Factsheet: Uganda

**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**

The national youth policy defines youth as all young persons, female and male, aged 12 to 30 years. In YouMap: A cross-sectional situational analysis on Youth in Uganda (2011), it notes the draft national youth policy (2011-2016), referring to youth as 15-29.

**CANDIDACY AGE**

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

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Homosexual acts illegal. Source: UNSD, ILGA

**VOTING AGE**

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MAJORITY AGE**

18

Source: UNICEF Office of Research

**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

12


**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

0.39

143 out of 175 countries. Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

**LITERACY RATES**

90.72%

90.50% Male (15-24) %, 90.95% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015 Source: UNESCO

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

15.38%

16.24% Male %, 14.53% Female %

Year: 2004 Source: UNESCO

**TOBACCO USE**

16.60%

17.30% Male (15-24) %, 15.30% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2010 Source: WHO

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

2.4% Male (15-24) %

4.2% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2013 Source: World Bank

**POLICY & LEGISLATION**


**IS THERE A NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY?**

YES

Uganda has a national youth policy from 2001. A 2011 youth mapping (Vol 1, Vol 2) is available.

Source: World Bank

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or youth programming?
The Minister for Youth and Children is head of the Department of Youth and Children Affairs as part of the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development (MGLSD). The aim of the department is to, "ensure care, protection and empowerment of children and youth," with a focus on policy, legislation, programmes, stakeholder coordination, participation, service provider training and responding to the "concerns of children and youth." At the district level, youth issues are managed within the portfolio of the Community Development Officer (CDO).

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The National Youth Council (NYC) is an autonomous body established by the National Youth Council Act 1993 and seeks to be "the leading organization in empowerment of Youths" and acts as an umbrella organisation for young people and youth organisations in Uganda and seeks to "organize, mobilize and engage Youth in development activities." Participants of the YouthMap Uganda: A Cross-Sector Situational Analysis on Youth in Uganda (2011) highlighted a, "distrust of the NYC by youth because of its association with government."

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

The national development plan (2010/11-2014/15) details expenditure to "provide Entrepreneurial, Employable and Adolescent Life Skills to the Youth Outside School and Provide them with Start Up Kits." According to the World Bank, Uganda spent 15.09% of its government expenditure and 3.28% of its GDP on education provision in 2012.