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Welcome to the second edition of the Prospect Outlook Newsletter, covering January to June 2026. This edition reflects our continued commitment to building just and resilient societies through locally led peacebuilding, climate action, and inclusive development.

Over the past six months, we have worked with communities, government institutions, and partners to address emerging challenges while creating opportunities for lasting change.

Among the highlights in this edition are the launch of the Peacebuilding and Climate Action Project, progress under the Peace Beyond Borders initiative and the Amani Pamoja project with inspiring stories of communities leading efforts in conflict prevention, climate resilience, and youth empowerment. These achievements demonstrate the impact of collaboration and the importance of investing in local leadership.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our partners, donors, and the communities we serve for their continued trust and support. As you read this edition, we hope these stories inspire renewed commitment to working together for peaceful, resilient, and inclusive communities.

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Peacebuilding and Climate Action Project Launched to Strengthen Climate Resilience and Peace

Prospect Initiative, in partnership with Finn Church Aid (FCA) and with support from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, officially launched the Peacebuilding and Climate Action Project, a four-year initiative to strengthen peace, climate resilience and inclusive governance in Kasese District and Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement.

The launch brought together **206 stakeholders**, including district leaders, security agencies, humanitarian actors, civil society organizations, refugee leadership structures, and cultural and religious leaders, to examine the growing links between climate change and conflict and identify joint solutions. The discussions laid the foundation for stronger institutional partnerships and local ownership of the project.

Over the next four years, the project will directly reach more than 52,000 young people, while empowering women leaders, local authorities and community actors to lead conflict prevention, mediation and climate adaptation efforts.

Climate change was previously perceived as a distant or foreign issue but has since become a visible and pressing reality. We must address it through an inclusive and practical approach that actively engages young people in building sustainable and peaceful communities -Hon. Christine Kaaya





Refugee leaders equipped to resolve conflicts peacefully

43 leaders, including newly elected Refugee Welfare Council (RWC) leaders in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement, are better prepared to resolve conflicts after participating in a capacity-building training on mediation, negotiation, and reconciliation. The training came at a critical time as the new leaders assumed responsibility for promoting peaceful coexistence within one of Uganda's largest refugee settlements.

Participants strengthened practical skills to address disputes before they escalate, contributing to stronger community-led conflict resolution and social cohesion.



Climate Peace and Security caravan reaches over 44,000 people

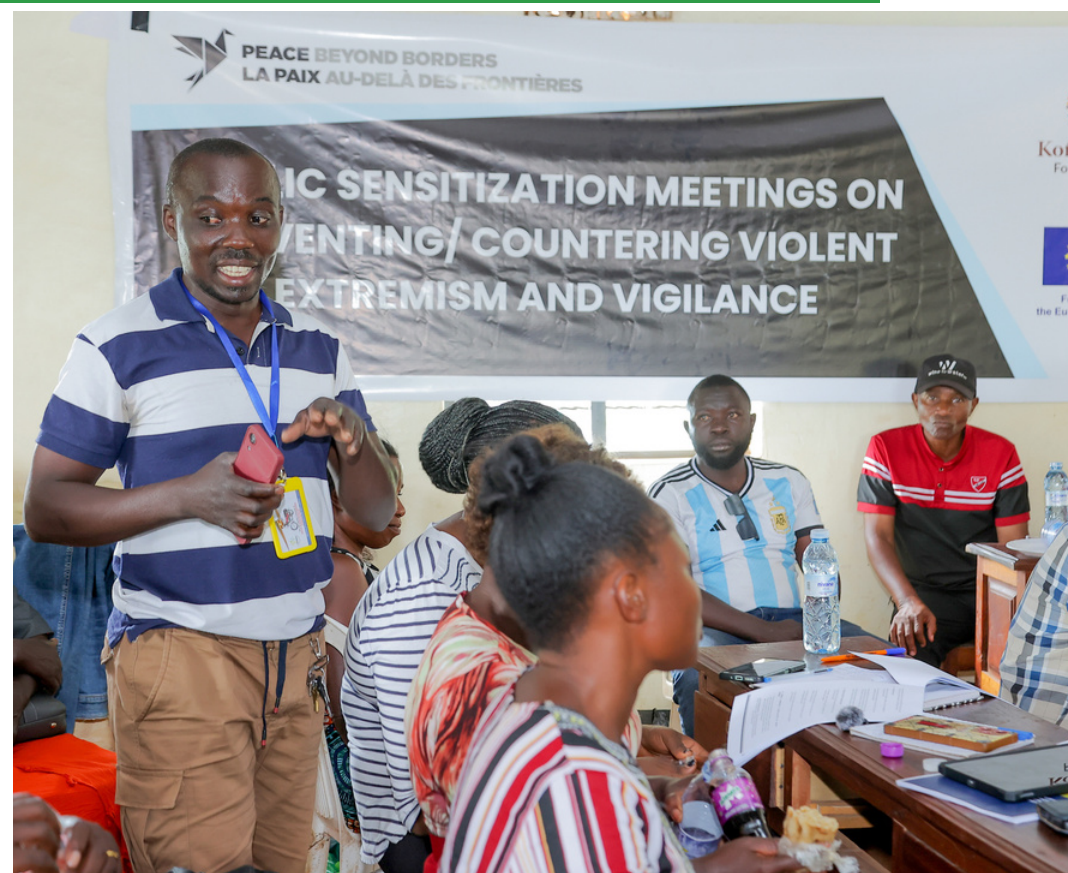
Prospect Initiative, in partnership with Finn Church Aid, with funding from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, took climate and peace conversations directly to communities through a week-long awareness caravan across Bwesumbu, Rukoki, Rugendabara, and Muhokya in Kasese District. Using mobile public announcements, community dialogues, radio talk shows and educational materials, the campaign reached **44,440 people**, 22,890 through direct engagements and 21,550 through radio broadcasts across the Rwenzori sub-region.

