



# WEST NILE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION CENTRE LTD (WENIPS)

Promoting the Private Sector for Sustainable Development

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## ANNUAL REPORT, 2023

*“Empowered, Healthy and Prosperous  
Communities in Uganda”*

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I am proud to present the 2023 Annual Report

I am very happy to use this report to highlight how far we have come and how much farther we can go especially after the devastating impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Once again, we have proven that West Nile Private Sector Development Promotion Center Limited is a sustainable and above all, a very resilient organisation.



The plight of the people of Uganda and the people of West Nile in particular, the brunt of the burden of poverty borne by rural women and other vulnerable community and the desire to see our youth thrive is what motivate us. This year 2023, we are proud to count ourselves among those who contributed to seeing the burden of poverty, the devastating impact of climate change and the suffering of those forced to leave their homes reduced. That they have food and income securities. That they can care for their households. To see these vulnerable communities smile is a pride beyond measure.

And so, on my own behalf and the behalf of WENIPS management, let me pledge my commitment and extend a welcome those who would “work with our communities to improve livelihoods, conserve the environment and promote human rights”

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Onegi Puringi Jenaro (MBA)

Chief Executive Officer

West Nile Private Sector Development Promotion Centre Ltd

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear valued stakeholders,

I am pleased to present to you the 2023 Annual Report of West Nile Private Sector Development Promotion Centre Ltd (WENIPS). This year, we made significant strides toward achieving our vision of Empowered, Healthy, and Prosperous Communities in Uganda. Our programs focused on skills development, financial inclusion, renewable energy, and agribusiness promotion, reaching thousands of beneficiaries in West Nile.



I am proud to report that in 2023, WENIPS empowered 210 women and youth with skills upgrades, supported over 7,500 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs), distributed energy-efficient lanterns to 60,000 households, and promoted agribusiness development among 373 farmer groups. These achievements demonstrate our commitment to improving livelihoods, conserving the environment, and promoting human rights.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, including Welthungerhilfe, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), the Government of Uganda, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Mwangaza Foundation, and the district local governments of West Nile, for their invaluable financial, technical, and moral support. Your collaboration has been instrumental in our success.

As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of communities in West Nile. We recommit to working tirelessly with communities, governments, and partners to address our region's pressing challenges.

Thank you.

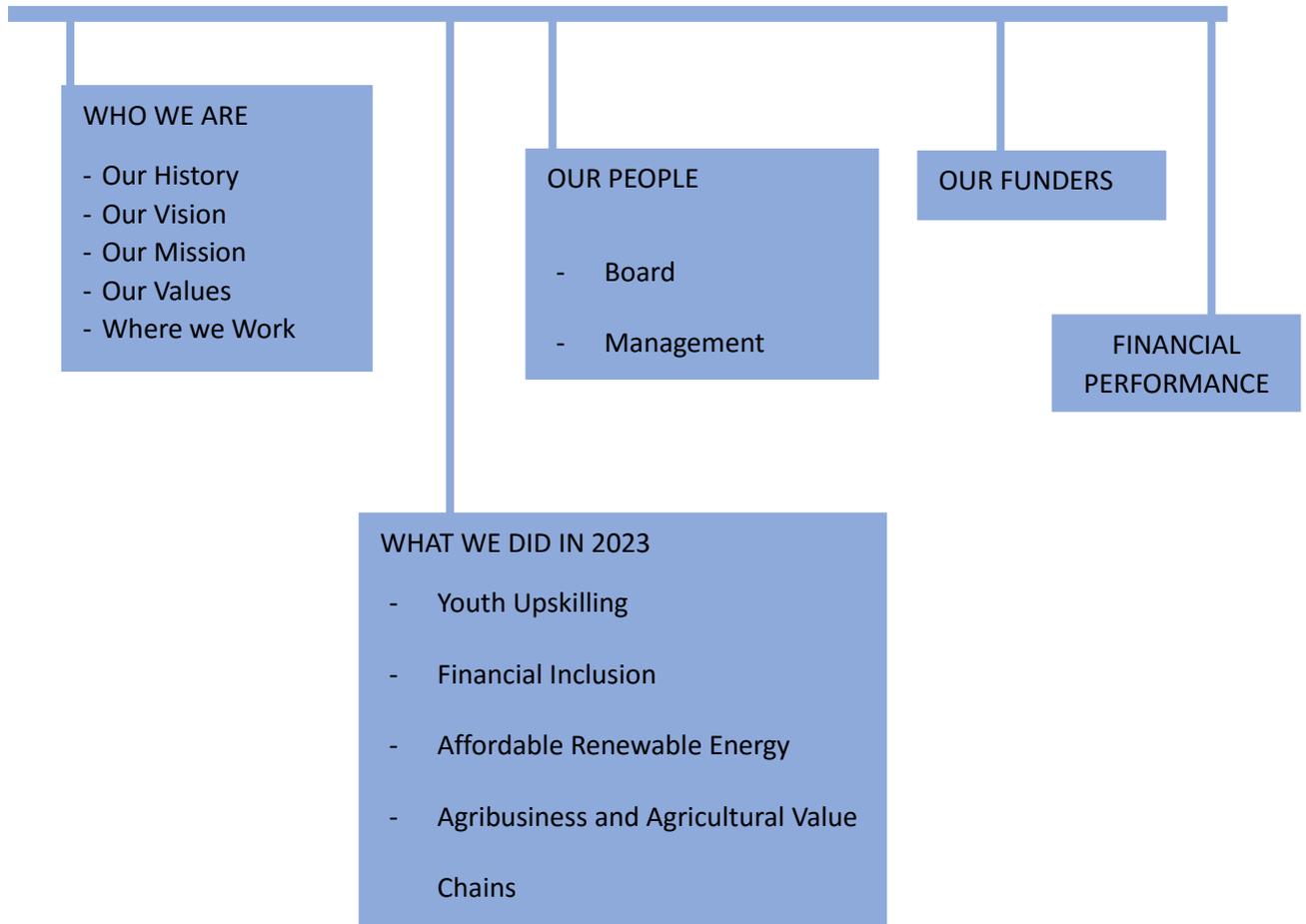
Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Okwir

