ADVANCE FAMILY PLANNING
Uganda
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Country Reach
• Ten million women of reproductive age potentially benefit from national level advocacy.
• Three million women of reproductive age potentially benefit in the 38 districts where AFP advocates.

SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sustained Funding for Family Planning
• Since 2010, district governments allocated a total of 3.4 billion Ugandan Shillings (UGX) (US $985,000) for family planning. In fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 alone, 18 current and former focus districts allocated 1.2 billion UGX (US $324,000) for family planning —a 23% increase from the previous year’s district-level allocations.
• Mayuge district leaders apportioned 3 million UGX ($813) in their annual budget to sustain their family planning district working group when direct AFP support ended in 2020.

Expanded Access to Contraceptive Methods and Services
• In December 2020, the National Drug Authority (NDA) authorized a national scale-up of injectable contraceptive provision through drug shops. The expansion builds on the successful pilot initiative, authorized by NDA in June 2017. Over 9,000 people accessed contraceptives at drug shops between March 2018 and May 2019. Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 made up more than one-third of the pilot participants. AFP also advocated to ensure a regular supply of contraceptives commodities to the drug shops.
• Kamwenge, Lira, and Lamwo districts expanded adolescent and youth access to family planning services through dedicated hours, focal persons, and/or budgets.

Improved Visibility of Family Planning
• Eight radio stations in four districts (Arua, Dokolo, Kabarole, and Soroti) offered up to 23 talk shows — each one to two hours long — to cover family planning. The total value of the talk show segments is 29 million UGX ($8,000).
• Leaders from the Lango Kingdom signed a resolution to support and promote family planning, which impacts all eight districts in the Lango region of Northern Uganda. The resolution focuses on educating communities about family planning and integrating family planning into the kingdom’s budget and development plan.
A decade of successful subnational budget advocacy resulted in district leaders allocating more than 3.4 billion UGX ($985,000) in funding for family planning, as well as enduring local support for family planning programs and funding. From a single district allocating 13.8 million UGX ($5,600) for family planning in FY 2011-12, local support grew to 18 districts allocating a total of over 1.2 billion UGX ($324,000) in their FY 2020-21 budgets. Even as AFP reduces direct advocacy support, district leaders continue to allocate local funds for family planning. Eight-four percent of all FY 2020-21 subnational family planning budget allocations came from six phased-out districts (Buyende, Iganga, Kween, Mbale, Mityana, and Mubende).

### ONGOING PRIORITIES

- The government designates funding in the national budget for the procurement of family planning commodities in the next financial year. Key districts allocate and fully expend a district-level family planning budgets in the next financial year.
- The proposed National Health Insurance Scheme includes family planning in its service package.
- Adolescent and youth access to family planning information and services expands in select districts through dedicated funding and policies.
- National and district officials ensure continuous access to a broad range of contraceptive methods, including subcutaneous DMPA, through the public and private sector distribution.

For more information on Uganda’s priorities, please see its [Family Planning 2020 commitment](#).

### MORE INFORMATION

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