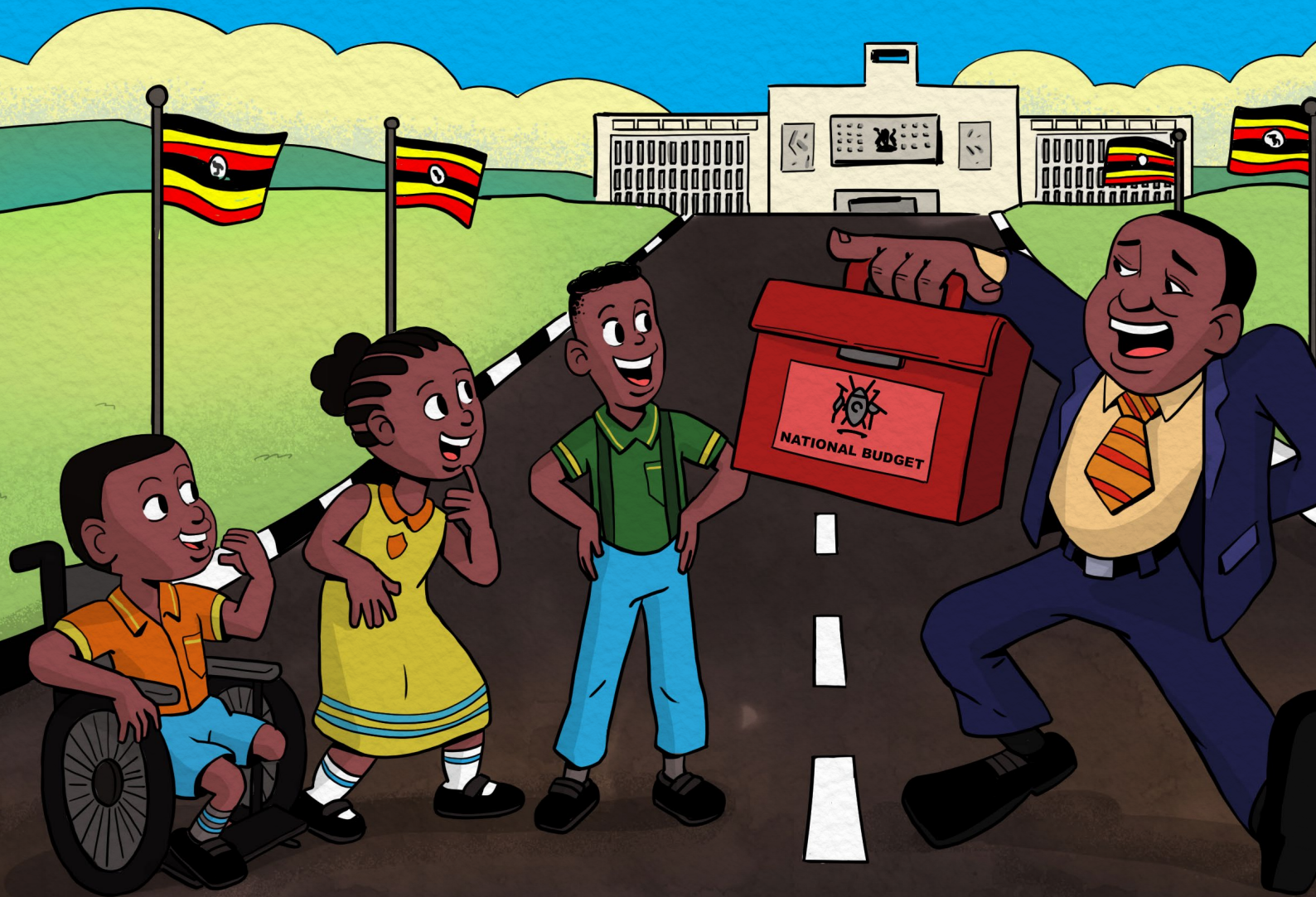




DISCOVER UGANDA'S 2025/2026 CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE BUDGET

A Fun Guide for Kids



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FOREWORD



This year's budget is very special because it is the first step in carrying out Uganda's new big plan, called the **National Development Plan IV**.