Chairperson, Board of Directors

West Nile Private Sector Development Promotion Centre Ltd

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# WHO WE ARE

*We are a national Non-Governmental Organisation built on a solid foundation, with supportive frameworks and robust systems that make us exceptionally suited to take the long journey to an “Empowered, Healthy and Prosperous Communities in Uganda*

# Our History



*From a humble beginning with a great patronage, we continue to carry the candle entrusted to us and let it shine brighter*

**2019** Registered as National NGO under  
28<sup>th</sup> Nov Non-Governmental Organisations Act,  
2016

**2016** UNDP Country Director, Ms. Almaz  
20<sup>th</sup> July Gebru commissions WENIPS new  
home

**2004** Reprofiled as Company Limited by Guarantee  
8<sup>th</sup> April (without Share Capital), 24 Subscribers from West  
Nile.

**1997**  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Founded as Nebbi District Private Sector Development  
Promotion Centre by GoU & UNDP under Country  
Cooperation Framework I (CCFI: 1997 - 2000).

# Our Vision, Mission and Services



## Our Vision

Empowered, Healthy and Prosperous Communities in Uganda

To work with communities to improve livelihoods, conserve the environment and promote human rights



## Our Mission

### Service Areas



The core values underpin our culture and guide our behavior.

## Our Values



Concern for the Poor

Will keep us mindful of the marginalized people



Openness and mutual respect

For our clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders



Team Work

To bring out the best in everybody and synergy of efforts



Integrity

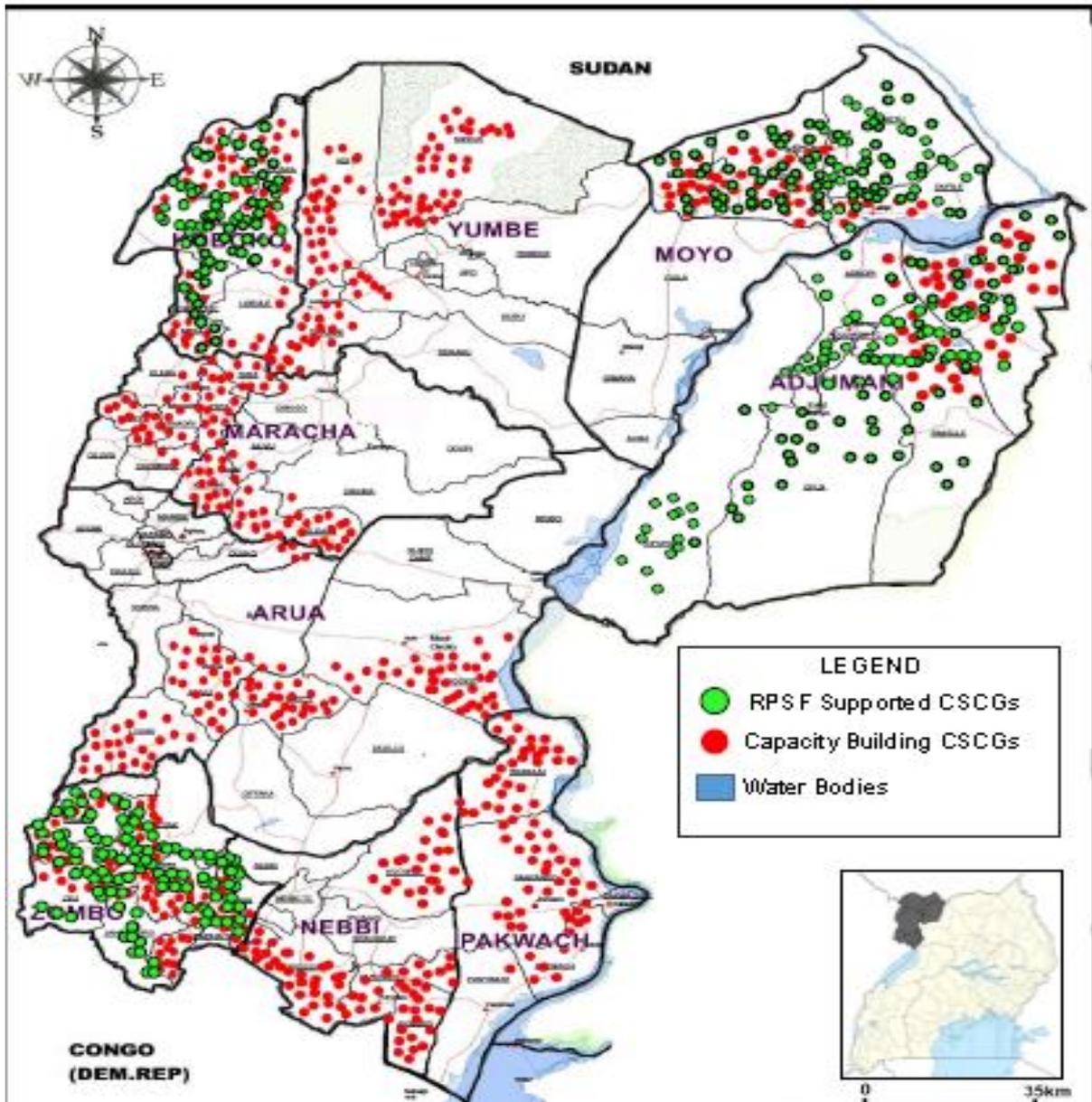
In the way we behave and act internally and toward others and in the way we handle resources entrusted to us



Creativity

Will enable us to adapt to new challenges and always look for better ways of satisfying our clients and meeting our

