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AT LOCAL LEVEL



The IDEAL Impact in Uganda

assessing the social contract between local
governments and their citizens



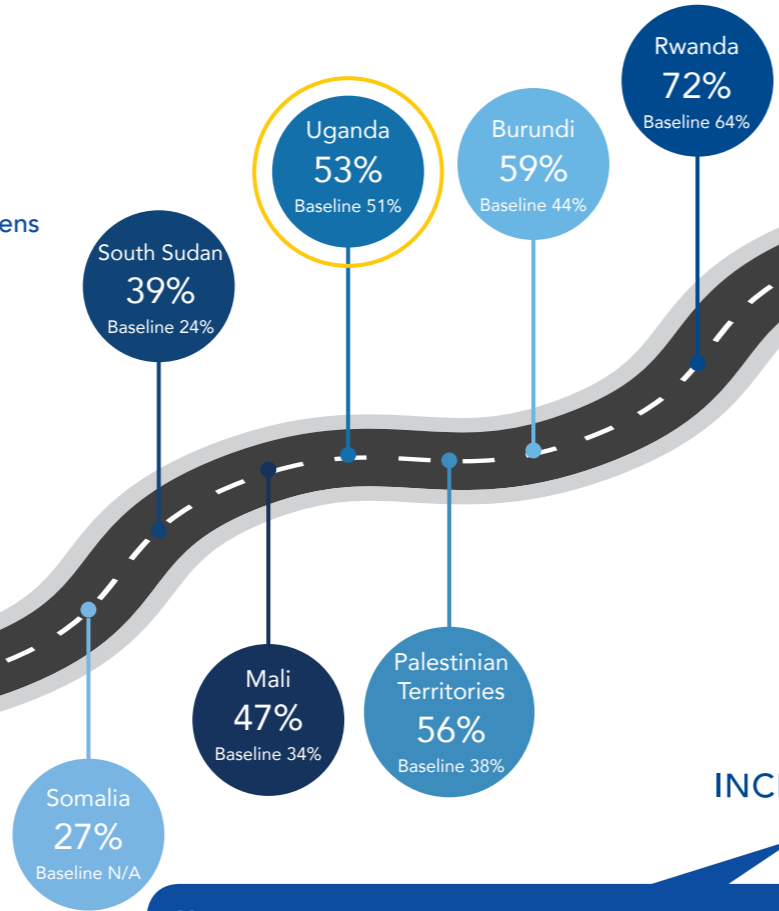
The Overall IDEAL Program

Social Contract

The contract between local governments and citizens



The IDEAL program works with seven Local Government Associations in 6 of the 7 countries: Burundi, Mali, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Somalia, and Uganda.



"The unique selling proposition of a program such as IDEAL is the fact that it can work on the politics of local decision-making."



"The IDEAL program makes great efforts to adapt to the fragile contexts in which it works, and thus displays a conflict-sensitive approach in practice."

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Most Valued Aspects of VNGI Collaboration Overall

- Technical Expertise
- Connecting and Convening people
- Policy Influencing

"In countries where the LGA is a co-implementor, the IDEAL program is relevant to strengthen the capacity, the visibility of the organisation and its credibility."



An improved Social Contract between local governments and citizens



"Development players appreciate the capacity of VNGI/IDEAL to support processes at LG level, to manage tensions between technical staff and politicians, to deal with the political implications of what are seemingly 'easy' technical issues."

"The added value of the IDEAL program lies in the particular mandate and expertise of VNGI working with LGAs and with local governments."

"VNG makes considerable efforts to look for collaboration, synergy and complementarity."



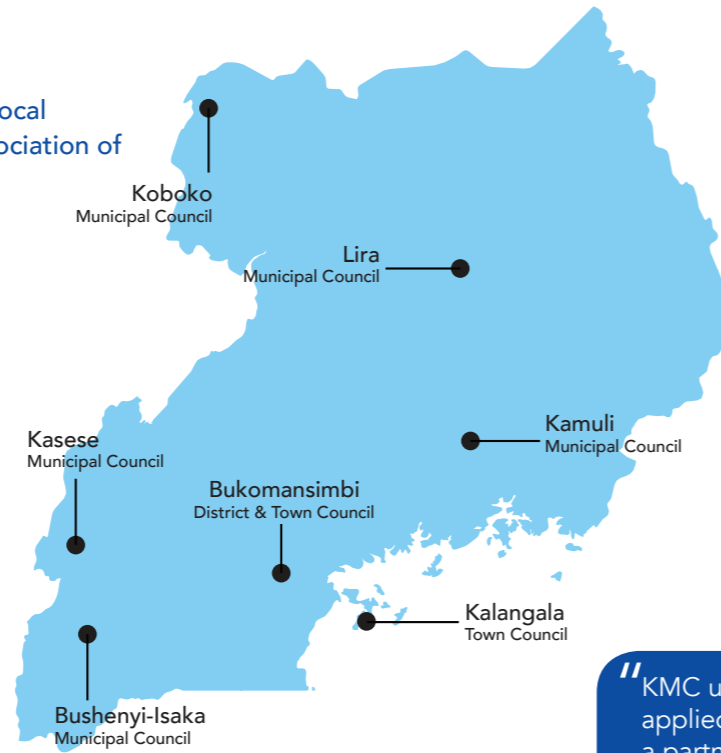
IDEAL - Uganda

Working with 7 municipalities and councils and the Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA) and Urban Authorities Association of Uganda (UAAU)

