

MID-TERM EVALUATION: UNCDF COMPONENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN UGANDA (DINU)

The overall objective of the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) – funded by the European Union and implemented by the Ugandan government is to consolidate stability in Northern Uganda, eradicate poverty and undernutrition and strengthen the foundations for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development.

OBJECTIVES



- Providing seed capital to incubation projects



- Upgrading roads and their maintenance systems



- Improve public finance management, service delivery and governance

OVERALL RESULTS

- DINU/UNCDF is well aligned with government priorities and its design follows the national public administrative structure
- DINU/UNCDF has a high degree of coherence with other development initiatives
- All three components of the programme have supported each other with some economies of scale
- High involvement of national institutions has increased efficiency, kept costs down and ensured sustainability
- Coordination of components has been successful in avoiding duplication and overlaps, and realizing synergies
- Delays due to COVID19 have not yet allowed for supported entities (public & private) to fully operate with their gained increase in capacity

Gender:

- Overall gender and social inclusion were only partially mainstreamed in the design and implementation of the programme interventions

Sustainability:

- Sustainability is build into the programme given its work through national systems and structures
- Capacity in local government and infrastructure finance is fragile, so continued capacity development support will be needed

Public Financial

Management Reform:

- PFM improved capacity for public financial management in local governments via strengthened systems for revenue collection and asset management; improved, upward accountability with strengthened Public Account Committee
- Potential exists for creation of increased local fiscal space, and Local Government Excellence Fund is contributing to some improved local service delivery and local economic development

Road Restructuring:

- This is an important contribution to improvement of road network in 5 targeted districts
- Improved roads have had a positive impact on trade, movement of goods and produce, and transport services within Uganda as well as to neighboring countries

SME Finance:

- The SME Finance component responds to the needs of beneficiary SME's, smallholder farms, and is contributing to the development of agriculture value chains
- Component through START Facility in cooperation with UDB, contributes to increased finance for SME's
- The blended structure should contribute to enhancing local economic development and improve the economic fabric and increase food security