

YUMBE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT ON THE LAUNCH OF LOBE AND KURU MARKETS CONSTRUCTION UNDER DINU/UNCDF.



THE GROUNDBREAKING FUNCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOBE AND KURU
MARKETS

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Background/Intro – context for the activity

The Ministry of Local Government in collaboration with United Nation Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) commenced the implementation of DINU program financed by European Union through Local Government Excellence Fund (LGEF) in the FY 2017/2018 with orientation of both the Political and Technical leadership of the beneficiary Local governments on the DINU programme.

The aim of the program among others is to increase local fiscal space and improve local service delivery. Uganda launched the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU), a flagship Programme under the 11th EDF. The DINU Programme aims to *“Consolidate Stability in Northern Uganda, Eradicate Poverty and Under-Nutrition and Strengthen the Foundations of Sustainable and Inclusive Socio-Economic Development”*

In Yumbe as one of the DINU/UNCDF implementing Districts, the program implementation started in the FY 2018/2019 with construction of Market facilities in Lobe and Kuru Markets geared towards improving and strengthening Market infrastructure in the district. The ground breaking ceremony was therefore organized as strategy to involve the community members and other key stakeholders in the implementation of DINU/UNCDF programme. This is in line with principle of effective participation required by the programme guideline of implementation

Rationale & Objectives of the Activity

Local Government leaders especially at sub county levels have had limited information on the implementation of DINU/UNCDF projects under Local Government Excellence Fund (LGEF) in the District. Although the beneficiaries were involved in the planning process through needs assessment, they had limited knowledge on the nature of the projects that would address their needs in the context of DINU Programme objectives. The launch of DINU implementation with ground breaking function in the district intended to solicit community participation and create awareness in the implementation of DINU projects among the key stakeholders in the District.

The launch exercise through ground breaking function in the DINU implementation was therefore used as a strategy to involve the community, provide them with information and knowledge to understand the programme objectives of DINU.

Overall Objective of the function

To provide platform for the community to participate in DINU planning, monitoring and implementation of DINU programme activities among the community members and local government leaders

Specific Objectives

1. To raise awareness among the beneficiary community and sub county leadership to understand DINU Programme objectives and participate in its implementation.
2. To Support the sub county leadership and community to participate in the monitoring and the implementation of projects under DINU/UNCDF
3. To enable local leaders and community identify and review implementation challenge in the programme to inform future planning.

Methodology

The activity was implemented through mobilization of key stakeholders in period of 5 days and ground breaking ceremony/function organized under DINU Program at Kuru sub county HQs on 21/03/2019. The program started with project site tour in Lobe market with foundation laying exercise presided over by the Commissioner local government administration (MOLG) and Country Representative UNCDF with OPM Representatives. It also involved tree planting around project sites in the two sub counties of Kuru and Kei

The exercise of ground breaking function was organised in a colourful way where Representatives of Ministries of Local Government, OPM,DINU/UNCDF, PMU Gulu, Local governments and Market Venders(Market Management Committees) made Presentations through Participatory approaches to discuss and engage participants on the background, objectives, components and implementation modalities of the DINU Programme. They also discussed the objectives of improving market infrastructures in the markets of Lobe and Kuru and what the project design entails.

Participation

The output of the function was to ensure that information on the projects and DINU programme was disseminated and localized at district and Lower local governments' staff, councils and communities levels.

The exercise of the Launch involved Political Leaders, Technical Staff at the district and the sub counties of Kei and Kuru where the projects are implemented. The function was also attended by District Chairperson, some Members of the District Executive Committee, and Chief Administrative Officer, Heads of Departments, Sub-County Chairpersons and Senior Assistant Secretaries of Kuru and Kei sub counties at sub county and district level.

While at national level, the ground breaking function was attended by the following; representative from OPM, Ministry of local government, UNCDF, Ministry of Works and DINU project management unit- Gulu. 2 Representatives of Media houses especially monitor publication and West Nile Web, 3 Representatives of Faith Based Organization. (The details are in the participant annex 3)

Key Discussions/Findings

The construction of Kuru and Lobe markets under DINU/UNCDF programme was launched successfully to serve the Kuru town council and entire Yumbe Hospital which is Undergoing Rehabilitation and this would provide accessibility to quality service in terms of food security

As part of the ground breaking function, trees were planted as environmental mitigation measure for the project and this was also to act as precursor for the contractor of the projects to conserve the environment

The contractor (Iron Investments Limited) for the construction of Market was requested to provide quality works with value for money and avoid shoddy works to encourage Funders like European Union, World Bank and UNCDF to support and attract more projects in the District.

