



Political Commitment; Key in Promoting South to South Cooperation (SSC) Lessons from Uganda

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- Uganda, is a country in East Africa. It is bordered to the east by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the south-west by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania.
- Known for welcoming and friendly people, beautiful environment and landscapes, warm tropical climate.

KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

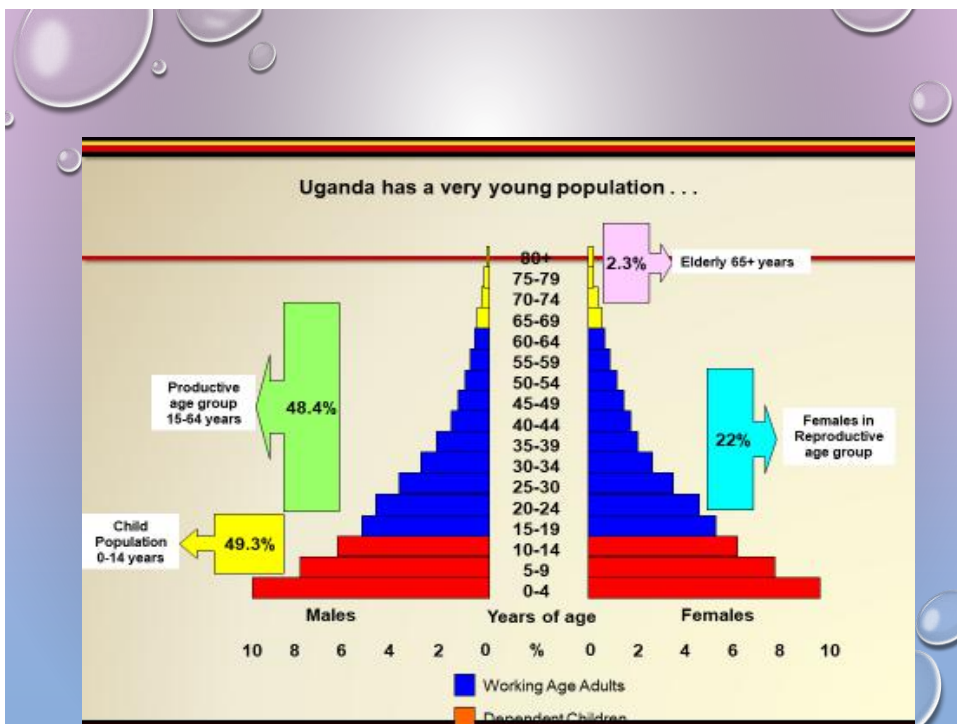
	Urban	Rural	National
Total Fertility Rate	4.0	5.9	5.4
Infant Mortality	39/1,000	44/1,000	43/1,000
Child Mortality	13/1,000	25/1,000	22/1,000
Maternal Mortality			336/100,000
Contraceptive Use	46%	36.8%	39%
Teenage Pregnancy	18.8 %	26.7%	25%

Total population

2019 Mid year projection by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics is

40.4million people

Population growth rate **3.04 %**



LESSONS FROM UGANDA

- Following the adoption of the Addis Ababa Declaration by African Ministers in 2013, Uganda started on the process of domesticating the Demographic Dividend (DD) concept in line with its long term development planning;
- A Cabinet Memo was developed to seek Cabinet approval for prioritizing and integrating the Demographic Dividend into Uganda's planning frameworks;
- Cabinet approved the memo and recommended 'harnessing of the DD' as a key strategy for driving the country's transformative agenda.

LESSONS FROM UGANDA

- In 2015, the President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni officially launched a DD modelling report at a high level Family Planning Conference in Uganda. This endorsed the DD as a national priority to be embraced by all;
- Uganda's National Planning Authority which is mandated to develop and oversee the implementation of development plans and frameworks, embraced the DD and integrated it in the five year National Development Plans and Budgets. The Concept will be integrated into the third National Development Plan that is currently under development.

- To domesticate the Demographic Dividend, Uganda developed a Roadmap with timelines and practical steps that will be undertaken by specific actors. The Roadmap was launched by Rt Hon. Speaker of Parliament.
- The Roadmap has been translated into planning and budgeting frameworks at sectors and lower local governments. The districts will be assessed for compliance using a compliance tool developed by the National Planning Authority.

- The DD concept has been embraced by Uganda's political and technical leaders at different levels.
- In addition to the support from the Head of State, Members of Parliament have championed for skilling, human capital investments, education of the girl child, family planning, gender equity...
- Members of Parliament have appreciated the linkages between FP/RH and development. They have made commitments for SRHR in the region and increased accountability for the implementation of Reproductive Health commitments.

- The process of domesticating the DD concept in Uganda clearly highlights the importance of political will in driving the development agenda of the country.
- Uganda is committed to working to transform the lives of its nationals and will continue to drive the socio-transformation agenda in accordance with South-South Co-operation.
- Uganda will also support the global development agenda, and will work with nations towards this end.

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