





## Culture: A driver of Social Cohesion and Development

Culture embodies all our aspects of life, and a very fundamental driver and component of change and development. Spiritual, material, intellectual and emotional features of a society are embedded within culture. However, global challenges such as conflicts and wars, endemic poverty and hunger, environmental degradation and rapid urbanisation have led to the erosion of cultures and its practices.

At the Uganda Buddhist Centre, we initiated cultural dance as part of the activities of the Women Economic Empowerment Project. Culture builds social cohesion and mobilises people for social change based on its values and beliefs. Intercultural interactions have enhanced respects of differences amongst one another. The activity was also introduced as a source of support for women who have experienced divorce, death and other difficult situations in their lives.

Different types of dances were introduced to 15 women, such as Bakisimba, Nankasa, Muwogola, and other forms of creative dance. Women found it fun and a therapeutic. the program however, was gravely affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 world pan-demic before it moved to its next stage of development.



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