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Foreword

This report is a compilation of the results of a survey conducted in the Republic of Uganda (hereinafter “Uganda”) by the Asian Population and Development Association (hereinafter “APDA”) under commission of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for FY2007 entitled “Base Study on the Impact of the Population Problem on Agriculture and the Rural Environment.” Research and coordination was carried out mainly by the Survey Review Committee which was set up in APDA (led by Dr. Yonosuke Hara, Professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies).

The reduction of poverty and securing of environmental sustainability are pressing challenges of the Millennium Development Goals that require support from the international community and are positioned as priority issues in Japan’s ODA Outline.

The economic climate of African countries remains in a difficult condition due to droughts, food crises and political instabilities that have been afflicting the continent since the independence of many countries in the 1960s. At the same time, the rapid population increase that these countries are experiencing is placing a large burden on their national economies that are primarily founded on agriculture.

This project was implemented with the goal of collecting a broad range of information about the population problem in developing countries through analyzing the correlation between population issues and problems in agriculture and rural areas to understand the issues in an effort to determine the policy of future agriculture, forestry and fisheries cooperation projects in addition to offering a concrete proposal.

In conducting the survey, local guidance and cooperation was offered by Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, the Chairperson of Uganda Parliamentarians Forum on Food Security, Population and Development, Ugandan parliamentarian members of this forum and Mr. Kotoha Itakura, Third Secretary of Japanese Embassy in Uganda. A great deal of consideration and cooperation was also offered by the parliamentarian forum staff member, Mr. Wamala Buyungo Musa.

In Japan, guidance on the content of the survey and assistance in initiating the research were offered by the International Cooperation Division, International Affairs Department, Minister’s Secretariat of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, for which we hereby express our deep gratitude.

It is our hope that this report will contribute to the promotion of agricultural and rural development programs in Uganda and effective assistance for such programs by the Japanese Government.

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