



UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund 2020 Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report of the UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund (Uganda MPTF) is prepared by Resident Coordinator's Office and the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of their obligations, as per the Fund's Terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) signed with contributors.

This consolidated report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 and provides narrative and financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the Uganda MPTF. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY ([Trust Fund Factsheet - Uganda UN Multi-Partner Trust \(undp.org\)](https://undp.org)).

SECTION 1: PROGRESS REPORT

The United Nations Uganda MPTF supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 2030 Agenda through integrated and joint interventions laid out in the [UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Uganda \(2021-2025\)](#). Fund resources enable stakeholders to roll-out activities through multiple thematic windows—with the first to launch being an emergency track for partners to respond to the fallout caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fund has been established with the initial Emergency Window to address the COVID-19 crisis and its impacts with funding received from the Government of Norway in the amount of US\$ 2.1 million to support the Government of Uganda to ensure urgent and robust response, the United Nations in Uganda, together with the Government and NGO partner organizations has launched the UN Emergency Appeal for COVID-19 Response and its Impacts in Uganda on 23rd April 2020.

The Government of Uganda has implemented national guidelines and policies to prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19, including a national preparedness and response plan that models data and uses new evidence to develop interventions that lowers the transmission and mortality of, and socio-economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 crisis. As in other countries, the pandemic has placed millions in Uganda at risk, but has disproportionately affected the most vulnerable. The response, therefore, is robust, data-driven, inclusive, community-led in boosting access to basic services and livelihoods, and lowering humanitarian and socio-economic consequences through the following thematic areas: The UN Appeal has been coordinated through six Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) focusing on and led by:

1. *Health - WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children*
2. *Food Security, Livelihood and Nutrition - WFP, FAO, Catholic Relief Services*
3. *Lifesaving services and Social Protection - UN Women, UNFPA, AYINET*
4. *Refugees and Displacement:*
 - *Refugees: UNHCR*
 - *Displacement and natural disasters: IOM, Uganda Red Cross*
5. *Immediate Economic Support and Digital Innovation - UNDP, UNCDF and Tunaweza Foundation*
6. *Coordination and Common services - RCO, Smart Youth Network*

The Emergency Window aimed to:

- Support the public health response to contain the spread of COVID-19 by decreasing morbidity

and mortality;

- Provide access to life-saving and resilience-building services, assistance and protection that prioritizes the most vulnerable and at-risk;
- Create an enabling environment for the COVID-19 response through immediate interventions that improve governance, human rights, gender equality, coordination and social cohesion.

The Fund's governance structure consists of a Steering Committee (SC) with TWG's Leads of the Emergency Window. The TWGs coexist with other coordination platforms and do not replace each other. The TWGs Co-Leads have been responsible for ensuring complementarity between various coordination mechanisms, prioritization and development of the project proposals. The TWGs ensured coherence with the national coordination mechanisms and shared progresses at the regular meetings organized by RCO under the Emergency Window, and at the national coordination platforms, and interfaced with the broader community.

The formulation of the TORs for the TWGs was undertaken in an extensive consultation with UN agencies and partners including NGO partners.

The transfer of funds by the donor has commenced at the end October 2020 following the signing of the Standard Administrative Agent agreement between the donor and MPTF Office. The prioritization of projects has been finalized by November 2020 that led to organization of the first Steering Committee Meeting on 1st December 2020.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) were approved by the Government of the Uganda and donors during the first Uganda MPTF SC meeting held on 1st December 2020. The SC members also approved the allocation of resources provided by the Government of Norway under Emergency Window to the submitted prioritized projects (Annex 1), and the funds were disbursed in 2021. The first Steering Committee SC Meeting also review the progress in implementing initiatives in the thematic areas identified the UN Emergency Appeal for response to Covid-19 and its impacts launched in April 2020, including an overview of lessons and key challenges.

Following the SC approval of the prioritized Concept Notes, agencies were requested to develop the full projects documents that were submitted for reviews and clearances in the course of the first months of 2021.

The Fund will be ensuring a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) system is in place for the implementation of the funded projects. The RCO will house the Fund's M&E capacity in close collaboration with RUNOs M&E team to ensure that M&E is applied consistently throughout all projects against set quality standards and procedures and that M&E data is managed on a centralized Uganda MPTF Results covering the approved projects.

