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INTEGRATED AND MULTI-SCALAR PLANNING IN  
KOBOKO - ARUA - NEBBI

## **West Nile Region, Uganda - Integrated and Multi Scalar Planning (Koboko, Arua, Nebbi)**

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CHAPTER 1

# INTRODUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

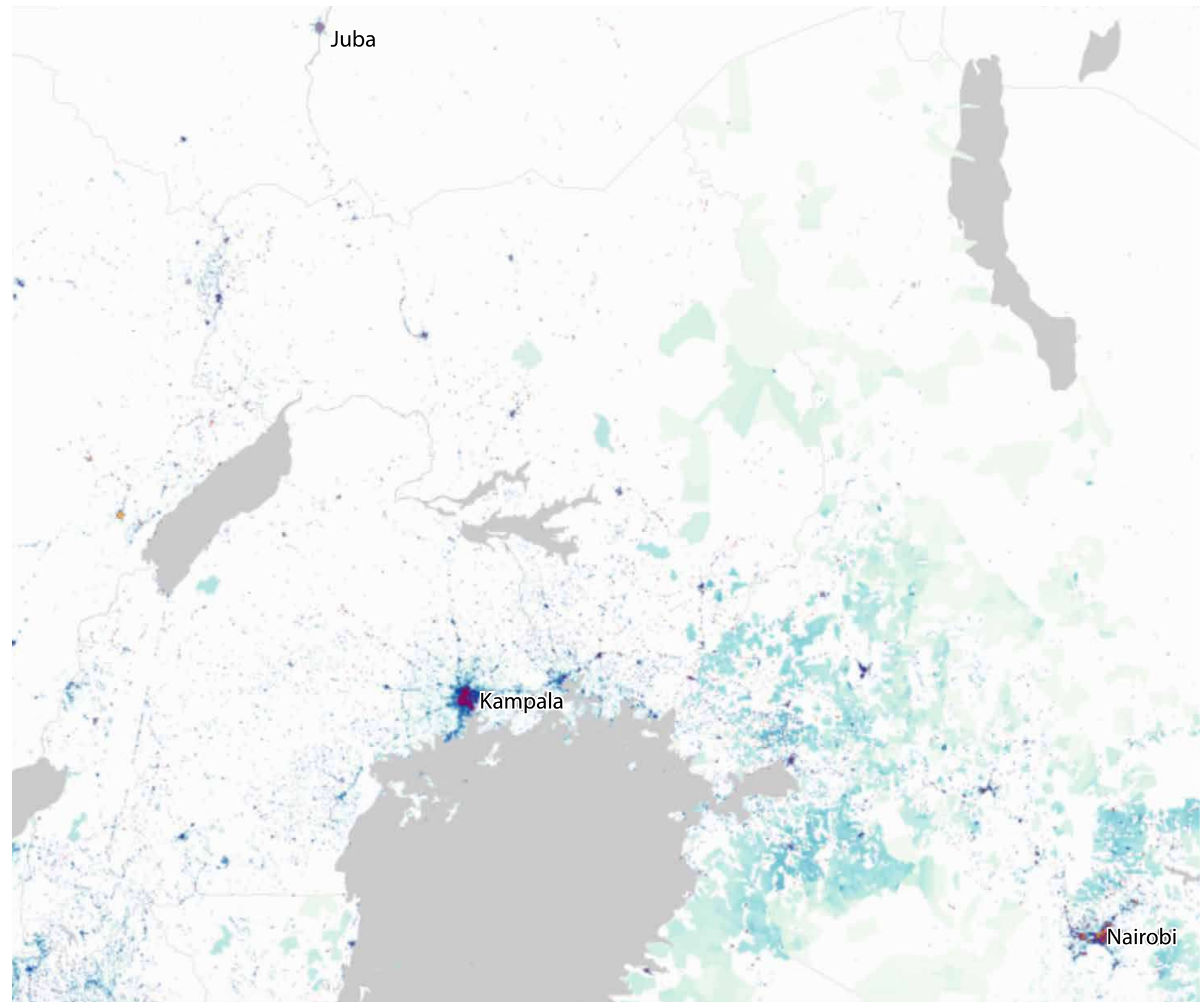
# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## SCOPE OF STUDY: THE GEOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND AND FOCUS ON THE WEST NILE

