

The Parish Development Model

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The Parish Development Model (PDM) is a development approach conceived under the third Development Plan (NDP III) and prescribed by the NRM Manifesto 2021-2026.



To deepen the decentralisation process; improve household incomes; enable inclusive, sustainable, balanced and equitable socio-economic transformation; and increase accountability at local levels.

The Model positions the **PARISH** as the epicenter of multi-sectoral community development, planning, implementation, supervision and accountability. Parish as the lowest reference unit for planning, budgeting and delivery of interventions to drive socio-economic transformation.

The PDM wil create Wealth, Employment and increase Household Incomes.

The PDM has seven Pillars i.e.

- (1) Production, Storage, Processing and Marketing;
- (2) Infrastructure and Economic Services;
- (3) Financial Inclusion;
- (4) Social Services;
- (5) Mindset change;
- (6) Parish Based Management Information System
- (7) Governance and Administration.



The PDM is therefore a Government approach that delivers a package of services and entails;

- The Model proposes building infrastructure and systems that support processing and marketing of Uganda's agricultural products.
- Generating data on house-holds country-wide to inform Government interventions.
- Farmers at Parish level will be coordinated through area-based commodity clusters in order to increase production and productivity that will create sustainable agricultural production.
- Farmers will get access to Agricultural extension services, finance business Management training.
- Build infrastructure and systems that support processing and marketing of Uganda's agricultural products.
- Strengthen participatory planning by local communities to collectively identify and address systemic bottlenecks that affect local economic development.
- Addressing vulnerability among youth, women, PWDs at the grassroots by developing and Implementing Action Plans for inclusion of disadvantaged interest groups



Priority Commodities for the Parish Model include

Coffee, Cotton, Cocoa, Cassava, Tea, Vegetable Oils (Inc. Oil Palm), Maize, Rice, Sugar Cane, Fish, Dairy, Beef, Bananas, Beans, Avocado, Shea Nut, Cashew Nuts, Macadamia



The PDM is aligned to the following 5 strategic objectives of the NDP III;

- Enhance value addition in Key Growth Opportunities.
- Strengthen private sector capacity to drive growth and create jobs.
- Consolidate & increase stock and quality of Productive Infrastructure.
- Enhance productivity and wellbeing of Population.
- Strengthen the role of the State in guiding and facilitating development.



Principles that underpin the Parish Development Model

GAP

Good Agricultural Practices

i. **Organization:** Organising Ugandans that are currently operating in the subsistence economy to access quality inputs, tailored technical assistance, guaranteed markets, subsidized credit etc, through Associations, aimed at mitigating the diseconomies of scale (in savings, production, marketing and extension services), poor quality inputs/output, lack of reliable production advice, information (on) and connectivity to commodity and financial markets and post-harvest losses.



support flagship commodities in a particular ecological zone that links production, processing and marketing enterprises.

vi. Evidence based: Decisions and actions under the PDM will be driven by data, analysis, evaluation, learning and results.

vii. Ensure local Participation: Ensuring that communities are part of the solutions to local problems in order to buttress the development process for poverty alleviation and improved quality of life.

viii. The PDM will foster Transparency and accountability and maintaining the highest standards of performance in governance, administration, business processes, financial and human resource management, as well as oversight, thereby providing the best value to the people at the grassroots.

- This Pillar is aimed at supporting the creation of more productive jobs and wealth for all Ugandans especially in the Agro-Industrialisation, Private Sector Development, Digital Transformation and Manufacturing Programmes.

- Government will roll out the e-Voucher for farm inputs, the e-Extension and e-Certification systems to strengthen service delivery at parish level.

- A farmer register will be developed and rolled-out in all parishes across the country to be managed by the parish chiefs.

- Farmers at village and Parish levels organized through area - based commodity cluster.

- Support farm cooperatives and farmers' associations at local levels to strengthen their capacity to manage their agribusiness enterprises effectively, to scale up their operations, and to improve their profitability;

- Cooperatives and associations supported to develop clear and effective business plans; and support to qualifying farmers' cooperatives and associations to investment in community-level facilities for commodity storage, primary processing, and other post-harvest handling functions.

- For each District, identify two priority agricultural commodities that should be promoted and branded.



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ii. **Market orientation:** The PDM shall encourage market-based approaches that strengthen the value chains, incentivise competition, efficiency, and innovation that will drive down the requirement for Government support over time.

iii. **Inclusion:** Local economic development in Uganda shall be inclusive and shall take a value chain approach ensuring that all value chain actors (including women, youth, smallholder farmers and other agri-MSMEs), can access appropriate services to support their needs. The PDM shall foster stable prices, availability of affordable finance, predictable markets, availability of processing or storage infrastructure, etc.

iv. **Equity:** The PDM shall promote balanced growth across different regions and gender. Government shall support vulnerable or marginalised groups, persons with disabilities and those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.

v. **Prioritisation:** Government will use the PDM to



Pillar 1 Production, Processing & Marketing:

