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The Role of the Media in Promoting Social Protection in Uganda

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Outline of the Presentation

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- Who is the media (in Uganda context)?
- How the Media Influences/affects us
- What the Media does in society/Uganda

- ESP Financing
- District Operations



Outline of the Presentation

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- SAGE Beneficiaries and Payments so Far
- Lessons Learnt to date
- National scale up Proposals
- Cost and Affordability

Overview of ESP

- **Purpose:** To embed a national social protection system, including Direct Income Support, as a core element of Uganda's national policy, planning and budgeting processes.
- Provides **policy support, institutional development, training & two Direct Income Support schemes**
- **Cabinet approval**, June 2010
- **Transfers started**, Sept. 2011
- **Official launch** by H.E. President Museveni,
 - 1 October 2012,
 - 8 March 2012

Definition of social protection

- SP is concerned with public and private interventions to address vulnerabilities associated with being or becoming poor. It is a public investment in human capital that facilitates risk taking endeavours and also enables the poor to prevent, cope with and mitigate a defined set of risks (NDP 2010-2015)

Administrative Arrangements

- **Secretariat**; headed & staffed with MGLSD. Supported by Technical Assistants. Responsible for day-to-day management in both policy support and SAGE implementation.
- **SAGE offices** established within existing local government structures (up to sub county level) in each of the 14 pilot districts.
- **MGLSD accountable** for SAGE operational funds & + policy funds
- **SP Sub-Committee** plays a key role in the development and implementation of the social protection policy.
- **Steering Committee**; PS MGLSD Chair. Representation from MoFPED, Mo Local Government, NPA, OPM, Mo Public Service, ULGA, civil society & development partners

ESP Financing

- Financed by DFID, Irish Aid and UNICEF - **£41 million 2010-2015**
- GoU financial support UGX125mn, FY11/12
- GoU in-kind contribution - UGX 6bn over the 5 years
- Expansion beyond 14 districts is MGLSD priority in FY12/13 budget submission (at a cost of **35bn** for 24 additional districts)

SAGE

ESP is piloting two Direct Income Support schemes:

- **Senior Citizens Grants**
- **Vulnerable Family Grants**

- ❑ **UGX 24,000 per month**
- ❑ **95,000 households**
- ❑ **28,508 beneficiaries receiving grants to date (end July 2012)**



UGX 2,120,663,600 has been transferred to date

Senior Citizens Grant

Eligibility criteria: older people aged 65 yrs & above (60 in Karamoja)

Rationale:

- Responsive to public concerns – reflects Ugandan values of support for the elderly.
- Socially non-divisive.
- Effective at reaching other vulnerable groups, e.g. PwDs, orphans.
- Simple, cost-effective, scalable.
- Old age poverty and vulnerability.

Historically Senior Citizens Grants are the starting point for developing social protection systems.

Targeting for Senior Citizens Grant

Automated Targeting

- List of all individuals 65 years and above generated by the Secretariat using the **Civil Registration Database**
- List sent to the Sub-County CDO by the District SAGE Unit for onward communication to the Parish Chief.
- Verification done by the village council with facilitation of the Parish Chiefs

Vulnerable Family Grant

Prioritises households with; Pre- school children; Older women and (to a lesser extent) older men; People with severe disabilities; double orphans.

Rationale

- Need for targeting mechanism with **potential for higher coverage rates**.
- Reflects public concerns for a wide range of ‘vulnerable groups’ (PwDs, elderly, OVCs, single-headed HHs etc).
- More **transparent** criteria than other approaches
- Adaptable to **local priorities** and contexts.

Eligibility

- **Labour Capacity and Dependency** targeting : scores allocated to individuals according to age, sex, disability and orphan hood status.
- Highest scoring 15% of HHs in a S/C targeted every 2-3 years
- DATA generated from a civil registration process done by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau /UBOS.
- **A birth certificate is also provided to ALL FREE of charge.**

Role of Local Governments

Implementation

1. **Community mobilisation and sensitisation** on SAGE and Social Protection.
2. Participation in, and delivery of, **training according to SAGE guidelines.**
3. **Monitoring of payment service provider**
4. Avail **office space** and host externally recruited SAGE Unit members.
5. Ensure that **SAGE operational funds** are used efficiently and for the purposes intended.
6. Ensure the **security of programme assets.**

Institutionalisation

1. Integrate SAGE within district budgeting and planning processes.
2. **Coordinating SAGE with other services and programmes.**
3. Support the institutionalization of the birth and death registration (BDR).

