



Supporting Policy Engagement for Evidence-based Decisions (SPEED) for Universal Health Coverage in Uganda

SPEED Project congratulates His Excellency Ambassador Kristian Schmidt and the people of Europe on celebrating the EU Day 2017.

The five-year EU-supported SPEED initiative was launched in March 2015. With the generous funding from the EU, SPEED has been able to register tremendous achievements in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Uganda.

1. In 2015, SPEED held a national symposium on Universal Health Coverage that examined the UHC policy and implementation pathway; past, present and how lessons and experiences learned can inform the future. A report on this symposium is available at <http://speed.musph.ac.ug/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/National-Symposium-on-Universal-Health-Coverage-Key-Messages.pdf>
2. In the year 2016, the SPEED project focused on key areas of health planning and policy, including malaria prevention, financing of Universal Health Coverage, given the declining allocation of finances to the health sector, innovations to support policymakers in monitoring the implementation of policies. Another key area of focus is building the capacity of researchers, policymakers and implementers in policy analysis and advocacy.

3. This year, the project is organising yet another symposium on Universal Health Coverage. The focus of the symposium is Financing for Universal Health Coverage under the theme, 'Financing for Universal Health Coverage: More Money for Health and More Health for the Money'. With the lessons and experiences learned from the previous symposium about the wide interest in UHC, the **August 16th – 18th 2017** event is covering other LMICs. The symposium will be held at **Serena Hotel**. Abstracts are now being accepted until **14th May 2017**.



Group photo at the opening of the first SPEED symposium on Universal Health Coverage



Putting together the Universal Health Coverage Book in Uganda



Multi-sectoral consultative workshop on social determinants of health



Training in policy analysis for researchers



For details about the symposium fees, skills building sessions, UHC Art competition, and symposium sub themes, check the website at <http://speed.musph.ac.ug/symposium/>



EUROPEAN UNION



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

The European Union Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF)

The Support Programme to Refugee Settlements and Host Communities in Northern Uganda (SPRS-NU).

The European Union Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF) established the Support Programme for Refugee Settlements and Host Communities in Northern Uganda (SPRS-NU). This 4-year programme aims at specifically addressing the roots of destabilization, forced displacement and irregular migration, by promoting economic and equal opportunities, security and development.

Overall Objective: Sustainably improve food security, nutrition and livelihoods of the refugee population.



Water & Sanitation



Livelihoods



Skills Development



Education



Conflict Management

IMPLEMENTATION:

The programme is implemented in the refugee districts of northern Uganda through three separate partner contracts namely: -

- a) Austrian Development Agency (ADA) implementing **Water and Sanitation (WASH)**;
- b) Belgian Development Agency (BTC) implementing **Skills Development and Entrepreneurship training**;
- c) Danish Refugee Council (DRC) leading the NGO-consortium including ZOA, CEFORD and Save the Children are implementing **Livelihoods, Conflict Management and Education**.

The program aims to address the humanitarian concerns through long term solutions, working in the nexus between humanitarian and development for sustainability.

The European Union and the Office of the Prime Minister oversee the program. The partners work closely with Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Water and Environment, the Local Government, community leaders and UNHCR. SPRS-NU intervention adheres to the Refugee and Host Population Empowerment (ReHOPE) strategy.

