

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & FISHERIES IN UGANDA:

Governance for Food, Justice & Prosperity



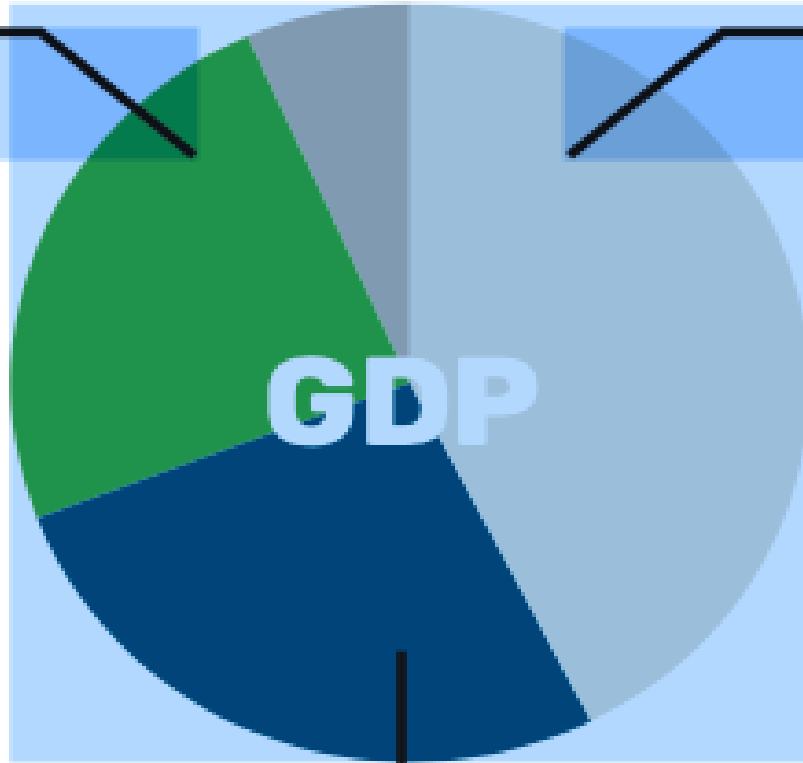
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Importance *(Source: Traide 2024)*

24.1%

Agriculture

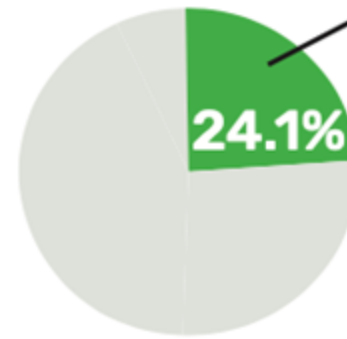
- Employs 72% of work force
- Generates 35% of export earnings



22.8%

Industry (mining, construction, manufacturing)

42.6% services (Tourism, Trade, transport, finance)



Agriculture sub-sectors:



