

AGRICULTURE

Jafar and Mporo live in the village of Kaiso. The village is now located long the Kampala-Hoima –Kaiso highway. In the early years it was located near the holy traditional shrine. There are two neighbouring communities: one on the other side of the Lake George, the other one adjacent to the maize growing area. With my family, we live in a house that my father built a couple of years ago. We have a large compound; kitchen and storage room. Our land is next to that of a village mate who lives in the city. We rent part of this land for our domestic animals.

My family grows annual crops on land parcels. These pieces of land were inherited from our grandparents and clan. My mum takes care of the family animals. My oldest brother works at the fish farm near Lake George.

Akiiki who is a brother; is good at hunting in the community forest. Akiki does fishing in Lake George. The two elder sisters sell our products at the market. At school, my best friend is Amooti. His family is settled in the middle of the community land close to the forest. They grow crops and rear cattle.

Yesterday, the head of the community said that an industrial investment project of oil processing is coming. Some of our land Kitoba and Bugambe is required for the project. My father like other residents is disturbed. The community leader is telling them that they will receive compensation for the land. The women are concerned that runoff from the industrial activities deny them where to get food for the family. The soil washed away from the large cleared areas will pollute the drinking water. Some of it will be deposited at the banks of Lake George.

While those on community land have been given only one month to leave. Akiiki's family will go unnoticed. The head of the community has told the residents to produce evidence of the size of land they hold in and around the sub-county within three months.

- a) What is Jafar's story about? In which district of Uganda is Kaiso, Kitoba and Bugambe according to the story? Has your community experienced a similar or different situation? Describe what set off such an experience in your community. How did it end? If you were the leader in that community, what would you do?
- b) What does Jafar story show about that community?
- c) What is Jafar's community members' perception of ownership and use of the land?
- d) What rules are used when transferring land by inheritance in your community? Are there people who follow different rules? Describe what they do.
- e) How does your community transfer land to future generations within the community or to external parties?