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UGANDA WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME (UWEP)

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INTRODUCTION

The Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme (UWEP) is an initiative of the Government of Uganda that is aimed at improving access to financial services by Women and equipping them with skills for enterprise growth, value addition and marketing of their products and services. UWEP's objective is to empower Ugandan Women for economic development.

The Programme is designed to reach the unbankable, and especially rural women, who have for long been excluded by the conventional financial systems.

Prior to implementation, all the beneficiaries receive basic training in the areas of financial management, procurement, group dynamics, and entrepreneurship and life skills. Further still, appropriate follow-up support by the relevant subject matter specialists is provided to all beneficiaries to ensure successful implementation of their enterprises.

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The primary target beneficiaries of the Programme are women within the age bracket of 18-65 years. The assumption is that those beyond 65 years will be catered for under the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE) Programme. Since the Youth Livelihood Programme (YLP) targets young women aged 18 – 30 years (the Programme guidelines stipulate that 30% of the Youth Interest Group members should be female), the female youth already benefiting from YLP are not considered as beneficiaries for UWEP. The Programme as much as possible promotes the integration of the following categories of women as beneficiaries: Unemployed women, Vulnerable Groups e.g. Single young mothers, Widows and Gender-based Violence (GBV) survivors, Women with Disabilities, Women living with HIV/AIDS, Women heading households, Women slum dwellers, Women living in hard to reach areas, and, Ethnic minorities.

PROJECTS FUNDING STATUS

The status of financing of women group projects to-date is as follows

Total number of projects financed		9,360
Total number of beneficiaries		117,274
Total Amount Disbursed to Projects (WEF)	UGX.	54,510,826,057

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENT BY FINANCIAL YEAR

FY	Projects	Beneficiaries	Amount	Percentage
20 15/16	94	1,222	456,011,300	1%
2016/17	2,318	29,544	12,016,510,093	22%
2017/18	3,660	45,862	20,975,577,595	38%
2018/19	3,288	40,648	21,062,727,069	39%
	9,360	117,276	54,510,826,057	100%

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA ON BENEFICIARIES.

Demographic data on UWEP beneficiaries is undertaken by analyzing a demographic data form filled in by the women expressing interest to access the fund.

The findings from this analysis reveal that some beneficiaries fall in multiple vulnerabilities. For example, one beneficiary may be a Single Parent who dropped out of School and has some form of disability, hence, such a single beneficiary will appear in three different beneficiary categories.

Under UWEP, majority of the beneficiaries; 58.87% never had an opportunity to attend formal education, followed by those who dropped out of primary school; 23.43%. The special needs categories include youth with disabilities (7.5%), Gender Based Violence Survivors; (16.2%); those living in slum areas; 7% and those living in hard to reach

areas; 18.6%.
This implies that the Programme is achieving its target of reaching the most vulnerable women.

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENT BY SECTOR

Sector	No. of Projects	No. ot Women	Amount Disbursed	%age
Agriculture	3,328	41,623	18,623,267,908	34%
Agro Forestry	77	919	391,677,611	1%
Agro Industry (value addition)	70	833	518,968,050	1%
Creative Industry	22	244	130,351,557	0%
ICT	6	62	41,343,827	0%
Industry	752	9,183	4,698,441,466	9%
Manufacturing	1	16	6,386,026	0%
Services	933	11,134	6,307,355,422	12%
Transportation	10	121	109,442,548	0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4,161	53,139	23,683,591,640	43%
Total	9,360	117,274	54,510,826,057	100%

RECOVERY OF FUNDS

The repayment of the revolving fund is ongoing across the Country. Out of a total UGX 8,710,321,031 expected to have been recovered to-date, UGX 7,069,684,946 has been recovered. This amount represents 81.2% of the total amount due to date. Two hundred twenty five (225) groups have to date fully paid up (100% Repayment).

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME

The immediate benefits arising out of UWEP include the following:

(i) Women Empowerment
Women have been able to access credit to establish their businesses at zero interest. In addition, the Programme has provided an opportunity to Women to start and grow their enterprises and provide self-employment opportunities. Women have been able to receive training to improve their business and how to manage them better. The Programme has provided a platform to inspire and support women business ideas. The group approach has given Women an opportunity to improve knowledge and skill through mentoring each other. The greater involvement of the Women in mobilization, sensitization, prioritization and planning for their needs, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of Programme activities has created a sense of empowerment and confidence to take charge of their destiny. The skills provided through the basic training in financial management, entrepreneurship, business development, group dynamics and life skills, further strengthen the empowerment of the Women involved in the Programme.

(ii) Women Economic Engagement 103,770 Women in 8,247 projects are engaged in self-emp through vocational trades and income generating activities under UWEP.

