

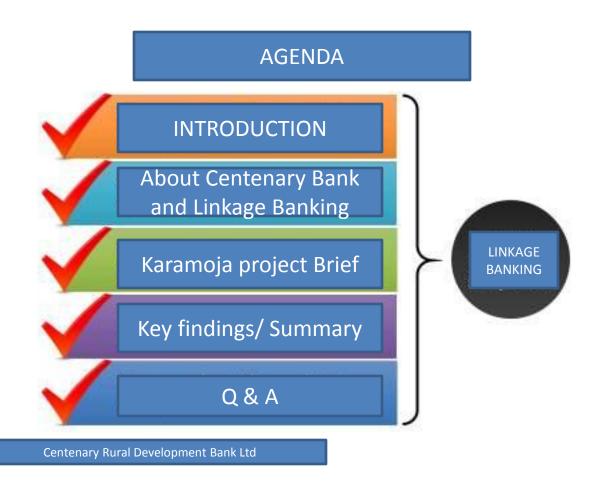
# LINKAGE BANKING – STRATEGIES AND EXPERIENCES FROM UGANDA





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**OUR MISSION:** To provide appropriate financial services especially microfinance to all people in Uganda, particularly in rural areas, in a sustainable manner and in accordance with the law

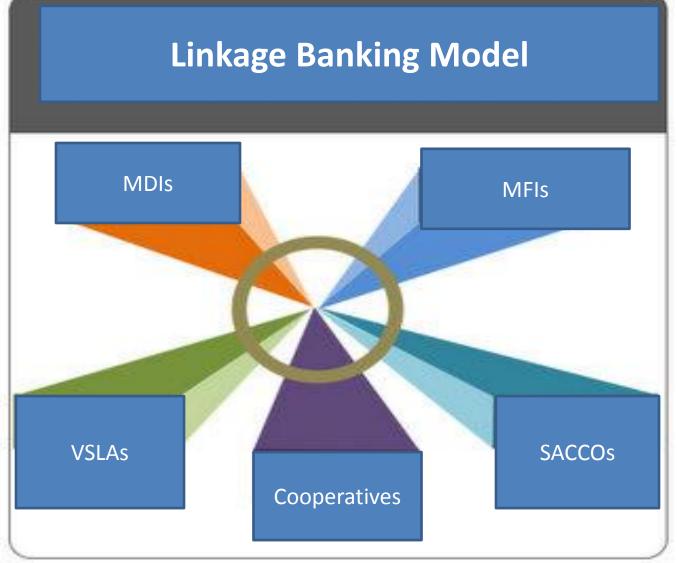


**OUR VISION:** To be the best provider of financial services, especially Microfinance in Uganda.

BRIEF ABOUT THE BANK: Started in 1983 as a SACCO, 1993 licensed as a commercial bank

- -Branches- 62, ATMs- 148, Staff compliment 2,115, Customers- 1.5m
- -4<sup>th</sup> largest bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in branch network.
- -Leading microfinance bank
- -Leading banker for SACCOs and VSLAs







### Outreach and Linkage Banking



- 1. 62 Branches
- 2. 148 ATMs
- 3. 1.5m customers vs 4m (Market)
- 4. 2,198 employees
- 5. 4 MDIs
- 6. 10 MFIs
- 7. 9,820 SACCOs
- 8. 5 Cooperatives
- 9. 124,000 VSLAs
- 10.150,000 borrowers

# Why Karamoja? Baseline Survey findings



#### KARAMOJA BASELINE SURVEY FINDINGS

Most underserved area in terms of financial services.

**1%** of the population is accessing financial services

Several NGOs were forming VSLAs, and there was a need for a linkage

Two bank branches in the whole region, and with basic services



#### **OBJECTIVES- KARAMOJA PROJECT**

set up branches of Moroto and Kotido

Prepare expansion/
outreach
programmes
through
technologies
like POS,
Centemobile



establish
linkage banking
with the
communities

provide basic financial literacy to the

Centenary Rural Development Bank Ltd, 2014

### **Group meeting at Iriri- Karamoja**









Centenary Rural Development Bank Ltd, 2014





#### Group discussion





**TOT** session



Discussing account statements



## **Performance**



S/No	Particulars	PPP Targets/Pl an '2013- 2014	Actual Achieved Jun 2013-Jul 2014	Variance (TOTAL Actual- TOTAL Targets)
1a	No of groups Mobilized	200.0	1,259.0	1,059.0
1b	No of group Members Reached/Mobilized	4,000.0	14,586.0	10,586.0
2a	No of trainers trained (TOT)	100	145.0	145.0
2b	No of groups trained	200.0	810.0	610.0

