



**NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY IN UGANDA (NITA-U)**

***PROPOSED REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (RCIP)***

**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND COMMENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK (ESMF), THE RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK (RPF) AND VULNERABLE AND  
MARGINALIZED GROUPS FRAMEWORK (VMGF)**

This NOTICE is published in compliance with the World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and Public Disclosure requirements. The Government of Uganda (GoU), through the National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U) under the general supervision of the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (MoICT) is to implement a Regional Communications Infrastructure Program (RCIP) under loan financing from the World Bank.

The Government of Uganda has embarked on several initiatives for utilization of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to facilitate the improvement of service delivery through e-Government services, to enhance data and internet connectivity and to create an enabling environment to support the e-Government services and connectivity. All efforts are geared towards improving the social well-being of Ugandans and to foster national development. In line with the National Development Plan, the project will support the GoU in improving (i) the communications infrastructure in the country and its utilization; and (ii) the efficiency and transparency of the Government.

In compliance with the World Bank safeguards requirements, the following documents have been prepared to guide implementation and management of environmental and social aspects of RCIP: (1) Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) - guide identification, assessment, mitigation, monitoring and reporting of any likely environmental and social impacts; (2) Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) - guide handling of any involuntary resettlement and compensation issues; and (3) Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups Framework (VMGF) - to guide handling of vulnerable / marginalized groups related issues.

Copies of these documents can be downloaded from NITA-U website, Government Web portal and website of Ministry of ICT. Physical copies are available for viewing at NITA-U, MOICT and NEMA offices. The documents will also be available from World Bank InfoShop.

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