# FINANCIAL INCLUSION INSIGHTS

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The Financial Inclusion Insights (FII) program responds to the need identified by multiple stakeholders for timely demand-side data and practical insights into digital financial services (DFS), including mobile money, and the potential for their expanded use among the poor.

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- Track access to and demand for financial services, especially DFS;
- Measure adoption and use of DFS among key underserved groups (females, poor, rural, etc.);
- Identify drivers and barriers to further adoption of DFS;
- Evaluate the agent experience and the performance of mobile money agents; and
- **Produce actionable, forward-looking insights based on rigorous data** to support product and service development and delivery.

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### **KEY DEFINITIONS**

Access to a bank – Counts individuals who use a full-service bank account either registered in their name or held by someone else.

Access to mobile money or an NBFI – Counts individuals who have ever used a mobile money service or a full-service NBFI.

Access & trial – Counts individuals who have a bank account registered in their name or use a bank account that is registered to someone else, or have ever used a mobile money service, or a full-service NBFI.

Active registered user – An individual who has an account registered in their name with a full-service financial institution and has used it in the last 90 days.

Advanced user – An active registered user who has ever used their account for saving, borrowing, insurance, investment, paying bills or receiving wages or government benefits. Buying airtime top-ups is considered an advanced use of a bank account or NBFI account but not a mobile money account.

**Airtime** – Minutes of talk time available on a mobile phone. Airtime top-up (adding minutes) is a basic mobile money activity, but is considered an advanced bank or NBFI activity.

**Basic use** – Cash-in (deposit) or cash-out (withdraw), transfer money to another individual, or conduct account maintenance.

**Below the poverty line** – In this particular study, adults living on less than \$2.50 per day in 2005 purchasing power parity U.S. Dollars, as classified by the <u>Poverty Probability Index</u>.

**Confidence interval** (95%) – The range of values within which the observed value of a statistic will be found in 95 out of 100 repeat measurements.

**Cooperative** – Typically, a business or other professional organization that is owned and run jointly by its members, who share profits or benefits. Cooperatives may release some of the profits/funds as loans to its members.

**Credit-only nonbank financial institutions** – Financial institutions that only disburse loans to their customers and are therefore not considered full service.

**Customer journey** – A series of progressive stages through which individuals become more active users of more sophisticated financial services.

**Digital financial inclusion** – Counts individuals who have an account in their name with a full-service financial institution that offers digital services (e.g., online account access, debit/ATM card, credit card, electronic cash transfers).

**Digital financial services (DFS)** – Financial services provided through an electronic platform (e.g., mobile phones, debit or credit electronic cards, internet).

**Digital stored-value account** – A mobile money account or a fullservice bank or NBFI account that offers digital services.

**Financial inclusion** – Individuals who hold an account with an institution that provides a full suite of financial services and comes under some form of government regulation.

**Financial literacy** -- Basic knowledge of four fundamental concepts in financial decision making (interest rates, interest compounding, inflation, and risk diversification) as measured by the Standard and Poor's Rating Service's Global Financial Literacy Survey.

**Full-service financial institutions** – Financial institutions that offer loans to their customers and at least one of the following additional services: savings, money transfers, insurance, or investments.

**Microfinance institution (MFI)** – An organization that offers financial services to low-income populations. Almost all give loans to their members, and many offer insurance, deposit and other services.

**Mobile money (MM)** – A service that allows a mobile phone to be used for storing and transferring money, and potentially accessing other financial services.

Nonbank financial institution (NBFI) – A financial organization that is not formally licensed as a bank or a mobile money provider, but whose activities are regulated, at least to some extent, by the central bank within the country. Such financial institutions include microfinance institutions (MFIs), cooperatives, Post Office (Savings) Banks and savings and credit cooperatives (SACCOs), etc.

**Numeracy** -- The ability to use basic math skills, including counting, addition, division, multiplication and computing short- and long-term interest rates.