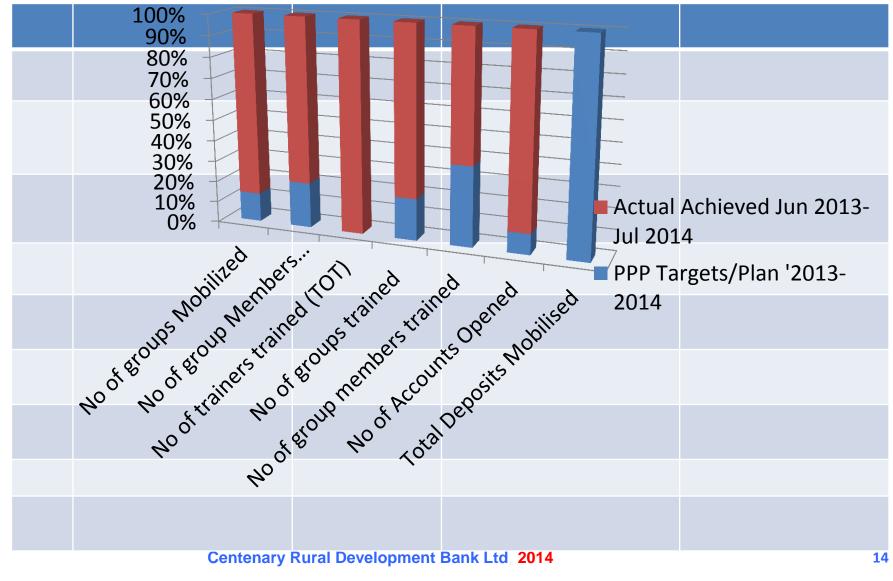
# **Performance**



S/N o	Particulars		Actual Achieved Jun 2013-Jul 2014	Variance (TOTAL Actual-TOTAL Targets)
2c	No of group members trained	4,000.0	6,543.0	2,543.0
3a	No of Accounts Opened	200.0	1,829.0	1,629.0
	Total Deposits Mobilised	92,500,000.0	3,839,137,433.0	3,746,637,433.0
5a	Established Agency	2.0	-	(2.0)
6b	Cente-Mobile plat form	185.0	307.0	122.0

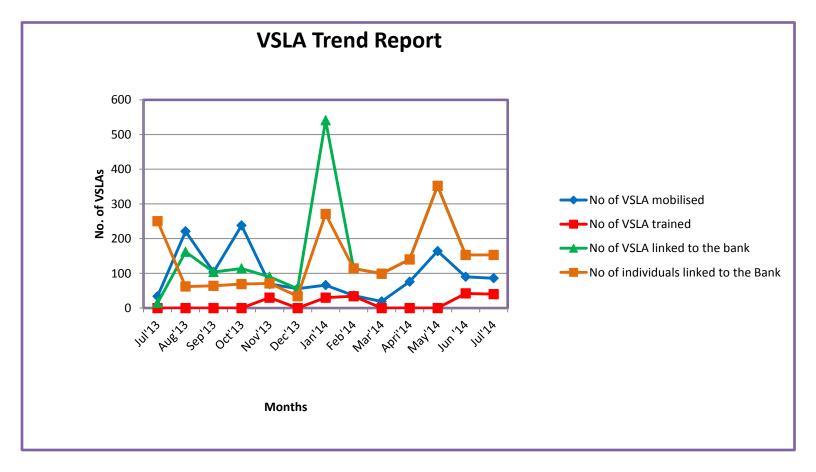
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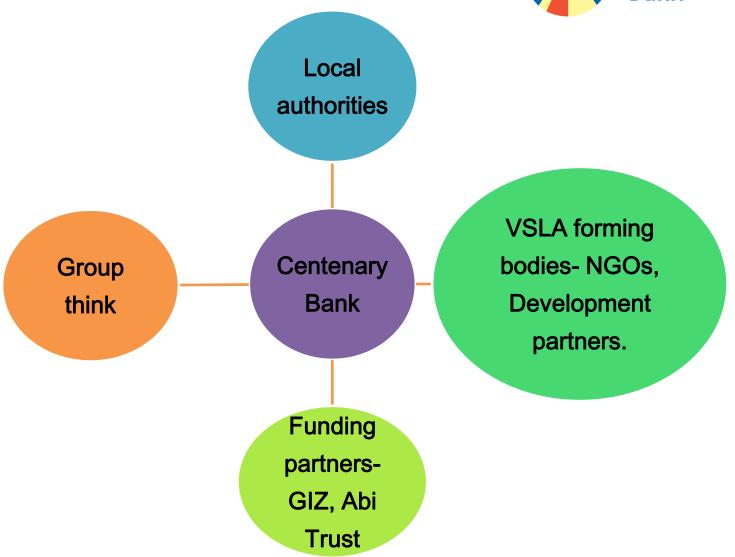