The theme of the budget is about helping Uganda grow stronger by:

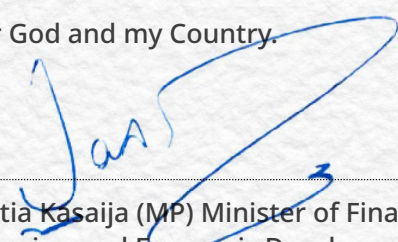
- Farming for business (commercial agriculture)
- Building more factories (industrialization)
- Expanding services
- Using digital technology
- Finding more markets for our products

The government, together with partners like the Bank of Uganda, Uganda Revenue Authority, private companies and civil society, will share information with the public during Budget Month. This helps people understand how money is collected and spent.

Uganda's budget for 2025/26 is 72.4 trillion shillings. Part of this money is planned by Parliament and part goes to important statutory needs. appropriated

The Minister encourages everyone including children to learn more about the budget. You can visit the budget website (www.budget.finance.go.ug) or call the free hotline (0800 229 229) to ask questions.

For God and my Country.



Matia Kasaija (MP) Minister of Finance,
Planning and Economic Development

Hello Friends,

Did you know that every year the Government of Uganda makes a big money plan? This plan shows how much money the government will collect and how it will spend it.

This special plan is called **"The National Budget."**



**LET'S EXPLORE
IT TOGETHER!**

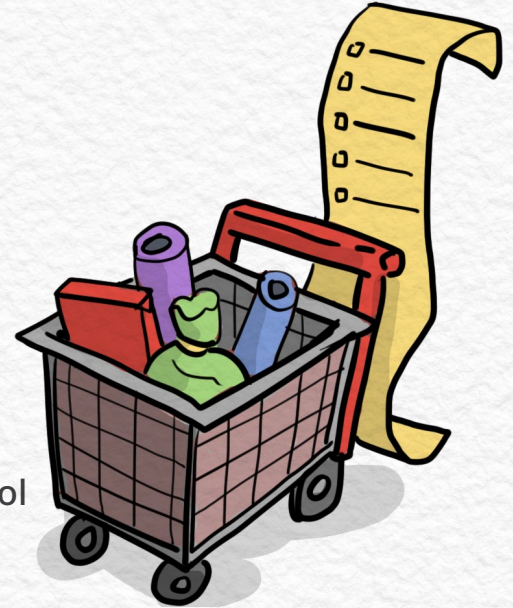


WHAT IS THE BUDGET?



Think about when your family goes shopping.

Your parents first decide how **much money they have** and **make a list of what to buy**—like food, clothes, and school supplies.



The government does the same thing!
It collects money (from taxes and debt/
borrowing).



A tax is when the governments asks people to contribute some money from their income to make the country nice for everyone



A debt is when the govt asks some other people to give them money to use for a while before they can pay it back later.



It plans how to spend it on important things like schools, hospitals, roads, technology, sports, and jobs.

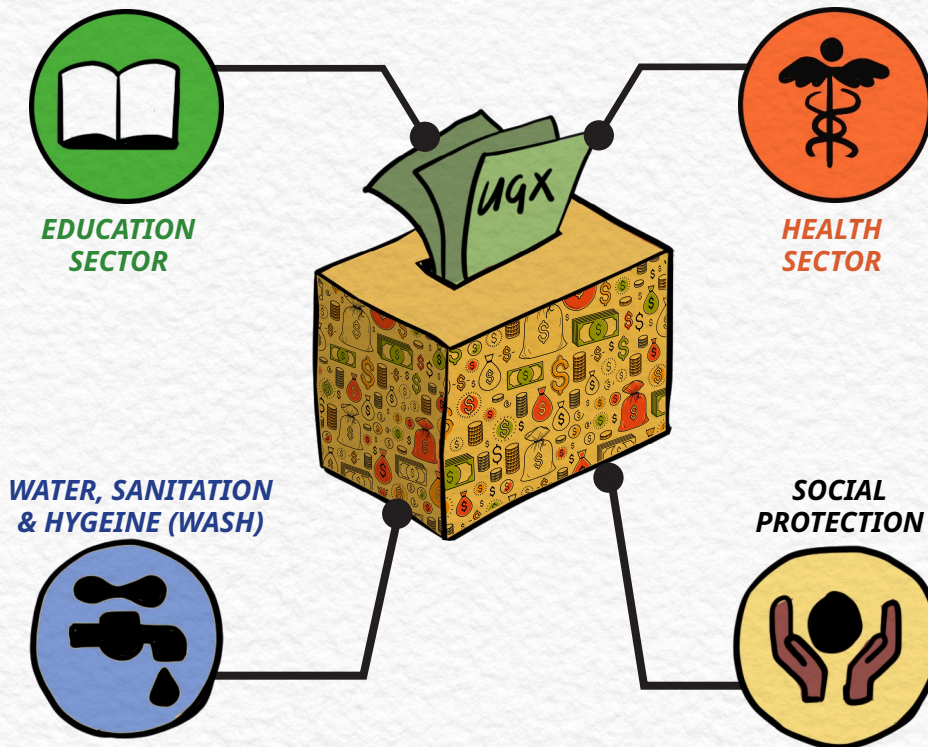
So, a budget is like **Uganda's shopping list** for the whole country!