(iii) Financial Inclusion

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All the Women supported under the Programme, receive the funds through the Commercial Banks. A number of these Women groups had never had any dealings with the Banks before, but are now holding savings accounts in the Commercial Banks. This is a great achievement in the promotion of financial inclusion among the vulnerable Women ulnerable Women

(iv) Reduction of the Dependency Syndrome

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The revolving funds approach is making a significant impact in the mind-set of the Women by inculcating positive values of hard work for a living, as opposed to the non-sustainable quest for free things (hand-outs). The reports received from the groups indicate that Women have been able to contribute to the management of their homes and contribute to school fees of their children and improve the quality of life in the home.

- (v) Acquisition of assets. Some beneficiaries have constructed permanent houses while majority bought goats, cows and household items like chairs, mattresses etc.
- (vi) Improved income levels for members.
- (vii) Creation of self employment, etc

SUMMARY OF PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS OF TO-DATE

	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	AMOUNT DISBURSED	NO OF PROJECTS	NO OF WOMEN		LOCAL GOVERNMENT	AMOUNT DISBURSED	NO OF PROJECTS	NO OF WOMEN		LOCAL GOVERNMENT	AMOUNT DISBURSED	NO OF PROJECTS	NO OF WOMEN		LOCAL GOVERNMENT	AMOUNT DISBURSED	NO OF PROJECTS	NO OF WOMEN
1	Abim District LG	217,779,585	21	277	43	Hoima Municipality	156,496,215	23	261	86	Koboko Municipality	280,558,004	40	478	129	Nabilatuk District LG	44,664,000	8	107
2	Adjuman District LG	396,674,079	56	798	44	Ibanda District LG	308,317,976	53	652	87	Kole District LG	475,231,493	71	1,000	130	Nakapiripirit District LG	269,644,000	49	590
3	Agago District LG	277,531,300	40	580	45	Ibanda Municipality	217,478,270	45	574	88	Kotido District LG	395,456,215	85	1,191	131	Nakaseke District LG	305,861,700	51	690
4	Alebtong District LG	387,914,000	50	730	46	Iganga District LG	289,702,000	36	462	89	Kotido Municipality	263,683,237	54	652	132	Nakasongola District LG	268,395,100	51	633
5	Amolatar District LG	274,849,500	42	573	47	Iganga Municipality	190,419,547	33	361	90	Kumi District LG	294,817,000	72	857	133	Namayingo District LG	291,670,200	50	634
6	Amudat District LG	410,918,500	55	730	48	Isingiro District LG	490,108,000	88	1,138	91	Kumi Municipality	257,402,500	44	469	134	Namisindwa DLG	154,655,000	25	311
7	Amuria District LG	251,707,600	49	664	49	Jinja District LG	273,709,000	59	669	92	Kwania District LG	211,579,000	30	420	135	Namutumba District LG	278,525,500	60	721
8	Amuru District LG	517,049,200	79	1,067	50	Jinja Municipality	125,120,800	18	214	93	Kween District LG	297,634,089	86	984	136	Nansana Municipality	414,722,215	83	894
9	Apac District LG	231,085,800	35	461	51	Kaabong District LG	354,229,000	55	740	94	Kyankwanzi District LG	300,508,550	34	438	137	Napak District LG	367,149,000	69	973
10	Apac Municipality	170,237,039	25	324	52	Kabale District LG	366,099,142	82	1,038	95	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	292,460,000	38	482	138	Nebbi District LG	437,319,941	83	1,197
11	Arua District LG	735,083,336	129	1,752	53	Kabale Municipality	94,188,024	13	143	96	Kyenjojo District LG	411,497,500	81	997	139	Nebbi Municipality	187,692,500	33	394
12	Arua Municipality	92,840,000	11	145	54	Kabarole District LG	585,376,023	93	1,176	97	Kyotera District LG	272,279,000	45	556	140	Ngora District LG	262,852,000	38	467
13	Budaka District LG	307,819,094	82	1,123				44	568	98		413,737,500	104	1,485		Njeru Municipality	250,175,000	39	424
14	Bududa District LG	253,308,000	40	473		Kagadi District LG	468,345,396	91	1,149		Lira District LG	460,134,284	98	1,323		Ntoroko District LG	173,675,000	24	287
15	Bugiri District LG	378,252,300	78	960			401,487,130	78	924	100	Lira Municipality	206,810,000	35	437	143	Ntungamo District LG	556,233,000	118	1,369