**Post Office (Savings) Bank** – A bank that offers savings and money transfers and has branches at local post offices.

**Poverty Probability Index (PPI)** – A measurement tool wherein a set of country-specific survey questions are used to compute the likelihood that an individual's income is below a specific threshold.

**Registered user –** Counts individuals who have a financial account registered in their name or registered jointly in their and someone else's name.

**Savings and credit cooperative (SACCO)** – A self-help group owned and managed by its members. Its main purpose is to build up funds through regular contributions by each member, with the aim of providing affordable credit and collective investments.

**Unregistered/over-the-counter (OTC) user** – An individual who has used a financial service through someone else's account, including a mobile money agent's account or the account of a family member or a neighbor.

**Urban/rural** – Urban and rural persons are defined according to their residence in urban or rural areas as prescribed by the national bureau of statistics.

**Value-added services** – These are non-core financial services that go beyond the standard services provided by financial institutions.





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## FINANCIAL INCLUSION OVERVIEW



### UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL INCLUSION

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#### What is financial inclusion?

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Financial inclusion means that individuals and businesses have access to useful and affordable financial products and services that meet their needs – transactions, payments, savings, credit and insurance – delivered in a responsible and sustainable way (*The World Bank*). Financially included individuals are those who have an account in their name with a full-service financial institution.

#### How is it measured?

We measure financial inclusion as the percentage of adults (15+ years old) who report having at least one account in their name with an institution that offers a full suite of financial services, and comes under some form of government regulation.

#### How is it created?

Financial inclusion is created through the uptake and use of individual accounts with institutions that offer a full suite of financial services – savings, credit, money transfers, insurance and investment. Full-service financial institutions include banks, mobile money service providers, and nonbank financial institutions, such as deposit-taking microfinance institutions (MFIs) and financial cooperatives.

#### What institutions and services do not count?

Individuals who own accounts with institutions that are not full service, such as credit-only microfinance institutions (MFIs), are not considered financially included. Individuals who do not have their own full-service account or use someone else's account are not considered financially included. Individuals who only use services such as money guards, savings collectors, and digital recharge cards that are not attached to a bank or MFI account are also considered financially excluded.

### ABOUT THE SURVEY

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- Fifth survey (Wave 5) conducted from July 5, 2017, to Aug. 10, 2017. Measures trends in financial inclusion since 2013.
- Nationally representative sample of 3,001 adults aged 15+ residing in households.
- Results at national level, and for urban and rural separately.
- Sample designed by InterMedia in collaboration with the Uganda Bureau of Statistics.

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- The survey subsampled the 2016/2017 Uganda National Household Survey (UNHS). Stratified multistage sample:
  - Stratification by urban/rural within each subregion.
  - First stage: Selection of 292 census EAs (81 EAs in urban and 211 EAs in rural).
  - o Second stage: Selection of 12 households per sampled EA.
  - Third stage: Random selection of one adult member per household.
- Face-to-face interviews using smartphones.
- Sampling weights: Design weight based on the probability of selection for each stage of sampling adjusted for non-response at the household and household member levels. Sampling weights normalized at the national level so that the weighted number of cases equals the sample size.
- Weights used to make inferences about the target population (15 years old and over) at the national level and for urban and rural populations separately. Weighted percentages are reported together with unweighted respondent counts.

#### 2017: National demographics

(Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, N=3,001)

Demographic characteristics	Percentages
Male	48
Female	52
Urban	27
Rural	73
Above the \$2.50/day poverty line	43
Below the \$2.50/day poverty line	57
Age: 15-24	32
25-34	24
35-44	16
45-54	13
55+	15
Basic literacy	43
Basic numeracy	96



### COUNTRY CONTEXT

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The Bank of Uganda and the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development launched the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) 2017-2022 in October 2017 to promote financial inclusion. The NFIS's vision is that "all Ugandans have access to, and use, a broad range of quality and affordable financial services." The NFIS builds on the key successes of the <u>Government's 2012 financial inclusion program</u>, which included developing and implementing the 2013-2017 <u>strategy for financial literacy in Uganda</u>; issuing financial consumer protection and <u>mobile money guidelines in 2013</u>; amending the 2004 Financial Institutions Act to allow for agency and Islamic banking; and the geospatial mapping of financial points of service across the country. The NFIS's objectives are to:

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- Reduce financial exclusion and barriers to access financial services;
- Develop the credit infrastructure;
- Build digital infrastructure;
- Deepen and broaden formal savings, investments and insurance usage; and,
- Protect and empower individuals with enhanced financial capability.