Learning

1. Participate in monitoring, evaluation and evidence gathering exercise.
2. Work with the MGLSD to identify and advocate an appropriate post-pilot staffing structure for SAGE at district-level.

Training Activities

All structures involved in the implementation of SAGE are trained. The trainings include;

- Orientation of District Councillors
- Orientation of sub-county Council
- Training of technical staff
- Training of financial management, MIS and M&E
- Training of Parish Development Committees and Village chairpersons
- Training of beneficiaries

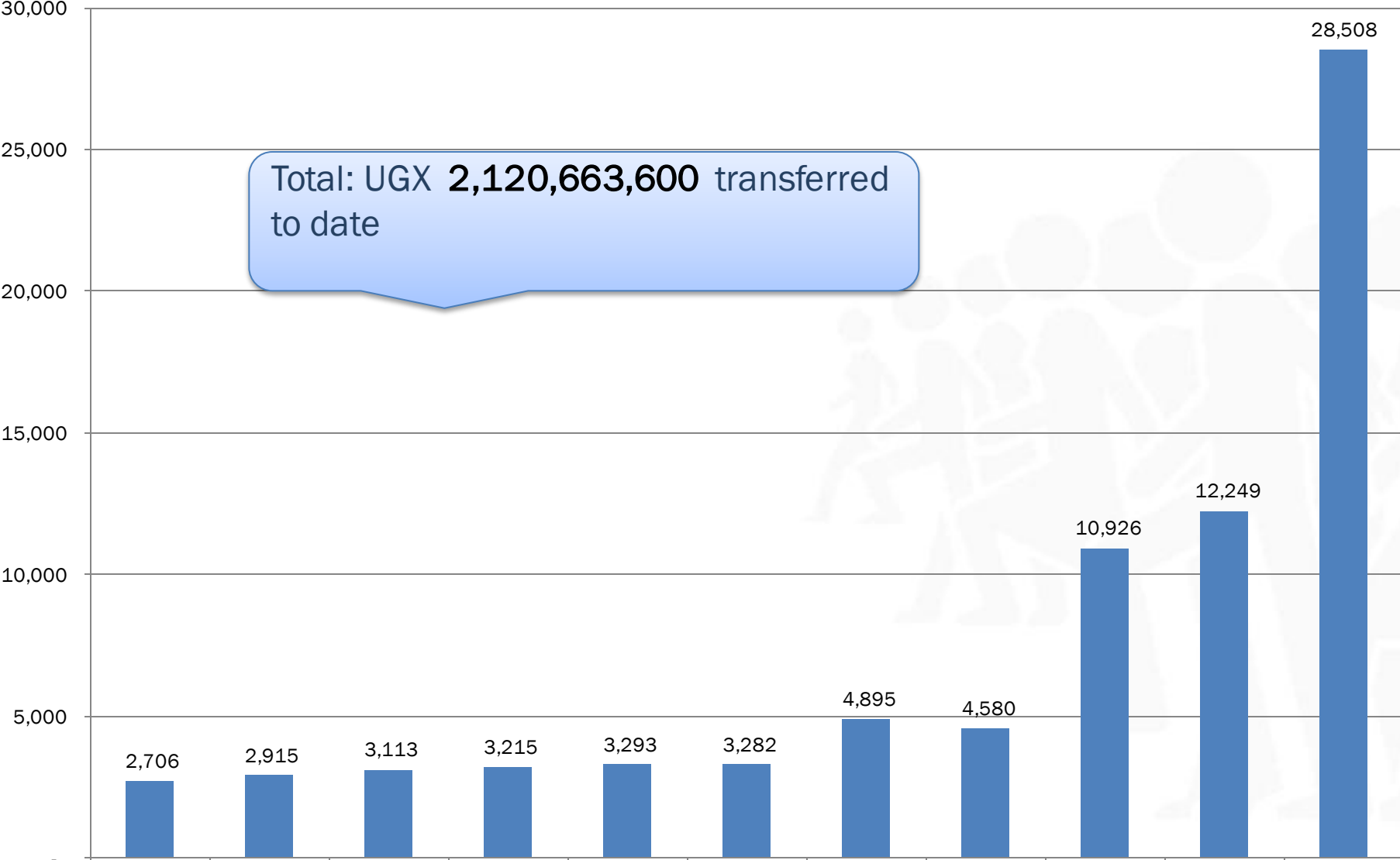
How are payments be delivered?