The caravan helped communities understand how climate change is not only affecting livelihoods through floods, drought and environmental degradation, but is also increasing competition over natural resources and fuelling conflict.

Today, I have come to understand that climate change is not only about droughts and floods. It is also about the conflicts that arise when people compete for scarce natural resources. We all need to work together to protect our environment and maintain peace within our community. -Local leader from Kaghandu Village



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Boda-boda riders become frontline peace defenders

A total of **327 boda-boda riders**, landlords and house brokers were trained to recognize recruitment tactics and suspicious behaviour linked to violent extremism. The training has already translated into action. In Mpondwe and Kyengera, riders have reported suspicious passengers and luggage through local security structures, helping prevent potential attacks. Others refused to participate in politically motivated violence during the election period, demonstrating a growing commitment to protecting their communities. Today, around **229 participants** are actively applying the knowledge gained, proving that community members can play a vital role in preventing violent extremism.



Salafi leaders drive community resilience through livelihoods

Under the Peace Beyond Borders project, 38 Salafi leaders and professionals were equipped with practical skills to address the root causes of vulnerability within their communities. Rather than stopping at training, participants launched initiatives that create economic opportunities and strengthen resilience. Partnerships with agribusiness experts have already enabled more than **500 people** across over **10 mosques** to access livelihood training, with over **150 participants** starting poultry farming and liquid soap businesses. Others introduced digital education platforms and youth development programmes, demonstrating how community-led solutions can reduce the appeal of extremist recruitment.



Victims of Terrorism Engage National Counter Terrorism Centre.

Leaders of the Victims of Terrorism Association of Uganda (VoTAU) met with the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) to present the association's progress and advocate for stronger support and recognition of victims and survivors of terrorism. VoTAU introduced its work and key priorities, including improved victim support services, stronger witness protection mechanisms, and greater participation of victims in national prevention and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) efforts. NCTC committed to facilitate a formal presentation by VoTAU to the Counter-Terrorism Inter-Agency Committee, a high-level platform that brings together institutions responsible for counter-terrorism, justice, and security coordination.

Call for Grants Launched to Strengthen Resilience and Local Leadership.

