



Purchasing Better

Uganda's Purchasing Experiences

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WHAT IS PURCHASING?



Purchasing refers to the allocation of pooled funds to providers of health services on behalf of a population.

What to buy?

From whom?

On whose
behalf?

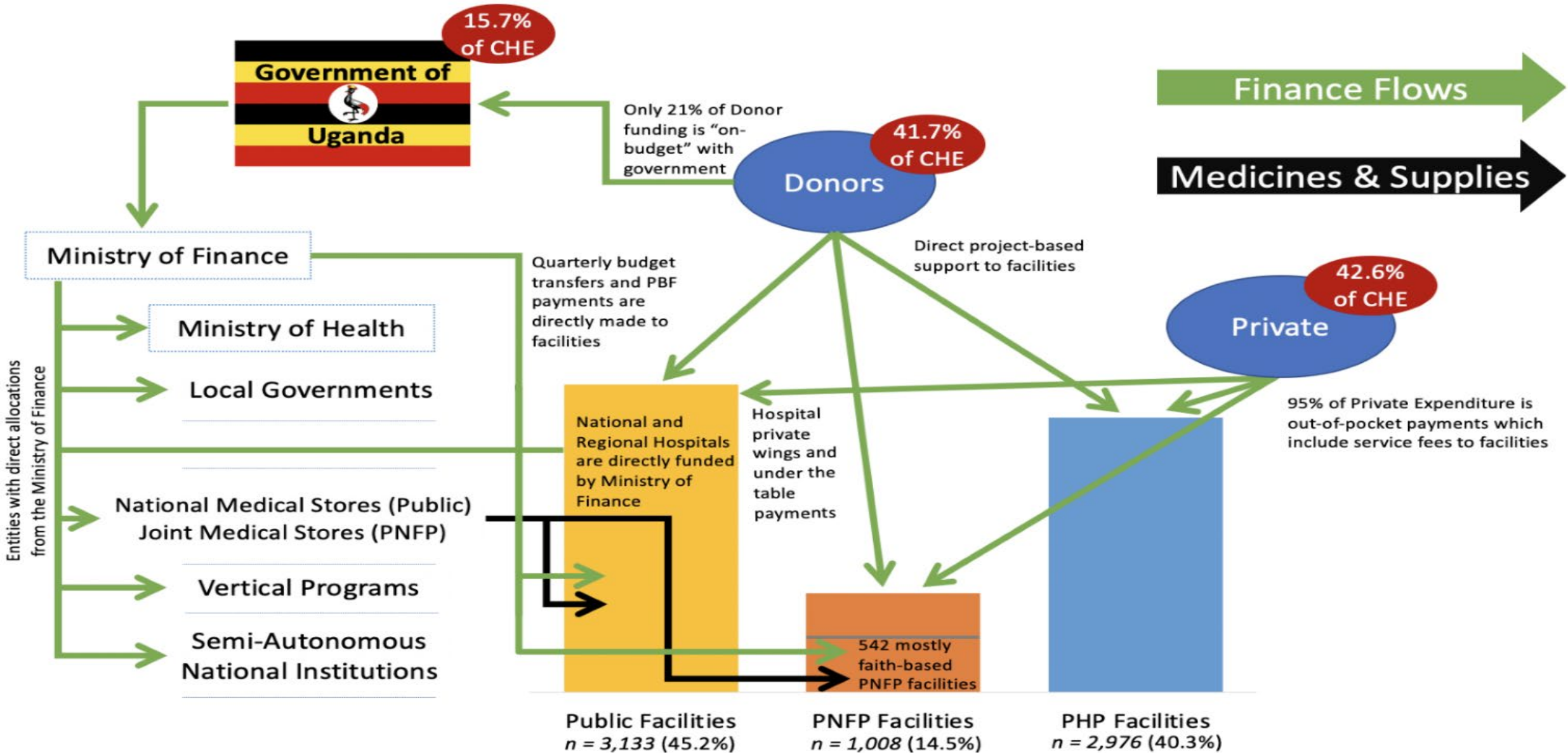
How?

Financial protection

Best Value for money

Purchasing is STRATEGIC if **decisions** about allocation of funds is based on **evidence** about the **provider behavior** and **population health needs**

UGANDA'S CURRENT PURCHASING LANDSCAPE



Who is purchasing what in Uganda?

Purchaser	Provider payment mechanism	Benefit Package	Beneficiary
Government (pooled)	Input-based budgets (direct to provider)	UMNHCP (only partially funded)	Whole population (in theory)
Development Partners (not pooled)	Fragmented payment methods	Selective small BPs	Selected groups
Private / Households (not pooled)	Fee for services	Individual needs	Individual households

Reform dialogue on strategic purchasing

Health systems functions

1. Governance

“ensuring strategic policy frameworks exist and are combined with effective oversight, coalition-building, regulation, attention to system-design and accountability”

Core aspects of SP

2. information management systems

3. benefit package design

4. mixed provider payment systems

Cross cutting aspects

5. managing alignment and dynamics

SP mechanisms are affected by revenue raising and pooling arrangements as well as service delivery arrangements, and equally they have an impact on these in return.



KEY REFLECTIONS

Challenges

- Limited funding amidst competing priorities
- Small GOU pool and other funding (OOP and HDPs) not pooled
- Fragmented information management systems
- Poorly defined/fragmented benefits packages
- Emerging health challenges - epidemics and emergencies (parallel purchasing decision-making structures / approaches)

Opportunities

- Potential for improving governance around purchasing
- RBF implementation nationwide offers lessons for purchasing
- Increasing government financing through UGIFT and RBF mainstreaming
- NHIS presents an opportunity for pooling OOP and other funds if well implemented



Thank you!