



Gulu, Uganda — June 2025 — African Women Rising (AWR) is proud to announce a groundbreaking partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) aimed at strengthening regenerative agriculture and resilience capacities across Northern Uganda and refugee-hosting regions.

The collaboration between AWR and WFP promotes self-reliance and long-term food and water security in vulnerable communities. Through this partnership, AWR will lead technical training and capacity-building programs in regenerative agriculture for WFP staff, government partners, and other local actors.

“We are honored to partner with the World Food Programme to deepen our shared commitment to sustainable livelihoods,” said Linda Eckerbom Cole, Executive Director of African Women Rising. “This partnership will expand the reach of regenerative practices that restore the land, buffer communities against climate extremes, and support women and families in building lasting resilience.”

Under the agreement, AWR will deliver a comprehensive suite of training modules on topics including ecological farm design, permagardens, water harvesting, living soils, food forestry, and climate resilience strategies. These trainings will be tailored to multiple contexts—including homestead gardens in refugee settlements, school gardens in Karamoja, and community-owned horticulture sites—based on available funding and evolving program priorities.

Additionally, AWR will facilitate learning exchanges at Lok Neno, a Training, Research, and Demonstration Facility to provide ongoing coaching and technical support to WFP and partner teams. Both organizations will jointly contribute to advancing evidence, data collection, and advocacy efforts to position regenerative agriculture as a central strategy for climate adaptation and development.

This partnership reflects African Women Rising’s broader mission to uplift conflict-affected communities—particularly women—through increased food production, natural resource management, financial security, and education.

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About African Women Rising:

Founded in 2006, African Women Rising is a community-based organization working with women in Northern Uganda to build resilient, thriving communities through agriculture, education, and financial inclusion.

About the World Food Programme:

The World Food Programme is the United Nations' leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.