Dialogue Processes to strengthen political/public debate
22

Workshops
28

People Trained
1,952
704 Women 27 Youth



Key Achievements



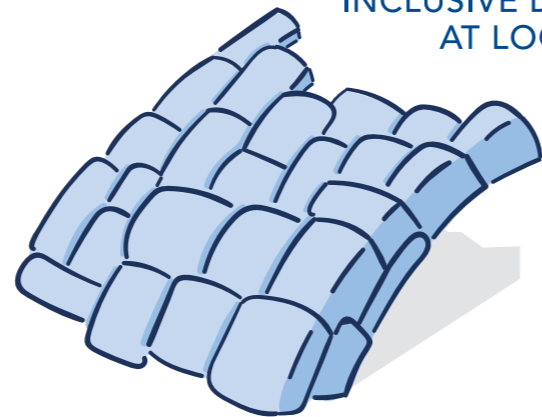
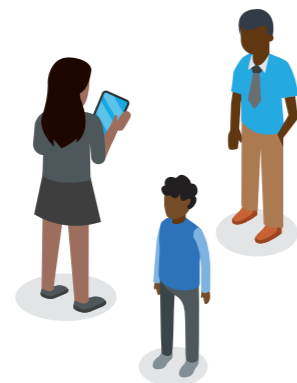
Increased resource collection in target municipalities



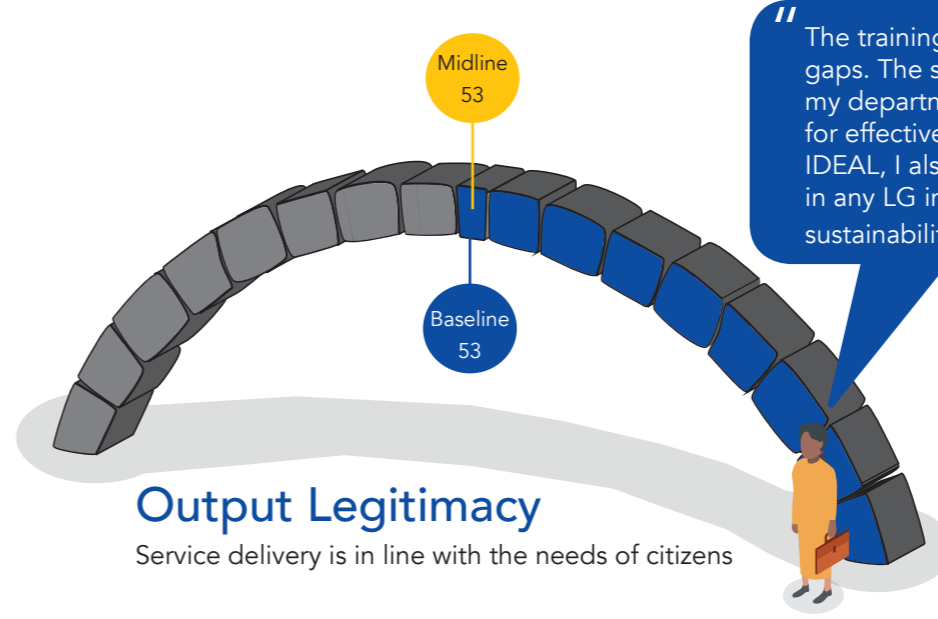
Development of Municipal Development Forums in Kamuli