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET (2025/2026)?

This year's theme is: *"Making Uganda's Economy Stronger through Farming, Industries, Services, Technology & Trade."*

The total money planned is **UGX 72 trillion**

That's **A LOT** of money—imagine filling 72 trillion savings boxes!



HOW DOES THE BUDGET HELP CHILDREN AND TEENS?

Here are the main areas that directly affect you:



EDUCATION SECTOR

UGX 5,040 billion

**Education = better schools,
better learning, better futures!**



*New textbooks &
learning materials*



*Building 116 brand new
secondary schools*



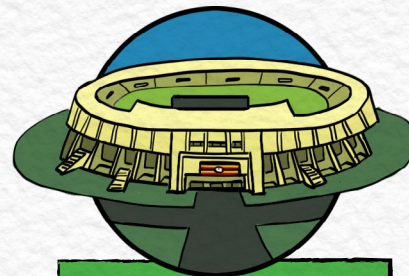
*More teachers
are hired*



*Improving special
needs education*



*Starting Bunyoro and
Busoga Public Universities*



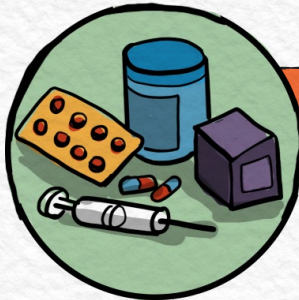
*Preparing for CHAN
2026 & AFCON*



HEALTH SECTOR

UGX 5,089 billion

Healthcare = stronger bodies,
stronger care, stronger lives!



Buying medicines
and vaccines



Building special
hospitals for cancer
and heart care



Training doctors
and nurses

Improving health facilities
so you can get better
treatment faster.



