

FOREWORD

Over the last nineteen or so years, Arua District Local Government has implemented government policies geared towards eradicating Poverty among her population.

In 2005/06, in implementing a framework for addressing the District key development challenges, many poverty related challenges arose which led to the review of the District Development Plan.

Despite the tremendous economic growth rates in the last fifteen years (1990-2005) as a Country, Arua District still finds herself in a situation where poverty is pervasive through most section of the Society.

This Three Year District development Plan (DDP) for the period 2006/7_2008/9 represents the continued commitment of the District Leadership in joining hands with the Central government to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger from the face of the Country by 2035.

It is on the basis of the above that, the aspiration of the District and that of the entire Community is embodied in our Vision of having ***“a healthy, productive and prosperous people by 2035.*”**

In the current DDP, we have taken stock of the main achievements so far made and the remaining challenges.

The District has made remarkable progress over the years in the delivery of Services to the people. A number of investments have been under taken in the Social Services sector like Education, Health, water, roads, production and Sanitation.

Therefore, the aforementioned gains notwithstanding extreme poverty and hunger threaten to undermine the gains registered. Poverty characterised by food insecurity, low households incomes, inadequate access to social services, poor governance in certain disciplines, low capacity of local contractors and not to forget HIV/AIDs pandemic and high illiteracy remain central to the development of the District.

We commit ourselves at all levels to fighting this unacceptable level of poverty by building on the achievements so far made and finding realistic strategies to address the gaps existing and mitigate the reverse effects these impediments have on sustainable service delivery for improved livelihood.

We continue to uphold the principles of participatory planning which the provision of the Section 36 of the local Government Act (Amendment) mandates. I would like to encourage all the Stakeholders especially the Councillors at all levels, NGOs, CBOs and the Community at large to support and participate in the development process of the District at all levels and times.

Consequently, I greatly implore all our dear development partners (Donors, NGOs/CBOs and the Private Sectors) to join us to implement all the activities outlined in this 2006/07_2008/09 DDP.

I wish to sincerely thank all those actors /Stakeholders who have contributed various inputs as well as the others that have rendered various forms of assistance and cooperation to

Arua District in putting together and preparing this development Plan to fulfil our mission as a Distinct

“To improve the quality of life of all the people of Arua, to promote and sustain socio-economic development and good governance.”

Andama Richard Ferua
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