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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

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The study was conducted using two methods: A review of literature was done by reviewing documents, references, reports and published statistics at NaFIRRI, Makerere University, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Department of Fisheries Resources Entebbe (DFR), Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and Ministry of Trade and Industry and to UFPEA. This provided information about Lake Victoria stakeholders covering their incomes, marketing chain and revenue data. Secondly, Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) were held with staff at Makerere University, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Department of Fisheries Resources Entebbe (DFR), Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

The report covers fisheries contribution in the areas of production and Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employment, incomes, artisanal and industrial processing, domestic, regional and international marketing, consumption and public revenues.

Key Findings

Fish production in Lake Victoria has markedly increased since the lifting of the EU ban on fish. The data revealed that there was a rise in the contribution of Lake Victoria to the total catch from the year 2000, reaching a peak in 2003.

The contribution of fish and fish products to the country's GDP is estimated at about 2.48% although sometimes it is reported to be as high as 12% (Banks 2003). The average monthly incomes to fishers, processors and traders ranged from 40,756 to 436,530 Uganda shillings.

The number of fishers on Lake Victoria, Uganda, had risen from 34,889 in 2000 to 54,148 in 2006. There was also a steady rise in number of people employed by the formal fish

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2. OBJECTIVES

- i) To assess the importance of fisheries contribution to the national economies through fish consumption, contribution to employment, earnings, GDP and foreign exchange. This will include generating a better understanding of how foreign exchange earnings from fish exports benefit the Partner States.
- ii) To assess the impacts of exporting fish on the availability and price of fish and fish by-products for local and regional food security and on fish prices, and to assess the impacts of increasing or decreasing trade (mainly Nile perch, but also tilapia).
- iii) To assess the extent (quantity over time) and impacts of diverting daga for animal feed from the market for human consumption.
- iv) To generate a better understanding of the scale and share of benefits of the fish products and by-products for policy-making and for determining objectives for the management of the fisheries resources. This will include estimating the benefits at each stage of the production and marketing chain (i.e. value chain) and how people have been affected by increasing exports, particularly women processors and traders.
- v) Document existing and potential policy scenarios that would affect the share of benefits along the value chain, e.g. increasing exports of tilapia; banning export of Nile perch; socio-economic impacts of freezing effort at 2006 levels.

3. METHODOLOGY

The study employed methodologies which were undertaken in two phases:

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1 FISH PRODUCTION AND GDP

UBOS (2003, 2005) identifies fisheries as a source of production that contributes to Uganda's GDP. It provides information on fisheries as well as total GDP, from which the contribution of fisheries is derived. This contribution has on average been 2.48% of total GDP between 2000 and 2004 (Table 1).

Table 1: GDP from fisheries at factor cost at current prices, 1998-2004 (Million shillings)

| Period (Years) | Monetary | Non monetary | Total Fisheries GDP | Total GDP | % Contribution of Fisheries to Total GDP |
|----------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| 1998 | 173,680 | 21,906 | 195,586 | 7,114,074 | 2.75 |
| 1999 | 163,661 | 20,642 | 184,303 | 7,940,621 | 2.32 |
| 2000 | 168,069 | 21,198 | 189,267 | 8,650,323 | 2.19 |
| 2001 | 209,852 | 36,468 | 246,320 | 9,319,016 | 2.64 |
| 2002 | 228,996 | 28,882 | 257,878 | 9,901,012 | 2.60 |
| 2003 | 248,282 | 31,315 | 279,597 | 11,667,123 | 2.40 |
| 2004 | 292,886 | 36,941 | 329,827 | 12,951,938 | 2.55 |

Source: UBOS 2003, 2004

Uganda's main concern has been to sustain its high growth rate which rose up to 10% per annum in the 1990s but has since fallen to 5-6% per annum, due mainly to declining world agricultural prices and unpredictable weather conditions for farming. Stable and rising prices within the fisheries provide the sector with a strong potential to contribute to Uganda's GDP and economic growth in general. FCS(U)P (1997 p.55) identifies three areas of interventions in enhancing the capacity of Uganda's fisheries to contribute to GDP, namely primary production, value addition and ancillary services to the fisheries. The report outlines the strategies to improve the contribution of Uganda's fisheries to GDP, including:

- i) Exploring the possibility of further increase in total catch, through off-shore exploitation of mukene and harvesting of other aquatic resources such as mollusks
- ii) Minimization of operating costs in the fisheries
- iii) Improving fish prices through unproved infrastructures and marketing
- iv) Minimization of post harvest losses.

