



## SPECIFICALLY, UNCDF

- Runs a blended finance facility- Support to Agricultural Revitalization & Transformation (START) Facility for small and medium enterprises involved in agribusiness value addition to improve access to finance for agro processors through business development services, concessional loans and partial credit guarantees.
- Supports the rehabilitation of district and community access roads in target districts through the District Road Rehabilitation Fund (DRRF) to connect local and regional markets and improve access of local communities to jobs and social services.
- Manages a technical assistance and funding facility referred to as Local Government Excellence Fund (LGEF) that offers financial incentives for improved performance of the target local governments as a catalyst to promote effective and efficient public service delivery. LGs learn by doing and investing in local infrastructure that promote climate change adaptation and economic empowerment of women and young people.
- Provides technical assistance and offers a local revenue enhancement grant to strengthen the capacities of local governments to collect and efficiently manage local revenues.

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Private Sector Foundation Uganda, Uganda Development Bank, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry Works and Transport, Local Government Finance Commission, Uganda Local Government Association, Urban Authorities Association of Uganda, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and 18 local governments



# FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND LIVELIHOODS



UNCDF in partnership with Private Sector Foundation Uganda and the Uganda Development Bank manage the Support to Agricultural Revitalization and Transformation (START) Facility, a dedicated blended finance facility providing a customized mix of business development services, project development, finance structuring services, and financial products in the form of concessional and zero interest loans, technical assistance grants and partial credit guarantees.

The START Facility is designed to support the implementation of the food security and nutrition component of the DINU programme by improving access to finance for SMEs engaged in agricultural value addition in Northern Uganda.

## PROGRESS TO DATE

### ISSUED TWO CALLS FOR PROPOSALS MAY 2018 AND JULY 2019

#### 1st Call for Proposal



342 proposals  
49 longlisted  
17 shortlisted  
6 pipeline projects  
293 rejected

#### 2nd Call for Proposal



143 proposals  
24 repeat applications  
100 longlisted  
75 shortlisted  
43 rejected  
26 pipeline projects



Due diligence **visits to 92 SMEs**  
General business development **support to over 100 SMEs**  
Pre-investment business development **support to 61 SMEs including 4 cooperatives**

28% 

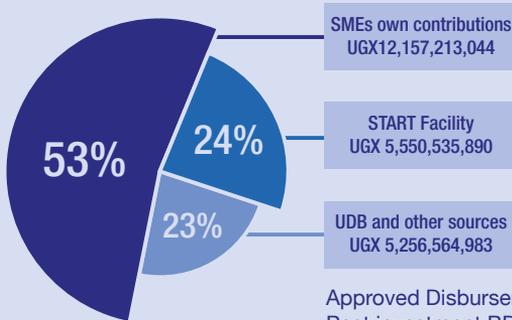
37 women trained

93 men trained

 62%

130 participants trained in financial literacy

## 17 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO UGANDA DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR FINANCING

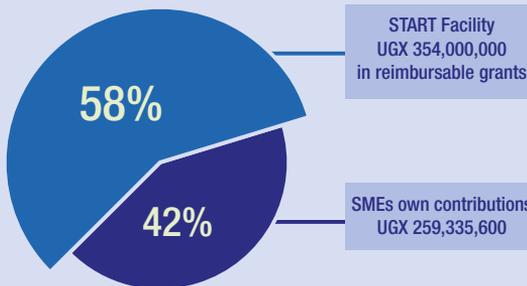


**TOTAL PROJECT SIZE:**  
**UGX 22,964,323,917**

**Over 500 jobs**  
created, providing  
market for over  
**75,000 farmers**

Approved Disbursements to Five (05) SMEs at UGX 2,012,251,921  
Post investment BDS to 2 SMEs to automate their financial  
management systems

## IN MAY 2020, LAUNCHED THE SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY FUND (SBRF) IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SMES.



