THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY
MAY 01, 2019 – AGAGO DISTRICT

NATIONAL THEME:
PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT THROUGH ENHANCED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

TOUCHING THE HEART OF LABOUR THROUGH STATISTICS
At the national level, the theme earmarked for the International Labour day celebrations i.e. “Promoting Employment Through Enhanced Public Infrastructure” is cognizant of the importance of public infrastructure in reducing the cost of doing business and creating jobs for the Uganda citizenry. The day is also celebrated to heighten both national and international consciousness, on the importance of promoting and protecting the rights of workers. As public servants, we work to secure a means of livelihood and to fulfill the over-arching obligation of serving and acting in the public interest.

It is therefore our pleasure to share selected statistical indicators on this occasion of celebrating the international labour day
The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics congratulate His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the people of Uganda and the entire workers fraternity on this occasion of celebrating the International Labour Day.

As we join the rest of the country and the world at large in the celebration, we take the honour to share some of the statistics that help appreciate the status and contribution of workers and their environment in Uganda. We remain committed to delivering on our mandate of producing and disseminating quality official statistics for national development.

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Executive Director

Long live Your Excellency, Long live the Workers of Uganda!
UGANDA’S POPULATION AT A GLANCE

Uganda has been conducting population censuses since 1969. Normally carried out after every 10 years, a census is essential in ascertaining the country’s population dynamics. The most recent population census was last carried out in 2014 while the next is planned for 2022.

- Uganda’s total population is projected to grow to about 40.3 million people by mid 2019.
- Females constitute a majority of the population (51%) compared to males (49%).

* Projected population for selected years

Source: UBOS Censuses and Population Projections Reports 1969 - 2020

- Wakiso district is projected to be the most populated with 2,735,100 million people followed by Kampala with 1,650,800 persons. Kalangala district is projected to remain the least populated with 64,800 persons.

Source: UBOS Population Projections Reports 2015 - 2020

- Youths (persons aged 18 – 30 years) constitute 23% of the total national population
- Population growth rate stands at 3% per annum.
- The population density (number of people per square kilometre) is 173 persons per sq. km.
- The average household size (number of persons per household) stands at 4.7 persons.
- The Literacy rate for persons aged 10 years and above stands at 74%

Source: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17

- Uganda has a total of 7.3 million households, 75% are in rural areas.
- About 30% of the households are headed by females.

Source: National Population and Housing Census, 2014
KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE NATIONAL LABOUR FORCE

The total labour force refers to persons aged 14 - 64 years engaged in the production of goods and services in exchange for pay or profit. It is composed of the employed and the unemployed.

- The working age population has increased to 19.1 million from 16.5 million persons in 2012/13.
- The proportion of the working age population (19.1 million) that is employed stands at 9 million persons, accounting for 47.5%.
- Although women constitute the majority of the working age population (10 million), only 40% are employed.
- The proportion of the employed population that receives a wage or salary stands at 38%.
- 77% of persons in formal employment are employed within the Private Sector compared to 23% employed in the Public Sector.

Distribution of Employed Working age Population by Sector.

Source: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17

UNEMPLOYMENT

According to ILO, unemployment denotes a situation where in a particular period, a person has not had any job at all, is available for employment, is actively seeking for paid or self employment but is unable to find an opportunity. Unemployment is computed based on the working age population.

- The national unemployment rate stands at 9% of the working age population.
- Out of the unemployed working age population, 13% are female compared to 6% male.
- The unemployment rate for youths aged 18-30 years stands at 13.3%.
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS

Internationally (United Nations), a youth is defined as a person aged 15 to 24 years. According to African Union, a youth is a person aged 15 to 35 years while in Uganda, a youth is a person aged 18 to 30 years. The indicators below are based on the Uganda definition.

- The youth (18 – 30 years) constitute 19.4% (approximately 6.7 Million) of the total population.
- 71% of the youth live in rural areas while 29% live in urban areas.
- 23% of households are headed by youths.
- The youth employment to population ratio stands at 74%. Thus, out of every ten (10) persons employed, seven (7) are youths.
- 73% of the employed youth are in rural areas while 27% are in urban areas.
- 55% of the young people are employed in the Agriculture sector with the females at 60%.
- 15% of the young people are employed in the Trade sector.
- 60% of the working young persons work for less than the standard 40 hours per week.
- The young wage earners and salaried workers earn a median of UGX 150,000/= per month and an average of 213,000/= per month.
- The young wage earners and salaried workers in urban areas earn a median of UGX 200,000/= per month and an average of 253,000/= per month.
- The young wage earners and salaried workers in rural areas earn a median of UGX 120,000/= per month and an average of 172,000/= per month.

MONTHLY REMUNERATION (UGX) FOR SOME SELECTED PROFESSIONALS

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KEY STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS IN OTHER SECTORS

ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY
- The use of Electricity for lighting increased from 14% in 2012/2013 to now 22%.
- 18% of the households use Solar for lighting.
- Use of Tadooba for lighting reduced from 58% in 2012/2013 to now 28%.
- 64% of the households use Firewood for cooking, a reduction from 76% in 2012/13.
- 30% of the households use Charcoal for cooking, an increase from 20% in 2012/13.
- Only 6% of the households use Electricity, Kerosene and Gas for cooking.