Table 2: Lake Victoria and total fish catch for 1990 - 2004 (thousand tonnes),

| Year | Lake Victoria Annual catch | Total Annual Catch | % Contribution of Lake Victoria to Total Catch |
|------|----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1990 | 119.9 | 245.2 | 48.90 |
| 1991 | 124.7 | 254.9 | 48.92 |
| 1992 | 129.7 | 265.5 | 48.85 |
| 1993 | 134.9 | 276.0 | 48.88 |
| 1994 | 103.0 | 213.3 | 48.29 |
| 1995 | 103.0 | 213.2 | 48.31 |
| 1996 | 106.4 | 222.0 | 47.93 |
| 1997 | 106.8 | 219.5 | 48.66 |
| 1998 | 105.2 | 218.7 | 48.10 |
| 1999 | 104.2 | 230.0 | 45.30 |
| 2000 | 133.4 | 220.0 | 60.64 |
| 2001 | 131.8 | 221.0 | 59.64 |
| 2002 | 136.1 | 222.0 | 61.31 |
| 2003 | 175.3 | 247.0 | 70.97 |
| 2004 | 253.3 | 434.8 | 58.26 |

Sources: UBOS, 2003, 2005, DFR

Recent efforts at generating reliable production data are now on-going under the Catch Assessment Surveys (CAS) (NAFIRRI 2006). The surveys produce quantities and values of fish by species for selected months of the year, as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Lake Victoria catch and beach values for selected months

| Months | Total catch (tonnes) | Beach values (Mill. Shs) |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Jui. 05 | 15,047.5 | 13,958.2 |
| Aug. 05 | 12,202.2 | 10,934.2 |
| Sep. 05 | 15,203.9 | 12,597.3 |
| Nov. 05 | 11,958.4 | 12,593.1 |
| Mar. 06 | 12,360.2 | 12,802.2 |

Source: NAFIRRI 2006

Table 6: Unit Price, Salvage Value and Expected Useful Life of Fishing Units

| Enterprise Level | Boat | | | Engine | | | Fishing Gear | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Unit price (Shs) | Salvage value (Shs) | Useful life (years) | Unit price (Shs) | Salvage value (Shs) | Useful life (years) | No. per boat | Unit price (Shs) | Salvage value (Shs) | Useful life (years) |
| Small landline | 60,000 | 0 | 2 | | | | 7 | 180 | | |
| Small onglime | 118,000 | 3,200 | 5 | | | | 300 | 8,714 | | |
| Small basket trap | 45,000 | 0 | 5 | | | | 20 | 2,167 | | |
| Small cast net | 110,000 | 3,000 | 5 | | | | 1 | 63,333 | 0 | 1 |
| Small gillnet | 108,221 | 3,434 | 5 | | | | 18 | 17,644 | 673 | 0 |
| Small beach seine | 105,000 | 1,500 | 5 | | | | 1 | 300,000 | 30,000 | 8 |
| Medium longline | 268,889 | 14,667 | 5 | | | | 700 | 75 | | |
| Medium gillnet | 231,730 | 32,432 | 5 | | | | 45 | 19,196 | 833 | 1 |
| Medium beach seine | 244,000 | 19,000 | 7 | | | | 1 | 295,000 | 28,333 | 7 |
| Medium-Mukene | 274,211 | 17,500 | 4 | | | | 1 | 256,421 | 12,105 | 1 |
| Large longline | 348,000 | 10,000 | 5 | 2,050,000 | 383,333 | 6 | 700 | 90 | | |
| Large gillnet | 543,158 | 67,105 | 5 | 2,458,333 | 708,333 | 6 | 95 | 42,528 | 3,056 | 1 |

Source Wegoye and Kaidhiwa 2005

4.2.2 Poverty levels

Various studies have attempted to provide information on poverty in fisheries. Geheb (2000) which attempted to characterize the poor fishers through PRAs conducted at Nkombe and Lwalalo. In a similar exercise, UPPAP defined the poor among fishing communities of I(alangala through PRA (MFPED 2000). Quantification of poverty in fisheries was provided by Odongkara (2001), which concluded that the crew and some segments of processors and traders were among the poorest segments in the fisheries. Table xx gives indication of the proportions of people within the different income brackets in fisheries. Most of the people in the group of US\$ 100,000 and below were likely to be below the poverty line.

Table 8: Monthly incomes for the different categories of fishers (%)

| Income group (US\$) | 100,000 & Below | 100,001 to 200,000 | 200,001 to 300,000 | Over 300,000 | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|
| Type of operator | | | | | |
| Average Fisher | 47.0 | 20.7 | 13.1 | 19.2 | 100 |
| <i>O.niloticus</i> Fisher | 63.9 | 16.4 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 100 |
| <i>R. argentea</i> Fisher | 39.4 | 26.6 | 14.9 | 19.1 | 100 |
| <i>L. niloticus</i> Fisher | 33.2 | 24.6 | 15.0 | 27.2 | 100 |
| Powered Canoe Fisher | 16.0 | 18.5 | 13.6 | 51.9 | 100 |
| Non-powered Canoe Fisher | 48.1 | 21.0 | 14.6 | 16.3 | 100 |
| Male Fisher | 46.5 | 21.5 | 13.1 | 18.9 | 100 |
| Female Fisher | 51.7 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 21.7 | 100 |
| Labourer: Share system | 90.5 | 7.7 | .8 | 1.0 | 100 |
| Labourer: Flat Rate | 89.8 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 100 |

Source: Odongkara 2001

4.3 EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment is one of the challenges facing Uganda's economy. Fisheries contributes to employment within its production, processing, marketing and industrial processing components. The employment within production is given by the number of fishers recorded

4.4 PROCESSING

Fish processing on Lake Victoria can be distinguished between artisanal and industrial processing. FIRRI (2003) reports that artisanal fish processing has been on the decline as industrial processing grows.

4.4.1 Artisanal processing

Several studies have reported on artisanal fish processing on Lake Victoria in the recent past (TDRI 1983, Reynolds & Greboval 1990, FCS(U)P 1997, SEDAWOG 1999, Odongkara 2001, FIRRI 2003, Kyangwa & Odongkara 2005, Odongkara 2006).

The studies describe the different forms of artisanal fish processing, namely smoking, sun-drying, salting and frying. Sun-drying is of limited importance, being restricted mainly to the processing of mukene and juvenile tilapia. Salting is a traditional mode of processing in the fisheries although salted products are not especially popular amongst Uganda consumers, but have always enjoyed a strong demand on the DRC markets. Frying has become a popular method for the Nile perch. Fried perch, often prepared in its own oil, is widely sold in the regular municipal markets of urban centres around the lakeshore, has also become an extremely common item in the numerous informal neighborhood street markets that have become a standard feature of city life (FIRRI 2003). Hot-smoking is by far the most popular processing method and is reputed to provide the best returns to the processor. At many remote islands and inland fishing communities most of the catch is smoked, due to transport constraints.

4.4.2 Industrial fish processing

Fisheries represent one of Uganda's greatest achievements in the area of value addition. Several authors have reported on the various aspects of the development of industrial fish processing since its introduction in the early 1990s. The industry has taken advantage of policies aimed at providing enabling environment for investment, namely the Investment Promotion, Privatisation and Export Promotion Policies, among others (Odongkara & Okaromon 1999). UBOS (various years) gives annual data on number of plants, workforce and output.

Ponte 2005 provides an overview of the industrial fish processing sector, listing the number of companies, processing plants and their features. Table xx shows that in 2004 there were

Table 12: Features of the major private fish processing plants in Uganda

| Locations/ Headquarters | Fish Forms/by- Products | Industrial Facilities Present | Market Destination |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jinja | Swim bladders. | Offloading dock. | European Union |
| Entebbe | Smoked fillets. | Receiving room. | USA |
| Kampala | Smoked whole fish. | Filleting room. | Japan |
| Rakai | Frozen fillets. | Flake ice plant. | Asia |
| | Fresh whole gutted fish. | Cold store. | Middle East |
| | Fresh chilled fish. | Smoking unit. | Australia |
| | Hot smoked fish. | Stores. | Local markets. |
| | Frates. | Generator room. | Local agents |
| | Vacuum packed fillets. | Processing room. | |
| | Chilled filets. | Chill rooms. | |
| | Fish steaks. | A workshop. | |
| | | Insulated trucks. | |
| | | Chilled rooms. | |
| | | Blast freezers. | |

Source: FAO Corporate Document, 2003.

The total investment by private investors in fish sector in Uganda is around US\$ 200 million. There is a strong private sector involvement in fish processing and export, under their umbrella institution called Uganda fish Processors and Exporters Association (UFPEA), which is comprised of 16 fish processing and export firms. (UFPEA 2005).

To gain appreciation of the importance of industrial fish processing and export, studies have been carried out of the impact of the ban on Lake Victoria fish into the EU market in 1999-2000. Table xx outlines some of the effects

Table 13: Estimated losses to Uganda due to the fish ban

| Aspects of the losses | Estimated figures |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Export earnings | US\$ 36,900,000 |
| Factories that closed down | 3 out of 11 |

- v) The lack of cold storage and marketing facilities makes fresh and frozen fish distribution to the inland population difficult. Therefore, some of the fish is smoked or salted/dried.
- vi) Domestic fish distribution has improved with increased channels involving middle men/boat traders that supply to fish processors/traders who deliver to rural and urban markets.

Fish markets are centres where fish is sold to consumers or traders for onward distribution to other areas. Spatial distribution of markets is provided in Table 14, showing I(ampala, Mayuge, Mukono and Wakiso as the districts with the largest numbers of fish markets.

Table 14: Number of main fish markets by district, 2004

| District | Number of Main Fish Markets |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Busia | 1 |
| Bugiri | 5 |
| Jinja | 6 |
| I(alangala | 2 |
| I(ampala | 10 |
| Masaka | 4 |
| Mayuge | 10 |
| Mpigi | 3 |
| Mukono | 9 |
| Rakai | 2 |
| Wakiso | 9 |
| Total | 58 |

Source: DFR 2004

However, there is no regular data on quantities of fish handled by these markets

a) Landing prices

Incomes earned do not only depend on the quantities of fish marketed but also on the prices realized. The recent Socio-economic Baseline Survey provides information on prevailing prices for the main commercial species on the domestic market (Odongkara 2006a). Other

Table 16: Average fish prices for major commercial species (Sh/kg)

| Year | Nile perch | Tilapia | Mukene |
|------|------------|---------|--------|
| 1990 | 300 | -- | -- |
| 1999 | 1,500 | 1,000 | -- |
| 2000 | 1,000 | | -- |
| 2001 | 1,800 | 690 | 310 |
| 2002 | 1,270 | 660 | 360 |
| 2003 | 1,700 | 1,800 | 936 |
| 2004 | 1,225 | 1,470 | 733 |

Sources: LVEMP 2005

4.5.2 Regional fish trade

Regional fish markets are a second category of markets for fish. Considerable information has been generated on regional trade under the LVEMP, IUCN and IFMP Projects (Odongkara *et al* 2005, Heck *et al* 2002 and Odongkara 2006b). The highlights of the findings of the studies are as follows:

- i) Uganda is a major exporter of fish to the Great Lakes Region. The regional trade has been in existence for a long time especially among border communities but only became vibrant in the 1990s with the proliferation of the Nile perch and mukene.
- ii) Traders are mostly organized in formal groups and companies for purposes of collectively meeting costs of transport and licensing, collective responsibility in case of a problem and quality concerns that could easily be tracked, basing on groups and companies as opposed to individuals.
- iii) Most traders make on average one trading trip in a month. Number of trade trips mostly depends on catch and distance to markets and they are mostly wholesalers.
- iv) The fish is distributed both through the formal as well as the illegal, unrecorded and unregulated (IUU) channels.
- v) The IUUs involve mainly Nile perch and Tilapia.

Table 18: Export performance of fish and fish products (1990-2005)