The growth of Uganda's economy accelerated in 2017 to 4.8 percent of GDP. Growth is expected to increase in 2018 across manufacturing, construction, and service sectors, boosted by public infrastructure investment. Broad-based economic growth should support growth in employment, wages, and incomes, and provide favorable conditions for expanded financial inclusion and uptake of advanced financial products and services.

## In October 2017, the Bank of Uganda <u>reduced its benchmark interest rate to 9.5 percent</u> to support growth in private sector credit and strengthen economic growth. Reducing the cost of credit should support financial inclusion by facilitating borrowing.

The Bank of Uganda continued to implement regulations and policies intended to expand financial inclusion.

- In June 2017, the Postal Bank of Uganda launched the "<u>Scaling Up Remittances</u> and Financial Inclusion in Uganda" project to leverage its post offices for remittance delivery, especially for those in poor rural communities and refugee settlements. Post offices will be equipped with modern technologies, and postal workers will receive training on how to use them.
- In July 2016, the parliament passed the Tier 4 Microfinance Institutions and Money Lenders Act, 2016. The law brings Tier 4 nonbank financial institutions (NBFIs) (e.g., SACCOs, non-deposit-taking microfinance institutions, self-help groups, and community-based microfinance institutions), under the Uganda Microfinance Regulatory Authority (UMRA). UMRA intended to promote the stability of these institutions and build consumer confidence through new regulations designed to protect consumers from losses if their NBFI faces insolvency.

## Private and public sector partnerships continue to support the government's financial inclusion goals by facilitating broader access to digital financial services through new transaction platforms and a range of new products.

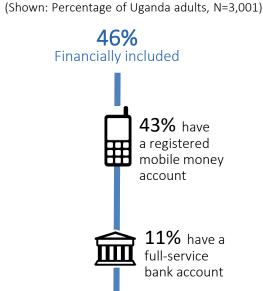
- MTN Uganda and the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) announced a partnership in September 2017 that enables payment of social security contributions using MTN Mobile Money.
- The FinTech (financial technology) Association of Uganda launched in August 2017 to promote regulations that support financial inclusion through technological innovation.

### NOTABLE STATISTICS

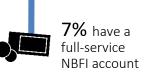
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- Growth in financial inclusion accelerated in 2016-2017.
  - Close to one-half of adults (46%) were financially included in 2017, mainly via mobile money (43%), followed by banks (11%) and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) (7%). Mobile money and NBFI account owners grew by 5 and 3 percentage points, respectively, versus 2016. The proportion of adults who hold bank accounts increased slightly, but the increase was not statistically significant.
  - The percentage of adults who accessed financial services increased by 8 percentage points, from 55% in 2016 to 63% in 2017. The growth in access was due to the substantial increase in the proportion of the population that used mobile money, now, at 61%.
  - Thirty-eight percent of adults were active users (used their accounts in the 90 days preceding the survey).
  - The proportion of the population that took up advanced use cases (beyond basic transfers and cash-in, cash-out) also grew by 5 percentage points to 28% in 2017, compared to 23% in 2016.
- Mobile money continued to drive financial inclusion; 94% of financially included adults had a mobile money account in 2017.
  - Additionally, nearly one-fifth (19%) of the adult population were unregistered, over-the-counter (OTC) users of mobile money. Within this unregistered user group, 19% reported using mobile money for "saving," or safely storing cash in the form of e-money while waiting to cash out with an agent after receiving a transfer. This group of savers is likely to progress to account registration and advanced use.
  - Uptake of mobile money continued to surpass that of banks and NBFIs, though commercial banks are expected to benefit from the recent rollout of agency banking, which allows third-party agents to provide banking services outside of bank offices.
  - o Consumers were more likely to know of a mobile money point of service than any other financial access point.
- Limited phone ownership and lack of digital skills constrain the growth of digital financial inclusion.
  - Forty-six percent of adults did not own a mobile phone. Additionally, 45% were not able to send or receive a text, which is a strong proxy indicator of lack of ability to use mobile money.