The priority for the 2021 will be the full design of the Uganda MPTF to align to the new UNSDCF (2021-2025) including aligning to its governance structure. With the full design completion of the Uganda MPTF, the UN system will focus on the design and development of joint programmes under the UNSDCF to be implemented through Fund.

SECTION 2: 2020 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INTRODUCTION

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of its obligations as Administrative Agent, as per the terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the UNDP MPTF Office and the Participating Organizations, and the Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) signed with contributors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, is responsible for concluding an MOU with Participating Organizations and SAAs with contributors. It receives, administers and manages contributions, and disburses these funds to the Participating Organizations. The Administrative Agent prepares and submits annual consolidated financial reports, as well as regular financial statements, for transmission to contributors.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December **2020** and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/4UG00>).

The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars and due to rounding off of numbers, the totals may not add up.

2020 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2020**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/4UG00>.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2020**, 1 contributor deposited US\$ **2,177,013** in contributions and US\$ **1,809** was earned in interest. The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **2,178,822**.

The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **21,770**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund as of 31 December 2020.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

	Annual 2019	Annual 2020	Cumulative
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors		2,177,013	2,177,013
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income		1,809	1,809
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations		-	-
Refunds by Administrative Agent to Contributors		-	-
Fund balance transferred to another MDTF		-	-
Other Income		-	-
Total: Sources of Funds		2,178,822	2,178,822
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations		-	-
Refunds received from Participating Organizations		-	-
Net Funded Amount		-	-
Administrative Agent Fees		21,770	21,770
Direct Costs: (Steering Committee, Secretariat...etc.)		-	-
Bank Charges		15	15
Other Expenditures		-	-
Total: Uses of Funds		21,785	21,785
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent		2,157,036	2,157,036
Opening Fund balance (1 January)		-	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)		2,157,036	2,157,036
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)		-	-
Participating Organizations' Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)		-	-
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations			-

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this Fund as of 31 December 2020. The UN Uganda Multi-Partner Trust Fund is currently being financed by 1 contributor, as listed in the table below. The table includes commitments made up to 31 December 2020 through signed Standard Administrative Agreements, and deposits made through 2020.

Table 2. Contributors' Commitments and Deposits, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Prior Years	Current Year	Total Deposits
		as of 31-Dec-2019 Deposits	Jan-Dec-2020 Deposits	
NORWAY	2,177,013	-	2,177,013	2,177,013
Grand Total	2,177,013	-	2,177,013	2,177,013

INTEREST EARNED

Interest income is earned in two ways: 1) on the balance of funds held by the Administrative Agent (Fund earned interest), and 2) on the balance of funds held by the Participating Organizations (Agency earned interest) where their Financial Regulations and Rules allow return of interest to the AA. As of 31 December 2020, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ 1,809.

Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2020 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years as of 31-Dec-2019	Current Year Jan-Dec-2020	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Earned Interest and Investment Income		1,809	1,809
Total: Fund Earned Interest		1,809	1,809
Grand Total		1,809	1,809

COST RECOVERY

Cost recovery policies for the Fund are guided by the applicable provisions of the Terms of Reference, the MOU concluded between the Administrative Agent and Participating Organizations, and the SAAs concluded between the Administrative Agent and Contributors, based on rates approved by UNDG.

The policies in place, as of 31 December **2020**, were as follows:

- **The Administrative Agent (AA) fee:** 1% is charged at the time of contributor deposit and covers services provided on that contribution for the entire duration of the Fund. In the reporting period US\$ **21,770** was deducted in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

In order to effectively provide fund administration services and facilitate monitoring and reporting to the UN system and its partners, the MPTF Office has developed a public website, the MPTF Office Gateway (<http://mptf.undp.org>). Refreshed in real time every two hours from an internal enterprise resource planning system, the MPTF Office Gateway has become a standard setter for providing transparent and accountable trust fund administration services.