| Year | Fish Export Prices* (US \$/Kg) | Fish Export Quantities (Vol. mt) | Fish Export Values (US\$ '000) | All Exports VaL US\$ '000 | Proportion of Fish to Total Exports (% Value) |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1990 | 0.8 | 1,664 | 1,386 | 177,656 | 0.78 |
| 1991 | 1.1 | 4,687 | 5,313 | 184,263 | 2.88 |
| 1992 | 1.3 | 4,851 | 6,498 | 146,767 | 4.43 |
| 1993 | 1.5 | 6,138 | 8,943 | 201,231 | 4.44 |
| 1994 | 1.6 | 6,564 | 10,403 | 459,939 | 2.26 |
| 1995 | 1.1 | 16,046 | 32,262 | 553,938 | 5.60 |
| 1996 | 3.4 | 14,075 | 46,251 | 703,993 | 5.65 |
| 1997 | 2.4 | 11,819 | 27,864 | 594,628 | 4.70 |
| 1998 | 2.7 | 14,688 | 39,879 | 536,747 | 7.40 |
| 1999 | 2.6 | 9,628 | 24,837 | 478,750 | 5.20 |
| 2000 | 2.1 | 15,800 | 34,360 | 401,645 | 7.70 |
| 2001 | 2.8 | 28,000 | 78,839 | 451,765 | 17.30 |
| 2002 | 3.2 | 26,800 | 87,000 | 475,530 | 18.80 |
| 2003 | 3.5 | 25,080 | 86,088 | --- | 16.50 |
| 2004 | --- | 30,000 | 105,000 | --- | 15.50 |
| 2005 | --- | 36,000 | 143,618 | --- | --- |

Source: UBOS 2003, 2005 and UFPEA 2006

* Prices FOB Entebbe

Bahiigwa and Keizire examined the destinations of the fish products for the years 2002 and 2004. The data reveals that the ED was the Inain destination for chilled fillets, frozen fillets and H&G while most of the fish Inaws went to the Asian Inarkets (Table 19).

Table 19: Comparison of fish exports to various regions (2002-2003)

| REGION | FORMS AND BY-PRODUCTS EXPORTED | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | Chilled Fillets (010) | | Frozen Fillets (ala) | | H& G (ala) | | Fish Maws (ala) | |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | | | | | | | | |

different ethnic communities. These factors affect both levels of consumption and tastes for various products.

Tilapia and Nile perch are the most widely available fish in Uganda; fresh or processed, they are almost universally accepted and appreciated within the country's fish-eating population. Although it is probably the tilapia or "ngege" that is most liked of the two, Nile perch has proven to be highly popular with consumers. Table xx gives the per capita fish consumption data for Uganda. The data shows that Uganda fish consumption is still low, compared to the 50kg consumption level recommended by WHO.

Table 20: Average annual per capita fish consumption in Uganda

| Year | Per capita consumption (Kg/yr.) |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 1998 | 10 |
| 1999 | 7 |
| 2000 | 7 |
| 2001 | 12 |
| 2002 | 10 |
| 2003 | 10 |
| 2004 | 10 |
| 2005 | 10 |

Source: LVEMP 2005

an engine and Ushs 17,000 for a vessel with an engine. However, recent reforms have resulted in substantial increases in license fees as indicated by Table 21 below:

Table 21: License fees for fishing on Lake Victoria as of 1st January 2005.

| Category of vessel | Citizen vessels License fees (Ushs) | Citizen vessels License fees (US\$) | Non-citizen vessels License fees, (Ushs) | Non-citizen vessels License fees (US\$) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Vessels of less than 5 metres long | 20,000 | 11 | 200,000 | 111 |
| Vessels of 5-11 metres long | 30,000 | 17 | 500,000 | 278 |
| Vessels of over 11 meters long | 50,000 | 28 | 1,000,000 | 556 |

Source: (LVFO, 2005),

b) Fishing permit

The fishing permit, although contained in the principal fisheries law, has not been widely enforced until recently. The annual charge is Ushs 5,000, paid by crew members.

c) Fishmongers license

This is a fish-trading license with a range of values depending on the district and the geographical extent of trading operation. Until recently, annual license fees for traders operating within a single district ranged from Ushs 5,000-15,000 for small-scale traders. High fees were charged for vehicle trading between districts. All fishmongers' license fees were increased under a new statutory instrument.

d) Marketing permits

Marketing permits are required by all traders in secondary and higher markets. The charges for the permits vary across the country and between different sized markets. At the primary markets at fishing landing sites, market fees are also charged but these are paid under a system of tendering tax collection by the district governments.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Poverty levels and Livelihoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poverty levels of other segments in the industry. ● Poverty levels in processing factories. ● Earnings from other activities related to fishing. ● Household income estimates of Lake Victoria fisher communities. ● Opportunities within other activities apart from fishing. ● Benefits of fishers' incomes-shops, bars at landing sites. |
| Consumption | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly per capita consumption of fish. ● Fish as a proportion of fish meals. |
| Revenues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time series totals on different revenue sources |
| Policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Management policies ● Industrial policies ● Trade tariffs |

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusion

As the fisheries sector continues to support the livelihoods of many people as well as contribute to Uganda's economy; it becomes increasingly important to consider ways and means to sustain the fisheries resources. One of the main strategies that have been employed in most developing countries is provision of information, particularly on major water bodies, to enable fisheries planners, managers and other stakeholders base their management decisions and recommendations.