# **Performance progress**



### The Linkage Banking (VSLAs)

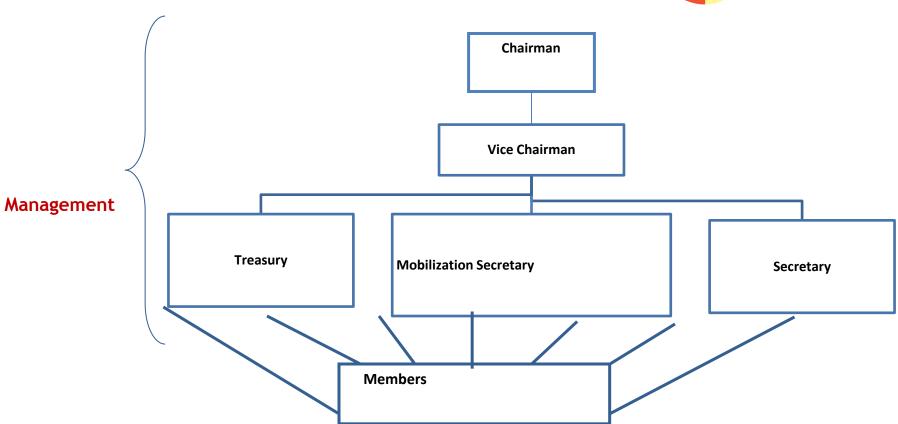




# What are the benefits? THE VSLAs VALUE PROPOSITIONS Centenary **Bank Ideas** Communication Work /Collaboration Powering the Wheels of The VSLA/ groups Creativity **Focus** Strategy and support

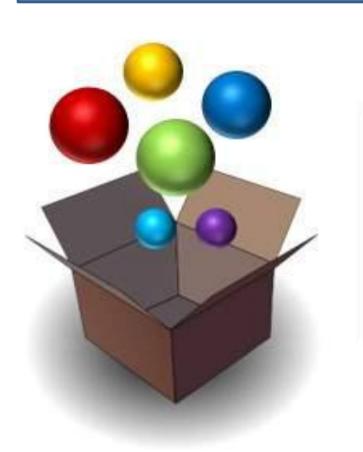
### THE GROUP STRUCTURE







### Why we succeeded in Karamoja?



- 1. Affordable bank charges- VSLA & SACCO a/c
- 2. Support from GIZ Uganda
- 3. Commitment from Centenary Bank Staff
- 4. Support from NGOs- Care, Italia, ACDI VOCA
- 5. Centenary Bank Brand
- 6. Being mindful of groups and SACCOs ringfencing their membership
- 7. Financial Literacy, mentorship and guidance



### Solutions and Innovations



- Bank has promoted alternative channels to bring the services closer like Ezee money and Cente mobile
- Push and Pull
- Savings Box with MNOs
- Link Cards



#### **Project partners**

1. GIZ –Deutche Geseuschaft fur internationale Zusammenarbeit

- 2. Goal
- 3.Mercy Corps
- 4. Samaritan Pause
- **5.ACIDI-VOCA**
- 6.Districts all the seven
- districts of Karamoja
- 7. Italia Solidale groups
- **8.Eriamiriam Civil Society**
- 9. Caritas





### Learning Points & Recommendations



- 1. Financial Literacy and mentorship critical.
- 2. Access solutions important for the success.
- 3. Good Leadership for groups and SACCOs.
- 4. Intergrity is key.
- 5. Banks- Very stable liabilities.
- 6. Price sensitivity (SACCOs, MFIs and groups)
- 7. The ring fencing of members was noted.
- 8. Access to cheaper credit facilities was desired by all (With no collateral)
- 9. Partnerships came in handy to support.
- 10. Interest payment on deposits was desired



#### **Future Plans**

- 1. Financial Literacy to continue.
- To seek credit guarantees/ deposits.
- 3. Strategic partners. UDO, CRS
- 4. Approach more funding bodies-DFID, URCF, Abi Trust...
- 5. More alternative channels-Savings Box for MNOs, Link cards.
- 6. Multi wallet ATM cards.
- 7. Perfection of the tracking and monitoring of numbers.

# **Discussions And Questions?**



