

## UGANDA'S DISPOSSESSED

Indigenous communities demanding inclusion in the Third Schedule of the Ugandan Constitution and rights to citizenship (selected), distribution by district



Benet community around Mount Elgon



When the British colonial government placed Mount Elgon under nature protection in 1938, the Benet people who had settled on the forest slopes were disregarded. Due to heavy deforestation, they were resettled in 1983 on 6,000 hectares on the northern edge of the area. Allocated too few land parcels because of corruption, they brought into cultivation another 1,500 hectares belonging to the National Park. Some 6,000 Benet were evicted from this area. A court ordered compensation in 2005, but the conflict has not yet been resolved.