

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At the outset, I am happy to mention that this DDP is a commended master piece document of Arua District Local Council as a Strategic framework for fighting Poverty in the District.

Answers to most of our economic problems are difficult. *“Why does poverty continue despite our concerted efforts?”*

Planning, decision making and control are ultimately our responsibilities to achieve our goals and objectives.

In that vein, I am pleased to have presided over the process of preparing the District Development Plan for the period 2006/07_2008/09. This DDP was prepared in a participatory people focused manner to bring about positive change in the livelihoods of the people of Arua District despite the scarce resources.

I am further indebted to the District Technical Committee for affirmatively responding to attend planning meetings and consolidating their sector Plans into the overall DDP.

Thanks to Budget Desk for facilitating tirelessly the entire planning and budgeting process by way of technical guidance and facilitation including the compilation of the Sectoral drafts into the DDP.

Indeed true is that, during the planning process, the DTPC constituted themselves into Sector Working Groups (SWGs) which ably incorporated our development partners from the NGOs/CBOs Community. It is my pleasure to sincerely thank all those NGOs/CBOs whose representatives participated actively in moulding the Sector Plans into the DDP.

The overall planning authority in the district is the District Council and it works through its Committees.

During the planning process, the various standing committees came out with their Sector priorities by the political Vision of the District.

It is my pleasant duty to thank all the Honourable Councillors for their invaluable contribution into the DDP. Finally, I commend the District Council for fulfilling its planning function by way of discussing the document and approving it.

We also received a lot of support from line Ministries of the Central Government. The Ministries did not only provide us with Policy guidelines but also the indicative Planning Figures for setting the District priorities and activities for intervention

Thank you very much

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