SCALING SLM IN UGANDA’S DEGRADATION HOTSPOTS:
Addressing Drivers Knowledge Management gaps and Opportunities

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Scaling-up Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices by smallholder farmers: working with agricultural extension services to identify, assess and disseminate SLM practices in Northern Uganda
Content outline

• Background: Evolution of Land LD crisis in Uganda
• LD Hot spots- Main Causes
• SLM governance framework
• Mandates of SLM Investment Framework
• SLM Policies
• SLM Key Drivers
• Entry Points in Uganda’s Success story
• Thank You Acknowledgement
EVOLUTION OF LAND DEGRADATION CRISIS IN UGANDA:

36% affected by LD; 10% Severely affected; LD costing 17% GDP. Manifests in Decreased yields, Rural Poverty, Food insecurity, Conflicts.

Population 44m (2018)
- Growth rate of 3.3% per yr

Trees, forests, woodland 0-14%
- (45% in 1890)

Deforestation 2% annual loss

Uganda-Land linked
- (246,000 Km²)

Agriculture key
- 34% GDP, 81% employment, vulnerable to CC

Uganda commitment
- 2.5m ha
- Bonn challenge Commitment
UGANDA’S LAND DEGRADATION HOT SPOTS

MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS

• Poor Farming Practices
  • Overgrazing
  • Land cover depletion
• Vulnerability to Natural Disasters – Floods, Drought
• Tenure Insecurity
• Land use conflicts
GOU DRIVEN SLM INVESTMENT FRAME WORK MANDATES:

GOAL:
Foster Cooperation in order to halt, reverse and prevent LD

PURPOSE:
Scale SLM across Sectors Agriculture, Water & Environment

OBJECTIVES
• Scaling SLM practices
• Improve Governance
• Improve Mutual Learning
• Prioritize on synergies

CHALLENGES
1. Budget Support
2. Policy Implementation
# SLM Policies in Uganda - Agriculture Sector

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<td>Agricultural</td>
<td>National Agricultural policy (2013)</td>
<td>Sets to restore and maintain soil fertility, soil and water conservation.</td>
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<td>Agricultural Extension Policy</td>
<td>Capacity development for farmers and other stakeholders, strengthening farmer groups and linkages for technology development</td>
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<td>Food and Nutrition Policy (2003)</td>
<td>Efficient management of the entire food chain from production to consumption to improve household food security</td>
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<td>Agricultural Sector Strategic Plan (ASSP) 2015/16 - 2019/20</td>
<td>Prioritizes sustainable land use and soil management as key cross cutting issues 12 priority and 4 strategic commodities across their entire value chains.</td>
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<td>The National Agricultural Research Organization Act. (2005)</td>
<td>Promotes development and scaling up of SLM technologies, establishes Zonal Research Centers for location specific technologies along the different agro ecological zones</td>
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<td>The National Irrigation Policy (2018)</td>
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<td>Uganda Strategic Investment Framework for SLM 2010 – 2020</td>
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KEY SLM DRIVERS

• ENABLING POLICIES
• INCENTIVES- Govt Budget, grants, loans, endowments
• STRONG FARMER GROUPS- Social Capital
• SECURE LAND TENURE
ENTRY POINTS IN UGANDA’S SLM SUCCESS STORY

• Building a Robust Data sets
• Empowering Extension & Lead Farmers
• Facilitating Learning Opportunities -
• Credits, Markets, Labour, Crop prices, Transport Infrastructure

• National SLM data base hosted by NARO http://www.slm.go.ug/
• The UGACAT coalition: http://www.ugacat.ug/
• Uganda’s documented Technologies and Practices reflected on the WOCAT Global data (https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/list/?type=wocat&filter__qg_location__country=country_UGA)
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