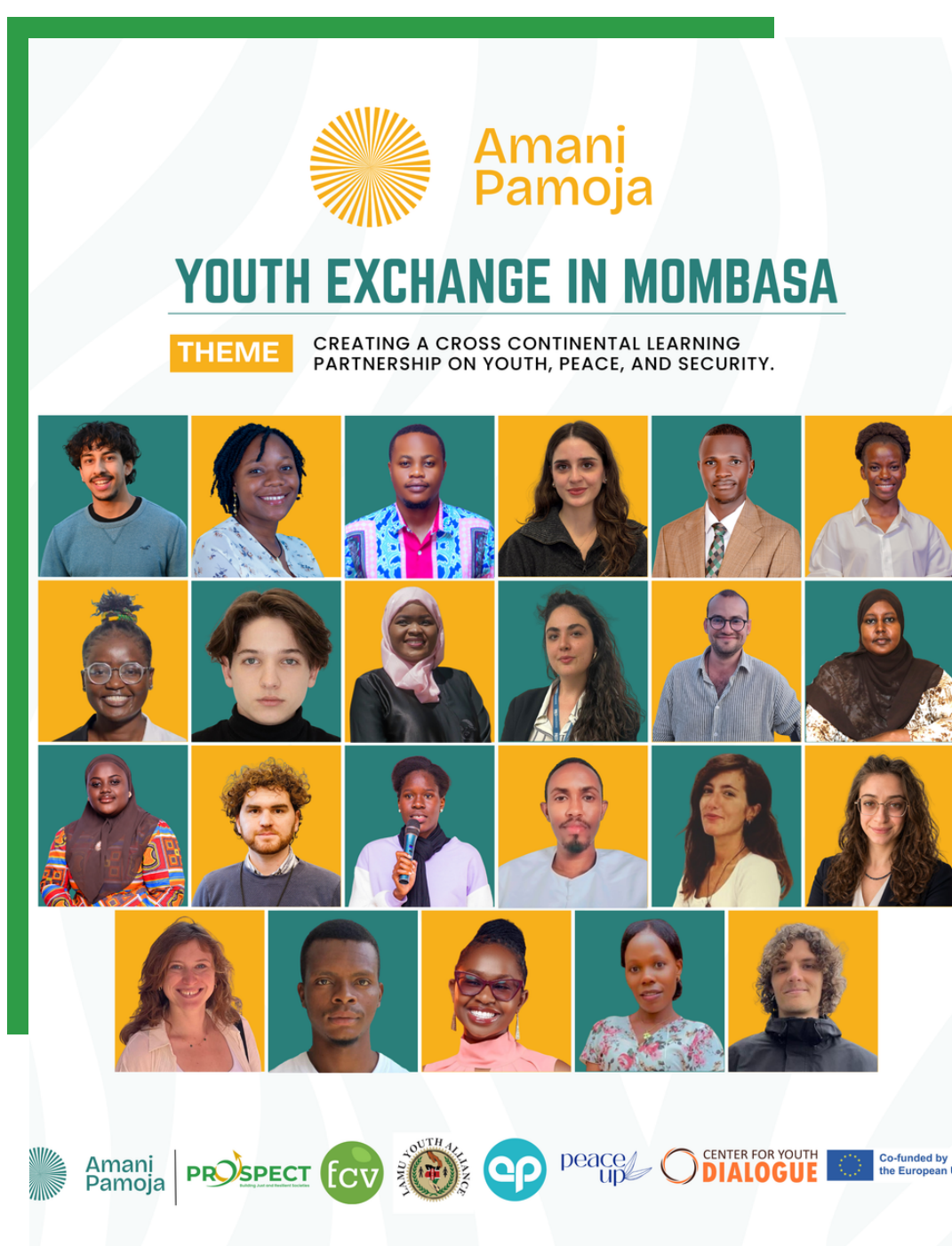
Prospect Initiative issued a call for community grant applications targeting Salafi community structures and the Victims of Terrorism Association of Uganda (VoTAU) as part of efforts to strengthen locally led approaches to resilience, recovery, and the prevention of violent extremism. The grant opportunity sought to support innovative and community-driven initiatives that respond to challenges affecting vulnerable groups while promoting social cohesion, inclusion, and sustainable development.

For Salafi communities, the grants were designed to support interventions aligned with the Salafi Social, Economic, Civic and Institutional Development Strategy, particularly in the areas of community development, youth engagement, livelihoods, and institutional strengthening.

For victims and survivors of terrorism, the grant was intended to support initiatives promoting recovery, advocacy, economic resilience, and psychosocial wellbeing. The opportunity is expected to strengthen the capacity of survivors and affected families to organize around shared priorities and contribute to broader peacebuilding efforts.

The initiative was implemented under the Peace Beyond Borders Project, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Kofi Annan Foundation, Prospect Initiative, and Pole Institute.





Young Peacebuilders Selected for First Amani Pamoja Youth Exchange

Amani Pamoja (Peace Together) is a newly launched Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the Youth project bringing together partners from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Germany, Italy and Spain to strengthen youth-led peacebuilding and advance the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda. Through cross-continental learning, advocacy and policy dialogue, the project seeks to empower young people to become active contributors to peace, social cohesion and democratic participation within their communities. The project recently marked its first major milestone with the inaugural Youth Exchange in Mombasa, Kenya, organised by Prospect Initiative and hosted by Lamu Youth Alliance. Selected young leaders from the six partner countries came together for a week of intercultural learning, peer exchange and capacity building, strengthening their skills in peacebuilding, advocacy and policy dialogue while building lasting partnerships that will contribute to youth-led peace initiatives across Africa and Europe

Communities strengthen resilience against violent extremism

During its first eleven months, the Peace Beyond Borders project reached more than 785,000 people across Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo through community awareness, dialogue and capacity-building activities to prevent violent extremism.

A major milestone was the establishment of the Victims of Terrorism Association Uganda (VoTAU), bringing together 47 survivors to contribute to national peace dialogues and advocate for victim-centred approaches to peacebuilding. In North Kivu, the project

also supported the adoption of the province's first integrated Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Action Plan, strengthening coordination between government and local stakeholders. Community outreach was further expanded through the "Kambale" radio drama, reaching an estimated 500,000 listeners in Uganda, and the revitalisation of 14 multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms. Together, these initiatives are helping communities move from awareness to collective action, strengthening local resilience and promoting lasting peace.

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