

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

REMARKS BY THE RT. HON. PRIME MINISTER

DELIVERED AT

**THE MEDIA BRIEFING ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF
PARISH REVOLVING FUNDS TO PDM SACCOs IN FY
2022/23.**

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

11TH OCTOBER, 2022

Hon. Ministers,
The Permanent Secretary / Secretary to the Treasury,
The National Coordinator of the Parish Development Model,
Representatives of Ministries, Departments and Agencies,
The Media Fraternity,
Civil Society,
Invited Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. It gives me great pleasure to officiate at this momentous occasion as we witness the achievement of yet another key milestone under the implementation of the Parish Development Model (PDM), specifically the disbursement of Revolving Funds to the PDM SACCOs. I wish to congratulate the responsible Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Local Governments and the people of Uganda upon this achievement.
2. As you are aware, the Parish Development Model (PDM) is a **“whole of Government”** approach to deliver services closer to Ugandans with the Parish as the epi-centre for planning, budgeting and service delivery. The PDM shall integrate the 39% subsistence households into the money economy.
3. This is in line with the long-term vision of the NRM Government which is socio-economic transformation of Ugandan society from a peasant to a modern and prosperous society, by 2040.

4. Ladies and Gentlemen, PDM is organized around the following seven (7) pillars which are closely linked: -
- a) Production, Storage, Processing and Marketing;
 - b) Infrastructure and Economic Services;
 - c) Financial Inclusion;
 - d) Social Services;
 - e) Community Mobilization and Mindset Change;
 - f) Parish-Based Management Information System; and
 - g) Governance and Administration.
5. In this regard therefore, whereas the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development takes lead on **“Financial Inclusion” - Pillar 3**, whose activities we are launching here today, all the other Ministries, Departments and Agencies responsible for the other 6 Pillars are proceeding to operationalize the respective PDM services under their mandates. For example, under **“Mindset Change” - Pillar 5**, Government is promoting a positive business mindset in the beneficiary households and we also seek to enhance community participation and ownership of Government programs through PDM.
6. At this juncture, I wish to invite the media, non-state actors and our development partners to join with Government to positively inform our people and to cause mind-set change by carrying H.E The President’s PDM message back to the communities. This media briefing is intended to empower key stakeholders with relevant information to support this cause.

7. Government is inviting you to contribute positively to the transformation of the subsistence households and ultimately the achievement of our **‘True North’ which means having each beneficiary household earning an annual income of at least US\$ 20 million, per household, per annum.**
8. The Parish is now the center for data collection, infrastructure development, social services delivery, feedback on Government services, production, co-operatives development, financial inclusion, community mobilization as well as mindset change.
9. I therefore call upon the Ministry of Local Government to ensure that the Local Governments which are responsible for the community level activities under the PDM fully operationalize all PDM services and any poor performance by the Local Governments shall not be tolerated!
10. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify on the widespread misconception that PDM is about distribution of hand-outs **“Akasiimo”**.
11. The Revolving Funds that Government is sending to the Parishes are a capitalization grant to the PDM SACCOs, which will be used for the **sole purpose of lending to viable income generating activities in the Production, Processing, Marketing and Storage of agricultural products**. Focus is on the following selected enterprises: - fish, dairy, piggery, poultry, fruits, food crops and clonal coffee.

12. I therefore call upon our people to recognize the unique opportunity that has been provided by the NRM Government at our Parishes. You must jealously guard this money! These funds are for the people and they shall be managed by the people! Any forms of corruption and misuse of these funds shall be severely punished.
13. In conclusion, I wish to reiterate the NRM Government's commitment to capitalize every ready PDM SACCO with Ushs. 100 million every FY as a contribution to the socio-economic transformation of Ugandans.
14. I take this singular honour to officially launch the disbursement of Revolving Funds to the PDM SACCOs for the benefit of our people.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY