There is a growing consensus that strengthening social protection policy and institutions is an effective means of addressing poverty in sub-Saharan Africa, financing constraints have emerged as a central challenge to its sustainability (Barrientos 2008).

### Previous Success Trail for ESP I

Brief summary of previous success trail...

Initially 14 districts were piloted; The SAGE programme was first initiated in three pre-pilot districts from which two sub-counties in each district were chosen, with first payments made in September 2011 (MGLSD, 2011). By June 2012, the programme was rolled out in all 14 pilot districts (MGLSD, 2012a).

In terms of coverage, the program started with 100,000 recipients of 65 years in the 14 districts.

Beneficiaries were entitled to a monthly transfer of UGX 25,000 ($7).

SAGE is expected to reach 600,000 people in 95,000 households at pilot. Its coverage has extended to approximately 15% of households in the pilot districts, initially targeting 100 oldest people per sub-county in the 40 districts after which other elders over 65 years will also be enrolled to give universal coverage (MGLSD, 2015).

### Financial Sustainability for Social Protection

Planned Source of Financing of scaling up Expansion of CSG

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### Policy Recommendations

**Finance Mix; stakeholder involvement, Public Private Partnerships**

Increasing participation of local governments.

But???

- Uganda’s Tax base... Uganda’s tax base is still too low with the country’s tax burden being borne by a very small proportion of the population primarily the large formal sector firms, government and registered private sector employees.
- Huge Informal sector... it accounts for 49 percent of the economic output. (2015/16, Budget)
- Eternal Political Environment – Donor Pull out

**ESP - Expansion of Social Protection.**

**CSG - Senior Citizen’s Grant**

**GoU - Government of Uganda**