Fencing the Market with chain link would not provide safety and security for vendors' property and goods which would require additional funding for the construction of Lock ups around the Market to accommodate more market vendors. This was major concern among the Market Vendors in their presentation during the ground breaking function

DINU/UNCDF projects of improving market infrastructure would have direct impact on social economic empowerment of women and young people through provision of opportunities for trade and income generating activities for them to overcome gender disparities.

DINU/UNCDF/EU interventions in Yumbe District have got strategic areas to address both in host community and refugees and some of these markets to be constructed are in refugee settlement camps especially Ariwa Sub County and this requires the district to enhance performance since Local Government excellence fund is tagged to annual performance of the local governments. These interventions are expected to make Yumbe as a model district in the promotion of production and marketing value chain addition to achieve DINU objective of food and Nutrition security. European Union was therefore appreciated for funding DINU programme as GOU programme intervention.

OPM as the coordination unit noted that DINU implementation was multi Institutional arrangement with partners like GIZ,UNCDF,MOLG, PSFU and the programme would cost 150 million Euros part of which focuses on road infrastructure rehabilitation from Atiak through Adjumani to Moyo District and this would require active community participation as DINU programme objective demands.

Emerging Issues by theme/cluster

The Project Design: The project should have provided for breasting, resting and child friendly spaces to address some peculiar issues for mothers and their children while busy in the market. Yet this was not provided for in the initial project concept and approved work plan, budget for the program

This has affected the project design from 6 market stalls with 5 stance VIP latrines to 5 market stalls, one administrative block to take care of (Breast feeding room, baby resting room, store, child friendly space and office)

This also reduced the number of Pitches from the initial 156 to 130 pitches and this output target has been affected with increased extra contract costs through variations and addendum

The fencing of the market with chain link was rejected by the Market vendors and they preferred lock ups which should be prioritised in the second phase of the programme and UNCDF and District was to take note of this demand

Safety and security: the issue of recruiting watchman emerged from the community and market vendors for the sub county to take up

European Union and UNCDF funded projects have community participation at the forefront and the leadership of the district was to ensure that such

interventions are properly implemented to achieve programme objectives and attain value for money which requires close supervision and monitoring of the projects

Challenges/Lessons learned

The major challenge during the function and in the implementation of DINU/UNCDF programme activities is the failure among the key stakeholders to understand the different component of DINU programme interventions implemented in different local governments.

There is also high expectation among community and their leaders for the DINU programme to meet in addressing their development needs yet the resource envelop is limited

The organization of the function was faced with logistical Challenge that somehow affected mobilization of the participants

Lessons learned

As a lesson learned, it is important to note that provision of platform like ground breaking function for community participation in development programme contributes to the success of the programme. It is also a basis for promoting ownership and sustainability of Development interventions in the District and Country as whole.

Conclusions

The ground breaking function was attended by over 600 participants and this provided a good platform for community participation in the implementation DINU/UNCDF programme activities. It was also a platform for awareness creation on programme objectives of DINU and promotes sense of ownership of the development interventions among the community. The function was therefore a success and colourful event ever witnessed in the implementation of development intervention in the District

Recommendations/Agreed Actions

The following recommendations were adopted

- a) There should be second phase project for Kuru and Lobe markets under DNIU to construct Lock ups instead of fencing them with chain links. This was to the attention of sub county, Yumbe District and UNCDF leadership
- b) Monitoring the implementation of the project should be done on daily, weekly and quarterly basis across all stakeholders to ensure quality of work
- c) The district should provide for such platforms like Launch, ground-breaking function as strategy to promote community participation in the implementation of Government programmes




□ Annexes 1 – Program;



DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN UGANDA (DINU)