16	Bugiri Municipality	161,769,000	30	316	58		125,939,300	26	330		Lugazi Municipality	192,227,476	28	348		Ntungamo Municipality	158,090,000	26	272
17	Bugweri District LG	163,426,000	22	250		Kaliro District LG	365,926,000	47	536		Luuka District LG	294,266,000	71	847		Nwoya District LG	203,589,000	36	491
18	Buhweju District LG	372,407,500	83	993	60	Kalungu District LG	357,600,000	51	608		Luwero District LG	403,848,256	72	903	146	Omoro District LG	389,868,500	56	801
19	Buikwe District LG	332,734,000	56	607		Kampala City Council		100	0.400		Lwengo District LG	283,243,986	43	555		Otuke District LG	599,309,600	82	1,082
20	Bukedea District LG	483,413,804	83	1,059	61	Authority	1,838,217,630	196	2,166	105	Lyantonde District LG	319,629,000	61	677		Oyam District LG	450,810,000	101	1,387
	Bukomansimbi District					Kamuli District LG	387,228,000	59	685		Makindye Ssabagabo		40			Pader District LG	421,460,600	67	938
21	LG	200,745,000	34	366			202,009,000	32	334		Municipality	322,803,214	49	598		Pakwach District LG	359,680,000	53	725
22		208,625,000	54	581		Kamwenge District LG	662,725,200	100	1,205		Manafwa District LG	284,682,000	48	600		Pallisa District LG	404,553,375	64	749
23		236,979,900	42	552		Kanungu District LG	309,939,500	50	596		Maracha District LG	303,630,100	62	815		Rakai District LG	382,531,000	65	792
24		292,607,000	42	488	66		323,673,191	59	667		Masaka District LG	311,272,029	45	545		Rubanda District LG	481,762,720	121	1,459
25	Bundibugyo District LG	380,720,000	71	992			150,011,450	28	343		Masaka Municipality	153,025,000	40	469	154		310,597,241	64	750
26	. ,	207,544,148	41	553	68 69	. , ,	34,959,000	8 33	111 376		Masindi District LG Masindi Municipality	454,806,000	63 18	838		Rukiga District LG	283,472,906	57	721
27	,	299,171,384	57	630			147,167,000					137,776,957		210		Rukungiri District LG	550,433,000	74	906
28	Bushenyi Ishaka	70.050.000	15	155		Kasese District LG	666,967,700	146 53	1,874 697		Mayuge District LG	522,700,500	101 68	1,248 833		Rukungiri Municipality	164,233,000	25	311
29		79,850,000 293,939,200	15 62	763		Kasese Municipality Katakwi District LG	236,945,700 532,370,200	83	979		Mbale District LG Mbale Municipality	580,893,400 167,711,800	26	296		Sembabule District LG	370,170,000	78	943
30		123,368,500	16	192		Kavunga District LG	529,553,118	123	1,509		Mbarara District LG	552.213.925	85	1,030		Serere District LG	350,212,000	62	773
31	Butalejja District LG	312,307,981	82	1,080		Kibaale District LG	479,627,011	54	627		Mbarara Municipality	94,697,000	16	178		Sheema District LG	184,706,800	55	660
32		117,389,000	19	210		Kiboga District LG	243,577,592	54	609		Mitoma District LG	322,315,512	61	720		Sheema Municipality	114,686,400	31	363
33	Butebo District LG	172.831.983	24	295		Kibuku District LG	313,085,781	42	591		Mityana District LG	454,635,828	48	564		Sironko District LG	452,633,000	70	827
34		140,524,876	33	397		Kikube District LG	287,686,500	43	492		Mityana Municipality	117,267,400	19	197		Soroti District LG Soroti Municipality	353,974,600	65 22	880
35		406,342,800	88	1,094		Kira Municipality	521,411,000	62	746		Moroto District LG	375,677,000	52	741		Tororo District LG	117,002,500 690,971,500	108	271 1,282
36		349.845.552	52	643		Kiruhura District LG	474,363,000	69	842		Moroto Municipality	76,789,000	10	110					
	Entebbe Municipality	180,897,000	38	433		Kiryandongo District LG	321,679,500	54	685		Moyo District LG	330,498,586	40	533		Tororo Municipality Wakiso District LG	125,279,000 533,855,100	18 75	210 894
38		76,056,000	14	162		, ,	438,489,000	97	1,301		Mpigi District LG	209,505,000	21	254		Yumbe District LG	405.094.500	75 55	774
39		224,123,000	40	539		Kisoro Municipality	303,819,800	52	602		Mubende District LG	542,425,000	102	1,250		Zombo District LG	344,693,000	59	808
40		331,887,500	51	675			704,376,500	111	1,591		Mubende Municipality	148,455,000	21	263	109				
41	Gulu Municipality	172,241,000	25	349		•	201,937,905	43	615		Mukono District LG	419,463,000	60	735		Grand Total	54,510,826,057	9,360	117,274
42	Hoima District LG	372,690,800	50	594		Koboko District LG	384,442,500	125	1,783		Mukono Municipality	157,915,000	16	194					