**Where does
the money
come from?**

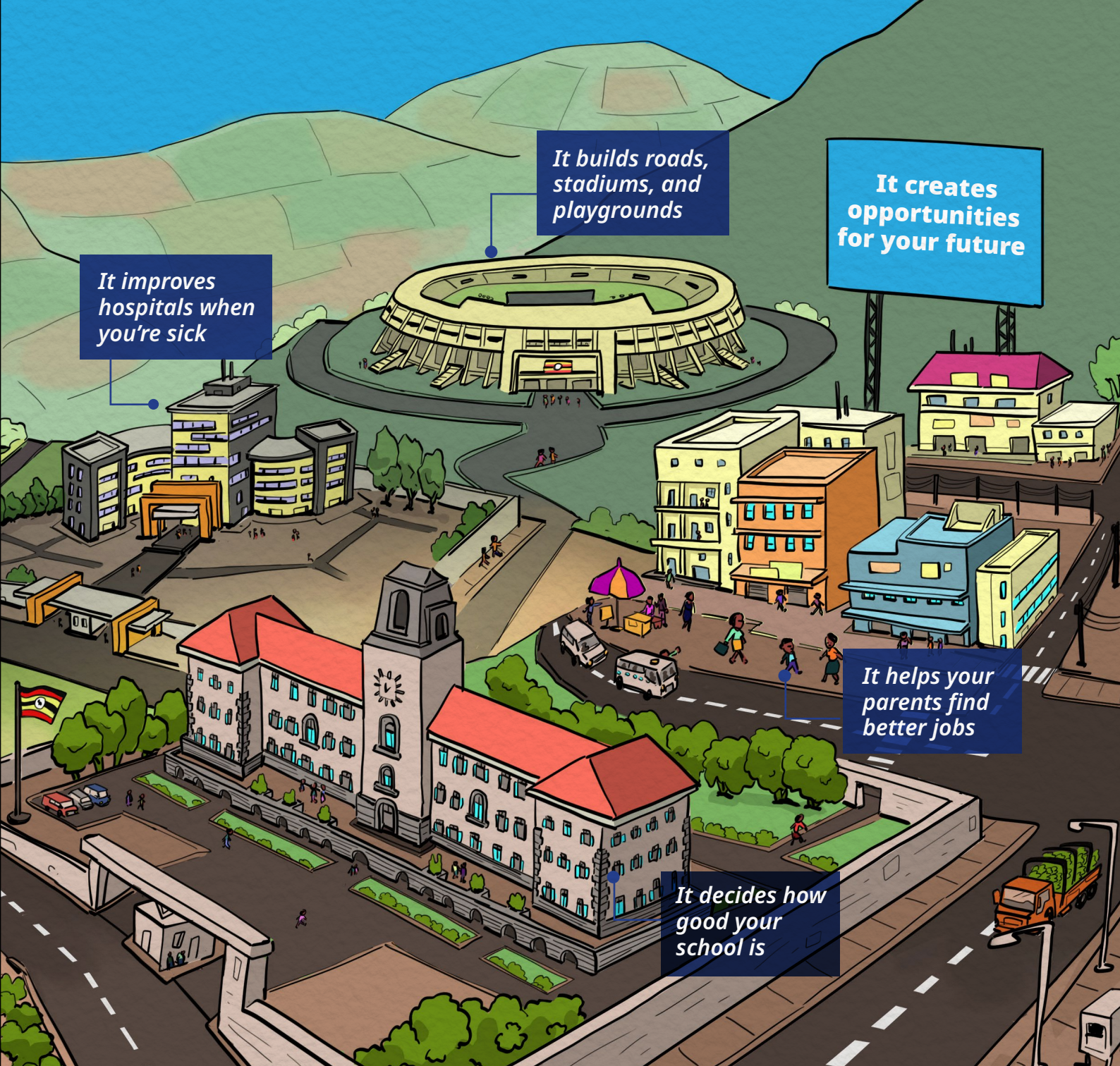
*Loans & support from
other countries and
partners*

*Taxes collected by
Uganda Revenue
Authority*



**Why should children
and teens care about
the budget?**

Because it affects your everyday life!



