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UGANDA UN JOINT ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH PROGRAMME

"Empowering Adolescents and Youth to realize their full potential"

About the programme

The Uganda United Nations Joint Adolescent and Youth Programme (UNYJP) is a collaborative endeavor involving 13 UN agencies to collectively address youth-related actions under the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). Broadly aligned to the global UN Youth Strategy and national frameworks and policies, the proposed outcomes and outputs of the Programme reflect areas where accelerated action is needed. It builds on the previous and ongoing UN and government-supported Adolescents and Youth (A&Y) interventions, anchored within the UNSDCF and government frameworks

This Joint Programme's core objective is enabling A&Y in Uganda (age 10 to 30 years) to realize their full potential, simultaneously driving progress in key strategic priorities for the country and the global SDGs. With an estimated budget of approximately 22.5 million USD which includes available and yet to be mobilised resources, the UNYJP phase 1 will be implemented between 2023- 2025 in alignment with the National Development Plan & the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). Participating United Nations Organizations (PUNOs) are; of 13 UN agencies (UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UNESCO, UNDP, UN Women, ILO, UNHCR, UNAIDS, IOM, FAO, UNODC and UNCDF).

The first phase will be implemented in the 8 districts of Yumbe, Terego, Kotido, Moroto, Kampala, Lamwo, Kiryandongo and Namayingo. They were selected based on the greatest needs in the outcome areas and investment locales of the participating UN Agencies.

UN Joint Adolescents and Youth Programme: Theory of Change

Overall, it envisions the creation of conditions for A&Y, particularly the vulnerable and marginalized young people, to access the tools and resources required for increased wellbeing and opportunities in life while strengthening the system capacity to respond more effectively to A&Y needs across the life course. It also seeks to enhance their participation and engagement in crucial thematic areas such as peace and security, environmental conservation and climate change. Below are the 3 outcomes of the UNYJP.

Outcome 1:

Responsive quality social and protective services are available, equitably accessible and used by A&Y.1

Outcome 2

A&Y, both in school and out-of-school, have increased access to education, skills, productivity, livelihoods and/or employment opportunities for safe and decent work.

Outcome 3

A&Y meaningfully participate in development, peace, security and climate action.

Management and Coordination

This UNYJP will be implemented with overall guidance from the UNSDCF steering committee composed of senior managers of PUNOs with the Ministry of Gender, Labour & Social Development (MGLSD) as lead Ministry. The UNYJP Joint Steering Committee will be coordinated on two levels: 1) the political level, where the Minister at MGLSD will take co-leadership with the UN Resident Coordinator (RCO), and 2) the programmatic level where the Permanent Secretary-MGLSD will co-chair the office of the RCO with UNFPA as technical lead.

The Steering Committee shall be supported by three Technical Working Groups (TWG) that will guide the implementation of the UNYJP: 1) A&Y Health TWG led by UNFPA, 2) Skilling and Economic Empowerment TWG led by UNICEF, and 3) Youth, Peace, Security and Climate Change TWG led by UNDP. MGLSD will coordinate other key line Ministries based on mandate areas. The National Youth Council and Uganda National Students Association will be actively involved in line with their mandate.

