

Kono Fashion

Since the early 16th century Chiefs of the Lango people of Northern Uganda have fashioned and worn elaborate headdresses (*Kono*).

Traditional leaders allowed their hair to grow down to their back. It was then woven into an ostrich egg shape, smeared with a mixture of clay and chalk and decorated with beads, cowrie shells and plumes feathers.

A local barber, recognized for making kono headdresses, carefully shaved the chief's head, creating a unique and personal head ornament.

Kono were worn by chiefs for special ceremonies and traditional functions as a symbol of their status and authority.