



Understanding the pathway to social protection development in Uganda

**Meeting Concept and Tentative Programme
EPRC, Conference Room 9:00-12:00, 20 October 2016**

Background

The Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) is supporting work under the INCLUDE Platform on National Level Activities (NLA) with an aim of increasing evidence based policy making in the area of social protection. This will be achieved through use of research generated by the INCLUDE supported research groups, EPRC's synthesis of existing evidence base on social protection and additional evidence from other relevant sources. Specifically, in 2014, the INCLUDE Platform in Netherland commissioned studies on Uganda under the social protection theme, which EPRC is supporting.

Rationale

It is in this regard, that EPRC is organising a consultative meeting to share a synthesis of the performance of Social Protection Programmes regionally and in Sub Saharan African Countries and specifically provide updates on social protection programme activities in Uganda. In addition, participants will map out the actors involved in social protection agenda in Uganda as a means of identifying the most influential stakeholders that should be targeted to receive and use the policy messages arising from the evidence. This will foster to bridge the gap between knowledge, policy and practise.

The meeting specifically intends to use the collective expertise of participants to arrive at a clear understanding of the political economy of governance, financial support and development in implementing social protection agenda in Uganda. To do this we will use a 'drivers of change' approach, which focuses on setting out the key structural features, institutions, actors and ideas that shape current and future prospects for social protection in the country. In particular, we will generate a mapping of the key actors involved, their incentives and ideas, and the changing balance of power amongst them. This analysis will then be used to think through the implications for implementation, sustainability and development of social protection in Uganda.

Methodology for Mapping

The term 'drivers of change' comes from an approach to political economy analysis used by development agencies such as the UK's DFID. The key terms can be defined as follows:

Structures: these are long-term contextual factors which are not readily influenced, either because of the time scale needed, or because they are determined outside the country. Examples include economic and social structures (class, ethnicity), geo-strategic position, natural resource endowment, demographic shifts, climate change and technological progress.

Institutions: these set the rules of the game. These can be *formal* in the sense of constitutional rules and codified laws, or *informal* in the sense of political, social and cultural norms (e.g. patron-client politics, norms around gender relations, traditional beliefs etc).

Actors: including internal actors such as political leaders and parties, civil servants, military actors, business associations, CSOs etc., and external actors such as foreign governments, regional organisations, donors, INGOs and multinational corporations. Actors are driven by material interests and incentives but also by ideas.

Ideas: ideas cut across institutions and actors, and include ideological beliefs around how politics and development should work and what their focus should be, and also ideas in terms of evidence and information on these and other issues.

Target Audiences

The participants will include various stakeholders involved in social protection issues such as government technocrats, members of parliament, parliamentary researchers and clerks, academia, civil society, development partners and the private sector.

Tentative Programme

Time	Activity	Responsible Person
9:00am-9:30am	Arrival and registration of participants	Amina Balunywa
9:30am: 9:45am	Welcome and self-introduction	Elizabeth Birabwa
9:45am-10:00am	Overview of the meeting	Madina Guloba/Elizabeth Birabwa/ ED
10:00am-10:20am	Progress on Social protection work in Uganda	SAGE/MUK
10:20am-10:40am	Pathway to social protection in Uganda: Synthesis	Madina Guloba
10:40am-11:00am	Reactions to the presentations	Elizabeth Birabwa
11:00am-11:15am	Health Break	Bethel Restaurant
11:15am-11:45	Mapping the drivers of change: Who and what shapes governance, financial support and development in Social Protection in Uganda?	Madina Guloba/Elizabeth Birabwa
11:45am-12:00pm	Group Feedback	Madina Guloba/Elizabeth Birabwa
12:00pm	Close , Lunch and Departure	All