



PRESENTATION TO REGIONAL SDG FORUM 8TH JUNE 2022 – MBALE CITY

“FOURTH NORTHERN UGANDA SOCIAL ACTION FUND” PROJECT
TO BE FUNDED BY THE WORLD BANK (IDA)

OPM – NORTHERN UGANDA





Objective of the Presentation

To appraise the Regional SDG Forum on the progress in the development of the NUSAF4 Project as was authorized by Cabinet on 24th January 2022 to support poor and vulnerable households in the Greater Northern Uganda covering West Nile, Acholi, Lango, Teso, Karamoja, Elgon, Bukedi, Busoga and Bunyoro Sub-Region.





Background

GoU will continue the Affirmative Action Programs enshrined in the National Development Plan (NDP3) to support socio economic recovery and reduce disparities in poverty levels in Greater Northern Uganda.

While the Affirmative Actions contributed to declining average poverty levels over the past decades, the situation remains wanting in Acholi, Karamoja, Bukedi, Busoga, Lango and Teso where the average poverty level is still above the national average of **20.3%**; and up to **52%** live in the subsistence economy in the Greater North compared to **39%** at the National level.





Achievements of NUSAF3

The NUSAF3 Project *Implementation Completion Report (ICR)* dated June 2021 indicated that up to **3,031,690** poor and vulnerable populations from **606,338** households benefited from the NUSAF3 funds. The Project funds were used in **5,299** targeted villages within **1,536** Parishes of the **67** participating Districts. Below is a table showing achievements against the planned targets.

Indicators	Planned	Achieved	%
Number of groups (sub projects) funded	10,870	12,693	117%
Number of community assets built	3,170	3,240	102%
Number of households supported	599,600	606,338	101%
Number of (beneficiaries)	2,995,500	3,031,690	101%
Number of female beneficiaries	1,198,200	1,772,770	148%
Households supported in post-disaster	84,000	90,405	108%
Parishes with Community Monitoring Group	85%	90%	
% of grievances registered and resolved	70%	76%	
National Beneficiary Registry / Project MIS	Established	Functional	
% increase in the value of household assets	20%	35%	
% of beneficiaries satisfied with the project	80%	95%	





Factors perpetuating poverty in the Greater North include the following:

- a) Traditional farming methods with rudimentary tools
- b) Low value micro enterprises and household afford only small acreages.
- c) Lack of agro-processing and low value addition to primary commodities
- d) Natural disasters including drought, floods, landslides and environmental degradation that reduce productivity and affects livelihoods of the people
- e) Limited financial services and low access to investment capital
- f) Negative mindsets, traditions, customs and low adoption of economic initiatives like new crops, post-harvest handling practices, and others.





Key attributes of the successor NUSAF project

- The project will provide additional resources from the World Bank on concession credit (plus a negotiable percentage as grants).
- Consolidate the achievements of previous interventions, scale up economic inclusion and equalization of Greater North in the development agenda.
- The Project concept conforms to the NDP3 Programme approach, the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Manifesto (2021/26) and the Parish Development Model (PDM) by financing its core pillars.





The NUSAF4 Project Components

- i. Investments in Economic and Production Infrastructures to promote production and marketing systems in tandem with PDM pillar 2 on infrastructure and economic services.
- ii. Support micro economic growth by providing Revolving Fund facility to and grants to re-capitalize ailing businesses and support groups to promote production of the 18 priority commodities as aligned to the PDM pillar 1 on promoting production, processing and marketing.
- iii. Strengthen transparency, accountability and safeguard Project resources by promoting public awareness and citizen engagement in line with PDM pillar 6 on Governance and Administration.





- iv. **National Systems Development** and upgrade the **Single Beneficiary Registry at the MGLSD** to operationalize a national database that informs planning processes, limit duplication and aid decision-making. It will also support **Disaster Risk Financing** methodology and **Digital Financing** in tandem with PDM pillar 5, the community data/information system.
- v. **Mindset development** - to transform the behaviour of people, especially the youth, to be **positive, supportive and own the development efforts to reduce poverty** in line with the PDM pillar 7 on mindset.





Implementation Arrangements

- i. The Project will be **mainstreamed into the public service structures**
- ii. **Coordinated by OPM**; in collaboration with MoLG, MFPED, MAAIF, MTIC, MGLSD, Inspectorate of Government, Districts, Sub County and Parishes.
- iii. Technical Working Committee (TWC) will ensure **compliance with sector norms and standards** of MoLG, MFPED, MAAIF, MTIC, MGLSD; and
- iv. **Collaborate** with various programs/projects and Agencies to **ensure complementarities and avoid duplication.**





Issues

- i. Uganda experienced good socio economic development in the past decade but production systems are still feeble and most communities stand high risks of slipping back into poverty.
- ii. Covid 19 affected many entrepreneurs and some businesses collapsed.
- iii. Up to **USD 250 Million** is required to address the unique challenges of the 87 beneficiary districts and effect expansion of the project to Busoga with persistent high poverty level.
- iv. GoU need to negotiate part of the financing as a Grant.

