



MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

-making life better for communities in Uganda.



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Congratulations!

The Ministry of Local Government Congratulates His Excellency the President Yoweri Kaguta T. Museveni and all Ugandans on the celebration of the 61st Independence Day Anniversary.

OUR VISION: *An effective and efficient Local government system that provides quality, equitable and sustainable services to the population of Uganda*

OUR MISSION: *To coordinate and support Local Government in a bid to provide efficient and sustainable services, improve the welfare of all the people and eradicate poverty in Uganda*

OUR MANDATE: *To guide, inspect, monitor and advocate for all Local Governments in support of the overall vision of the Government to bring about social-economic transformation of the country*

The Ministry of Local Government plays a crucial role in influencing and implementing both National Development Plans and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is through Policy Alignment, Implementation of initiatives and projects, Capacity building and fostering Partnerships.

The actions of the Ministry of Local Government at the grassroots level have translated National and Global Development agendas into tangible improvements in people's livelihoods.

Decentralisation, through the Local Government structure, has prompted good governance, enhanced local economic development and ensured efficient and effective service delivery.

■ **Local Economic Growth Support Project (LEGS) – a Vehicle for delivering the Local Economic Development (LED) Policy, the Parish Development Model (PDM) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the grassroots**



The Ministry of Local Government hosted a delegation of Lives and Livelihoods Fund (LLF) Representatives and Islamic Development Bank in Uganda at Kampala Serena Hotel in August 2023.

"The LEGS Project is currently benefitting over 241,000 Households a number that is projected to increase to 1.7 million households by 2025."

The Ministry of Local Government is implementing the Local Economic Growth Support (LEGS) Project. The USD 43 Million Project is funded by the Government of Uganda, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Lives and Livelihoods Fund (LLF) implemented in 17 Districts of Adjumani,

Alebtong, Bunyangabu, Buikwe, Buyende, Gomba, Kabarole, Katakwi, Kibuuku, Kumi, Kyenjojo, Luweero, Nakaseke, Ntoroko, Nwoya, Rukungiri, and Tororo. The LEGS Project is one of the initiatives for the Ministry to deliver the National Policy on Local Economic Development (LED), the Third National Development Plan (NDP III), Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Uganda’s Decentralisation Policy to the grassroots.

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is investing USD 10 million in the LEGS Project. The Board rated the LEGS as a successful project after visiting some of the Project Sites and interacting with Communities in Rwenzori sub region in Western Uganda.

The project continues to transform livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the region and has created more demand for deepening and scale up in other regions.

LEGS project is directly implementing the three Pillars of the Parish Development Model. These are: -

1. Production, Processing, Storage and Marketing;
2. Infrastructure and Economic Services
3. Financial Inclusion.

LEGS Project’s achievements by August 2023

- The Project has Constructed 157 kms of Community Access Roads
- 2 Multipurpose Bulking and Storage Centers
- 8 Market Sheds,
- 8 Water Gravity Flow Schemes,
- 11 Agro-Processing Facilities, and disbursed UGX 4.6 billion as Rural Microfinance for Agro-inputs, Processing Technologies, Farm Equipment and Agro-produce transport facilities.



The Minister of State for Local Government Hon. Victoria Busingye Rusoke with the Lives and Livelihood fund donors, (LLF) inspecting a farmer’s garden who is part of the mabale tea factory in Kyenjojo District.

Improving Livestock Production - the community based Artificial Inseminations services.

The Project has also embarked on promoting the use of Artificial Insemination as a strategy for improving cattle breeds and income of livestock farmers through increased production. A total of 1,217 farmers across the country were trained in artificial insemination.



The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Mr Ben Kumumanya handing over an Artificial Insemination (AI) Kit to one of the District Veterinary officers at the graduation held October, 2022 at Ruhenjere field farm in Kiruhura district.

BEFORE AND AFTER



A Section of Gomero, Migani, Kagongi, Buwana community access road in Nakaseke before it was rehabilitated under the LEGS Project.



The 33 Km access road from Gomero, Migani, Kagongi, Buwana in Nakaseke District after it was rehabilitation by the LEGS Project in December 2022.

Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU)

DINU is funded by the Government of Uganda and European Union (EU) with the following objectives: -

- Consolidating stability in Northern Uganda,
- Eradicating poverty and under-nutrition and
- Strengthening the foundations for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development.

Under the DINU - Local Government Excellence Fund (LGEF) a total of 17 Medium size projects were funded at a cost of over sh13 bn.

These include livestock markets, produce and general merchandise markets, business and governance centres, honey value chain projects, and Solar piped water supply systems in line with the National Development Plan (NDP 3) projects have created jobs, attracted new businesses and propelled more women and youth into the market economy.

The scheme benefits households, schools, health centers, churches and mosques in Yumbe district. By the end of 2022/23 financial year, 108 families had been connected to piped water and 10 Public standpipes were installed. It is also important to note that Yumbe district hosts over 270,000 refugees in bidi bidi, which is the largest refugee camp in the world.



Beneficiaries enjoying clean water at Adibo Piped Water Supply scheme in Arafu sub county in Yumbe district in northern Uganda.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2021/22 - 2024/25

Re-igniting Local Resources and Self Help

The Government of Uganda adopted the national Local Economic Development (LED) policy, whose overall goal is "A transformed local government system that facilitates effective business-oriented locality development with a focus on poverty reduction and sustainable wealth creation".

The LED Secretariate in the Ministry of Local Government Coordinates LED implementation across the country and the operation of The Northern Uganda Development of Enhanced Local Governance Infrastructure and Livelihoods (NUDEIL Projects)

The Parish Development Model (PDM)

The Parish Development Model (PDM) is a strategy of the Government of Uganda meant to uplift the 39% of the population in the subsistence economy into the money economy.