The Gateway provides financial information including: contributor commitments and deposits, approved programme budgets, transfers to and expenditures reported by Participating Organizations, interest income and other expenses. In addition, the Gateway provides an overview of the MPTF Office portfolio and extensive information on individual Funds, including their purpose, governance structure and key documents. By providing easy access to the growing number of narrative and financial reports, as well as related project documents, the Gateway collects and preserves important institutional knowledge and facilitates knowledge sharing and management among UN Organizations and their development partners, thereby contributing to UN coherence and development effectiveness.

List of Projects approved:

WG Area	Project proposals for the UN Uganda MPTF		UN Response to Covid-19 Impacts in Uganda	Geographical Area	Emergency Window	2021
	Project Name	Objectives	Beneficiaries		Budget	Agencies/Prodocs #
Health						
	Support to Uganda COVID-19 and Cholera Response	<p>1: To strengthen the COVID-19 and cholera outbreaks response coordination, leadership, monitoring, reporting mechanisms and supplies in selected districts.</p> <p>2: To strengthen case management interventions and entail a full package of response including standard training on COVID-19 on for homecare and cholera case management</p> <p>3: To strengthen district capacity to rapidly detect, confirm and investigate all suspected cases of COVID-19 in affected and high-risk districts including Elegu point of entry and Adjacent communities.</p> <p>4: To scale up risk communication, social mobilization and community engagement activities in high risk districts for COVID-19 and cholera response</p>	The support by the UN agencies and implementing partners will benefit 4,207,092 persons	Amuru, Gulu, Kasese, Kaabong, Moroto, Karenga, Amudat, Nabilatuk, Napak, Kampala, Wakiso	\$561,467.14	<p>1.WHO: \$140,571.41</p> <p>2.UNICEF¹: \$399,683.84 (Correction total with: \$264,420.84/UNICEF; US\$49,519.49/Save the Children; US\$85,743.51/CUAMM)</p> <p>3.IOM: \$21,211.83</p>
Life-Saving Services, Multisectoral Cash & Social Protection						
	Ensuring human rights compliant response by Justice Law and Order Sector actors to COVID-19, including addressing overcrowding in detention facilities	<p>1. To support the Judiciary, Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP), and Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) to establish virtual court hearings to address backlog of cases, in particular in cases of pre-trial detention, and reduce overcrowding of prisons.</p> <p>2. To facilitate access to justice for prisoners on remand through the provision of legal aid services.</p> <p>3. To improve the capacity of JLOS actors involved in the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	(1) The Judiciary, UPS and ODPP (2) Prisoners on remand in target facilities. Other vulnerable prisoners will be targeted e.g. prisoners with disability, female prisoners with young children and serving minor sentences, those that are terminally ill and older persons.	Proposed courts for intervention include the Jinga High Courts, Arua High Court, Mbarara High Court, Mbale High Court, High court and selected Magistrates courts.	\$31,817.74	<p>4.UNODC: \$15,909</p> <p>5.OHCHR: \$15,909</p>

¹ UNICEF allocation includes 2 NGOs: SCI and CUAMM

	Continuity of Provision of Essential Life Saving Integrated SRHR/GBV prevention and response services for women and Young people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve access of life-saving quality sexual reproductive health care and GBV services in Karamoja and Northern Uganda 2. To improve access to multisectoral GBV services specifically medical, psycho social and referral for legal services for GBV survivors. 3. Strengthen coordination, supervision and accountability for service provision and delivery 	165,309 direct beneficiaries, especially women of reproductive age group (15-49 years), GBV survivors, persons with disability and young people 15-19 years. The indirect target beneficiaries: District Local Councils, District Health Teams, Community Development Teams, religious, cultural, and youth leaders, health workers, police, CSO's, MOH, MGLSD, JLOS, NMS	Abim, Amudat, Kaabong, Moroto, Kotido, Nakapiripirit, Napak, Omoro, Otuke, and Kampala	\$265,147.83	6.UNFPA: \$265,147.83
	Strengthening Access to Integrated GBV, HIV, COVID-19 Prevention and Response Services for Affected Women and Girls in Gulu, Moroto and Tororo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase access to psychosocial support for GBV survivors, women experiencing sexual exploitation, pregnant women and people living with HIV in Gulu, Moroto and Tororo 2. To increase public awareness on GBV, COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS for effective prevention, case management, and care seeking behaviour by most at risk population in Gulu, Moroto and Kotido 	Psychosocial support to 1500 GBV survivors 300,000 community members reached through the media 15,000 women and 11,000 girls reached through direct messaging on GBV	Gulu, Moroto and Tororo	\$265,147.83	7.UN Women: \$265,147.83
	Promoting women's active participation in efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and promote social cohesion, conflict prevention and sustaining peace in Uganda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase engagement of women peace builders in advocacy and awareness on peaceful co-existence in the COVID-19 response in Kotido, Yumbe, Amuria, Lamwo, Obongi & Adjumani districts 2. To increase Capacity of women peace committees and RWC leaders, and women front line responders on mediation, and are also equipping them with PPEs 3. To strengthen coordination and functionality of existing Government COVID-19 response teams, Women led CSOs, peace structures 	700 women peace mediators 1,000 Community members	West Nile, Northern Uganda and Karamoja (Kotido, Yumbe, Amuria, Lamwo, Obongi & Adjumani)	\$96,417.39	8.UN Women: \$96,417.39
Uganda Flood /	To provide critical life-saving WASH services to children, families and communities affected by		40,000 people will benefit from the interventions	Nine of the most affected districts,	\$239,775.59	9.UNICEF: \$239,775.59

