

UGANDA – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS’ GROUP (LDPG)

Minutes, January 14, 2020

Action Matrix

Meeting	Issue	Owner	Task/Status
2019.12	Meeting OPM	LDPG/NPA	Meeting planned for January 16 th , 2020
2020.1	Retreat LDPG/NPA	LDPG	Retreat to discuss NDP III in February 2020
2020.2	Review of LDPG Technical Working Groups	DFID	Findings and recommendations of the review to be finalized in February 2020

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (5 minutes)

The meeting agenda was adopted without comments. The meetings of the LDPG meeting on December 10, 2019 were adopted. The chair of the meeting welcomed Mr. Richard Nelson, Mission Director of the United States Agency for International Development to the LDPG.

2. Presentation of the Agriculture and Water and Sanitation DPs technical working groups (30 minutes)

The chairs of the Agriculture and Rural Development as well as the Water and Sanitation technical working groups will present 3 key priorities in their areas and planned actions for the next fiscal year. Similar presentations are expected in the next LDPG meetings as part of the review of TORs of technical working groups and engagement in sector programs under the NDP III approach.

The Agriculture DPs working group shared the following issues and challenging areas for FY 19-20: i) decreasing productivity growth, ii) poor availability of reliable data to inform policy design, iii) a difficult institutional environment characterized by lack of inter-ministerial coordination, weak internal capacity and political interference. While agro-industrialization is an overarching theme, budget is significantly allocated to production/productivity and concerns remain whether the agriculture sector is able to underpin a drive to agro-processing at scale. The key messages identified by the group focus on supporting core public functions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, including capacity to deliver their regulatory functions, monitor management of public funds in

economic investments/enterprises (Public-Private Partnerships), increase support for implementation of policies that improve the agriculture business environment and leverage private sector investments, and support planning and coordination frameworks among agriculture sector-related ministries.

The Water and Sanitation DPs Working group shared recent developments in the sector as follows: i) a number of development partners have moved away from sector budget support or from the sector, ii) the institutionalization of Umbrella Authorities (managing small towns water supplies), iii) changes in the policy environment, including the development of an integrated WASH plan for refugees and hosting communities (still under validation) and the NDP III. Main challenges are associated with inadequate financing (3% of the national budget) limiting the achievements in the sector, current rate of investment is not able to meet the rate of increased demand and population growth, sanitation remains a big concern and capacity gaps in newly created local governments and Umbrella authorities. Key messages and priorities for FY 19-20 includes better budgeting/planning to address the financing gap, align investment and management of water supply systems in refugee settlements with the sector, invest in integrated water resource management systems that includes the protection and restoration of forests, wetlands and key biodiversity sites.

3. Implementation of LDPG work plan FY 19-20

LDPG quartet requested feedback on achievements, challenges and next steps to ensure effective implementation of the work plan. It was acknowledged that activities are being carried out as planned, and the strategic focus on: i) the preparation of NDP III, ii) the engagement on budget execution for FY19 and preparations for budget FY20 and the iii) the preparation for the National Partnership Forum will remain. A systematic dialogue with key government counterparts is essential for LDPG and thus special emphasis will be given to strengthen collaboration with OPM and MFPED to conduct the National Partnership Forum in March/April 2020.

Proposed action point:

Circulate work plan FY 19- 20 with LDPG.

4. Communications

- a) PDG/LDPG meeting.** The proposed agenda for the meeting focuses on the electoral process and DPs engagement to support elections. This exercise will be useful to better understand who is doing what and identify potential synergies. However, it will be important to highlight LDPG message regarding the need for close attention to key development challenges such as budget execution and preparations and project design/implementation during the electoral process, given the reduced government capacity in the second semester of the year.
- b) Debrief of LDPG/MFPED meeting.** DEG informed on positive developments with MFPED during the meeting held on January 9th regarding the national budget FY 20. DEG will continue working with DPs working groups in health, education, work and transport sectors on their inputs for the budget. The Gender DPs working group will also support specific sectors.
- c) Meeting with OPM.** LDPG Quartet will meet with OPM on January 16th, 2020 to follow-up on the National Partnership Forum and will report back on the next LDPG meeting.
- d) LDPG/NPA retreat.** LDPG Secretariat is coordinating with NPA and UN on the preparations for the retreat planned for the first week of February 2020. The Secretariat will also coordinate the compilation of inputs for NDP III from different DPs Working Groups.
- e) Global Refugee Forum.** UNHCR and UNDP informed that the Uganda Delegation had high visibility in the GRF and they shared positive histories of policies and programs implemented in the country. Their presentations in different working groups and side events were well attended. They also had meetings with several bilateral and multilateral agencies. UNHCR is working with the GOU to follow-up on the GRF and manage expectations on expected outcomes.

5. AOB (5 minutes)

Next meeting

- Propose to have next meeting on Tuesday February 11th, 2020.

Attendance List

Name	Title	Organization
Nicole McHugh	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of Ireland
Antony Thompson	Country Manager	World Bank
Cedric Merel	Head of Co-operation	EU Delegation
Andrew Ockenden	Head of Aid	DFID
Junhee Lee	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of the Republic of Korea
Simon Peter Nsereko	Development Economist	UNRCO
Clara Mira	Resident Representative	IMF
Rosa Malango	Resident Coordinator	United Nations
Margarita Puerto	Snr. Social Development Specialist	World Bank
Elea Wermelinger	Head of Cooperation	Embassy of France
Joris Van Bommel	Head of Cooperation	Embassy of the Netherlands
Davide Bonechi	Desk Officer	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
Rick Somarriba		USAID
Richard Nelson	Mission Director	USAID
Zenya Chrysostomidis	Head of Cooperation	Embassy of Norway
Henrik Jespersen	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of Denmark
Hatem Chakroun	Country Director	Agence Francaise de Development
Doreen Prendille	Deputy Representative	UNICEF
Anno Galema	First Secretary Food Security & Private Sector Developmen	Embassy of the Netherlands
Jean-Philippe Garcon	Programe Officer	AFD
Priya Gujadhur	Deputy Country Representative	FAO
Antonio Querido	Country Representative	FAO
Joel Boutroue	Country Representative	UNHCR