

## Uganda - Scaling up resilience in Uganda's municipalities and cities

### Country

Uganda

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Improve urban and peri-urban  
resilience mechanisms in Central,  
Eastern and Western targeted  
African cities

### Amount approved

€225,000 / \$240,000

### Duration

11/2023 – 12/2024

### Context and Objectives

Uganda's urban areas are increasingly vulnerable to natural hazards, especially floods, a dynamic exacerbated by rapid, often unplanned urbanization. As a result, municipal councils and cities in Uganda face the challenge of supporting population growth and sustainable economic development with limited resources and capacity dedicated to disaster risk management, urban planning, or management.

The objective of this project is to scale up resilience in Uganda's municipalities and cities by strengthening capacity in urban resilience and adaptation in climate-vulnerable areas and by identifying approaches to incorporate disaster risk management (DRM), climate adaptation, and resilience principles into urban policy making.

### Main Activities and Expected Results

#### ***Strengthening Knowledge, Skills, and Capacities in Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning for Ugandan Municipalities and Cities***

This activity involves several technical assistance efforts that are expanding knowledge and skills in geospatial analysis, DRM, and spatial planning, to encourage integration of land use planning, disaster risk management, and investment planning. Efforts are focused on six climate vulnerable cities Arua, Mbale, Lira, Jinja, Mbarara, Hoima.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Enhanced government capacity in DRM and climate change adaptation, enabling better informed investment decisions in urban resilience.

#### ***Identify Opportunities to Enhance Adaptation, Resilience, and Disaster Preparedness through Institutions, Governance, and Financial Tools***

This activity evaluates local-level implementation of national DRM policies and plans and identify opportunities to enhance resilience and adaptation for new investments in cities and municipalities.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Enhanced resilience and disaster preparedness in climate-vulnerable cities and municipalities in Uganda.
- Comprehensive guidance for future investments at local and national levels.



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### **Partnerships and Coordination**

The World Bank implements the project in close coordination with the national government and the municipalities of Arua, Mbale, Lira, Jinja, Mbarara, Hoima. Efforts are coordinated with the EU Delegation in Uganda.

The project complements the work of the World Bank-funded Second [Uganda Support to Municipal Infrastructure Development](#), and the [Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area Urban Development Program](#).