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FACTS AND FIGURES

- **Population**: 34.6 million inhabitants in 2011
- **Percentage of the population living with less than 2.00 USD**: 38.7%
- **Human Development Index**: 0.621 out of 178 countries (rank: 136)
- **Annual Domestic Product Per Capita**: 1597 dollars
- **Life expectancy at birth**: 54.5 years
- **Infant mortality rate (under 1)**: 63‰ (Unicef, 2010)
- **Adult literacy rate**: 73.2%
- **Combined gross enrolment ratio in primary education**: 44.5%
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Education became a priority sector for the Belgian Development Cooperation in Uganda in 2008, and ever since the strategic focus is on expanding the quality of teaching and learning in BTVET.

The Belgian education portfolio includes both budget support and aimed support. Since 2010, Belgium has committed 14 million euros to education (12 million euros). Belgium has committed an additional 11 million euros to education through the 2013-2016 budget support for the period 2013-16.

In 2012, a new project was launched to improve the quality of teaching in secondary education and BTVET through the support of 3 teacher and instructor colleges in the country (budget 17.4 million euros). Extra funds are available of the amount of 16 million euros for 2 new projects in education, in line with the above mentioned priorities.

**HEALTH**

Uganda’s allocation to the health sector has been steady since over the last ten years, however, the proportion of the national budget spent on health did not increase and still averages 1%, well below the Abuja target of 15% set in 2001.

During the past years, the contribution of the Private-Not-For-Profit (PNFP) sector to the health service delivery has increased. The PNFP sector covers about 30% of the budget, and 40% of all health facilities.

The PNFP facilities, which account for over 40% of total bed places and 65% of nurses and midwifery teaching schools, deliver an estimated 44% of all health services to the population, mostly in rural and hard to reach areas.

Belgium will contribute to the implementation of the Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan supporting two priority areas identified by the quality of health:

- District capacity to strengthen decentralisation and primary health care through sector support (3 million euros and 2 million euros).
- Institutional support to the PNFP sector to increase service delivery and develop a performance-based financing mechanism through project support (8 million euros).

**MULTI-SECTORAL PROGRAMMES**

**DEDICATED COOPERATION**

Belgium is a member of the ‘Group of National Financial Insitutional Development Partners’ (Group) and of the ‘Thematic Group on Climate Change’ in Uganda. Possibilities on co-financing of a climate adaptation project will be examined, for which 3 million euros is planned.

Belgium also explores options for a multi-donor account and joint funding arrangements to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for BTVET.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

A scholarship programme of 8 million euros will be set up. Even though priority areas are not linked to the two concentration sectors (education and health), these will account for 80% of the programme. An “Alumni Support Fund” will allow Ugandans to maintain academic linkages with their ‘mother’ universities. Scholarships is reserved for women. An “Alumni Support Fund” will allow Ugandans to maintain academic linkages with their ‘mother’ universities. Scholarships programmes are planned.

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**STUDY AND CONSULTANCY FUND**

A study and consultancy fund of 2 million euros is planned for the most that has proven to be a sufficient fund in previous periods. The fund is aligned with the demands of the partner country.

**INCENTIVE TRANCHE**

As the promotion of good governance is a priority for both governments, an incentive tranche of 1 million euros is planned for a possible increase of the cooperation projects budget. This will be based on the basis of improvements in good governance in Uganda.
FACTS AND FIGURES

- POPULATION: 34.6 million inhabitants in 2011
- INFANT MORTALITY RATE (UNDER 1): 63‰ (Unicef, 2010)
- ADULT LITERACY RATE: 73.2%
- COMBINED GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO IN PRIMARY EDUCATION: 121.6%
- COMBINED GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: 27.4%
- PRESS FREEDOM INDEX: rank 139 (out of 179 countries) – score: 64.00
- CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX: rank 143 (out of 182 countries) – score: 2.4
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Belgium will contribute to the implementation of the Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan supporting two priority areas, identified by the Ministry of Health: (1) District capacity to strengthen decentralisation and primary health care through sector budget support; (2) National Health Strategy for UHC.

MULTI-SECTORAL PROGRAMMES

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Incentive Tranche

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STUDY AND CONSULTANCY FUND

2 million euros is planned for the most that can be spent on scholarships for face-to-face consumer oriented projects in Uganda engaged with the demand of the partner country.

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- COMBINED GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO IN VET: 17.5 million euro. Extra funds are available of 16 million euro for 2 new projects in the education portfolio; in line with the above mentioned priorities.
- GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT PER CAPITA (at purchasing power parity): 1,217 dollars
- GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT: 20,497 dollars
- LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH: 54.1 years
- LITERACY RATE: 54.1 years
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