

Introduction to Chapter 5

Mukasa et al. continue in Chapter 5 with the ACM programme that was conducted in Uganda, but these authors focus instead on the *process* of ACM, the specific attempts the community members undertook with the team's facilitation and the impacts at that time. The authors have also been able to revisit these sites more recently and provide up-to-date assessments of the longevity of many, though not all, of their efforts. A number of the communities' concerns have significance for the global restoration efforts now underway – efforts that frequently inadequately attend to the needs, interests and capabilities of local people. The experience of this ACM team should be directly applicable to many such programmes.

Mukasa's team also demonstrates the value of attending to both genders in attempts to empower women. They were able – through equitable and careful facilitation, regular and consistent involvement and a focus on local priorities – to interest local men as well in improving livelihoods and voice for the whole community while also addressing gendered power imbalances there. Their successes speak to the value of concerted, local level, responsive development efforts that emphasize learning among all participants. The complementarity between the research reported in Chapter 4 and this chapter shows an effective way to address multiple levels (from local to national). Chapters 4 and 5 conclude that ACM demonstrates efficacy, though somewhat erratically. It is worth noting the agreement in results, despite the divergent research methods used in analysis.