



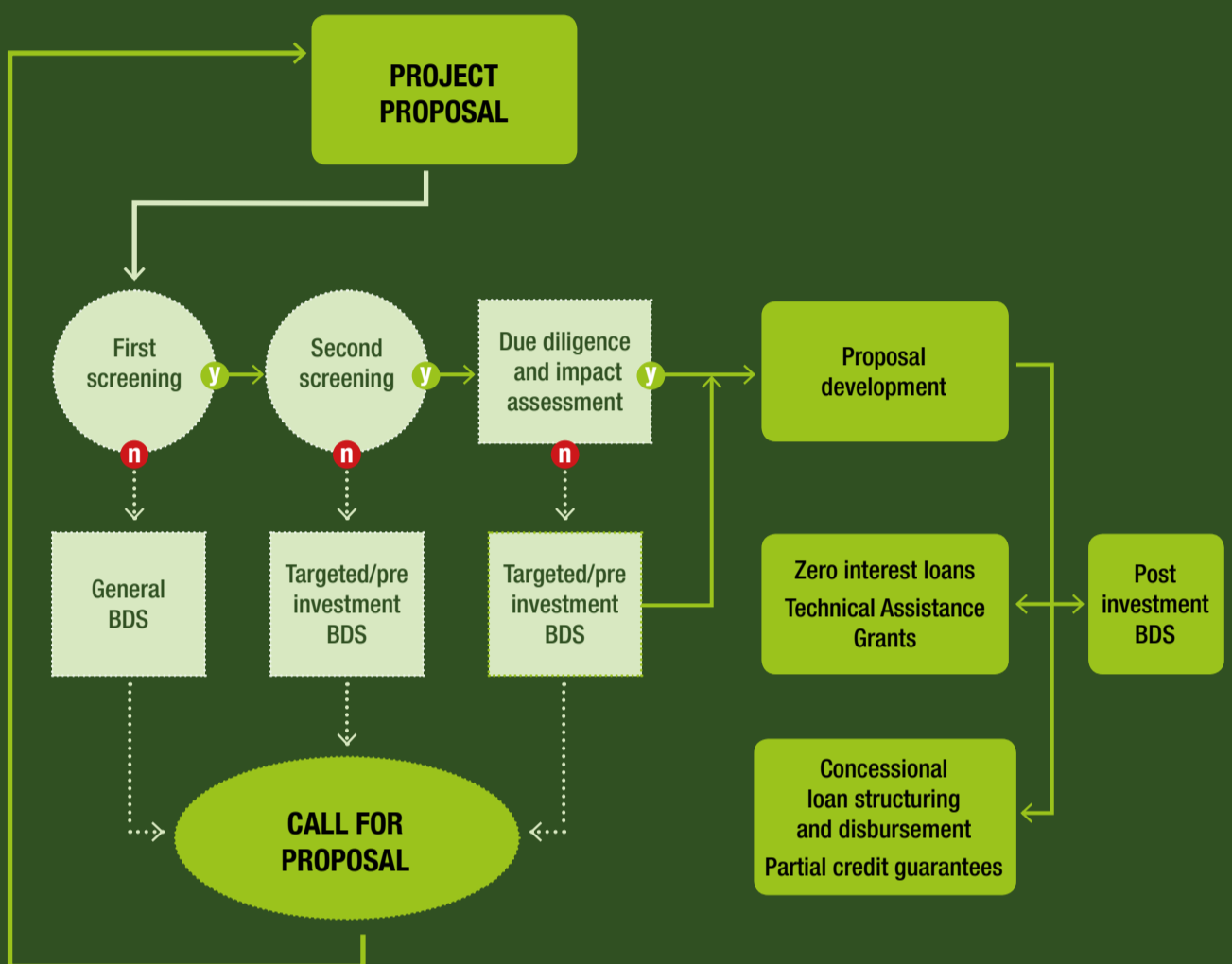
# About Start

SUPPORT TO AGRICULTURAL REVITALIZATION AND TRANSFORMATION

The Support to Agricultural Revitalization & Transformation (START) Facility is a blended finance facility providing a customized mix of business development services, project development and finance, structuring services, and financial products in the form of concessional and zero interest loans, technical assistance grants and partial credit guarantees.

The START Facility is implemented by the United Nations Capital Development Fund in partnership with Private Sector Foundation Uganda and Uganda Development Bank Ltd. The START Facility is designed to support the implementation of the food security and nutrition component of the Development Initiatives for Northern Uganda (DINU) programme by improving access to finance for Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) engaged in agricultural value addition in Northern Uganda.