- Monthly cash transfer amount = UGX 24,000 starting July 2012.
- Reviewed annually to allow for inflation.
- Based on:
 - *Affordability at national scale*
 - *Sufficiency to achieve desired impacts*
 - *Social acceptability*
 - *Regional compatibility*
- **MTN MobileMoney** selected through a competitive procurement process
 - *Wide coverage*
 - *Cost effective*



The first SAGE SCG beneficiary in Nebbi enters her SIM card into the MTN EasyTalk phone

SAGE Beneficiaries receiving payment by month

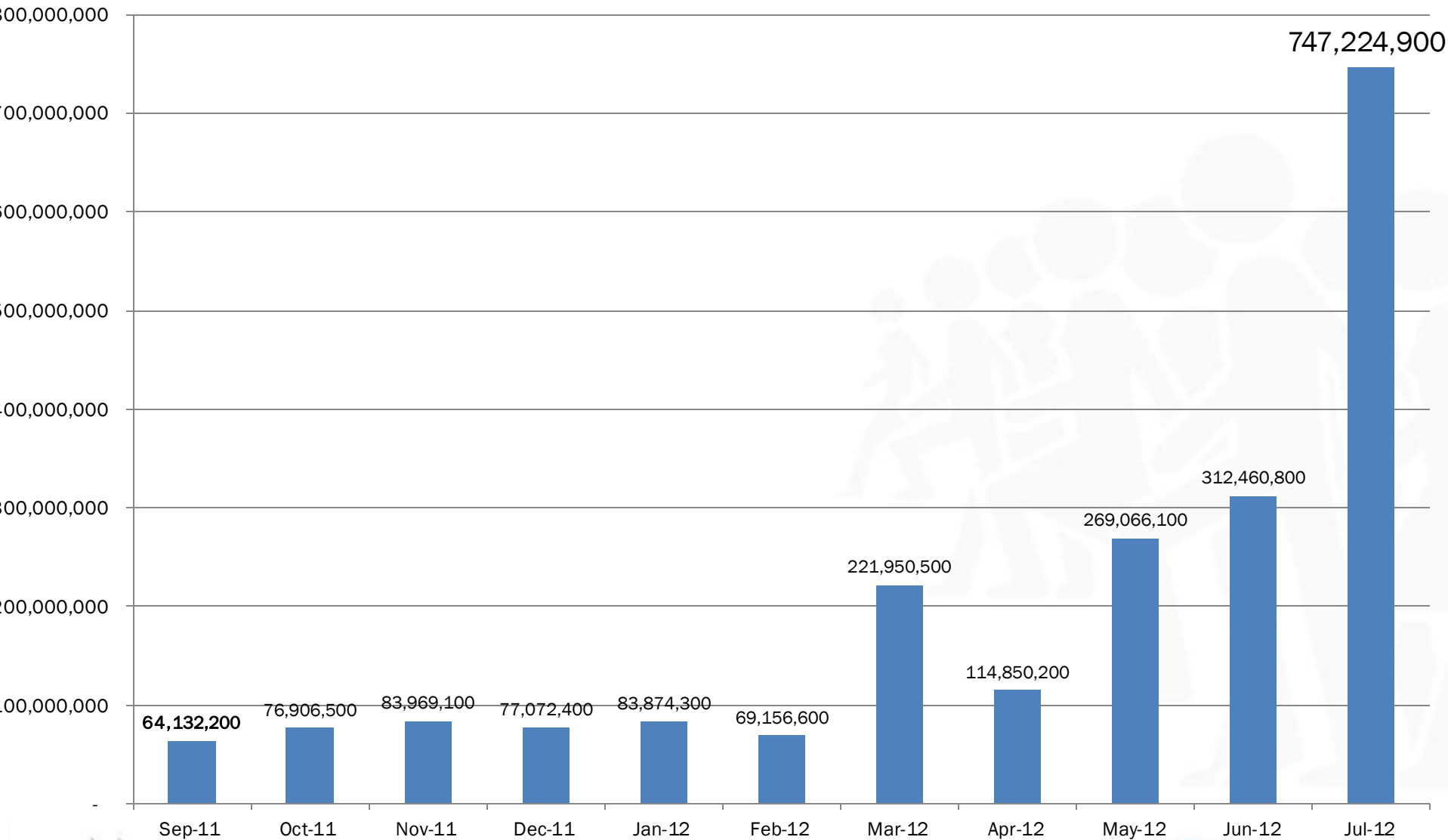


Total: UGX 2,120,663,600 transferred to date



SAGE Beneficiary payments (UGX)

September 2011 to July 2012



Lessons Learnt to Date

Public Support

- Strong public support - within and outside target districts.
- Calls from political leaders & local governments to extend programme to new districts.