PROGRAMME FOR GROUND BREAKING FUNCTION OF CONSTRUCTING LOBE AND KURU MARKETS IN YUMBE DISTRICT UNDER DINU/UNCDF PROGRAMME. THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
	VISITATION TO SITE ONE (LOBE MARKET)	
8:30-9:00am	Arrival and registration of community	Sub County
9:00 - 9:30 am	Assembling of the Community	Sub County
9:30 - 10:10 am	Arrival of District and Kampala Teams	Focal Person
10:10 - 10:20 am	National Anthem /Prayer/Introduction	MC/FP
10:20 – 10:40 am	Opening/Welcome remarks by the Sub County	LC I & III
10:40 - 11:00 am	Tour of Kuru/Lobe Market site	Sub County/FP
11:00 - 11:30 am	Brief to the Community Gathering	District
11:30-11:50 am	Closure and Departure	All
	PROGRAMM AT SITE TWO KURU MARKET	
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Arrival and registration of community	Sub County
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Assembling of invited Guests	Sub County
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Arrival of District and Kampala Teams	Focal Person
1:30 – 1:40 pm	National Anthem/Prayer/Introductions	MC/FP
1:40 – 2:10 pm	Welcome remarks from the Sub County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LC I Chair ➤ LC III Chair 	MC/FP
2:10 – 2:20 pm	Interlude	

2:20 – 2:50 pm	Briefs from the District Team  Chief Administrative Officer  The Chairman Yumbe  The Resident District Commissioner	MC/FP
2:50 – 3:00 pm	Interlude	
3:00 – 3:40 pm	Speeches from the Kampala Team ❖ Ministry of Local Government ❖ Office of Prime Minister ❖ UNCDF ❖ European Union	MC/FP
3:40 – 4:00 pm	Ground Breaking Exercise	MC/FP
4:00 +	Departure	All

❑ Annex 2- Subsidiary Instruments;

❑ **Annex 3 -Participants Lists;**

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4	Joel Mundua	UNCDF	0772927645	
5	Joan Alupo	UNCDF	0754453208	
6	Wamala David	OPM-Kla	0772483030	
7	Taban Yasin	ChairmanYDLG	0782388650	
8	Aniku Saidi	Vice-YDLG	0772892927	
9	Alejo Jane	Sec.Social Servi	0772867793	
10	Alex Manson	Sec. Works		
11	Jalwiny Silimani	CAO YDLG	0772613634	
12	Drajiga Rasul	ACAO YDLG	0772304183	
13	Toko Roger	SAS-Kuru Scty	0772919950	

14	Kaiga Abdul	SAS-Kei Scty	0782287915	
15	Azabo Rashid	Planner-YDLG	0772321645	
16	Mafu Yasin	Chairman-Kei	0775602113	
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Other participants are yet to be included

❑ Annex 4 - Photo Galleries – with captions;



UNCDF REP Speaking in the Launch (L) and **District Chairman** Yumbe Speaking(R) in Kuru sub county while below is the photo of participants in Kei sub county at Lobe market site



Monitor Journalist covering the event as his colleague receives gift below



In below photos, Commissioner (L) MOLG leads the team to site and breaks foundation for Kuru market(R).





In the above, the OPM Staff Plant Tree as District Chairman (L) and CAO(R)
Water their tree seedlings below



In the above photo market vendors plant tree seedlings



Lunch hour for the participants









❑ Annex 5 - Budget

YUMBE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

P O BOX 1, YUMBE

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN UGANDA

**BUDGET FOR GROUND BREAKING FUNCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTING LOBE
AND KURU MARKETS IN YUMBE DISTRICT UNDER DINU/UNCDF PROGRAMME.
THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019**

SN	Item	Expectetdparticipants	Unit cost	AMOUNT
1	District Executive Committee	5	-	
2	Resident District commissioner	1	-	
3	DISO	1	-	
4	councilors host Sub County	30	-	
5	Invited Guets in Total	500	-	
6	Hire of tents	5	100,000	500,000
7	hire of chairs	500	500	250,000
8	Decoration	1	800,000	800,000
9	Hire of Public Address system	1	400,000	400,000
10	Feeding	500	15,000	7,500,000
11	Refreshment	-	-	-
12	Soda	500	2,000	1,000,000
13	Water	500	1,000	500,000
14	Biscuits	500	500	250,000

15	Mobilization Fuel	180	4,100	738,000
	Total			11,938,000

Eleven Million, Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Shillings Only

❑ Annex 6 - Additional Documentation;

YUMBE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

KURU SUB-COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINUTES FOR GROUND BREAKING
FUNCTION HELD ON 21ST/MARCH/2019 AT THE SUB-COUNTY HEAD QUARTARS

