

Title: Joint programme of Support for Implementing the National Population Policy 2011 – 2014

Donor: Department for International Development



Recipient Country: Uganda

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Overview:

Uganda's population dynamics presents both opportunity and a challenge for achieving sustainable economic and human development. The rapid and unmanageable population growth is the single-most factor standing in the way of a speedier rate of development in Uganda. For the country to set itself on the path of lasting peace and sustainable progress there needs to be more harmony between the pace of growth in population and that of development. Getting that balance right is both complex and delicate and if left unmanaged, high population growth can thwart the efforts of supporting nation building. At present, population growth in Uganda is outstripping the growth in vital services, including housing, utilities; employment, education and health care. A burgeoning population of young people with ambition but no opportunity can increase vulnerability as well as civil unrest. Uganda is at a critical juncture in its stride to become a middle income country. There is growing realization of the importance of population in development. The proposed GoU/UN joint programme on Population therefore is a unique opportunity to put people and their choices central to the development effort.

This would enable the participating agencies to collectively channel what would otherwise be agency-specific support to the Government and people of Uganda in a coordinated and harmonized approach. This joint programme will also complement existing joint programmes including the UN Peace Building and Recovery Assistance Programme for Northern Uganda (2009 – 2011) and UN joint programmes on HIV and AIDS, UNJP on Climate Change, the joint programme on sexual and gender-based violence and the gender joint programme. The UN Joint Programme on population will directly contribute to achieving UNDAF and NOP outcomes.

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