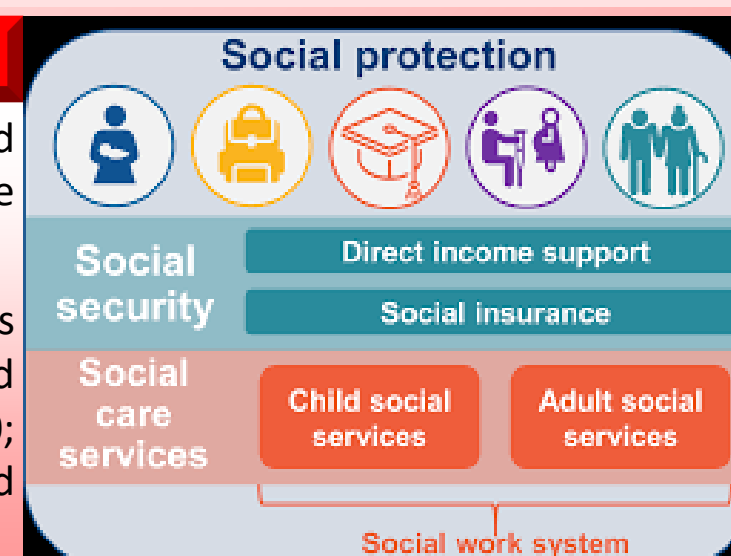


160 SENIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS TRAINED ON SOCIAL PROTECTION FINANCING

1. SOCIAL PROTECTION SITUATION IN UGANDA

Uganda's Social Protection (SP) Policy aims at Income security and dignified lives for all, with a mission of providing comprehensive social protection services to address risks and vulnerabilities.

Targeted vulnerable groups under the SP policy include; Orphans and other vulnerable children; Labor constrained individuals and households; Unemployed persons; Older persons aged above 60; Persons with severe disabilities; Ethnic minorities; and Disaster-affected persons.



2. UDN PARTNERS WITH UNICEF ON SOCIAL PROTECTION AND PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT AGENDA

UDN with support from United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UDN is implementing a project on **Improving Synergies Between Social Protection and Public Finance Management in Uganda**.

The project aims at Improving Synergies between Social Protection and Public Finance Management in line with the national development priorities and policy towards enhanced capacity of vulnerable population to meet basic needs, poverty reduction, building resilience and access opportunities for sustainable income resources.

3. SOCIAL PROTECTION AND PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Despite efforts by government to improve revenue mobilization and allocation to citizen centered priorities, some crucial aspects particularly those to do with social protection for marginalized sections of community are still wanting.

Policy makers at Local and national level need to appreciate and recalibrate their interest and commitment to prioritize Social protection planning, financing and reporting, and this has a lot to do with the budget at local and sub national levels.

4. POLICY MAKERS UNDERGO DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND BUDGET LITERACY TRAINING FOR SP

At the national level, UDN in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development are currently undertaking a research on building gender sensitive & disability inclusive social protection financing in Uganda.

At the district local government level, UDN has conducted two consecutive sets of Social Protection Financing oriented trainings: a) Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM); b) Budget Literacy Training (BLT). It targeted 160 sub national level policy makers, including senior technocrats, elected leaders and special interest group representatives in 8 districts -Moroto, Napak, Kapelebyong, Kamuli, Tororo, Isingiro, Kiryandongo and Kamwenge. **Note: DRM training ran for a week in December 2022 while BLT followed in March 2023.**

The Trainings were aimed at strengthening the capacity and interest of policy makers in selected Local Governments analyze and ensure that their plans and budgets do not lose track of Social Protection considerations.

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For purposes of synergy and benchmarking districts were grouped and the trainings held concurrently at four centres, as seen on the table on the right.

As a result of the trainings, the participants were equipped with knowledge, attitudes and practical skills of domestic resource mobilization, tracking plans and budget allocation, disbursement, implementation/ utilization, accountability and reporting on social protection resources and lack thereof.

S N	DISTRICTS	VENUE
1.	Tororo & Kamuli	Mum Resort Hotel - Iganga
2.	Isingiro & Kamwenge	Dream-Wood Suits, Mbarara City
3.	Moroto & Napak	Akello Hotel, Soroti City
4.	Kapelebyong and Kiryandongo	West-Cliff Hotel, Lira City

The trainings also offered a platform for Policy makers to share experiences and devise strategies for mitigating challenges fill gaps and scaling up on positive aspects of respective SP interventions.

5. SPECIFIC BENEFITS OF THE TRAININGS

- 1) The trainings enabled participants to identify potential and actual sources of extra revenue to supplement the meagre resources hitherto allocated for SP programmes.
- 2) The officials appreciated concepts and issues of concern in budgets and plans at national and LG levels using the social protection lense.
- 3) Increased understanding of the national budget cycle and earmarking entry points for purposes of streamlining, tracking and follow up SP components in the best interest of marginalized groups in their areas of jurisdiction.
- 4) They acquired tools for Social protection financing analysis, with specific reference to previous, current and prospective plans and budgets.

UDN IN PICTURES



Above: UDN's ED Patrick Tumwebaze addressing local government officials from Kamwenge and Isingiro districts during the budget literacy training for social protection financing.



Above: UDN's Grace Kobusingye (Programme Assistant) takes local government officials from Tororo and Kamuli districts through the literacy budget training for social protection financing that took place in Iganga district

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