PDM beneficiaries in Karamoja sub-region during the launch of Parish Revolving fund.

These are Ugandans who only produce for consumption, and don't make enough to save or invest. Each Parish in the district is receiving shs. 100 million to give to the different enterprise groups.

Each household then receives a loan of 1 million shillings payable after a grace period of 24 months. Payments to be made in either installments or at once within 12 months after the grace period at an interest rate of 6% per annum. PDM supports beneficiaries in businesses along the agricultural value chain in 7 priority areas namely;-

- poultry,
- dairy,
- fisheries,
- coffee,
- piggery,
- food crops,
- fruits and vegetables.

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Markets and Agricultural Trade improvement Programme- (MATIP)

Government Committed to Improve Marketplace Economic and Social Infrastructure - through Markets and Agricultural Trade Improvement Programme -(MATIP).



The new Mbarara Central Market, built on 1 acre of land with about 1194 facilities. The new market accommodates 1194 Vendors against 700 vendors that were in the old Market.

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The Ministry launched the Markets Act 2023.

The act is set to reform the existing laws governing the establishment and regulation of markets in Uganda, as well as establish a framework for the management of both public and private markets.



The Minister for Local Government Hon. Raphael Magyezi with Hon. Margaret Rwabushaija launching the Markets Act 2023 on 20th July, 2023 at Fairway Hotel.

The Ministry of Local Government is implementing **MATIP Project** as one of the Key Government Strategic Investments aimed at contributing to Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth in Uganda, through Enhanced Commercialization of Agricultural Produce and other Merchandise.

Key Milestones

- The Project has completed Construction of 12 planned Urban Markets of **Arua, Busia, Entebbe, Kabale, Kasese, Kitgum, Lugazi, Masaka, Mbarara, Moroto, Soroti and Tororo** was undertaken under the Project. The modern Markets have been equipped with, **CCTV camera, Public address systems, installed Solar energy systems, water harvesting systems/ Tanks, Police Booths, Car parking, Children Day care centers, banking spaces, Pharmacies/Clinics, cooking areas with installed energy saving cooking stoves, restaurants, water**

bone toilets / wash rooms among others.

- **A Total of 16,144 Vendors** (of which **60% are Females, 40% Males**) have been resettled back into the completed 11 Markets of **Kasese, Arua, Soroti, Tororo, Lopeduru-Moroto, Busia, Lugazi, Mbarara Kitooro-Entebbe, Kasese and Masaka.**
- Over **1,500 Vendors** are expected to be resettled in Kitgum Market after commissioning of the Market by H.E the President on 9th October 2023
- Completed construction of **shelters, installation, and full test running** of all the planned 3 high-level value addition facilities for Arua, Busia and Soroti markets
- Delivered **12 Garbage Trucks** to facilitate collection and disposal of solid waste from markets.
- The Ministry has completed designs of the additional **18 Markets** to be constructed under future Projects.

The new Markets have significantly impacted on the lives of the communities and vendors through;

- **Creation of more job opportunities for the youth and women,**
- **Improved vendor's and farmers' incomes and working conditions**
- **Enhanced revenue for the beneficiary urban councils amongst others**

A story of a successful Government initiative - MATIP



Day to day activities of Market Vendors in Mbarara Central Market



At the age of a beautiful Soroti rock in Teso region, is the unique and new attraction Soroti Main Market named "Jeruzalemu" by the locals. This new Maval is a home of about 1500 vendors who are currently conducting business

MATIP-2, is a significant investment in the development of Uganda's Agricultural sector. It is helping to improve the lives of the farmers, vendors, and communities across the country;

Voices of the Beneficiaries



The Project has improved the overall working conditions of the traders and the customers

The Project has improved the working conditions of the traders and provided a clean shopping environment for the customers through Market Zoning, improved the layout of their merchandise and created more space.



"I used to earn **Ugx 500,000 - 1,000,000** in the old Market but I now make over **Ugx 3,000,000** and save **300,000** on my fixed account and

re-invest the balance into the business. I have been able to buy my self-land, educated my 5 children. The 1st born has completed his Diploma and joined me to do business.

Margaret Cecillia, vendor, Tororo Central Market



"I have been in the market business for 4 years with my mother and my sisters, this is where I get money to buy school requirements. I encourage my fellow youth to come and join me in the business because there are many opportunities here. **Letasi Sharon, 20, O-Level leaver, selling fruits and vegetables, Arua Central Market.**



I am very thankful for this Market; I have been in this business for 8 years starting with the old market. This one is much better, although there are some challenges. My income has increased from **15,000** to **50,000** a day sometimes I make more. I use Wi-Fi in the Market to advertise my goods. **Maria Ayimo, Produce Vendor, Soroti Central Market.**

Promoting Post harvest handling and Value addition

The 1000 Metric Tone Value Addition plant in Busia Municipality, is a Maize hub constructed by the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Local Government.

The Maize Hub has a receiving system of grain, cleaning system, drying system, storage system of 1000 Metric tones capacity (Silos).

The plant has improved the quality of maize, reduced on post-harvest losses, improved the market demand since the grain from Busia is bought by Kenya, Tanzania and Sudan.



(Above) Installed 1000 metric tons (Silos) (below) The maize processing and packaging component.

The Government of Uganda commissioned a study in 2008 to review and assess the infrastructural and operational state of the local markets across the country. The findings of the study indicated, that most Markets were congested, dilapidated, and environmentally unfriendly for people to trade in.

It's against this back ground that the Government of Uganda sought funding and support from African Development Bank (AfDB) to improve and upgrade 21 Urban Markets across the Country under **Markets and Agricultural Trade Improvement Programme (MATIP).**

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