

Census of Tier 4 Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) in Uganda, 2006

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What is Census of Tier 4 MFIs in Uganda, 2006?

- Census of Tier 4 MFIs in Uganda, 2006 is a project aimed at:
 - A total count of all tier 4 MFIs and their Outlets in Uganda;
 - Using a Global positioning Systems (GPS) device, mapping all tier 4 MFI Outlets in Uganda which meet the following criteria:
 - Registered under Uganda's enacted laws;
 - Provide financial services at least once a week; and
 - Operate in a fixed and clearly identifiable physical office; and
 - Using a structured questionnaire, collect some minimum amount of information to inform policy formulation and business planning.

Justification for the Census of Tier 4 MFIs in Uganda, 2006

- A follow-up of the 2001/02 survey of MFIs;
- Provide up-to-date information to update the Outreach Map;
- Provide a baseline data to generate standard parameters for monitoring performance of MFIs in Uganda through an established database;
- Obtain additional information considered important to inform policy making in the country in general and for the Government of Uganda's rural development strategy in particular.

The Implementation Framework

- Generally, the Census is a collaborative effort involving major stakeholders in the Microfinance Industry, including:
 - Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED)
 - The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS)
 - Association of Microfinance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU)
 - Microfinance Outreach Plan (MOP)
 - Financial Sector Deepening Project (FSDU)
 - Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry (MTTI)
 - Uganda Co-operative Savings and Credit Union (UCSCU)
- In February, 2006, MoFPED and FSDU signed a Letter of Mutual Understanding (LMU) providing a basis for FSDU to extend financial and technical support toward the implementation of the Census.

Implementation Framework (Cont.)

- **A Database Coordination Committee (DCC) was established. It comprises MOP, MoFPED, FSDU, UBOS, AMFIU, UCA, UCSCU, MTTI, MSCL, SUFFICE, Rural SPEED, etc**
- **DCC is the overall overseer of the Census**
- **The implementation and supervision of the Census was however, delegated to a Coordinator who is also FSDU Research Coordinator, supported by six supervisors selected from among the stakeholders represented in the DCC.**

Methodology

- **The Census is being implemented in six phases as follows:**
 - **Phase I: Listing Tier 4 MFI Outlets from the data available in MSEPU, Association of Microfinance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU), Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry (MTTI), Eleven Private Sector Development and Promotion Companies in Uganda, the District Headquarters and the Sub-counties;**
 - **Phase II: Mapping Tier 4 MFI Outlets using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) device;**

Methodology (Cont.)

- **Phase III:** Collecting data from Tier 4 MFI Outlets using a pre-tested structured Questionnaire approved by the Database Coordination Committee (DCC) and endorsed by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS);
- **Phase IV:** Using a Questionnaire designed for Phase III, collecting data from Bank of Uganda on Tiers 1- 3 MFIs;
- **Phase V:** Data entry, compilation & analysis and Report writing and presentation; and
- **Phase VI:** Updating the Outreach Map.

Progress made in Implementation

- Phases I and II have been completed.
- 11 Private Sector Promotion/Development Centres were contracted by FSDU to list the MFIs at their level, the district level and sub-county level.
- Makerere University Institute of Environment and Natural Resources (MUIENR) was contracted by FSDU to map the MFIs.
- In phase I, a total of 3,360 Tier 4 MFI Outlets in Uganda was listed.
- In phase II, a total of 1,248 Tier 4 MFI Outlets have been mapped. This number however, could increase or reduce at the end of phase III.
- The Questionnaire has been pre-tested and a Manual to guide Questionnaire administration during data collection is being finalized.

Challenges experienced in Implementing Census of Tier 4 MFIs

- Funding arrangement
- Coordination and supervisory framework
- Delays in implementation
- Government is eager to have the results by yesterday.

Next steps

- Implementation of phase III – to be completed in May, 2006.
- Phase IV to be completed by Mid-June, 2006
- Phase V to be completed by end of June, 2006
- Phase VI to be completed by 15 July, 2006.

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