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TEAM EUROPE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION IN UGANDA

CONTEXT

Uganda has one of the youngest populations in the world, expected to double to around 100 million people by 2060. This demographic growth presents both an opportunity and a challenge: investing in human capital is essential to achieve Uganda's Vision 2040.

Yet, the transition from primary to secondary school remains a key barrier, with only 49% of girls entering lower secondary. Secondary school completion is also low, especially for girls. High dropout rates are linked to gender-based violence, harmful practices, limited sexuality education, restricted access to sexual and reproductive health services, the inability of many families to afford schooling costs, and limited opportunities for skills development that make education relevant and attractive for adolescents. As a result, teenage pregnancy stands at 25%, and 34% of girls are married before age 18.

Lack of adequate water, sanitation and menstrual hygiene facilities in schools further hinders participation, particularly for girls. Social protection coverage is also limited, leaving many households without support during shocks.

OBJECTIVE AND APPROACH

The Team Europe Initiative (TEI) is a collaborative and coordinated effort to provide support, leveraging resources and joint expertise from the EU and Member states. It is one of the main vehicles for implementing the EU's Global Gateway strategy and directly contributes to the Global Gateway priorities on education, health and access to water.

The policy objective of this initiative is to support Uganda's progress towards reaching the sustainable development goals (SDGs), which are essential for enabling the country's sustainable demographic transition and dividend.

Gender is at the heart of the initiative, due to the transformative and intergenerational impact of girls' and women's empowerment. The TEI gives priority to high-burden districts and the most vulnerable groups, including refugees and their host communities, aiming to strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus.

THE TEI WORKS THROUGH FIVE MUTUALLY REINFORCING PILLARS






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KEY STAKEHOLDERS

The TEI works closely with Government Ministries (Education, Health, Gender and Social Development, Water and Environment, Local Governments, and the Office of the Prime Minister), civil society, international partners, cultural and faith leaders, and the private sector to ensure lasting and inclusive change.


RESULTS TO DATE (SINCE 2022)



3.7 million women
supported with maternal health care



25.9 million people
reached with information to prevent sexual and gender-based violence



9+ million people
gained access to improved WASH services



1.2 million adolescents
supported to complete primary school and transition to secondary



28 institutions
strengthened to integrate social protection in their programming



FUNDING

The TEI has a total indicative budget of over **EUR 1.2 billion**, funded by the EU and Member States including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Since 2022, **EUR 436 million** has been newly committed for implementation.

