



# **FAIR RECOVERY**

## **TAX FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC REVENUE MOBILISATION  
FOR GENDER RESPONSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY**



## MAP OF UGANDA SHOWING PROJECT LOCATIONS



### CONTEXT

There is a need for a stronger and more certain revenue flows for the government to meet its expenditure needs and encourage foreign investment. This calls for a commitment to a prudent and sound financing plan to give confidence and certainty to the country.

Revenue mobilization strategies are prudent for the sustainable development of Uganda's economy. Efforts have been made to increase Uganda's domestic revenue majorly through improved tax policy in Uganda, however, revenue mobilization remains a challenge.

This is partly attributed to the low tax base linked to low service delivery, a large informal sector, high tax administrative costs and governance and accountability challenges. Local revenue sources are low and vary according to location.

These are insufficient to manage the ever-increasing expenditure demands for

service delivery. Governance and accountability are low, with limited transparency, especially in oil and gas and mineral-rich districts like Buliisa and Tororo.

With financial support from NORAD, Oxfam in Uganda, in partnership with SEATINI Uganda, CBTP, KAWIDA, and Osukuru United Women's Network, will implement a "Tax for Development Project" in Buliisa and Tororo districts and the national level. The 3-year project will strengthen the capacity of civil society and investigative journalists to advocate for fiscal justice to enhance financing of priority social sectors and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Uganda.

### PROJECT AIM

Support the Government to pursue fiscal justice by rapidly increasing progressive and gender-sensitive domestic resource mobilization to expand investments in achieving the SDGs. The project will also strengthen the capacity of civil society and investigative journalists to push for fiscal justice that puts the financing of the SDGs at its heart.

- To strengthen progressive and gender-sensitive tax collection.
- To reverse the plans for austerity
- To halt the debt crisis.
- To end harmful Illicit Financial Flows that all conspire to undermine public budgets and weaken the link between increased tax and development outcomes.

## PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

The project will target participants at the local level but also engage with district and national-based duty bearers. These will include:

- Civil society organizations (especially networks and coalitions) that already work on fiscal justice issues
- Investigative journalists (print, television, and radio) with a special focus on female journalists
- Community groups and local authorities at the subnational levels in Buliisa and Tororo districts with extended coverage of district local governments as indirect beneficiaries
- Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) responsible for fiscal justice issues, including the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda Revenue Authority, Local Government Finance Commission, and Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development.
- Women, both as beneficiaries and as drivers of change through identifying and supporting women journalists and collaborating with women rights organizations
- Private sector both locally, regionally, and internationally including multinational organizations
- Relevant regional and international institutions, including EAC, ECOWAS, IFIs, ATI, and AU

## PROJECT LOCATION

Subnational level Buliisa and Tororo districts

**PROJECT DURATION**  
**3 Years (2023 - 2025)**

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

### NATIONAL LEVEL

- Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
- Centre for Budget and Tax Policy (CBTP)

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL

- Kakindo Integrated Women Development Agency (KAWIDA) - Buliisa District
- Osukuru United Women's Network - Tororo District

## EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Strengthened capacity of civil society and investigative journalists to demand for fiscal justice.
2. Civil society and investigative journalists push for progressive and gender-sensitive DRM and help raise the interest of African countries in regional and global tax initiatives and discussions.
3. Civil society and media challenge austerity and unsustainable debt practices in order to expand funding for achieving the SDGs, and basic rights such as education, health and gender justice.

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