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SHARING BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMING IN UGANDA



Panelists: From left; Hon. Sylvia Bahairaira Mp Kamwenge, Ms. Beatrice Okillan Policy and Advocacy Coordinator ESP Programme MGLSD, Mr. Gilbert Musinguzi QAM UDN, Patrick Mutabazi Uganda Parliamentary Forum on social protection.

Uganda Debt Network with Support from UNICEF has since October 2022 been implementing the project ‘**Improving Synergies between Social Protection and Public Finance Management in Uganda**’. The objective of the project is to increase the population’s universal social protection coverage with a particular focus

on the poor and vulnerable, to ensure that Uganda progressively moves to universal social protection. Government of Uganda together with other stakeholders has been working towards



Opening Remarks by Mr. Patrick Tumwebaze, The Executive Director Uganda Debt Network.

enhanced financial accountability and transparency – all of which are challenges in Public Finance Management (PFM) for social protection in Uganda.

Cognizant with the above, UDN organized a high level dialogue on status of social protection systems in Uganda with the of assessing the implementation of Social Protection interventions and share best practices for effective and effi-

cient future programming and also to create a platform for various stakeholders to discuss the progress made towards attaining Universal Social Protection Coverage in Uganda. During the Dialogue the Ministry of Gender and Labour and Social Development (MGLSD) made a presentation of on the status of Social Protection financing in Uganda and the progress made towards attaining Universal Social



Ms. Beatrice Okillan Policy and Advocacy Coordinator ESP Programme MGLSD presenting the status of National SP System for Uganda at the high Level dialogue



Hon. Sylvia Bahairaira Woman Member of Parliament Kamawenge District addressing participants on behalf of government .

Protection coverage in Uganda. It was discovered that The National Social Protection Policy (NSPP) is implemented through the existing Central and Local Government service delivery structures and roles vary according to mandates. The implementation of the Policy is a shared responsibility of the public sector, the private sector and other non-state actors. It was mentioned that The MGLSD is the steward of the national SP system responsible for oversight, systems development and coordination.



Participants at the High level dialogue on Improving Synergies between Social Protection and Public Finance Management in Uganda held at Hotel Africana Kampala

Social Protection is sighted in the in National Development Plan (NDP) under the Human Capital Development Programme Objective five (5) **“Reduce Vulnerability and Gender Inequality along the Lifecycle”**

Priority Areas of focus

- At national level, absolute poverty decreased from 56% 1992/3 to 21% in 2021/22 (UBoS)
- 53% of children experience multidimensional poverty (UNHS 2019/20)
- Both the National Social Security Fund and the Public Service Pension Scheme covers only 5.7% of the estimated working population of 11 million people
- Up to 10% of population is comprised of children under 5 years
- High incidences of gender-based violence, substance abuse, abuse of children

What next?

- Finalize the National Comprehensive Social Protection strategy which is shock responsive.
- Support all Social Protection (SP) Programmes to link to the National Single Registry for Social Protection (NSR)
- Finalize the Operational Framework for SCSS
- Finalize the Strategy for extending SS to the Informal Sector
- Shock responsive strategy
- New grant (child /disability)
- The Northern Uganda Social Action Fund 4 in design

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