65%
Crops



25%
Livestock



10%
Fisheries

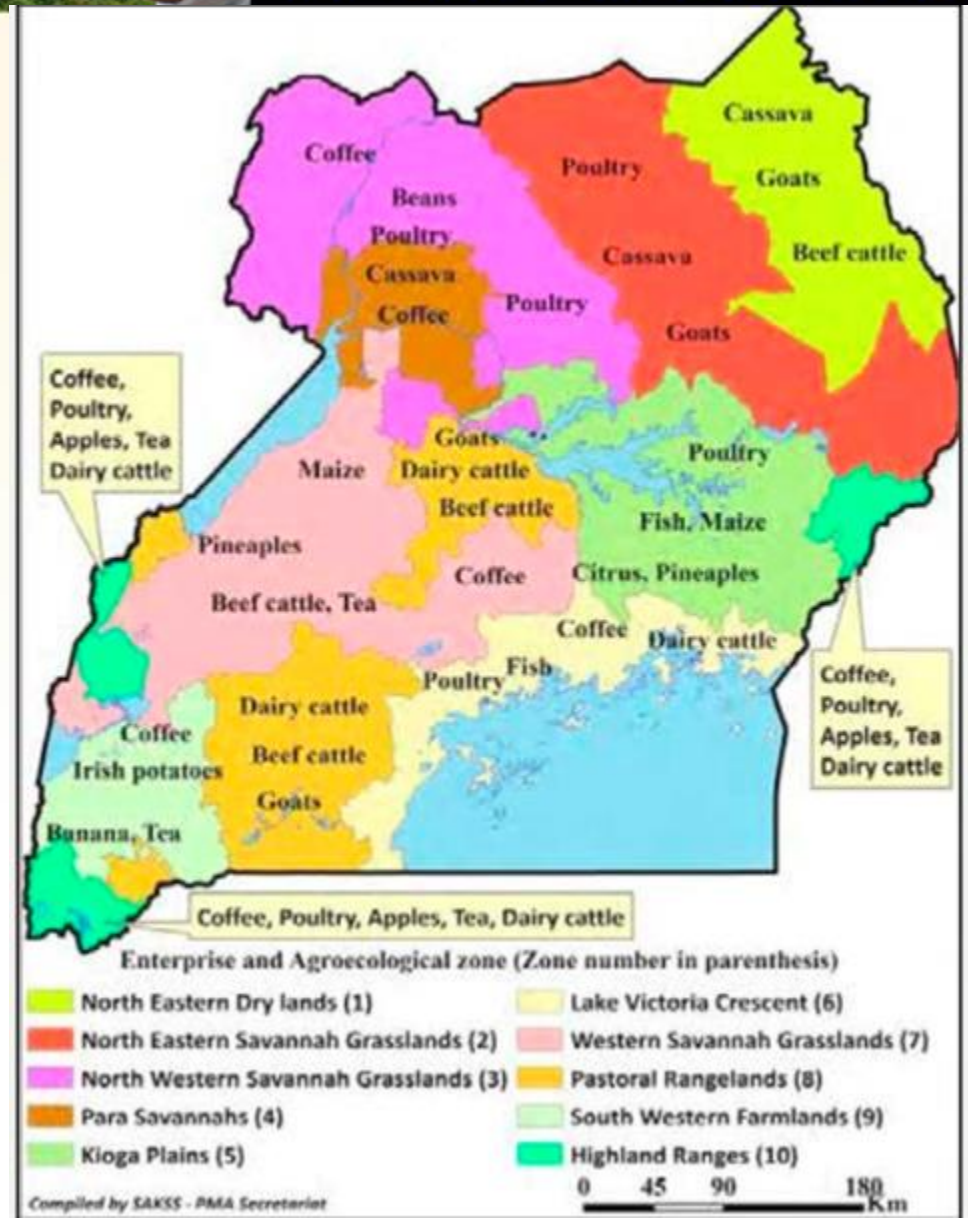


80% of the total land is arable, only 35% is being cultivated

If all arable land is put to proper use can feed 200 Million people

Challenges:

- **Low production and productivity**
 - Under and poor utilization of land
 - Lack of knowledge and management skills
 - Poor soil fertility
 - Land tenure challenges
- **Climate change effects** (droughts and floods)
- **Markets and value chains**
 - Limit access to markets
 - Weak farmer organizations
 - Poor infrastructure
- **Inadequate extension services (1: 1800)**
- **Limited access to agricultural finance**
- **Gender inequality**



Governance



- Starts at the lowest levels (Genesis 2:13) to national/international levels
- At creation-The first ever known vocation! Man was put in charge of the garden in Eden (Genesis 2: 2:8-9; 15)
- Man was given to manage/steward a divine **farm system** (He was given authority-governance over this system. Eden was productive, sustainable garden)

National level

Focus	Joseph's Egypt (Gen. 41–47)	Solomon's Israel (1 Kings 3–10)	Uganda Today??
Context	Looming famine (scarcity)	Peace, stability, and prosperity (abundance)	Mixed: potential abundance but threatened by climate change, poverty, and weak governance
Agriculture	Stored 20% harvest for 7 years (Gen. 41:34–36)	Food security: everyone lived under their vine & fig tree (1 Kings. 4:25)	Agriculture dominant but low productivity; post-harvest losses, soil degradation, and low irrigation coverage
Livestock	Survival measures during famine; seed & livestock exchanged for food (Gen. 47:16–17)	Large herds supported economy, trade, and sacrifices (1 Kings. 4:23; 8:63)	Livestock sector growing, but constrained by diseases, low commercialization, and weak value chains

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Fisheries / Aquatic Resources	Egypt's Nile supported food and life, though not emphasized in Joseph's narrative	Maritime trade via Ezion-Geber; international trade (1 Kings. 9:26–28)	Uganda's lakes & rivers (esp. Lake Victoria) provide fish & trade, but face overfishing, pollution, and governance gaps
Governance Style	Crisis governance: foresight, planning, centralized reserves	Prosperity governance: wisdom, justice, trade diplomacy	Need for both crisis-preparedness (climate shocks, food insecurity) and prosperity management (youth, technology, trade)
Justice & Equity	Fair distribution of grain; land policies spared priests (Gen. 47:22–24)	Wise judgments upheld fairness & trust in governance (1 Kings. 3:16–28)	Challenges of land grabbing, market exploitation, and inequitable access for women & youth

