



## Country Profile: Uganda

Uganda is a landlocked, developing country in central eastern Africa. Infrastructure is adequate in Kampala, the capital, but is limited in other areas. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Uganda for additional information.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	Uganda
<b>Continent:</b>	Africa
<b>Capital City:</b>	Kampala
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	International Hospital Kampala, International Medical Center (Kampala), Mulago Hospital (Kampala)
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Kampala, Entebbe, Jinja, Port Bell, Mbale, Soroti, Moroto, Lira, Gulu, Arua, Fort Portal, Masaka, Mbarara
<b>Country Size:</b>	236,040 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	31,367,972

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	English (official national language, taught in grade schools, used in courts of law and by most newspapers and some radio broadcasts), Ganda or Luganda (most widely used of the Niger-Congo languages, preferred for native language publications in the capital and may be taught in school), other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic
<b>Currency:</b>	Ugandan Shilling (UGX)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Roman Catholic 41.9%, Protestant 42% (Anglican 35.9%, Pentecostal 4.6%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.5%), Muslim 12.1%, other 3.1%, none 0.9%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Independence day, 9 October (1962)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	Uganda has substantial natural resources, including fertile soils, regular rainfall, and sizable mineral deposits of copper, cobalt, gold, and other minerals. Agriculture is the most important sector of the economy, employing over 80% of the work force. Coffee accounts for the bulk of export revenues.
<b>Security:</b>	Uganda Peoples Defense Force (UPDF): Army (includes Marine Unit), Air Force
<b>US Presence:</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy Uganda</a> 1577 Ggaba Road, Kampala Telephone: 256-414-259-791 or 256-414-306-001 Facsimile: 256-414-258-451
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 32, Airports w/paved runways: 5 Entebbe Airport, Uganda, PO Box 23, Entebbe, UGANDA Entebbe Airport, Uganda, Civil Aviation Authority, Kampala, UGANDA Tel: +256 (0)42 20890, +256 (0)42 20516/9 Ext 3049 Fax: +256 (0)42 20571

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