## Where We Work

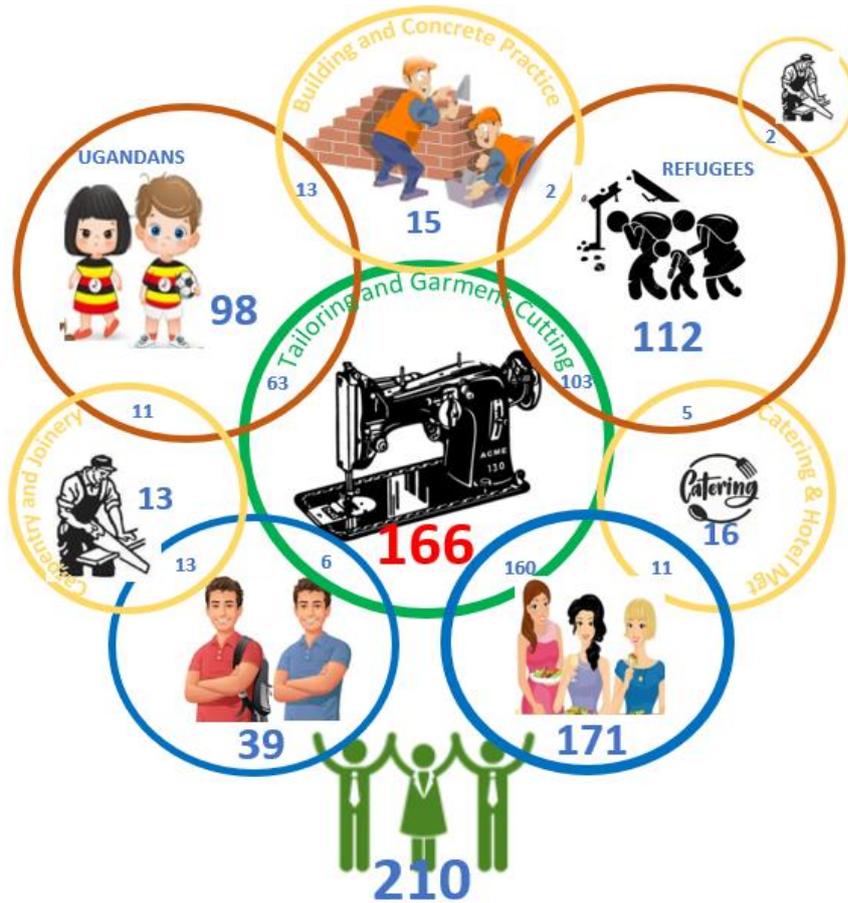


*WENIPS operates in all districts of West Nile sub region, Uganda (Adjumani, Arua, Arua City, Koboko, Madi Okollo, Maracha, Moyo, Nebbi, Obongi, Pakwach, Terego, Yumbe and Zombo). With community structures all sub counties (Community-Based Trainers) and villages (Village Agents), WENIPS has a strong regional presence. Further, with over 7500 Village Savings and Loans Associations and over 63 farmer cooperative organisations, WENIPS is a household name with regards to VSLAs, agribusiness and promotion of agricultural value chains.*

# What We Did in 2023



# Youth Skills Development (upskilling) Project

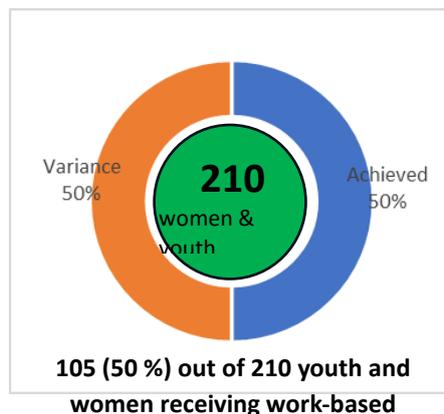


In 2023, WENIPS provided skills upgrade to 210 beneficiary women and youth in the districts of Arua, Terego and Madi-Okollo. These women and youth were provided work-based learning, at private sector enterprises in different trades: Tailoring and

Garment Cutting (166), Carpentry and Joinery (13), Catering and Hotel Management (16) and Building and Concrete Practice (15). Of these, 81.4% were females while 18.6% were men.

