

Target Group

COPP targets the students of Gulu University, representatives of civil society and local government, NGO staff as well as all those who are interested to enrich their knowledge in conflict management and peace building skills either for private or professional reasons.



Public Debate in Radio Talk Show

COPP's Current Cooperation Partners

- German Development Service (Civil Peace Service Program)
- Amuru Parents' Initiative to Enhance Education (APIEE)

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Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS)



Community Outreach Peace Project (COPP)



From the socio-political and economic perspectives, the establishment of Gulu University was issue-based and demand-driven to respond to the much needed high-level education, research and to stimulate sustainable development in the war-ravaged region of Northern Uganda.

Confronted with such an enormous task, the University's functional quality could only be realized and sustained by creating specialized academic centers to respond to particular issues from both the professional and practitioners' perspectives.

Informed by this criterion, the University established the Centre for Conflict Management and Peace Studies (CCMPS) in 2003, which was elevated to an Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS) in 2007. The Institute has become more efficient, effective and robust in the promotion of an interdisciplinary, action-oriented and community-centered approach in conflict prevention, management, resettlement, resolution, transformation and peace building for a harmonious and peaceful societal co-existence.

Vision: To be a leading academic institution for the promotion of rural transformation and industrialization for sustainable development.

Mission: To expand access to higher education, provide quality professional training for delivery of appropriate social services and conduct research geared towards rural transformation and conservation of biodiversity.

The Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies

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The Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies responds to the challenge by establishing itself as a focal point for intellectual inquiry and action-oriented research in the field of peace, conflict and strategic studies, and any other discipline that bears relevance to the peace interests and needs of the community.



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It is an innovative intervener and a multiplier in peace and reconciliation work, involving civil society and community initiatives. With commitment and interest in international co-operation for peace work, the Institute is an open space and forum of training and experience of new methods and tools in peace work in order to create and reinforce new capacities of peace builders as genuine catalysts within their respective communities and societies.

Vision: to be a leading centre for academic and practical excellence in peace, legal and strategic studies.

Mission: to provide excellent quality research, training and dissemination that shall promote academic and practical growth in peace, legal and strategic studies through professionalism and sustainable response to social community conflicts.

Community Outreach Peace Project

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The Community Outreach Peace Project is a new peace initiative housed at Gulu University's Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies. Through peace outreach the project attempts to connect peace theories from academia with practical experiences and life realities of the rural population.

COPP's Overall Goal is to "strengthen peace building mechanisms through community participation and sustainable peace and development."

Mission: A peace project to transform communities in Northern Uganda for positive and sustainable peace through research, documentation, dissemination and outreach programs.

Vision: A community enjoying sustainable peace and development.

COPP's Objectives

To support community-based peace building developmental initiatives;

To research, document and disseminate relevant information in the field of peace building and conflict transformation;

To enhance advocacy and networking that can influence policies and decision making.