

European Union and German Government Cooperation in Uganda

GIZ joins the EU and all EU member states to commemorate the Europe Day that is celebrated annually on 9th May.

Despite the current instability caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, GIZ continues to support Uganda in the best way possible. 80% of all the international experts are still in the country working as remotely as they possibly can.

The European Union (EU) and its member states collectively form the world's largest development cooperation donor. As a German federal enterprise, GIZ contributes to the implementation of the political objectives and international obligations of the EU and the German Government through its work. To this end, GIZ works worldwide with and for the EU on a broad range of issues, as well as providing support to the EU on behalf of the German Government, ranging from expert advice to project implementation on the ground.

Under delegated cooperation arrangements, GIZ is accredited to manage European Commission funds set aside to support partner countries. GIZ implements these funds in the form of joint activities commissioned by the German Government (financing).

This is particularly true in Uganda where, the EU, through GIZ, is funding development interventions worth Euro 60 million for the next four (4) years. These funds are incorporated within the German-Uganda Technical Cooperation portfolio. This means that the interventions form part of the already existing programmes and projects implemented by GIZ with several Ugandan entities.

Energy Sector

GIZ partnered with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) and the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) to promote mini-grids in Northern Uganda.

With co-financing from the EU's Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU), up to 25 villages in Lamwo district will be electrified using renewable energy-based mini-grids. So far, a private operator, Winch Energy Limited, has been selected through REA's tender process. In the meantime, public hearings to sensitise the community about the upcoming project and highlight the benefits of the solar mini-grids have been held. Additionally, community business development and awareness activities are ongoing in the 25 villages. As soon as the developer has finalised procurement under the current difficult situation the installation in the 25 villages in Lamwo district will start.

Water Sector

Under the "Enhanced Water Security and Sanitation (ENWASS) Programme", GIZ is implementing a project to enhance both national and local level water governance. This is a contribution to improve the climate resilience of communities through increase of water for production facilities in Karamojong. This project is also co-funded by EU's Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) and works closely with the Ministry of Water and Environment and other stakeholders, such as the District Local Governments, catchment management organizations and communities. To sustainably improve access to Water for Production infrastructure for up to 20,000 people, the project has already protected a number of existing valley tanks with water source protection measures and is constructing and

protecting additional valley tanks. On the national level the project supports review of national guidelines for operation and maintenance of water for production facilities and water resources management.

Green Growth

Anchored within the ENWASS programme, GIZ has a Natural Resources Stewardship Programme (Natures) that implements an EU co-financed project called "EUNOMIA-Creating green and prosperous urban economies across Uganda". This project is co-funded by the EU action "Promoting Inclusive Green Economy in Uganda" and aims to strengthen the green economy in Uganda. It is targeting specific urban sectors such as wastewater, solid waste and urban wetlands and forests in Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area and Guru Municipality towards creating resilient economies, while sustaining environmental protection and engaging private sector. This is done by 1) engaging stakeholders through promotion of partnerships between private sector, public institutions and civil society 2) capacity building of stakeholders 3) capturing, disseminating and building on lessons learnt. Main implementing and government partner is the Directorate for Water Resources Management under the Ministry of Water & Environment.

Refugees

As part of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), GIZ received funding from the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF) to run a project that supports greater resilience and self-reliance among refugees and host communities in Aura, Adjumani, Madi-Okollo, Moyo and Obongi Districts. The project is implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Local Government. The aim of the project is to improve the socio-economic development of refugees and host communities and to support strengthening of district local governments in Northern Uganda.

To mitigate the effects of COVID-19, the project distributed agricultural inputs to the refugees and host community populations in the districts. In the last three weeks, 23 tonnes of groundnut seed, 600kg of sunflower seed, cassava cuttings, 7.5 tonnes of rice seeds, 2.5 tonnes of bean seeds as well as onion, tomato, eggplant, and cabbage seeds were distributed. The seeds distributed are enough for cultivating roughly 4000 acres of land and has reached ca. 4000 households. This move is primarily aimed at increasing income through agricultural production for refugees and host community members, in addition to boosting food security.

Rural Development

As part of the "Promoting Rural Development Programme" (PRUDEV), GIZ in cooperation with the Ministry of Local Government, is implementing an EU co-funded project called "Promotion of Climate Smart Agriculture" (ProCSA). The project's overall objective is to strengthen the rural population in seven Districts in Northern Uganda against the negative effects of climate change through climate-smart agriculture (CSA). Major activities are: 1) Climate vulnerability assessments and support to inclusion of CSA in local planning and budgeting processes, like the new District Development Plans; 2) Suitable Climate Smart Agriculture practices (e.g. agroforestry, intercropping, improved varieties, water harvesting) have been

identified together with farmers and research institutions and will be implemented as soon as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Farming communities will also be supported in establishing 18 Local Seed Businesses to produce high quality seed. Furthermore, an analysis of the National Monitoring, Reporting and Verification system of greenhouse gas emissions has been undertaken, to design a system for local data collection, analysis and reporting for the agriculture sector.

Land

The land sector is one of the most contested and controversial areas in Uganda. GIZ in partnership with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is implementing a project "Improvement of Land Governance in Uganda to Increase Productivity of Small-Scale Farmers on private Mailo-Land" (ILGU). The project aims at creating peaceful co-existence between Kibanja holders on private Mailo and their respective landlords through comprehensive awareness raising, conflict resolution and documentation of land use rights (Kibanja) for rural households in the Districts of Mityana, Kassanda and Mubende in Central Uganda.

The project's target is to document 75,000 tenancy rights (Bibanja) and solve 80% of conflicts arising during the mapping process. This will foster the security of a long-term use right and increase agricultural investment for the actual tenants and landlords on private Mailo-Land. To-date, the project has mapped 54,697 parcels and issued 16,590 Land Inventory Protocols (LIPs) to Bibanja holders. And 72% of the 2084 cases identified and documented have been resolved in 8 sub-counties.

Governance and Civil Society

The European Union extended support to civil society organisations all over Uganda. This was done through a generous co-funding with the German cooperation in Uganda, to advance EU's objective of contributing to reduced poverty through better governance. The Civil Society in Uganda Support Programme (CUSP) under GIZ's Strengthening Governance and Civil Society Programme aims at promoting a conducive environment for Uganda's Civil Society Organisations, enhancing their participation in domestic policy processes and further developing their capacities. CUSP's areas of focus are: Infrastructure (Water and Energy), Agriculture (Rural Development) and Governance (Human Rights and External Audit). These areas integrate both the EU's focal sectors and the portfolio of the German Development Cooperation with Uganda.

About GIZ

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Solar training



A tenant receives land documentation for her Kibanja, in Myanzi sub-county, Kassanda district in Central Uganda.



Participants from civil society organisations learn about possibilities for resource mobilization.



Refugees receive seeds



A drawing symbolizing the official start of the Promotion of Climate Smart Agriculture project in 2019 with all stakeholders involved