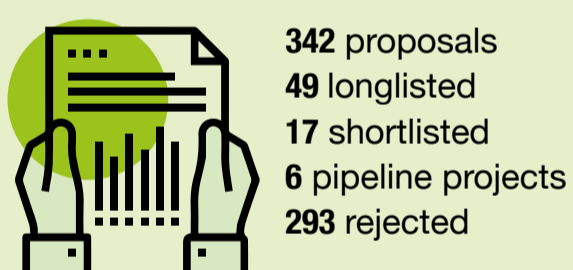
## HOW START FACILITY WORKS



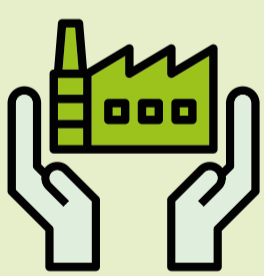
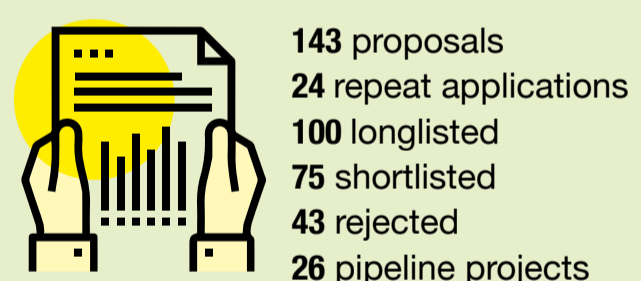
## PROGRESS TO DATE

### ISSUED TWO CALLS FOR PROPOSALS MAY 2018 AND JULY 2019

#### 1st Call for Proposal



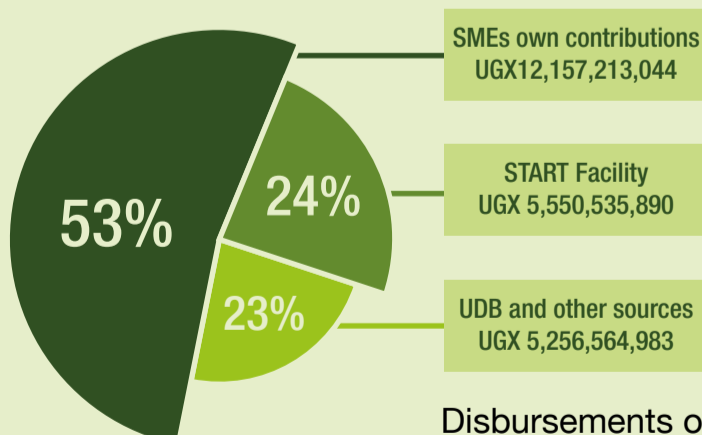
#### 2nd Call for Proposal



Due diligence visits to 92 SMEs  
 General business development support to over 100 SMEs  
 Pre-investment business development support to 61 SMEs including 4 cooperatives



### 17 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO UGANDA DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR FINANCING

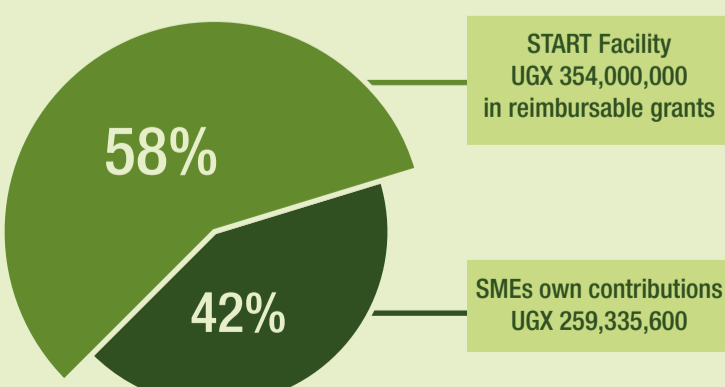


TOTAL PROJECT SIZE:  
**UGX 22,964,323,917**

**OVER 500 JOBS** created, providing market for over **75,000 FARMERS**

Disbursements of UGX 834,057,420 to 3 SMEs.  
 Post investment BDS to 2 SMEs to automate their financial management systems

### IN MAY 2020, LAUNCHED THE SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY FUND (SBRF) IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SMES.



**55 APPLICATIONS**  
 17 shortlisted  
 9 pipelines

TOTAL PROJECT REQUIREMENT  
**UGX 613,335,600**