It is, therefore, important that the subsequent socio-economic surveys address the information gaps identified as shown in the table above in order to improve understanding of the fisheries in the future.

5.2 Recommendations

There is need for continued Monitoring Control and Surveillance activities on major water bodies, particularly Lake Victoria as this will help improve and update information and statistical data on specific parameters for monitoring changes in the fisheries resources in Uganda.

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Appendix 1: Country Profile for Uganda

Demographic Information and Population

Uganda is an east African country located astride the equator and lying between Latitude 4012'N and 1029'S and Longitude 29034'E and 3500'W. It has a total surface area of 214,038 sq km of which 197,097 sq km is under land and 43,941sq km is area under water and swamps. Temperatures and rainfall range between 15-30°C and 700 - 2,000mm/year respectively. The country's estimated population grew from 24.3 million in 2000 to 29.9 million in 2006 with an annual growth rate of 3.1% and 3.6% respectively (UBOS, 2006).

General Economy and Sectoral Growth

Overall, the economy recorded higher economic growth during the financial year 2003/4. This was achieved because of continued macro economic stability and recovery in the food crop sub sector due to adequate and timely rains (UBOS, 2006). The table below summarizes the most important economic indicators and contribution to GDP by sector. During the financial year 2003/4, the economy registered a growth rate of 6% compared to 5.2% that was registered in 2002/3. The overall GDP growth rate has been driven by better performance of the agricultural sector, which has grown by 5.2% in 2003/4 compared to a lower growth rate of 2.3% in 2002/3.

Table xx: GDP Growth and Sectoral Growth (2000-2006)

| | 2000 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GDP (current US\$) | 5.9 billion | 8.7 billion | 9.3 billion |
| GDP growth (annual %) | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.3 |
| Inflation, GDP deflator (annual %) | 3.8 | 7.8 | 6.7 |
| Agriculture, value added (% of GDP) | 37.3 | 32.7 | 31.7 |
| Industry, value added (% of GDP) | 20.3 | 24.8 | 24.6 |
| Services, etc., value added (% of GDP) | 42.4 | 42.5 | 43.7 |
| Exports of goods and services (% of GDP) | 11.2 | 13.1 | 13.8 |
| Imports of goods and services (% of GDP) | 23.0 | 27.2 | 30.7 |

Source: World Development Indicators Database, 2007

Priority Sectors in the Economy

At the moment, it is believed that about 38% of the people in Uganda depend on US\$1 or less for their livelihood daily. During the 1990s, income poverty fell dramatically. The proportion of Ugandans whose expenditures fell below the poverty line fell from 56% in 1992 to 44% in 1997/8 and even faster to 34% in 2000. These changes were driven mainly by increases in average income, rather than by redistribution. Since 2000, income poverty trends increased from 34% to 38% between 2000 and 2003 (pRSP 2004/5 - 2007/8).

Sectors most affected by poverty

The proportion of people below the poverty line varies across major sectors of the economy. In 2002/3, about 84% of all people engaged in the agricultural sector (both crop and non-crop agriculture) fell below the poverty line compared to 81% in 1999/2000. 28% of those engaged in the manufacturing sector fell below the poverty line in 2002/3 compared to 23% in 1999/2000. In the construction sector, about 23% fell below the poverty line in 2002/3 compared to 20% in 1999/2000. In the trade sector, the proportion of people below the poverty line reduced from 13% in 1999/2000 to 17% in 2002/3 while proportions in the services sector reduced from 15% to 13% in the years (pRSP 2004/5 - 2007/8).

Explanatory Factors

Why poverty fell between 1992 and 2000

- High rates of consumption growth (5.3% annually per capita) reflecting the fast rates of GDP growth in the early and mid 1990s.
- Increased world prices, in part due to the liberalization of agricultural marketing.
- After 1997, agricultural growth was healthy which increased rural incomes.
- Public expenditure was also increasing during those years.

