

The PRDP and The Role of Civil Society Organizations

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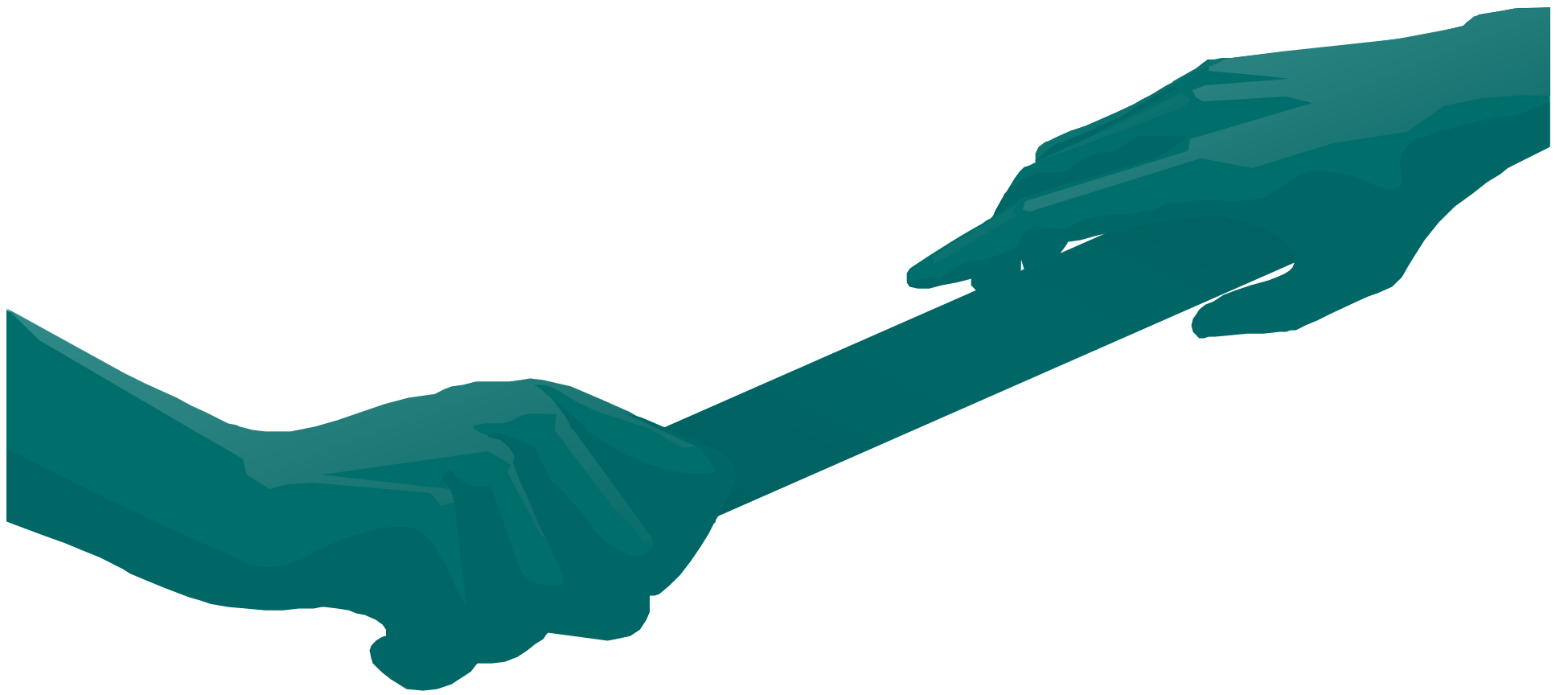
A Stake in Our Future

