementation and monitoring.
- ii. To identify, activate, bridge or support existing capacities and resources for improved outcomes in the project areas.
- iii. To invite, introduce and engage key stakeholders on the project intervention areas, strategies and approaches.
- iv. To continuously and jointly reflect on the project rationale, approaches, experiences, deliverables and outcomes – for sustainable impact.

The COMPASS project strives to enable refugees, returnees, IDPs, and hosting persons become productive members of their communities in Magwi, Ikwotos, and Budhi counties of Eastern Equatoria (South Sudan) and Lamwo (Uganda) to further their common resilience, socio-economic growth, and development. This requires collaboration for improved livelihoods and income generation and building safe communities to realize human rights. This process depends on, and develops, self-confidence, agency, and a sense of social responsibility. The project will support refugees to apply their assets and skills with receiving communities and IDPs as productive citizens to contribute to rebuilding South Sudan. COMPASS project is people-centered, multisectoral, multi-year, and cross-border; adapting a graduated triple nexus approach to drive sustainable impact. In Uganda, it prepares refugees with diverse skills and networks for a smooth return and reintegration into South Sudan. In South Sudan, it develops and integrates returnee and host community resources to create sustainable livelihoods, peace, and improved service delivery.

The project design brings people together across borders and across sectors to jointly assess market opportunities, risk, and capacities and design appropriate, innovative responses. Support for this process graduates from skills building and direct inputs to shared learning and advocacy. The action aligns with CRRF's cross-border solution-oriented framework, building on the enhancement of refugees' self-reliance in their place of refuge, and supporting conditions for voluntary, safe, and dignified return in their country of origin. It reinforces the capacity of affected populations and leverages the comparative advantage of diversity within these populations, creating and achieving collective outcomes over multi-year timeframes.

The COMPASS project timeline is from 01 July 2022 – 31 December 2024.