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National Prosperity	Egypt became breadbasket for neighbors (Gen. 41:57)	Israel reached peak wealth & global recognition (1 Kgs. 10:1–9)	Uganda has potential to be East Africa's food basket but is limited by low value addition, infrastructure gaps, and governance weaknesses
Leadership Foundation	Joseph: dependence on God's revelation & wisdom (Gen. 41:16, 33)	Solomon: asked God for wisdom to govern (1 Kgs. 3:9–12)	Uganda needs leadership anchored in godly wisdom, integrity, and strategic vision
Lesson	Prepare for famine & crises with storage, foresight, resilience	Manage prosperity with wisdom, justice, and sustainable trade	Uganda must build dual capacity : crisis preparedness (Joseph) + prosperity management (Solomon)

Thanksgiving

- Leaders., policy makers and institutions guiding the sectors
- For the soils rains in season and the hands of farmers you bless to produce food
- The grazing lands and livestock that provide various products that support livelihoods
- The lakes, rivers and wetlands that sustain the fish and provide food and income to households
- The laws and regulation that protect farmers, pastoralists and fishing communities from exploitation
- For the potential you have given Uganda to b a brad basket for East Africa

Repentance

- **For misuse of authority and resources by those in leadership.** Cursed is he who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood (Deuteronomy 27:25).
Jeremiah 12: 4- How long will the land be parched and the grass in every field be withered. Because who live in it are wicked and have no regard for God
- **Neglecting poor and the vulnerable.** *Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker but whoever is kind to the needy honors God (Proverbs 24:31)*
- **Corruption and bribery.** *Do not accept a bribe for a bribe blinds those who see and twist the words of the innocent (Ex 23:8)*
- **Exploitation in market and land use .** *Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees (Isaiah 10:1)*

- Pray for farmers to be blessed with timely rains, good harvest, and resilience against droughts and floods
- Pray for protection of their crops from pests and diseases, exploitation and thefts (Isaiah 30: He will also send you rain for the seed and you sow and the food will be rich and plentiful)
- Pray for better veterinary services , healing of the livestock from diseases, provision of good pastures
- Pray for peaceful co-existence of pastoralists and crop farmers (Prove 27: 23- Be diligent to know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds)

- Pray for fish stocks to be replenished , protect lakes from over fishing and pollution. Ezekiel 47:9 where rivers flow there will be large numbers of fish
- Pray that Lord will raise leaders who will govern the sectors with justice and foresight , break corruption and selfishness . Make policies be favorable for the vulnerable . *Proverbs 29:4- By justice a king gives a country stability*
- Pray renewal of soils, lakes and appropriate management practices and land use so that there will be sustainability of the sectors and natural resources be preserved for the posterity. *I will send you rain and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit (Leviticus 26:4)*

Declarations

James 1:5 – 'If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.' (Governance and leadership wisdom)

Deuteronomy 28:12 – 'The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.'
(Agriculture & Food Security)

Proverbs 27:23 – 'Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds.' (Livestock Development & Animal Health)

Ezekiel 47:9–10 – 'Wherever the river flows, everything will live... fishermen will stand along the shore; there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Great Sea.' (Fisheries & Aquatic Resources)

Micah 6:8 – 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God **(Justice & Equity in Land and Markets)**

Deuteronomy 28:11 – 'The Lord will make you abound in prosperity... in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground in the land the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. **(National Prosperity & Regional Influence)**

Micah 4:4 – 'Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid **(Peace & Stability for Food Systems)**

Father, **we declare** that Uganda's leaders in agriculture, livestock, and fisheries will be filled with godly wisdom, foresight, and integrity. Like Joseph (Genesis 41:33–36) and Solomon (1 Kings 3:9), they will govern with justice and vision for sustainable food systems. Amen

We declare that Uganda's land will be fruitful, soil fertility restored, and rains timely. We call forth abundant harvests, effective irrigation, and modern farming systems that ensure no Ugandan goes hungry. Amen

We declare healing and protection over Uganda's cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, and poultry. Diseases are restrained, and livestock systems are strengthened to provide milk, meat, hides, and income for families across the nation. Amen

- **We declare** that Uganda's lakes, rivers, and wetlands will be restored, protected, and governed with justice. Overfishing and pollution are defeated, and fisheries become a blessing of food security, trade, and livelihoods. Amen
- **We declare** an end to land grabbing,, exploitation of farmers, and corruption in food systems. Uganda's governance shall ensure fair prices, equitable access to resources, and protection of vulnerable groups — women, youth, and smallholder farmers
- **We declare** that Uganda will rise as a breadbasket of East Africa, exporting food, livestock, and fish products with excellence. Prosperity will overflow to households, and the nation will glorify God through righteous stewardship of its resources.

God bless you all