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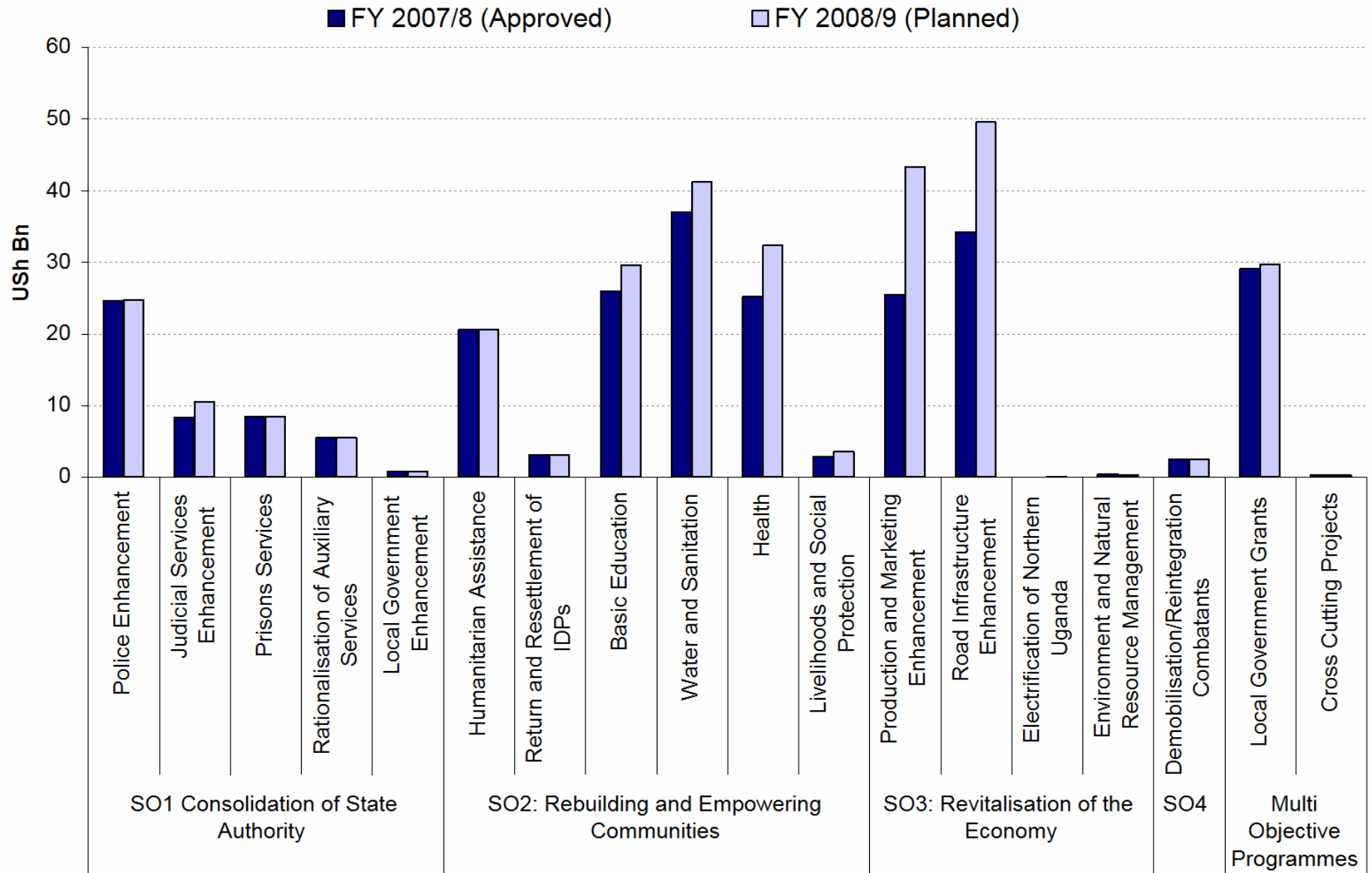
PRDP...

