



Summary of DFID's work in Uganda 2011-2015

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Why we work in Uganda

Uganda has transformed from a failed state to a fast growing economy over the past 20 years. Between 2005 and 2011, economic growth in Uganda (as measured by GDP) averaged 7.6% annually and inward investment doubled. Less than a quarter of the population now live below the national poverty line, down from a third in 2006. Uganda is on track to meet the Millennium Development Goals on hunger, gender equality, HIV/AIDS treatment and access to safe water. With the recent discovery of oil, Uganda's prospects for becoming a middle income country are promising.



UK Aid is helping children to return to school when they have dropped out

However, growth has not benefitted everyone. Over seven and a half million people still live in absolute poverty. In the north, where until very recently there was prolonged conflict, the poverty level is twice that of the rest of the country. Only one in three girls completes four years' of secondary education. Everyday, 16 women die whilst giving birth and over 90,000 children die each year before reaching their first birthday. Wasteful use of public resources and widespread corruption remain a major concern.

The key priorities for DFID in the next four years are: Improving the quality of essential services, supporting recovery in northern Uganda, improving maternal and reproductive health, driving growth through job creation, financial services, developing markets for agriculture, and trade, tackling corruption and improving government accountability and transparency. This will help Uganda to achieve its National Development Plan objectives and to graduate from aid in the medium term.



UK Aid is increasing access to family planning and giving women more choice

What we will achieve

The UK's programme in Uganda intends to help the country move towards being a prosperous, accountable, and stable democracy, able to manage revenues from oil production for the benefit of all Ugandans and where the most vulnerable people have greater opportunities. We will:

- enable 100,030 more women to give birth under the care of a skilled birth attendant;
- enable 431,000 more women to get access to contraception;
- enable over 40,000 school drop-outs to get back into school, including 24,000 girls;
- enable 475,000 of the poorest people to lift themselves out of chronic poverty;
- enable 250,000 men and women to have safer, better and cheaper ways of saving and borrowing money.

Who we will work with

Tackling poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals for all Ugandans will require strong leadership from the Government of Uganda and its partners.

Following the discovery of corruption, a decision was taken in 2013 to indefinitely suspend budget support to the Government of Uganda. We will, however continue to work in support of the Government of Uganda's plans to tackle poverty, promote growth and tackle corruption, and will work with a range of partners to do so.



UK Aid is helping to increase access to quality health services

These partners will include, for example, working with civil society organisations to increase accountability to Ugandan citizens for the delivery and quality of public services. We will also work with the private sector, to help generate economic growth through financial services and regional trade, and to improve access to private health services on which over half of Ugandans already rely. We will work through multilateral agencies such as UNICEF and the World Bank which have a proven track record for delivering results. We will continue to collaborate closely with other like-minded bilateral donors and coordinate joint programmes with other international agencies like USAID and the European Commission.

How we will work

More than ever, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money from our investments. In Uganda, we will put in place a comprehensive value for money strategy and action plan, which will help to guard against corruption, as well as ensure that we have the correct systems, procedures and practices in place to manage procurement and contracts to optimise the value of every pound spent in Uganda. We will drive continuous improvement in financial management within our programmes. Some actions we will take on transparency include:

- Publishing clear, concise information about our programmes on the GOV.UK website;
- Supporting civil society and non-government organisations to be more transparent and to encourage greater accountability from Government;
- Continuing collaboration with other development partners on local donor transparency and accountability initiatives.

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