

# Building Effective Partnership between Local Gov'ts, National Gov'ts, Slum Dwellers Communities & Other Stakeholders

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# Introduction

- Mbale is one of the five Municipalities participating in the Cities Alliance supported project for transforming settlements of the urban poor in Uganda
- The project is being implemented through partnership of the Central Govt, Local Govt, Communities, NGO, Universities, UAAU, and the private sector
- Each partner has specific role in the project

# The National Government

- Overall coordination of the project and technical oversight and policy direction
- Ensure effective implementation of the project
- Transfer funds to the Municipalities for implementation of the project activities
- Monitoring and supervision

# The Council

- Passed a resolution supporting the programme and is already part of its Development Plan with a budget and an Account
- Has overall accountability for the project funds: funds have been transferred for the Community Upgrading & the MDF.
- Has aligned local community planning into the municipal planning and budgeting process
- Incorporated the initiative into the existing structure of municipality by appointing a project coordinator who is a staff of the Council
- Provides technical and project planning support to the Slum Dwellers Federations e.g. in community mobilization, .
- Provided office accommodation to the SDF of Mbale.

# Slum Dwellers Federations

- Community savings groups; so far more than 5000 members have joined and saving regularly
- Household enumeration, profiling and mapping
- Election of their leaders
- Lobby and negotiation for access to opportunities
- Participants in the improvement programmes

# The Private Sector

- Participate in mobilization of resources for investment in slum redevelopment efforts
- Engage in providing an input into the planning of the Municipality
- Take a lead role in economic development activities / business devt.

# The NGOs

- Working with Actogether – support NGO mobilized the Slum Dwellers into active Federations
- Trained and built capacity of the SDF to lobby, advocate and negotiate for their rights; the case of acquisition of land for a sanitation unit in Mission Cell
- Facilitated exchange programmes amongst other Federations to learn by seeing

# The Academia

- The University has a role to carry out applied research (IUIU is involved in the Programme for purposes of action research)
- Supervise students internship programme among the communities

# The Urban Authorities Association of Uganda (UAAU)

- Ensures that issues concerning urban local governments are clearly identified, understood, and presented to the National Urban Development Forum for discussion.
- Identifies good practices and facilitates sharing of information among urban local governments.
- Supports capacity building of urban local government to realize their development agenda.

# Municipal Development Forum

- This is a platform for participation of the various stakeholders and dialogue to influence planning, policy and legal reforms
- The MDF Executive Committee comprises representatives of all key stakeholders including Slum dwellers, the Council, the Academia, the NGO, the Private Sector,
- The MDF meets once every two months to discuss key issues facing the communities
- The resolutions adopted at by the MDF are submitted to Council for consideration as well as to the UAAU & MLHUD.
- Consider community projects for accessing support from the Community Upgrading Fund

# Conclusion

- The political leadership in Mbale recognize the importance of partnerships
- When we are together, we can achieve more
- In the long term, we expect to redevelop the slum settlements through partnerships between the Public, the Private, and the community.