MARKET DESIGN REPORT SUMMARY

With support from the **African Development Bank** (AfDB), **Government of Uganda**

(GoU) through the **Ministry of Local Government** (MoLG), has undertaken to improve **Mbale**

**Central Market.** The reconstructed market will provide better facilities and much improved

trading conditions. This is expected to stimulate and increase trade opportunities between rural

and urban agricultural markets and serve as a wholesale centre for rural-urban and regional

trade, particularly for agricultural commodities.

The main economic activity for 83% of the households in Mbale District is **agriculture**. Activities

include crop farming, animal rearing and trading in agricultural produce. Crops are grown for both food and cash. The reconstruction of Mbale Central Market has significant potential to catalyze development and economic growth in the town in the short to medium term. Reconstruction of the market is appropriate and relevant.

A **needs assessment survey** was carried out to inform design. The purpose was to

identify and record the stakeholder’s needs that would form the basis for the development of the

market.

**The New Market will address the following:**

* Poor drainage and sanitation will be rectified.
* It will provide for garbage disposal banks.
* Toilets will be constructed outside the market as well as inside to avoid congestion
* The new structure will have a very strong foundation and strong basement and two floors in the first phase then the rest of the floors can be built thereafter.
* The basement will provide enough parking for the vendors and customers as well as offloading trucks.
* It will provide enough parking space for the shoppers at the Market Street and Cathedral Road.
* The market will be organized in such a way that specific goods are sold in specific places. Perishables will be put in their own section.
* Appropriate storage facilities will be constructed.
* Space will be provided for commercial support services including restaurants, hotels, clinics/drug shops, photocopiers, secretarial and salons.
* It will provide a well furnished boardroom and an office for the market vendors executive
* The market will have a well constructed enclosure with large gates at the entrances.
* Stalls and lockups will be well constructed and in sufficient numbers.
* Fire fighting systems will be provided
* It will provide for a bicycle shed and provide for sufficient space within the market to allow free
* movement
* It will provide for sufficient power supply

**Consumer projections**

Current vendor population is 4316. The vendor population projections for a 15 year design

horizon at 2.5% growth are outlined in Table 0-1 below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Number of vendors per outlet | | | Total population |
|  | Lock up | Stalls | Pitches |  |
| 2012 | 1,280 | 1,536 | 1,874 | 4690 |
| 2015 | 1,378 | 1,654 | 2,018 | 5,050 |
| 2017 | 1,448 | 1,738 | 2,120 | 5,306 |
| 2022 | 1,639 | 1,966 | 2,399 | 6,004 |
| 2027 | 1,854 | 2,225 | 2,714 | 6,793 |

**Vendor Population Projections**

Figure : Estimated Vendor Population Growth

The final design was selected after the initial schematic design presentation with the Ministry of

Local Government held on the 20th August 2010.