AGENDER

1. NATIONAL ANTHEM/PRAYERS/INTRODUCTION
2. WELCOME REMARKS BY

- a) a, LCI of the area
- b) b, Sub-County Chief Kuru

3 BRIEFING FROM

- a) CAO
- b) LCV Chairman Yumbe
- c) R D C

4 REMARKS FROM KAMPALA TEAM

- a) Ministry of Local Government
- b) Office of Prime Minister
- c) UNCDF
- d) European union

5 GROUND BREAKING EXCERCISE

		Way forward	Responsible person
MIN NO 1 /03/2019. NATIONAL ANTHEM/PRAYERS/INTRODUCTION			
	The program started at exactly 12:00pm with National anthem and prayers led by the community member for about 5 minutes		
MIN NO 02/03/2019. WELCOME REMARKS BY			

a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCI of the area thanked the different categories of people in attendance and tipped the audience of the construction and rehabilitation of the hospital which he said will help different people to access services • He further argued that this has made it essential to construct a market • He thanked the European union for their support but contended the market is very small and hoped it should be bigger than that • LC1 argued the contractor to feel at home and do whatever is expected of him and pledged support of the people of Kuru • He also argued the contractor to ensure excellence in work 		
b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCIII chairperson Kuru sub county recognized the presence of the various people in attendance • He appreciated the support granted by the European union to the people of Kuru sub-county • And valued the effort of the office of the CAO towards the construction of the modern market • The chairman further entreated the European Union to support the sub-county by constructing lockups instead of merely fencing the market. • He called upon Kuru Community to provide security and supervision for efficient as well as effective implementation of the project. 		
MIN NO 03/MARCH 20193 BRIEFING FROM CAO			

a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAO extended his appreciation to the women since they are the once who take charge of a child right from womb up to when the child grows up • He argued there is gender inclusion in all works • He consequently heartened equal participation of all 		
b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District LCV Kuru thanked and recognized all people in their various capacity in the function • He in a special way welcomed the European Union and argued that the hospital will be handed over to the district on 10th Feb 2020 • Kochi reasoned bridge required to be constructed and it will be one of the best bridges in Yumbe District • Yumbe Koboko road is to be tarmacked to prevent dust in to the hospital which would otherwise spoil some important machines 		
	MIN NO 04/MARCH 2019. REMARKS FROM KAMPALA TEAM		
c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ministry of local Government/commissioner of Local Government Administration recognized everyone in his or her capacity • He lamented that DINU has come to accomplish what the Government has already streamlined under the section of Local Government Excellent Fund where projects of modern market construction are done • He argued the constructor to do good work to achieve value for money 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He contended that other aspect of the environment will also be considered where they will plant trees • He thanked the European Union and the Government of Uganda as well as the District for their efforts. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPM recognized the presence of all those in attendance • He remarked that DINU is a project funded by European and Uganda government contributed which means that the District will equally do the same. • He pronounced that district has implemented this project together with GIZ and UNCDF • He affirmed that DINU intended to establish Northern and it was built on more than other programs which are in other parts of Northern Uganda • He commented that out of the 150 million Euros, part of it will be used for tarmacking Atiak through Adjumani to Moyo road • He argued the people of Yumbe to actively participate in the program. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCDF County Representative welcomed the community and recognized them as the most vital people for the function • He commented that much as the project is funded by European Union, UNCDF plays a role of structuring other partners to implement the activities • He argued the leadership of Yumbe to protect and ensure the activities of UNCDF are 		

	implemented		
	Issues raised by the market vendors Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They argued the fencing by done by erecting lockups • Spacious stores be constructed as well • He contended that a room be constructed for the watchman too • latrines be erected for both male and the women 		
	MIN NO 05/3/2018. CLOSING REMARKS		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanked and recognized the different category of people and saluted them for their effort • He supplemented the view of the vendors that, light should be availed in the market to provide light as well as security during late hours of the night • The added that the construction of the market should not cause domestic violence and divorce at home as most women may prefer going back late. • He added that DINU must open for the Yumbe people road to the boarder of Sudan to enable people from northern Yumbe access market • He lamented that mango factory at Lodonga has been given for construction completion next month (April). • He further argued that six (6) bright are going to be constructed but among them only Kuru boarding Kei sub county. • He again added that Kuru, Midigo and Lodonga town councils and he urged that the leadership of these town councils should endeavor to do so. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He lastly thanked the president of republic of Uganda for the efforts made towards the development of Yumbe and Northern Uganda at large 		
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DINU DFPO/Recorder in the function