



# NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY IN UGANDA (NITA-U)

## PROPOSED UGANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROGRAM

### **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND COMMENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF), ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP), THE RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK (RPF), VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS FRAMEWORK (VMGF), STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (SEF) AND LABOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY [LMP]**

This NOTICE is published in compliance with the World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and Public Disclosure requirements. The Government of Uganda (GoU), through the National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U) under the general supervision of the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (MOICT) is to implement a Uganda Digital Acceleration Program (UDAP) under loan financing from the World Bank.

The Government of Uganda has embarked on several initiatives for utilization of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to facilitate the improvement of service delivery through e-Government services, to enhance data and internet connectivity and to create an enabling environment to support the e-Government services and connectivity. All efforts are geared towards improving the social well-being of Ugandans and to foster national development. In line with the National Development Plan III, the project will support the GoU to expand access to high-speed internet, improve efficiency of digital government services, and strengthen the digital inclusion of refugees and hosting communities.

In compliance with the World Bank safeguards requirements, the following documents have been prepared to guide implementation and management of environmental and social aspects of UDAP:

1. Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) – to guide on identification, assessment, mitigation, monitoring and reporting of any likely environmental and social impacts;
2. Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP)- sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of these that NITA-U commits to developing adopting and implementing;
3. Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) - guides on handling of any involuntary resettlement and compensation issues;
4. Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups Framework (VMGF) – to guide on handling of vulnerable / marginalized groups related issues;
5. Labour Management Policy (LMP) – to document labour requirements and identify the risks associated with the project that together with aspects of welfare in line with legal requirements and good international and industry practices (GIIP) and;
6. Stakeholder Engagement Framework (SEF) - highlights NITA-U strategy for continuous consultations particularly, during the scoping, baseline ESMP, disclosure and the on-going phase after disclosure.

Copies of these documents can be downloaded from both NITA-U and Ministry of ICT & NG websites. Physical copies are available for viewing at NITA-U, MOICT&NG and NEMA offices. The documents will also be available on the World Bank external website.

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