2017: Financial Inclusion\*



\*Overlap representing those who have multiple kinds of financial accounts is not shown.





### ACCESS & TRIAL OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

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- From 2016 to 2017, the proportion of adults who accessed formal financial services increased 8 percentage points the largest annual increase ever recorded by the FII surveys in Uganda. This increase accounted for half of the growth in access since 2013, when 47% of the population had access, compared to 63% in 2017.
- Bank and NBFI access showed no growth; the proportion of the adult population who accessed branch banking and NBFI services is statistically unchanged over the survey waves since 2013.

**61%** of adults accessed mobile money in 2017.

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Access & trial (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year)

■ 2013 (N=3,000) ■ 2014 (N=3,001) ■ 2015 (N=3,000) ■ 2016 (N=3,000) ■ 2017 (N=3,001) I 95% confidence interval



### REGISTERED USERS (FINANCIAL INCLUSION)

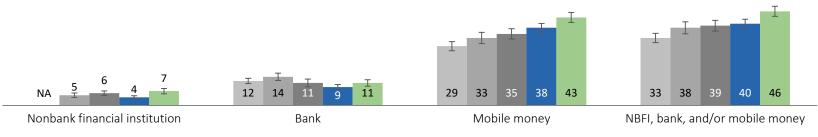
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- Since 2013, the percentage of adults who have financial accounts with a formal full-service institution has grown from 33% to 46% in 2017. Nearly all registered users have mobile money accounts.
- While registered bank users showed no growth, the proportion of NBFI account holders grew significantly, increasing by 3 percentage points between 2016 and 2017. This finding suggests that the <u>Tier 4 regulatory reforms</u> are working to promote the expansion of NBFI account ownership.

**Registered users** (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year)

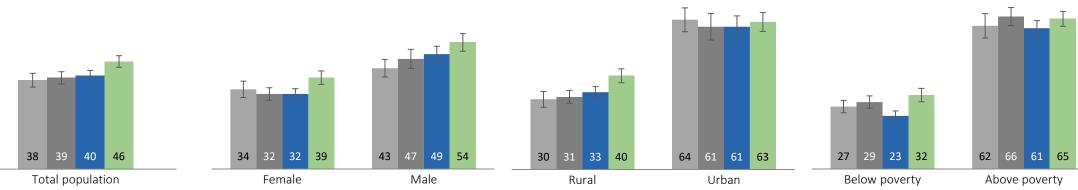




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### FINANCIAL INCLUSION TREND, BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

- Financial inclusion in Uganda shows persistent gender, locality, and income gaps; a smaller proportion of adults in the female, rural, and below-poverty demographics are financially included compared to the male, urban, and above-poverty groups. The locality and income gaps have narrowed since 2014 as more rural and below-poverty adults have become financially included, versus little change in the urban and above-poverty groups.
- From 2014 to 2016, financial inclusion among men increased, while inclusion among women showed little change. From 2016 to 2017, however, an additional 7% of women became financially included, compared to 5% of men. Inclusion must accelerate among women for the gender gap to close.



