



Policy, strategy and challenges of GOU towards the rehabilitation and development of Northern Uganda in general and Acholi Sub-region in particular and significance of the Project in this connection

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Policy Context

- Uganda's overall development goal is to eradicate poverty and to enable her people enjoy a high standard of living.
- To that end, Government of Uganda (GoU) is pursuing a broad development agenda whose components include macro-economic reforms, promotion of increased productivity and exports, public service reforms, and decentralisation.
- Decentralisation is a key policy reform that was adopted to promote good governance and improve service provision in local development management.



Policy Context cont`d

- The Ministry of Local Government is the lead agency for the Local Government Sector and, therefore, at the forefront of mobilising resources for implementing priority programme activities ranging from streamlining inter-governmental fiscal system/relations; human resources development; and management; local revenue enhancement; service delivery; as well as urbanisation and physical planning.
- We work with Development partners like JICA and stakeholders to support the formulation and implementation of our sectoral programmes.

The Strategy...

- To aid planning and resource mobilisation, the Ministry has prepared a ten year Local Government Sector Strategic Plan (LGSSP) which will run from 2013/14 to 2023/24.
- Specifically, emphasis will be put on areas that are crucial for enhancing democratisation, local development and poverty eradication which include:
 - Administrative decentralisation
 - Fiscal decentralisation,
 - service delivery,
 - good governance, poverty eradication and
 - local economic development.
 - transparency, accountability and integrity.





Decentralization Policy

- ❑ To strengthen and empower Local Governments to make decisions on matters that affect people in their localities
- ❑ To promote accountability and transparency, rule of the law, respect of distribution of power, integrity and support to peoples' initiatives and participation and fight corruption and maladministration



The Constitution and Local Government Act Cap 243 decentralize powers and functions for service delivery and management of local resources to Local Governments



Outcomes from Decentralization

- ❑ Effective supervision because managers at the lower levels have complete authority
- ❑ Providing efficient and effective sustainable services to improve the welfare of the people and eradicate poverty
- ❑ Providing an opportunity to Local Governments to initiate and acquire leadership qualities with reduced red-tape and bureaucratic delays
- ❑ Allowing the central government to concentrate on policy-making, coordination and control



National Development Framework

- ❑ Uganda's 2010/11 - 2014/15 year National Development Plan (NDP) recognizes that addressing the challenges of post conflict period is key to enhancing sustainable economic and social development
- ❑ It promotes the mainstreaming of post conflict interventions into development plans, policies and budgets in all sectors like health, education, water, etc.
- ❑ The LGSSP will provide an anchorage National Development Plan and Uganda's Vision 2040



Peace, Recovery and Development Program (PRDP)

- ❑ **Overall goal:**
To stabilize Northern Uganda and lay a firm foundation for recovery and development
- ❑ **Coverage:**
55 districts and 9 municipalities including 7 districts and 1 municipality in Acholi Sub-region
- ❑ **Period**
PRDP 1: 2009 - 2012
PRDP 2: 2012 - 2015

PRDP Objectives



□ **Specific Aim:**

To promote socio-economic development of the communities of Northern Uganda to bridge the gap between the North and the rest of the Country so that the North achieves national average level in the main socio-economic indicators

□ **Strategic Objectives:**

- (1) Consolidation of State Authority
- (2) Rebuilding and empowering communities
- (3) Revitalization of the economy
- (4) Peace building and reconciliation



Modalities of PRDP

- (1) PRDP budget grant
- (2) On-budget special projects
- (3) Off-budget support

ACAP Project falls into the off-budget support of PRDP within the framework of decentralization policy and national development framework of the Government of Uganda