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RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMME (REAP)

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PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM) REFORMS: THE PFM REFORMS COORDINATION UNIT (RCU)

QUARTER 1 NEWSLETTER



SYSTEM ROLLOUT TO NEW DISTRICTS

Government has continued to rollout systems to Local Governments with the goal of further improving budgeting, accounting and reporting in the bid for improved service delivery.

- Seven more Districts were added to many more government entities which are connected to the Integrated Financial Management system (IFMS). To handle all payments including pension and Payroll Payment Processing
- So far, the IFMS has been deployed at more than Fully operational in **285 of the 300** votes in Government

Key Highlights

- NEW PERMA-NENT SECRE-TARY TAKES OFFICE
- RE-TOOLING LOCAL GOV-ERNMENTS FOR REVENUE COLLECTION
- SYSTEM ROLLOUT TO NEW DIS-TRICTS
- AUDITOR
 GENERAL
 REGIONAL
 OFFICES

RAMATHAN GGOOBI: NEW PS/ST OF THE MIN-ISTRY OF FINANCE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The first quarter of FY2021/22 started at a slow pace given the partial lock-down occasioned by yet another surge in COVID 19 infections. The momentum of many activities suffered but effort was made to maintain a degree of traction across the broad spectrum of REAP activities.

The Ministry also received a new PS/ST who presided over the 46th Public Expenditure Management Committee (PEMCOM). In his maiden meeting, he outlined his vision covering accountability (for results), economic recovery, Incomes, Wealth creation, Business opportunities and job creation. He disclosed that he would soon for-

RE-TOOLING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Local Governments received 200 motor cycles in a move aimed at intended to strengthen internal audit and boost drive for revenue mobilization.

These interventions are made possible by funding from the Government of Uganda and a multi-donor Basket Fund form the Government of Denmark, the Government of Germany through the German Development Bank (KfW), and the European Commission to Uganda.

The motor-cycles were received by Chief Administrative Officers at four regional centers of Masaka, Mubende, Soroti and Lira. The Main event was presided over by the Hon. Minister of Local government Raphael Magyezi.



AUDITOR GENERAL REGIONAL OFFICES

Government has continued efforts to consolidate the independence and operations of the office of the auditor General. Over the Quarter, the Arua Regional Offices were completed and commissioned for occupancy.

This is the 6th building we are commissioning since we embarked on this journey. Others include the Audit House in Kampala, and regional offices in Mbarara, Jinja, Mbale, Moroto and Hoima.

M/s KfW and the German Government have supported this project from inception, design and throughout the construction. phases.





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Other Highlights

- ART Share Platform implementation by Auditor General ongoing
- Accountant General is implementing the IFMS Major Upgrade intended to meet the requirements of the Programme Based Budgeting requirements
- REAP Website was launched and is available at www.reap.finance.g o.ug
- Discussions commenced on the Harmonization of DPI/PFM Coordination
 Structures. Matter assigned to M/s Delloite who are undertaking the Mid-Term Review of the REAP

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ARUA AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICES

SEMI-JOINT ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DEV'T PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - 2021

REAP joined the reconstituted Accountability Sector Secretariat (now the Development Plan Implementation) at the Joint Semi-Annual Review that involves key stakeholders to dialogue, review performance over the appointed, and take decisions on priority actions (undertakings, or commitments). Sector (now Programme) reviews are a requirement under the National Policy on Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation (2013) which provide for the need for all Sectors to conduct joint annual reviews with stakeholders.

The review which was the fifth in a series generated recommendations, priority actions and undertakings for programme implementation. These will inform the Budget Framework Paper (BFP) preparation processes.

Given the challenges posed by COVID19 restrictions on public gatherings, the review was conducted in hybrid mode providing for limited physical and virtual participation using remote technology and electronic media through TV and social media.

OBITUARY

The programme suffered a big blow with the death of Mr. Francis Masuba, Assistant Auditor General, who succumbed to Covid. He served as Chairman of the Oversight Cluster under the PFM Reforms Dialogue structures designed to support the PEMCOM.

His humility was compelling and he was dedicated to the reforms. He was humble, friendly and conciliatory. He was laid to rest in his ancestral home in Sironko.



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