Arua, due to its strategic geographical position, is a rapidly growing urban centre in Ugandan West Nile region and an important base for humanitarian operations. Refugees from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) currently form 23% of the regional population, with around 700,000 registered refugees (UNHCR, 2018) and unregistered migrants contributing to the figures. The Ugandan Government plans to upgrade Arua to a “regional city”, to include the enlargement of its boundaries and the enhancement of air and rail infrastructure among others, envisioning it as a potential logistic node for North-Western Uganda. However, no strategic framework is provided at regional, city or neighbourhood scales to promote a synergic development with neighbouring towns (Koboko and Nebbi), districts and countries (DRC and South Sudan). Although rapid urbanization is already threatening existing socio-ecological assets and increasing conflict potential related to land rights and access to basic infrastructure and services, there is a lack of appropriate assessment and strategic tools to address the complex transformation of these territories.

Moving from the results of previous capacity development initiatives in the framework of the Ugandan Support for Municipal Infrastructure Development (USMID) program, a project for a comprehensive profiling of the region across different planning scales has been initiated by UN-Habitat in August 2018 with the financial support from the Booyoung Foundation, with the aim of supporting a better understanding of the West Nile Region as a metropolitan system along the Nebbi-Arua-Koboko development corridor. Among other priorities, exploring how decision making at territorial scale would also influence city and neighbourhood level was in the focus of the regional profile. Politecnico di Milano has been selected as the implementing partner with UN-Habitat to draft a multidisciplinary analysis of the existing situation at regional and territorial scale, including development of specific metropolitan cartography, while UN-Habitat’s Public Space and Urban Economy teams have conducted in-dept research on urban economy and municipal finance, as well as a public space assessment and recommendations at neighbourhood scale in each municipality.

This report outlines the results of the research activity, including desktop research and field studies, complemented by a factfinding mission and workshops held in the West Nile Region in October and November 2018 for the effective interaction with local experts and stakeholders, at both national and local level. The following chapters synthesize main findings with the aim of providing a set of recommendations.



Uganda and Neighbouring countries- population density (2015)

Source: EC JRC CIESIN Global Human Settlement Layer, D A Smith, CASA, UCL - <http://luminocity3d.org/WorldPopDen>



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## FACT FINDING MISSION, CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION WORKSHOPS

Regional and neighbourhood urban studies for this project were carried out by combining desktop reviews and field studies, considering these crucial for due to the effective interaction with local experts and stakeholders, at both national and local level, as well as a large number of other local stakeholders in the West Nile Region.

### Fact-Finding Mission

From 29 September to 5 October 2018, UN-Habitat and Politecnico - MS Lab experts conducted a preliminary fact-finding mission to the West Nile Region. The team included different experts from UN-Habitat and Politecnico - MS Lab, covering expertise on planning and governance, urban design, public space, urban economy and municipal finance. Interactive workshops with input sessions and discussions were held in the three municipalities that form the regional development corridor (Nebbi, Arua and Koboko). The workshops saw the participation of local stakeholders from the municipalities, districts, chamber of commerce, representative of NGO and civil society as well as some of the district planners. Discussions surrounded local contexts, questions and answer sessions, covering an overview of main issues and challenges. At the end of each workshop (one in each city), participants were asked to present, discuss and share official documents such as plans and development strategies that have been object of study. The last day of the fact finding mission was dedicated to meetings in Kampala to discuss some of the relevant issues that emerged during the fieldwork with national government authorities and experts involved in specific projects e.g. humanitarian crisis and land conflicts.

### Capacity Development and Validation Workshop



Figure: Mapping Exercises



Figure: Factfinding Mission, Arua 2018



Figure: Capacity Development Presentations



Figure: Factfinding Mission, Koboko 2018

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