



STATE OF UGANDA POPULATION REPORT (SUPRE) 2022

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

1. Introduction

The production of the State of Uganda Population Report (SUPRE) is a statutory requirement of the National Population Council. It is an annual flagship publication produced since 2001. This year (2022) will mark the publication of the 22nd edition of the report. The objective of the publication is to advance advocacy for population and development by highlighting the critical population and development issues that impede the achievement of national development and undermine the progress towards achieving the quality of life for the people of Uganda. The report also provides policy options for decision making in regard to population matters.

Uganda is currently, implementing the 2020 National Population Policy that makes a paradigm shift from the hitherto Population-Responsive type of Policy to a Population-Influencing type of Policy. The aim is to accelerate fertility and mortality decline; attain population age structure favorable for development through lowering dependency burden; and increase investments in young people. It is in light of this that the theme for the SUPRE 2022 seeks to focus on attainment of a favorable age structure.

2. Theme

The theme for the 22nd edition of the SUPRE is **“Accelerate Demographic Transition: Refocus investments to attain a favorable population age structure for sustainable development”**

2.1. Sub Themes

The SUPRE 2022 will be structured into seven (7) sub themes and is based on the National Population and Development Research Agenda 2020/21-2024/25.

2.1.1. Accelerating Demographic Transition

Uganda has one of the youngest and most rapidly growing populations in the world. The most important demographic issue for Uganda is related to the age structure rather than the overall size of its population. Although evidence seems to point to the start of a fertility transition, the country's age structure is still dependency-heavy which is not conducive to economic growth. In order to change its population age structure faster, Uganda needs to accelerate the demographic transition, namely the shift from high levels of fertility and mortality to low levels. Once infant and child mortality as well as fertility rates

begin to fall, young age dependency ratio will follow the same trend though at a slow pace. This will have implications for the economic growth. The questions that need to be addressed in this sub theme are the following:

- i) What is the state of population dynamics in Uganda today?
- ii) What are the implications of the current trends and pace of fertility, mortality and migration (Population dynamics) for economic growth and social transformation?
- iii) What are the factors that can fuel accelerated fertility and mortality reduction?
- iv) What investment areas should the government focus on to attain the desirable transition?

2.1.2. Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health

The physical and emotional wellbeing of adolescents and their ability to remain free from unwanted pregnancy, unsafe abortions, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) (including HIV/AIDS), and all forms of sexual violence and coercion is vital for Uganda's demographic dividend aspirations. The questions that should be addressed under this sub theme are:

- i) What are the factors contributing to and the effects of adolescent pregnancy?
- ii) What is the opportunity cost of teenage pregnancy?
- iii) What can be done to reduce teen pregnancy in Uganda? and
- iv) How can we help young people access sexual and reproductive health services?

2.1.3. Family Planning

Uganda is committed to scale up the use of modern family planning methods to ensure that every Ugandan woman can choose when and how many children to have. What strategies and investment should be put in place to reduce unmet need for family planning and increase the modern contraceptive prevalence rate in the country?

2.1.4. Early Childhood Development

Early childhood development (ECD) sets the foundation for lifelong learning, behaviour, achievement and health. The experiences children have in early childhood shape the brain and the child's capacity to learn, to get along with others, and to respond to daily stresses and challenges. The questions under this sub theme are:

- i) What is the role of ECD on human capital development?
- ii) How can ECD be leveraged for the pursuit of accelerating the demographic transition?

2.1.5. Education and Skills Development

A country's changing age structure combined with rising education levels can lead to a larger and more skilled workforce, which will fuel a socio-economic transformation and produce a demographic dividend. Questions to be addressed under this sub theme include:

- i) How can the country prioritize inclusive skills development in its education programme?
- ii) What were some of the negative effects of Covid-19 on schooling outcomes and how can they be ameliorated to maintain inclusive skills development?

2.1.6. Health

The COVID-19 pandemic strained an already over-stretched health system and disrupted essential health services in Uganda. The country is currently working to restore and strengthen key services to better withstand shocks and ensure quality care. The questions that need to be addressed under this sub theme are:

- i) What was the health status of the population in Uganda prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- ii) What was the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the population's health and the continuity of essential health services delivery, access, and uptake in Uganda?

2.1.7. Demographic Transition, Urbanization, and Environment

This sub theme will explore the relationship between demographic transition, urbanization, environment and development. What are the implications of population change for development on urbanization, the environment and the economy? What are the implications of internal migration on Uganda's urbanizing areas? How can sustainable development be achieved amidst the growing population?

2.1.8. Leadership and Governance

Good governance entails participatory, equitable and accountable mechanisms instituted by the country to ensure an environment in which political, social and economic operations at all levels function effectively to deliver equitable distribution of benefits to all citizens. Some of the question to address under this sub theme are:

- i) Which factors hinder effective service delivery at the different levels of government and how can they be rectified?
- ii) What factors tend to negatively affect household participation in development initiatives and how can it be addressed?

- iii) Are there Mindset Change issues that account to any of the issues above that need to be addressed for better results?
- iv) What policy options should be pursued to enable the youth enhance their wealth creation potential?

3. Who Submits an Abstract?

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- Government officials from Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA's)
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- Masters students

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- Full name(s) of the author(s)
- Author's job details (position, department, faculty, organization, university, city, country)
- Author's contact information: Phone number and email
- The Sub Thematic area of the SUPRE to which the presented abstract corresponds to.
- Word limit:400

6. Selection:

Your work will be reviewed by a multi-institutional Technical Working Group constituted to oversee the development and production of the SUPRE 2022. A notification will be sent to the authors to prepare their full papers.

7. Publication:

The best papers will be forwarded to the SUPRE Technical Working Group for consideration for publication.

8. Target dates/Deadlines

Advert for Abstract **30th May 2022**

Abstract (300-400 words) submission deadline **27th June 2022**

Notification of acceptance **4th July 2022**

Full article submission **26th August 2022**

Launch of SUPRE **27th October 2022**

9. Further Inquiries

Inquiries and submissions, with the subject heading “State of Uganda Population Report 2022” should be forwarded by email to the following addresses: ziriddamu@gmail.com, and copy to samuelsamson.omwa@npcsec.go.ug, or omwa.ogwang@gmail.com

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