

UNDP Results

Uganda



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Approach

Since 1977, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has been building the skills and expertise of Uganda government, civil society, academic institutions, and ordinary citizens and to develop better policies, improve development and economic planning and improve delivery of better services to reduce social and economic inequality and empower the people of Uganda.

Currently, helping the country to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) remains a top priority for UNDP's current programme through the broad thematic areas of poverty reduction, democratic governance, energy and the environment, crisis prevention and recovery, policy advocacy, gender equality, and HIV and AIDS.

RESULTS

Preventing crisis and fueling recovery

Since 2011, UNDP has focused on strengthening peace and reconciliatory initiatives in the conflict-affected region of Northern Uganda. It is working to enable formerly displaced communities to not only settle back safely into their homes, but also gain access to basic social services like health and education and the skills to be economically productive. As a result:

- UNDP support helped the Government to establish the Uganda Mine Action Centre in 2006 to coordinate the deactivation and destruction of thousands of landmines and unexploded ordinance, resulting in the country being declared landmine free on 10 December 2012.
- 8,433 youth (3,576 of them female) in Acholi received training in business and entrepreneurship under the UN's peacebuilding programme in Uganda. At least 60 percent of beneficiaries have gone on to successfully start their own businesses, enabling them to become self-employed and helping to revive the local economy.

UNDP Activities Uganda: 2011-12

Theme	Funders	Total Amount US\$
Crisis Prevention and Recovery	UN Human Security Trust Fund, UN Peace Building Fund	4,268,810
Environment and Energy	Norway, European Union, Danish International Development Agency, Department for International Development/ UK (DFID), UNDP, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Global Environment Facility	10,682,243
Democratic Governance	DFID, Irish Aid, Japanese Trust Fund, UN Democracy Fund, Democratic Governance Trust Fund	14,340,482
Total		\$29,291,535

Source: UNDP Uganda

- Assistance has been provided to 574 victims of the Lord's Resistance Army to undergo reconstructive surgery to repair or replace body parts that had been mutilated by the rebels, thus helping them to gain acceptance in their communities and lead normal lives.
- 6,000 farmer households in Lango sub-region—one of the regions affected by the Lord's Resistance Army conflict—have received seeds and cassava to boost food production, improve nutrition and household incomes under UNDP's Northern Uganda Early Recovery Project. Another 182 households have been trained on how to operate village savings and loan associations, with annual savings obtained from 60 groups amounting to Shs47 (approximately US\$20,000).
- 300 police constables have been trained on human rights and peace building to reduce on complaints of rights violations under the UN's peacebuilding programme in Uganda.

- In Karamoja, a \$34,000 dam constructed by UNDP is providing pastoralists with a more sustainable source of water for their livestock, helping to curb violent conflicts arising from seasonal migrations in search of water and pasture.

- UNDP, in partnership with SaferAfrica, supported the Government in establishing a national register for small arms and light weapons. Over 60,000 firearms and 300 tonnes of ammunition have been destroyed throughout the country.

Environmental protection and ensuring sustainability

UNDP is working towards ensuring that natural and energy resources are used and managed in a sustainable manner and helping to contribute to growth and poverty reduction.

- 400 farmers have adopted conservation agriculture practices for sustainable land management, with increased yields of 200 to 300 percent for maize and beans in six pilot dry land districts in Uganda. These practices are being adopted by local authorities and farmer groups across these regions;

- UNDP support to 305 households in Iganga district under the Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Programme has enabled them to plant 15,600 mango trees, currently providing \$50,000 in total annual income;

- 830 hectares of degraded forests have been replanted with indigenous tree species in the Albertine region, under the Albertine Rift Valley Project, while in Kibaale, Mbale, Sironko and Karamoja, promotion of bee-keeping has significantly reduced the cutting down of trees—successful beekeeping requires trees to start a colony—along with the use of energy saving cook stoves.

Building a democratic society

UNDP is working with the Government to put in place policies and institutions that are participatory and inclusive of both women and men, improve rule of law, and deliver high-quality services. As a result:

- Support to Parliament's public outreach programme has enabled citizens in 50 districts to meet and share their views with Members of Parliament and Government Ministers, resulting in a stronger demand by the public for improved service delivery and accountability.

- Support to the National War and Peace Memorial Museum in Kitgum districts has enabled the audio, print and visual documentation as well as research in to the atrocities of the Lord's Resistance Army rebellion and other conflicts to complement peace building and reconciliation efforts in conflicted-affected communities.

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