Why poverty has risen since 2000

The increase in poverty since 2000 is of concern to policy makers. The pattern is a result of a number of factors:

1. Slow growth in agriculture;

Agricultural growth during 2000/03 was disappointing except in the livestock sector. This has contributed significantly to the increase in poverty.

Appendix 2: **Work schedule**

| Activity | Person resp. | 24-28 Jul | 31 – 4 Aug | 7 – 18 Aug | 21 Aug - 8 Sept | 11 - 29 Sept |
|--|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Int. lit review | CDS | | | | | |
| Develop methodolo | CDS | | | | | |
| Comments on lit review, methodology and conce t note | SERWG PM, SE | | | | | |
| Finalise methodolo | CDS | | | | | |
| Regional lit reviews and data collation | SERWG SE | | | | | |
| Gap filling/key informant interviews | SERWG SE, CDS | | | | | |
| Scenario testing and re ort writin | CDS, SE SERWG | | | | | |
| Production of fact sheet | CDS, SE, RWG | | | | | |

| Issues | Variable categories | Indicators | Units | Possible source |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Fish availability: fish for animal feed; variation in prices; competition for frames and dagaa: tilapia and domestic regional markets | Average monthly quantities of fish on the domestic markets | | CAS and export statistics? |
| | Fish consumption | Per capita monthly fish consumption | | Fish consumption study? |

| Type of information | Fisheries coverage | Utilisation of information | Limitations |
|--|---|---|--|
| <p>2. INCOMES</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> What kind/type of information do you collect on incomes?</p> <p>Gaps Sources, levels, distribution Poverty levels, livelihood strategies</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What is the coverage of fisheries in all the information collected on incomes? OR Do you collect information on sources, levels, distribution of incomes of people in the fisheries sector?</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What do you use the information collected on fisheries incomes for?</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What are some of the limitations you face in the collection of fisheries information on incomes?</p> |
| <p>3. PROCESSING</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> What kind/type of information do you collect on processing?</p> <p>Gaps Outputs, inputs</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What is the coverage of fisheries in all the processing information collected? OR Do you collect information on outputs and inputs of artisanal processors?</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What do you use the information collected on fisheries processing for?</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What are some of the limitations you face in the collection of fisheries information on processing?</p> |
| <p>4. MARKETING</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> What kind/type of information do you collect on marketing?</p> <p>Gaps Nile perch, tilapia, Nile perch Destinations, quantities, prices</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What is the coverage of fisheries in all the marketing information collected? OR Do you collect information on destinations, quantities and prices of (Nile perch, tilapia and Mukene)?</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What do you use the information collected on fisheries marketing for?</p> | <p><u>Questions:</u> What are some of the limitations you face in the collection of fisheries information on marketing?</p> |

| Type of information | Fisheries coverage | Utilisation of information | Limitations |
|---|--|---|---|
| 8. INDUSTRIES | <u>Questions:</u> What is the coverage of fisheries in all the industries information collected? OR Do you collect fisheries industries informatioll on by-products (Nile perch, tilapia and Mukene), employtment and wage bill issues? | <u>Questions:</u> What do you use the information collected on fish industries for? | <u>Questions:</u> What are some of the limitations you face in the collection of fisheries information on industries? |
| <u>Questions:</u> What kind/type of information do you collect on industries? Gaps Nile perch, by-products, tilapia, mukene Employment, wage bill | | | |
| 9. EXPORTS | <u>Questions:</u> What is the coverage of fisheries in all the exports information collected? OR Do you collect information on major fish species exports and contribution, taxes, and international policies? | <u>Questions:</u> What do you use the information collected on fish exports for? | <u>Questions:</u> What are some of the limitations you face in the collection of fisheries infortnation on exports? |
| <u>Questions:</u> What kind/type of information do you collect on exports? Gaps Nile perch, tilapia, tnukene. Regional, international. Policies, taxes Contribution to foreign exchange earnings. | | | |
| 10. Policy Formulation | <u>Questions:</u> What is tile coverage of fisileries ill all the policy forlnulation information collected? OR Do you collect employment infortnation on fisheries Inanagement, industrialisation and trade policies? | <u>Questions:</u> What do you use the information collected on policy fortnulation in fisheries for? | <u>Questions:</u> What are some of the limitations you face in the collection of fisheries inforlnation on policy formulation? |
| <u>Questions:</u> What kind/type of information do you collect on policy formulation? Gaps Management policies Industrialisation policies Trade policies | | | |