**55 APPLICATIONS**  
**17 shortlisted**  
**9 pipelines**

**TOTAL PROJECT REQUIREMENT**  
**UGX 613,335,600**



## TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



UNCDF is rehabilitating and upgrading priority district and community access roads in four districts of Abim, Adjumani, Amudat and Moyo and supporting districts and communities on roads maintenance through a training programme delivered by the Ministry of Works and Transport at Mt. Elgon Labour based Training Center (MELTC) in Mbale.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

Completed technical engineering designs, tendering and contracting for

**405kms**

(33 road sections)

Rehabilitation works under the supervision of KOM Consult are in progress for

**358.85kms**

(33 road sections)

**250 jobs**

have been created

**Conducted training for 255**

**(38 women)**

participants in four training courses namely: Policy Makers' Labour Based Technology Awareness course; Technical Managers Labour Based Technology (LBT) Course; Environmental and Social Safeguard [ESSI] Course; and Rehabilitation and Maintenance Planning System (RAMPS).

Completed a study on integrating

**HIV/AIDS management**

into road works projects

## GOOD GOVERNANCE

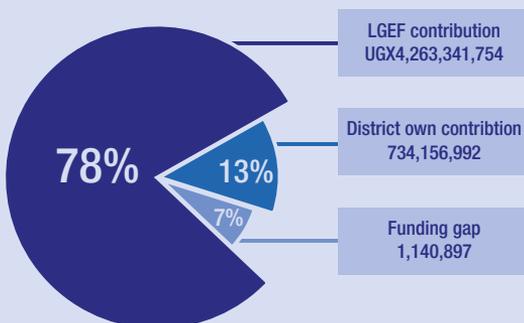


UNCDF is working with the newly created local government sector members including the Ministry of Local Government, (MOLG), The Local Government Finance Commission (LGFC), the District, Municipal and City Councils and the Local Government Associations ( Uganda Local Government Association- ULGA and the Urban Authorities Association (UAAU) to strengthen the capabilities of local governments to increase local fiscal space and service delivery and local economic development.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

## 9 projects to date

developed by five local governments (Amudat, Amuria, Omoro, Otuke and Yumbe) under the Local Government Excellence Fund (LGEF)



TOTAL PROJECT SIZE:

**UGX 5,404,238,815**

LGEF CONTRIBUTION

**UGX 4,263,341,754**

DISTRICT OWN CONTRIBUTION

**UGX 734,156,992**

FUNDING GAP

**UGX 1,140,897**

The projects include support to improving soya bean value chain and community market infrastructure development to boost trade and market access for agro products for communities in Northern Uganda. LGEF supports economic infrastructure projects already positively contributing to job creation and increased incomes for households in the participating local governments, besides the improved business environment.

## Supported 18 districts

**to prepare five-year local revenue enhancement plans** which have been integrated into their 2020-2025 development plans currently being implemented.

**Up to UGX 1,900,000,000** matching grant have been availed to the LGs to operationalize the plans. Many of the LGs have reported **over 6% increment in their local revenue as a result of this support** in spite challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Profiled assets for 18 districts

**and developed asset management plans, which have been integrated into their 2020-2025 development Plan.** The LGs have been supported with **UGX 180,000,000 to support implementation of the Assets Management Plans (AMAPS).** Many of the LGs have focused the resources on securing public land and have committed to title at least 7 pieces of public land

The program has continued to support LGs to localize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) initially by creating awareness through the Parish Development Committee (PDCs), prioritize SDGs and their Integration into the 2020-2025 Development Plans.

**Up to UGX360,000,000** matching grant was availed to the 18 LGs to support their efforts in SDGs localization.

## Supported the Economic

**Mkutano 2020** under the theme: **“Financing Local Government Development Plans to Achieve NDP III and the Sustainable Development Goals”** with the study on alternative financing for local governments providing background to the discussion.

## Completed assessment on the Impact of COVID-19

on Local Government Fiscal Space and Service Delivery



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