

SCOPE OF WORK ►►

During the first phase, DGF through its partners reached millions of citizens across Uganda with messages about civic awareness, human rights and accountability. This in turn increased citizens' vigilance in demanding accountability and better service delivery from their leaders. The DGF implementing partners also supported vulnerable men and women in seeking legal redress and helped to recover misappropriated funds from corrupt individuals in different institutions.

For more details, please refer to the DGF's reports at: <https://www.dgf.ug/>

The DGF's second phase will build on these achievements and put even more emphasis on research, learning and knowledge sharing among implementing partners. Depending on need, the programme will also allow more flexibility to address emerging issues related to the areas of intervention.



Isaac Ogwal (centre foreground), beneficiary of a rehabilitation programme by African Youth Initiative Network, a DGF partner, enjoys break time at Otwe Primary School, Agago District, Northern Uganda (Photo credit: DGF 2017).

State Institutions

The DGF supports selected state institutions with the aim of strengthening them in their respective mandates and enabling them to become more effective in serving the citizens of Uganda. This includes interventions designed to strengthen the consultation and participation of citizens in governance processes.

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

Nearly half of DGF support has been dedicated to support a wide array of diverse CSOs operating in various parts of the country. Most of these partners were selected through an open, transparent and competitive 'Call for Proposals', in which hundreds of Ugandan organisations participated. Others have been identified based on their "niche" in service delivery. The DGF strives to achieve a fair mix and balance between national, regional and district-based partners so as to ensure both national coverage and local reach.

DGF GOVERNANCE ►►

The Board

The DGF is governed by a Board that provides strategic direction and performs the general oversight role for the programme. It is constituted by the Heads of Mission (HoMs) of the Development Partners funding the DGF.

The Steering Committee

A Steering Committee composed of governance experts from the same Development Partners make the operational decisions regarding DGF's initiatives.

The Facility Management Unit (FMU)

The Facility Management Unit (FMU) is composed of international and national professionals who ensure the day-to-day running of the programme. The FMU team works closely with the implementing partners to execute the mandate of the programme and is managed by the Head of Facility who oversees daily operations and reports to the Steering Committee and the Board.

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OUR PARTNERS ►►

DGF works with a broad and disparate constituency of partners who share a commitment to democratic governance and a stake in the future growth and stability of Uganda. These include state institutions, constitutional bodies, professional associations, a diversity of Civil Society Organisations (non-government, community-based and faith-based) as well as inter-political party platforms, the media, academia and research institutions.



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A meeting of community monitors trained by Uganda Debt Network, a DGF partner, in Napak District, Northern Uganda (Photo credit: DGF 2017).

ABOUT US ►►

The Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) was set up in July 2011 by eight Development Partners: Austria, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the European Union. The aim was to provide harmonized, coherent and well co-ordinated support to state and non-state entities to strengthen democratization, protect human rights, improve access to justice and enhance accountability in Uganda.

The DGF is based on an agreement between the Development Partners and the Government of Uganda to support good governance in the country. Therefore, our work is aligned to the constitution of Uganda and the National Development Plan. In the first phase (DGF I, 2011-2017), the programme worked in partnership with a large number of state and non-state actors. At least seven Development Partners (Austria, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the European Union) intend to support the new phase (DGF II, 2018-2022). As before, the programme will provide both financial and technical support to a wide array of state and non-state implementing partners. All DGF partnerships are guided by the principle that sustainable development is best achieved through the constructive engagement of the citizens of Uganda.



A community sensitisation meeting conducted by Karambi Action for Life Improvement, a DGF partner, in Kasese District, Western Uganda (Photo credit: DGF 2017).

OUR VISION

A Uganda where citizens are empowered to engage in democratic governance and where the state upholds citizens' rights.

This vision is underpinned by the following four high-level outcomes:



OUR CORE VALUES ►►

- Transparency and accountability
- Integrity
- Respect for law
- Zero tolerance for corruption
- Equity and inclusion

HOW WE WORK ►►

The DGF recognizes that meaningful, sustainable and legitimate governance processes in Uganda can best be achieved with the participation and ownership of Uganda citizens. As Uganda's Development Partners, we are committed to supporting Ugandan state and non-state actors to achieve their aspirations for democratic governance as enshrined in the constitution of Uganda and in the National Development Plan. Our approach to strengthening democratic governance in Uganda is primarily demand driven, but also pro-active. We support and stimulate partner organisations who are ultimately responsible for the formulation of ideas, intervention strategies and the implementation of their programmes. To this end, DGF will launch calls for proposals (CfP), but may also seek partnerships or consider unprompted applications seen to be of strategic importance.

Programme Implementation Strategy

The new phase of the DGF programme will be implemented following three domains of governance referred to as "Spheres" highlighted below:

- **Democratic processes that build citizen-state relationships:** Pivotal to this sphere is the support to government institutions to enhance their capability to respond to citizens' engagement. The sphere aims to realise enhanced collaboration between state institutions and citizens, which in effect should lead to democratic processes that build citizen-state relationships.
- **Citizen empowerment, engagement and accountability:** The focus is on empowering civil society to actively and effectively participate in decision making and planning as well as enhance government performance and accountability.

- **Protection of human rights, access to justice and gender equality:** This sphere aims to promote the implementation of human rights, gender frameworks and needed legislative reforms. At the same time, it strengthens the capacity of rights holders to demand for human rights, gender equality and access to justice. Special attention will be paid to marginalised regions and population groups in this sphere.

A number of intervention areas help to operationalise the sphere strategies. Some are specific to a particular sphere, while others overlap between spheres and each other.



Musician and local councillor, Jenifer Sande, singing at a community civic education event by Kapchorwa Civil Society Organisations Alliance, a DGF partner, in Kapchorwa District, Eastern Uganda (Photo credit: DGF 2017).

Figure I: Spheres and areas of intervention