Source: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17

HEALTH
- Life Expectancy at Birth has improved from 48.1 years in 1991 to 50.4 years in 2002, and now stands at 63.7 years.
- The infant mortality rate reduced from 54 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011 to now 43 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- The proportion of births in a health facility increased from 57% in 2011 to now 73%.
- The proportion of the children receiving all basic vaccinations against the killer diseases increased from 52% in 2011 to now 55%.

Source: Uganda Demographic and Health Survey (UDHS), 2016
- 83% of the household members who fall sick seek health care from a health facility.
- 86% of the population access health care within a five kilometer radius; 84% of such a population live in rural areas.
**EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**Literacy levels**

Literacy is the ability to read and write in any language for persons aged 10 years and above.

- The national literacy rate stands at 74% up from 72% in 2012/13
- The literacy rate for females has increased from 64% in 2012/13 to 70%.
- Male literacy rate has increased from 76% in 2012/13 to 78%.

![Literacy Rate levels by Sex (%)](chart)

**Source**: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17

**School Enrolment**

The official age for primary school going children is 6 – 12 years. Net Enrolment (NER) refers to the number of children attending school at the right age as a ratio of the total children of school-going age.

- The net enrolment for primary school stands at 80%
  - The NER is higher for females (80%) compared to males (79%).
  - The NER in Urban areas is higher (85%) compared to rural areas (80%).

**Source**: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17

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- Substance abuse of any form is regarded as harmful to one’s health and the people around them.
- 17% of Ugandans consume Alcohol and have on average been doing so for 13 years.
The official age for secondary school going children is 13 – 18 years

- The net enrolment for secondary school stands at 28%
  - The NER in secondary is higher for females (29%) compared to males (27%).
  - The NER in secondary schools is higher in Urban areas (44%) compared to rural areas (23%).
ACHOLI SUB - REGION AT A GLANCE

- Acholi sub region is found in the Northern region. It comprises of the districts of Nwoya, Omoro, Amuru, Gulu, Pader, Kitgum, Agago and Lamwo.
- The projected mid-year total population for the region stands at 1,735,800 people in 2019.
- The most populous district in Acholi sub region is Gulu with a projected mid-year population of 316,600 persons in 2019.

A MAP OF ACHOLI SHOWING THE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY DISTRICT

Other indicators for the Acholi sub region from the Uganda National Population and Housing Census (NP&HC), 2014 include:

- 51% of the total population are female.
- 80% of the households engage in subsistence agriculture.
- 26% of the households are female headed.
- 8% of children aged 10 – 17 years are in child marriages.
- 11% of children aged 0 – 17 years are orphaned.
- School attendance stands at 80% (6-12 years) and 28% (13-18 years).
- Literacy rate stands at 83% compared to the national average of 74%.
- 42% of the households get information from radio.
- 14% of the households get information by word of mouth.
- 38% of households own a bicycle.
- 10% of households use electricity for lighting.
- 53% of households use tadooba for lighting.
## ACHOLI SUB - REGION POPULATION SIZE AND COMPOSITION

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AGAGO DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

- Agago district is bordered by Kitgum district to the north, Kotido district to the north-east, Abim district to the east, Otuke district to the south and Pader district to the west.
- Agago township which is the location of the district headquarters lies approximately 370 kms by road north of Kampala, Uganda’s Capital City.
- The district officially commenced operations on July 01, 2010. Prior, Agago was part of Pader district.
- The projected total population for Agago district stands at 247,200 persons in 2019.

A MAP OF AGAGO DISTRICT SHOWING THE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY SUBCOUNTY

Some indicators for Agago District:

- 52% of the total population in the district are female.
- 92% of the households engage in subsistence agriculture.
- 24% of the households are female headed.
- 7% of children aged 10 – 17 years are in child marriages.
- 11% of children aged 0 – 17 years are orphaned.
- School attendance in the district stands at 78% (for 6-12 year olds) and 27% (for 13-18 year olds).
- Literacy rate stands at 87% higher than the Acholi sub region of 83%.
- 31% of the households get information from radio.
- 23% of the households get information by word of mouth.
- 32% of households own a bicycle.
- 7% of households use electricity for lighting.
- 62% of households use tadooba for lighting.
- 54% of the households do not have a toilet facility.

Source: Uganda National Population and Housing Census (NP&HC), 2014
A MAP OF AGAGO DISTRICT SHOWING THE PREVALENCE OF SUBSISTENCE FARMING LEVELS BY SUBCOUNTY

Source: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17
A MAP OF AGAGO DISTRICT SHOWING THE PERCENTAGE LEVELS OF CHILDREN (6-12 YEARS) NOT IN SCHOOL BY SUBCOUNTY

Source: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17
A MAP OF AGAGO DISTRICT SHOWING THE PERCENTAGE LEVELS OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO TOILET FACILITY BY SUBCOUNTY

Source: Uganda National Household Survey, 2016/17
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