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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020121 Total estimated cost: EUR 15 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 15 000 000 The contribution is for an amount of EUR 15 000 000 from the general budget of the European Union for year N+1, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Grants - Twinning grants Indirect management with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.3.			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The overall objective of the action is to strengthen the social contract between the state and Ugandan citizens through more accountable public administration, improved governance mechanisms and the advancement of human rights. The action is based on two interdependent outputs. The first aims to support more efficient delivery of services by accountability and governance institutions and the second aims to increase awareness of rights and responsibilities and ensure citizens are better equipped to engage in accountability and governance processes. Both outputs emphasise the use of digital technology in these efforts. Main activities include improving Information and Communications Technology (ICT) platforms used by governance and accountability institutions; improving coordination between those institutions; providing peer expertise through twinning; building capacity in Parliament for better outreach and oversight; strengthening multistakeholder forums at local level; raising civic awareness and community engagement; supporting Civil Society Organisations' (CSOs)¹ and political parties activities in governance, civic education and accountability at local level; enhancing access to quality information; supporting community monitoring and reporting including through digitalisation and improving citizen interaction with government.

The action responds directly to current governance challenges, the capacity needs of Uganda's accountability and governance institutions and democratic processes, as well as to opportunities created by enabling laws and the introduction of new ways of working, including digital technologies. The action aligns directly with the National Development Plan III (NDP III) and in particular objectives 5 (Strengthening transparency, accountability and anti-corruption systems), 6 (Strengthening citizen participation) and 7 (Strengthening implementation of human rights) of the Governance and Security Programme (GSP). The action takes account of current government priorities, including a move away from largely enforcement-based approaches to combatting corruption towards mixed strategies targeting citizen engagement.

¹ The umbrella term "CSOs" encompasses a wide range of groups including nationally-registered non-governmental organisations (NGOs), community based organisations (CBOs) operating at district level, labour unions, employers' associations and other social groups including informal local organisations, including groups of women, youth and people with disabilities.