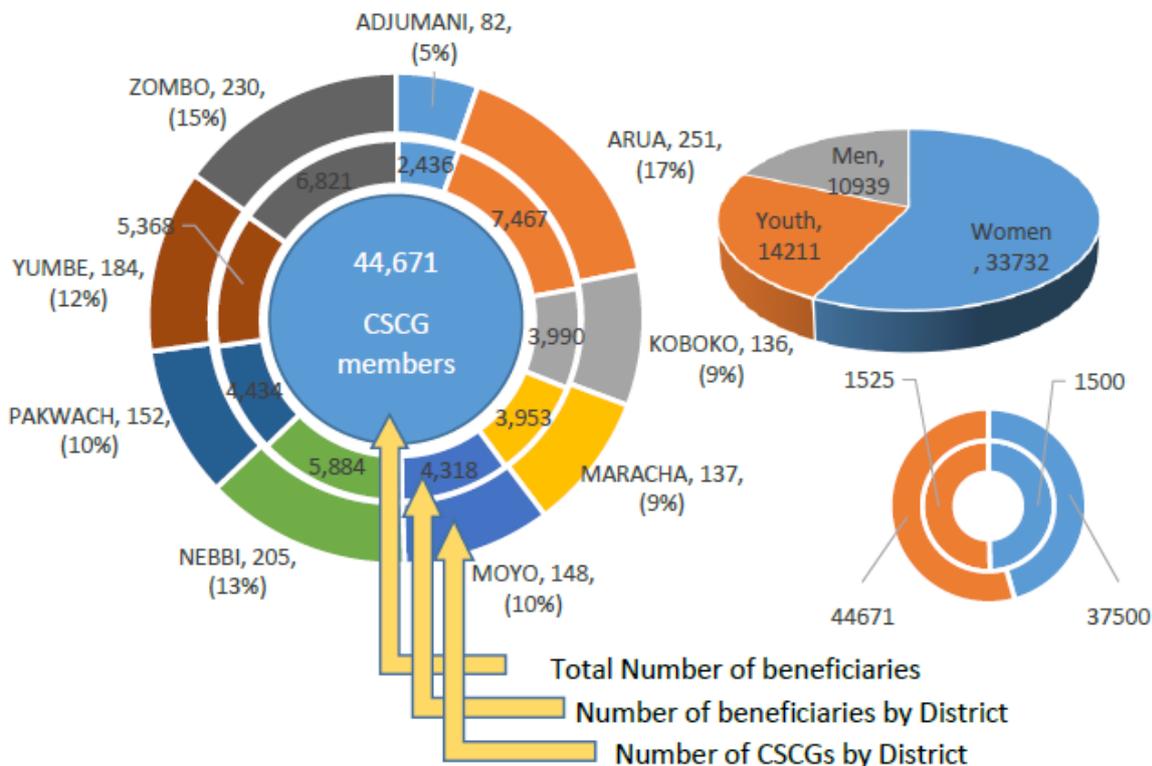


53.3% of beneficiaries have received post training coaching and



learning at private sector enterprises 63 out of 126 (50%) beneficiaries have received

# Promoting Rural Financial Inclusion in West Nile



During the year 2023, WENIPS continued to provide support to over 7,500 VSLAs in West Nile. These comprised of 1,521 VSLAs supported under the Project for Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas (PROFIRA 2.1) with funding from the Government of Uganda and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. With over 70% of the membership being women and 15% being youth, WENIPS is promoting financial



inclusion by providing financial services including access to credits to finance agricultural activities and other income generating activities.

## Increasing Access to affordable renewable energy technologies in rural communities of West Nile

With support from Mwangaza Foundation, WENIPS continue to distribute Pico Plus Lanterns to rural communities in West Nile. These lights are a perfect substitute and replacement of traditional *Tadooba*. They are affordable (sold at only 16,000/- as opposed to open market rate of 30,000), portable, five times brighter than kerosene lamps and lasts at least 72 hours. Through this project, our communities can smile as children study in safe and carbon-free environments. Remarkably, this product is being used to promote rural entrepreneurship development as it is being used for lighting as vendors sell in the market.

In 2023, over 60,000 households were served





WENIPS continued to promote agribusiness and agricultural value chain in 2023. With 67 primary producer cooperatives and 13 area cooperative enterprises, WENIPS reached over 373 farmer groups in West Nile.

We are a leading organisation in promotion of:

1. Agribusiness and agribusiness development services
2. Vegetable oil value chains
3. Climate-smart agricultural practices
4. Promotion of Good Agronomic Practices
5. Farmer institutional development
6. Farmer production and productivity development
7. Farming as a business

# Our People

We thrive on team work, collaboration and oversight of our people: the Board and Management



Dr. Okwir Anthony  
Chairperson Board of Directors



Ms. Ayiocan Judith  
Treasurer, Board of Directors



Mr. Ongula Peter Eddie  
Vice Chairperson, Board of Directors



Mr. John Paschal Wapokra  
Member



Mr. Kwach Morris Marines  
Member



Mrs. Ongiertho Jesca  
Member

The Management



Mr. Onegi P. Jenaro  
Chief Executive Officer



Mr. Binega Vunde Jenaro  
Programmes Coordinator



Mr. Ajuma Eujenio  
Finance and Administration Manager



Mr. Avutia Ronald Kizito  
Senior Business Development Officer



Mr. Yanini Denis Benson  
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer



Ms. Ochieng Fridah  
Accountant

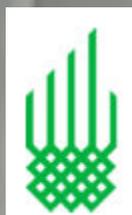
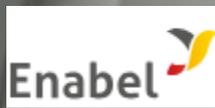
## - Our Funders



Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development



Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries



Aga Khan Foundation



# Our Financial Performance

# 2023 IN PICTURES