

MORTGAGE SECTOR IN UGANDA

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INTRODUCTION

- In the past, Banks have preferred investing in:
 - High yield government debt
 - Large and high quality corporate accounts
 - Consumer loans with short maturities
- As a result, Mortgage Debt Outstanding (MDO) is only US\$100 million in an economy whose GDP is US\$ 11 Billion (2007).



PLAYERS IN THE MARKET

- DFCU BANK LTD
 - Mortgage Market since 2002
- Housing Finance of Uganda (HFCU)
 - State-owned
 - Access to Government Funding
- Stanbic Bank
- Standard Chartered Bank

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STATISTICS

- Shortage of Housing Units: 522,000 units (in 2004)
- Projection for year 2035: 1,018,000 units in Kampala
- Annual need: 377,000 units (in 2004)
- Housing Finance Mechanism covered only 0.2% of total supply of housing.

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HOME LOANS

- OWNER-OCCUPIER (67%)
- BUY-TO-LET
- EQUITY RELEASE
- LAND LOAN

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS

- CONSTRUCTION FINANCE
- COMMERCIAL MORTGAGES
- REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

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FEATURES OF DFCU MORTGAGE FINANCE

- In Ugandan Shillings (UGX)
- In US\$ targeting Ugandans in Diaspora
- Loan amount of up to 80% of the property value
- Purpose (Construction, purchase, renovation)
- Insurance cover for the property
- Flexible repayment options
- Period up to 20 years



CHALLENGES

- Lack of Long-Term Funding / Secondary Market
- Inadequate Stock of Well planned Houses
- Significant delays at the land registry
- Lack of trust in the authenticity of titles
- Lack of infrastructure support
- Supply of Construction Materials
- Mortgage/land law
- Delayed court process
- Underwriting standards no regulations

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FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR MORTGAGE FINANCE

- Long Term Saving Avenues:
 - NSSF/Insurance Companies
 - Unit trusts
 - Capital Markets
 - Bond Issue
- Emerging Property Developers
- Government Plan to Improve Land Registry