

LATEST OPEN BUDGET SURVEY REPORT 2023 – UGANDA LAUNCHED

1. INTRODUCTION

Uganda Debt Network (UDN) - UNICEF– Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) partnership launched the latest Open Budget Survey (OBS) report for Uganda. The report was unveiled by the



Minister of State for Finance in Charge of Privatization and Investment, Hon. Evelyn Anite with National Budget Month Partners Launching the OBS Report 2023



Opening Remar by Patrick Tumwebaze— ED, Uganda Debt Network

available to the public. The Ugandan launch focused on the country's performance in the 2021 OBS survey cycle.

Findings of the Report

The report acknowledged Uganda's ranking as the best performer in budget transparency within the East African Community. However, the country still fell short of

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Focus on Transparency and Accountability

The OBS is an independent, international assessment of how well governments make their budget information

the ideal threshold, scoring an average of 58 out of a possible 100 points.

Key areas for improvement highlighted in the report include:

1. Increased availability of budget information to the public.
2. Detailed reporting on actual revenue and expenditure outcomes compared to initial estimates.

3. More comprehensive reporting within the supreme audit institution's reports.



UNICEF county Representative Dr Munir Safieldin

Recommendations for Progress

The OBS report offered valuable recommendations to enhance Uganda's budget transparency. These included:

- Including breakdowns of actual revenue and expenditure outcomes in the year-end report.

- Providing comparisons between borrowing estimates, actual borrowing, and macroeconomic forecasts versus real outcomes.



Mr. Ramathan Ggoobi, the PSST ministry of Finance Planning and Economic D'vt

Strengthening the comprehensiveness of audit reports, particularly mid-year reviews.

Moving Forward

The launch highlighted the importance of budget transparency for citizen engagement and improved government performance. The Ugandan government's responsiveness to past OBS recommendations was acknowledged, with hopes for continued progress based on the latest findings.



Presenting the OBS Report Findings Hon .Omach Fred the UDN Board chair.

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