Economic & Social Impacts

- Livelihoods investments – seeds, livestock, hiring labour to work untended land.
- Local businesses report turnover increases on payment days
- School fees & medical expenses
- House improvements – iron sheets, timber
- Increased dignity, empowerment, self-esteem, confidence & participation in community affairs

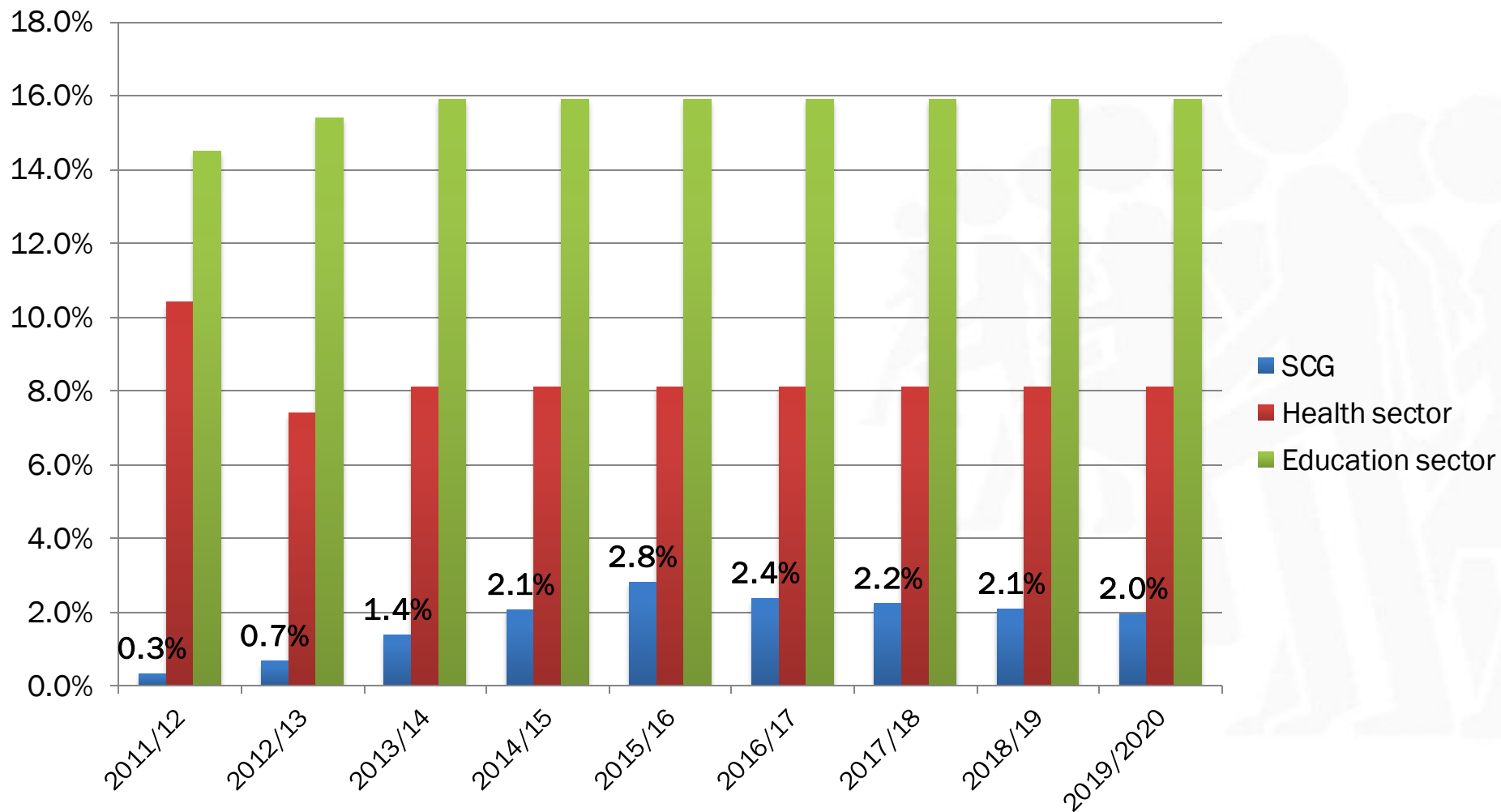
National Scale Up of SCG

- MGLSD working together with local governments has developed robust, efficient and nationally scalable systems and processes for the effective delivery of SAGE Grants.
- These systems and procedures have been tested and are able to be efficiently scaled up for gradual national coverage.