UAAU organized Strategic and Regional Cities Conference



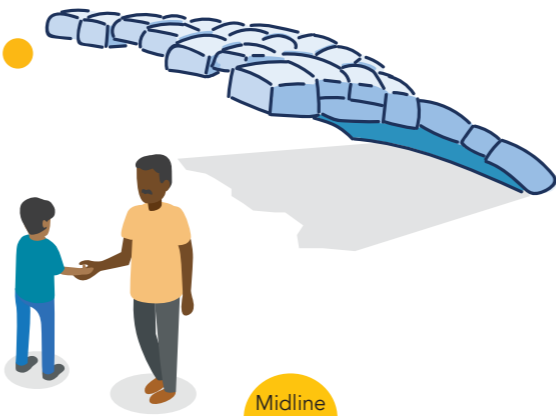
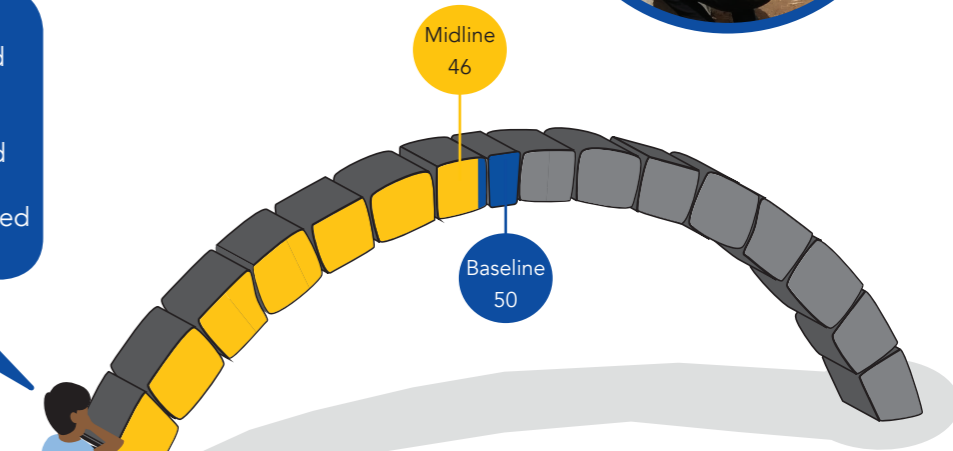
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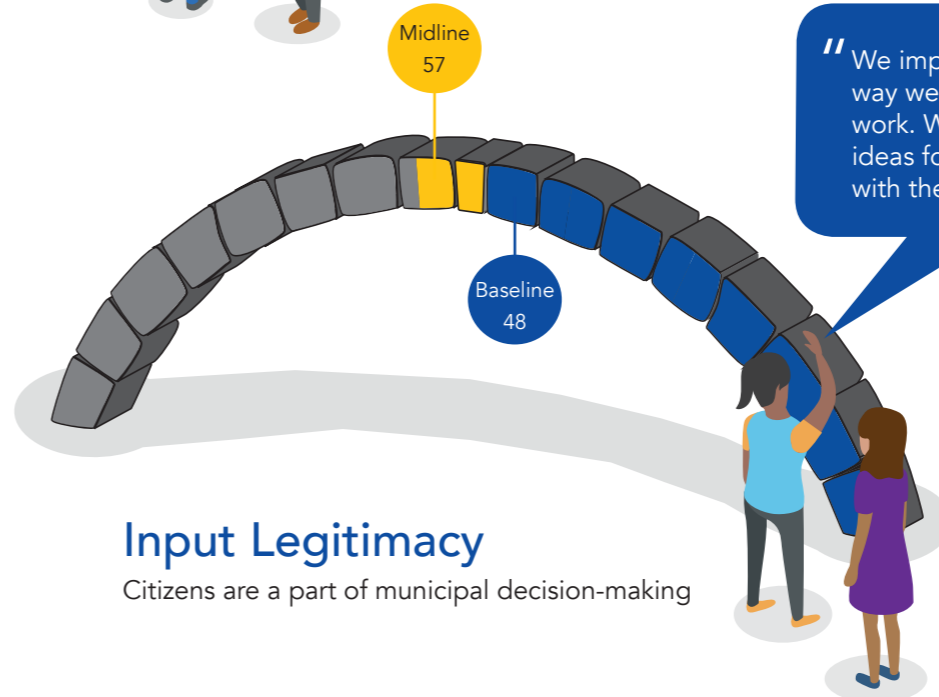
"The training helped me to build the skills to address the gaps. The second session on gender topics helped me in my departmental work, both for approaching issues and for effectively addressing people via public speaking. From IDEAL, I also learned that citizen engagement is important in any LG intervention so that they can take ownership and sustainability is ensured." - LG staff



"KMC used to use the carrot and stick approach, but it only applied the stick, so there was confrontation. IDEAL introduced a partnership with Veldhoven who provided capacity building for planning, Communication and project management. KMC developed its waste management plan. The approach changed to a more consultative and inclusive one with the needs of the community being placed first, and the confrontation was reduced and buy-in realized." - LG staff



"We improved the way of working with the town council. The way we engage with the community has eased our way of work. We no longer get resistance from the community since ideas for drafting new policies are coming from the dialogue with the community." - LG staff



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The IDEAL programme

IDEAL is a programme by VNG International that works on the involvement of citizens in local governance in seven countries facing fragility or conflict. The participation of citizens contributes to inclusive decision-making. It improves local governance and the delivery of basic services. It makes local governance more sustainable and increases welfare and stability. Our drive and expertise is to support local governments in building bridges with all their citizens – including marginalised groups.

Building better futures

by strengthening democratic local government

VNG International are experts in strengthening democratic local government in developing and transitional countries. Local governments play a key role in the provision of basic services such as water, waste management, health care and housing. They have a profound impact on areas like safety, food security, rule of law, and women's rights. This is how our projects contribute in a sustainable way to better futures for people, communities and countries.



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