*It improves
hospitals when
you're sick*

*It builds roads,
stadiums, and
playgrounds*

*It creates
opportunities
for your future*

*It helps your
parents find
better jobs*

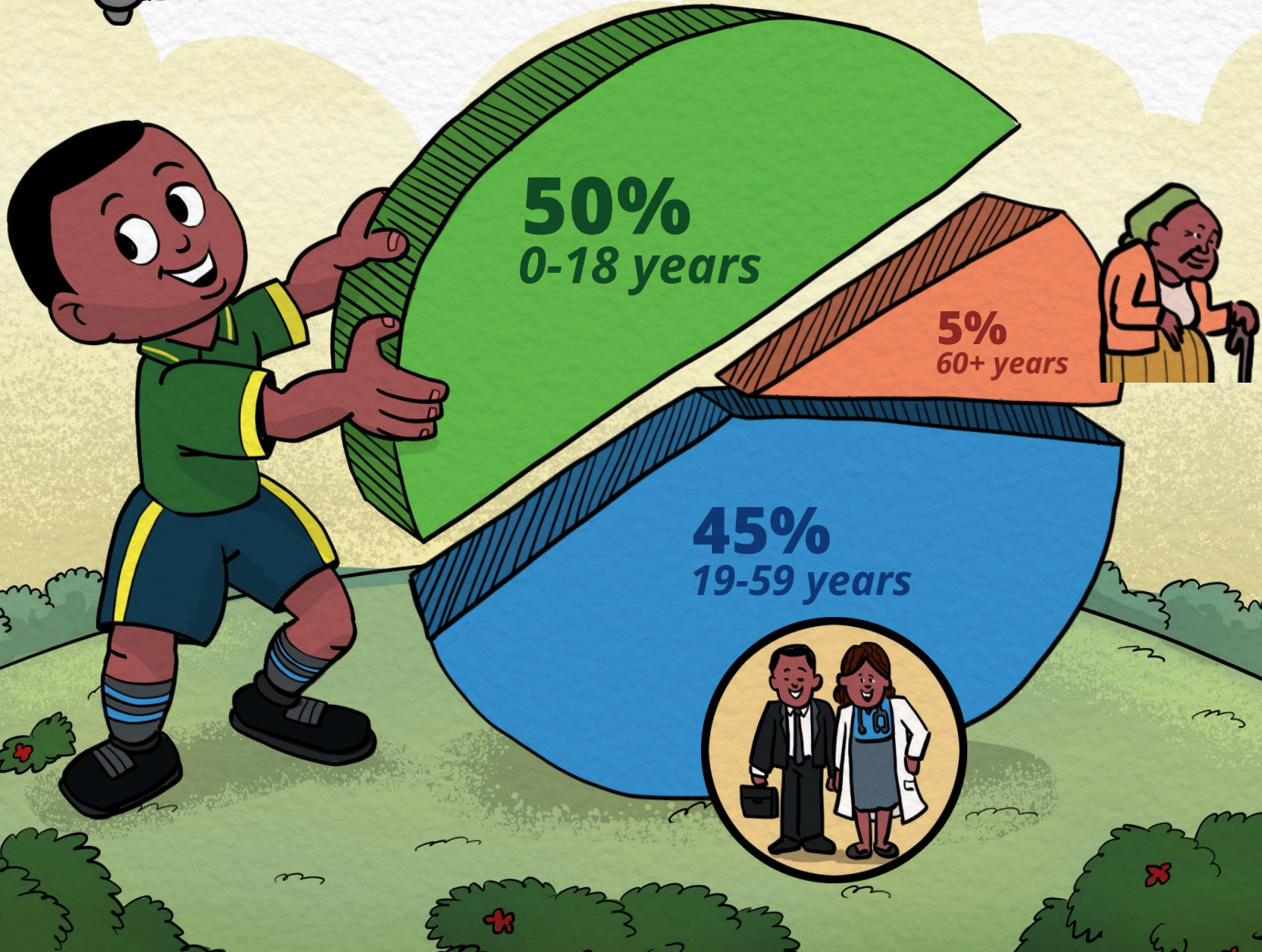
*It decides how
good your
school is*

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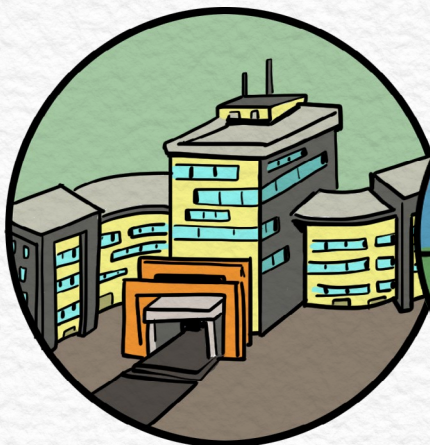
The budget isn't just for adults—it's for YOU too!



Did you know that 50% of the population of our country are children?



You are critical for the development of Uganda and the budget should plan for you and involve you in budgeting.



*It builds your schools
and hospitals*



*it prepares you to
become tomorrow's
leaders*

*It supports your
dreams*



REMEMBER

Uganda's budget is like a BIG PLAN to make our country better—especially for young people like YOU!

We would want to hear from you. You can go to www.budget.finance.go.ug so that your voice can be heard regarding this budget and the next budget for the next year





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