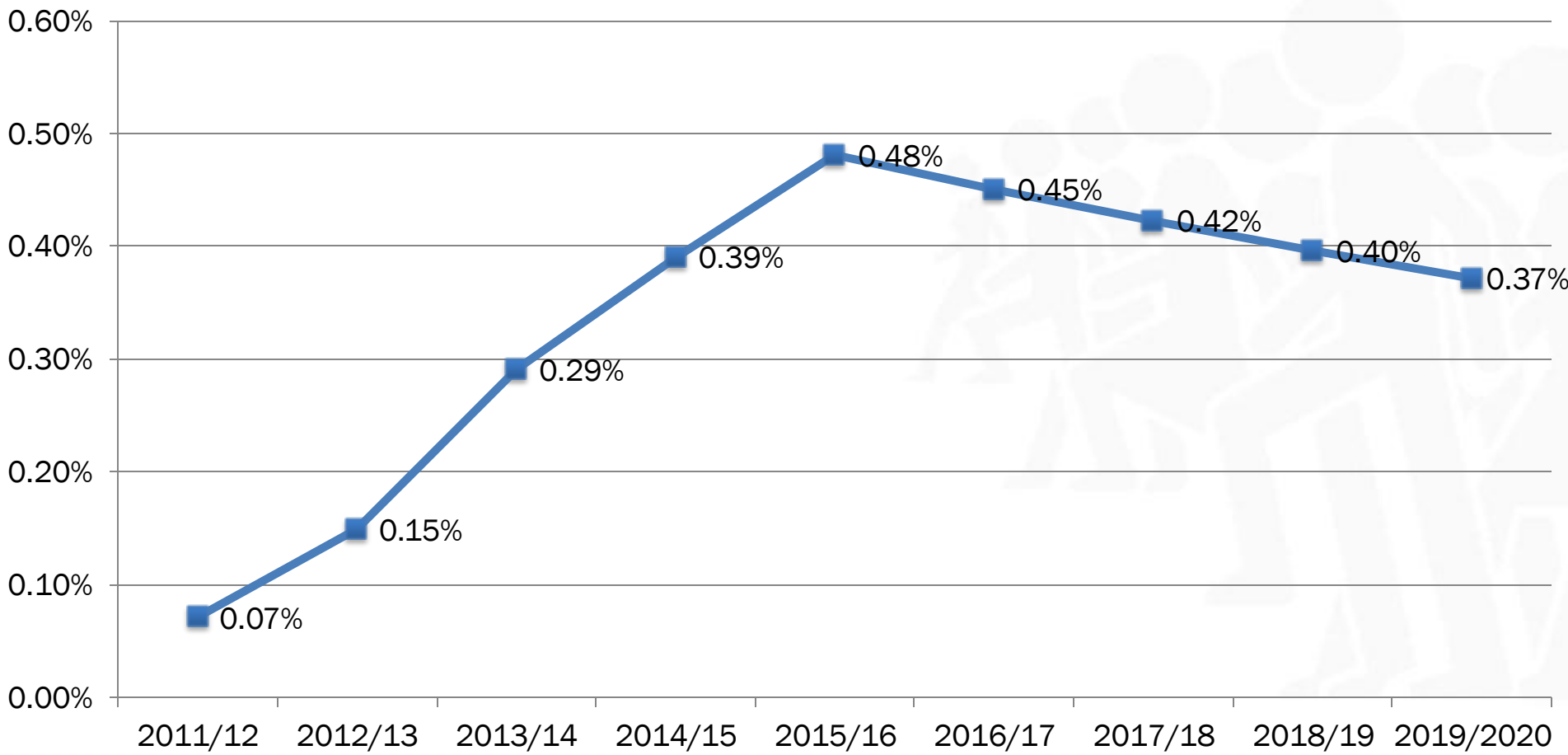
Indicative 4 Year national Roll-out plan- Senior Citizens Grant

Financial Year	Additional Districts (cumulative)	Cumulative Beneficiaries (Estimates)	Budget UGX. Bn
2012/13	24	228,000	UGX 36
2013/14	48	456,000	UGX 113
2014/15	73	693,500	UGX 197
2015/16	98	931,000	UGX 289
Total			UGX 635

A national Senior Citizen Grant is Affordable: Share of Total Government Expenditure



Cost of the SCG as a % of GDP



Thank you

