

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOPS FY 2026/2027 CONCEPT NOTE FOR PUBLICITY**

## **Introduction**

Article 155 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of Uganda and Section 12(1) and (2) of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap.171 requires the Ministry to prepare the proposed annual budget in a consultative manner with the relevant stakeholders.

In light of the above legal requirements, the Local Government Budget Consultations are scheduled to take place from 15th September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025 in 24 regional centers of the country to consult local governments who are key stakeholders in the budget process.

The regional centers include: Arua, Gulu, Lira, Mbale, Jinja, Masaka, Kampala, Hoima, Fort Portal, Mbarara and Kabale.

These engagements require effective communication to ensure that all citizens get an opportunity to know and participate in the budget making process of their country. This also gives the citizens an opportunity to own the budget, demand for services and accountability from their leaders.

The primary objectives of the consultative workshops are to:

- i. Disseminate the strategic priorities and preliminary ceilings for the FY 2026/27 budget;
- ii. Review performance of key Government program and Local Government service delivery in FY 2025/26.
- iii. Identify implementation challenges and emerging issues affecting budget execution at the Local Government level.
- iv. Provide a platform for LGs and ministries to interact and align priorities within the Program-Based Budgeting Framework; and
- v. Solicit input from Local Governments on proposed priorities and interventions for inclusion in the National Budget Framework Paper (NBFP) for FY 2026/27.

Government budget decisions have important consequences for all citizens because they determine, what taxes to levy, what services to provide and how much debt to take on.

When governments provide information to citizens and facilitate public engagements on budget decisions, there are high chances of public

resources being spent on improving service delivery in line with the priorities of the citizens.

These budget consultations will:

- i. To provide an opportunity to the citizens to give feedback on the performance of the previous budget for FY 2024/25.
- ii. To provide an opportunity for government to share feedback received and how it has been used, in addition to accounting for the public resources spent in FY 2024/25, and the impact on the economy.
- iii. To ensure everyone's voice is heard, including the vulnerable and underrepresented groups.

### **Expected Results**

- i. Improved appreciation of the budget process and hence voluntary compliance to citizen obligations such as paying taxes.
- ii. Improved collaboration amongst Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments (LGs), Civil Society, and other stakeholders in the implementation of government programmes and promoting demand for accountability.
- iii. Improved transparency and accountability for public resources and hence improved public image and trust for Government.