- The cost of PRDP is UGX 1.1 Trillion (\$USD 606.5m), to be funded through on budget and off budget mechanisms
- Provisional assessments indicated that Ush 483.4 bn was earmarked for PRDP districts over the next 3 years in the MTEF, leaving a funding gap of Ush 697.9b. (MoFPED, *PRDP Section of 2008/9 BFP*).
- An estimated USh 254.29 bn was provided in FY 2007/08 National Budget for PRDP and an additional USh 51.68 billion (20%) in FY2008/09.
- Today GoU commitment stands at 30% -120b per year for the next three FYs
- Full scale PRDP implementation postponed till FY 2009/10 - July 1, 2009

PRDP...

- **GoU has provided part of its 30% contribution this financial year to the districts through Transfer Grants and Sector Allocations to five ministries – MOES, MoH, MoWT, MEMD and MAAIF. However, MOFPED did not clearly specify these allocations as increment of resources for PRDP activities.**
- **Between now and July 2009, funds provided by both the Government and Development Partners will continue to be prioritized and support on-going activities in the PRDP districts.**

Government of Uganda Approved and Planned Expenditure on PRDP Activities FY2007/08 and FY2008/09



Implications

- The preceding figures leaves one confused: Is it 254.29 + 51.68 or 51.68b for FY 2008/9? Is it 483.4b over 3 years or 360b?
- CSOs role is complementary and as watchdogs so that the poor and marginalized get services and justice
- NGOs are to now sign MoUs with districts of operations and to align work plans to the respective DDPs, broken down to result areas with monitorable indicators and procurement plans, submitted by 30th March of every year.
- In the next FY, quarterly performance reports will be required from Ministries that will have received the extra PRDP funds , Districts and NGOs operating in the PRDP region to demonstrate value for money.
- The PRDP threatens to muzzle up CSOs!

A Stake in Our Future

- Actually, *The PRDP –A Stake in Our Future*. A partnership between CARE Uganda and UJCC funded by USAID

- Strategic Objective

Participating communities in northern Uganda are able to hold the GoU and its implementing partners accountable for implementing the PRDP in a transparent, participatory and effective manner.

- *It has 3 Intermediate Results:*

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IR #1: Participation – *The GoU (and its IPs) and communities clearly understand and effectively play their roles in the implementation of the PRDP.*

- Skills training in conflict sensitivity to GoU (15 from IMTG/OPM, 30 from Amuru and Pader DLGs and 96 from 8 LLGs)
- Interactive Radio talk shows
- CSO PRDP Contact Group meetings
- Community information boards
- Simplified and Translated PRDP
- PRDP FAQs
- Community drama shows on PRDP

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IR #2: Monitoring -Communities have the knowledge and skills to monitor the implementation of PRDP for inclusivity, conflict sensitivity and achievement of targets.

- Build community capacity to monitor PRDP resource and peace building projects using local monitoring teams (LMTs) composed of a woman, a man and a representative of the PDC.
- These are volunteers who use participatory poverty resource monitoring (PPRM) methodology
- Spot monitoring of selected aspects of PRDP (to be done together with DLGs, LGs and LLGs).

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- **IR #3: Influence** -A continuous process of identifying and promoting best practices improves PRDP's implementation and outcomes. Stressing promotion of good practice as a proactive way to ensure effectiveness rather than to identify failures after the fact.
- Identify and communicate them in carefully selected forms (regular reports, periodic policy statements, written stories and even audiovisual materials) and venues.
- One-day events in Kampala to launch special reports or media pieces, or allow constituents who are directly affected by the PRDP in the field to publicly interface with members of the GoU.

Areas for CSO Monitoring/Intervention

- On-going donor and GoU funded programmes e.g. ferry procurement for Lakes Bisina and Kyoga, electrification (in Kaberamaido, Tororo, Oyam, etc.), pilot housing in Amuria, tractors (in Masindi and Acholi), road construction, etc.
- Sector Line Ministries and Districts work plans and procurement plans to be submitted to the PS OPM and copy to the PS/Secretary to the Treasury by 30th March 2009.
- These plans shall further be very useful to develop *measurable* performance indicators which will be availed to stakeholders to ease monitoring.
- Community involvement/participation in PRDP processes
- Closer networking and advocacy to ensure GoU and implementing partners actually deliver.