	Cholera Response	floods in Uganda		out of 50 flood prone districts (Adjumani, Aura, Buliisa, Pakwach, Isingiro, Kasese, Abim, Moroto, and Nakapiripirit)		
Natural Disasters and Displacement (TWG 4.1)						
	Emergency assistance for flood affected and displaced people in Uganda	To provide access to life-saving assistance and protection services to IDPs and those most at-risk of COVID-19 in Kasese, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko in Western Region, and Masaka districts in the Lake Victoria area	46,140 people (men: 9,948; women: 10,354)	Kasese, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kalangala, Mpigi, Rakai, Masaka	\$241,043.48	10. IOM: \$241,043.48
Immediate Economic Support & Digital Innovation						
	Access to Finance and Digital Solutions for gender-responsive micro, small and medium enterprises	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide BDS /capacity building support to selected agribusiness SMEs to adjust business processes and models to sustain continued operations during and beyond COVID-19 as well as develop bankable proposals for funding. 2. Provide short term financial support to agribusiness SMEs to overcome liquidity problems suffered as a result of COVID-19 and ensure quick economic recovery. Priority will be given to businesses owned / managed by women and or youth. 3. To ensure that supported agribusiness SMEs are sustainable and able to pay back the funds 4. Enhance the capacity of supported SMEs in the medium /long term to access concessional and commercial funding available with different FIs in Uganda 	<p>Direct beneficiaries – At least 100 youth and women MSMEs.</p> <p>Indirect Beneficiaries – Smallholder farmers, community, women, youth.</p>	Kampala Capital City Authority, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Wakiso Local Government; Selected districts in Karamoja and Elgon sub- Regions	\$192,834.79	11. UNCDF: \$64,278.26 UNDP: \$64,278.26 UN Women: \$64,278.26
	Immediate Economic Support & Digital Innovation	The project will target agri-businesses throughout the country.	<p>Direct beneficiaries – At least 50 Agribusiness SMEs will receive support in form capacity building and financing.</p> <p>Indirect Beneficiaries – Smallholder farmers, community, women, youth</p>	Ministry of Trade Industry & Cooperatives (MTIC); Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU)	\$144,626.09	12. UNCDF: \$144,626.09
Coordination and Common Services						



	<p>Support UN Coherence Efforts in Uganda for COVID-19 Response; Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for COVID -19</p>	<p>1. To provide coordination support to respond to COVID-19 impacts 2. Support community engagement and integration with community-based surveillance and psychosocial support services 3. To ensure that the Uganda Police Force (UPF) personnel deployed to protect UN Personnel, Offices, Assets and Accommodations, including the QRF are issued with sufficient COVID – 19 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to ensure their safety as they secure, protect and maintain mandatory hygiene practices in preventing the spread of COVID - 19 at their areas of duty within their SRM Area Duty Stations.</p>	<p>UNCT, Government, NGOs/INGOs</p>	<p>National</p>	<p>\$138,720</p>	<p>13.RCO: \$138,720</p>
<p>Total:</p>						<p>\$2,176,997.92</p>