#### Registered users, by demographic group

(Shown: Percentage of each demographic group who are registered users, by year)

2014: Total population (N=3,001); Female (n=1,596); Male (n=1,405); Rural (n=2,221); Urban (n=780); Below poverty (n=2,171); Above poverty (n=830)

2015: Total population (N=3,000); Female (n=1,955); Male (n=1,045); Rural (n=2,200); Urban (n=800); Below poverty (n=2,036); Above poverty (n=964)

2016: Total population (N=3,000); Female (n=1,942); Male (n=1,058); Rural (n=2,190); Urban (n=810); Below poverty (n=1,680); Above poverty (n=1,320)

2017: Total population (N=3,001); Female (n=1,875); Male (n=1,126); Rural (n=2,165); Urban (n=836); Below poverty (n=1,636); Above poverty (n=1,365)

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Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker surveys, Wave 2 (N=3,001, 15+), September 2014; Wave 3 (N=3,000, 15+), September 2015; Wave 4 (N=3,000, 15+), August 2016; Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

### ACTIVE REGISTERED USERS

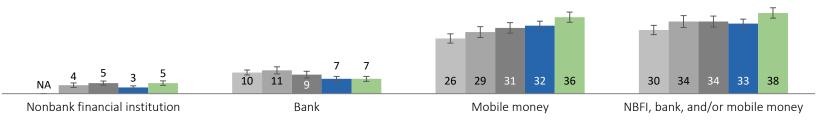
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- In 2017, the proportion of the adult population who used their registered account in the last 90 days increased 5 percentage points, from 33% in 2016 to 38% in 2017. This increase in active users is the largest annual gain since 2013, accounting for over half of the growth in this indicator in the past five years.
- Compared to other account types, mobile money account holders were more likely to be active users, or to use their mobile money account actively instead of their bank or NBFI account.

Active registered users (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year)





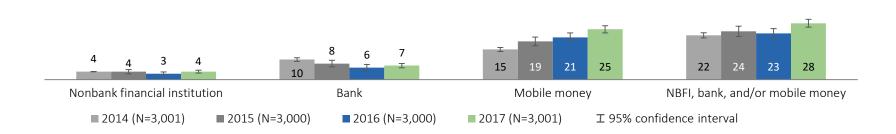
ADVANCED USERS

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- An additional 5 percent of the adult population joined the advanced user group (actively used a financial account and accessed an advanced service) from 2016 to 2017. This growth was driven by an increase in users who performed advanced activities mainly saving and paying bills using mobile money accounts.
- Advanced NBFI and bank account users are a small proportion of adults 4% and 7%, respectively. The slight increases in the size of these user groups over 2016 were not statistically significant.

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Advanced active registered users (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year\*) **58%** of registered mobile money users used their accounts for an advanced service in the 90 days before the survey.



\*2013 definition of advanced users is not comparable with later years

Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker surveys, Wave 2 (N=3,001, 15+), September 2014; Wave 3 (N=3,000, 15+), September 2015; Wave 4 (N=3,000, 15+), August 2016; Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

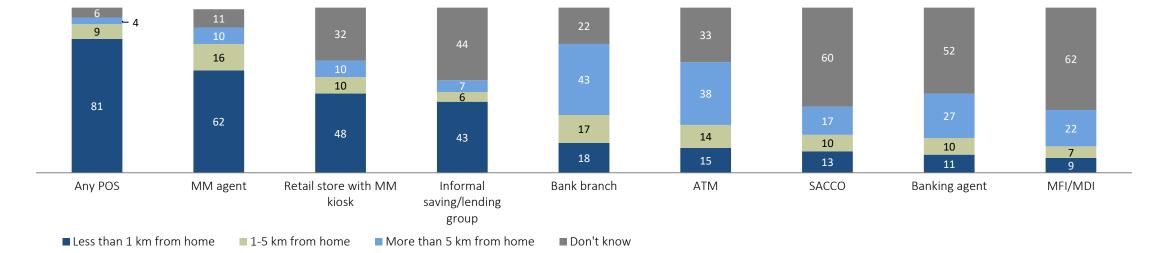


#### Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker survey, Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

### GEOGRAPHICAL ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES

- In 2017, 62% of the adult population knew of a mobile money agent within one kilometer of their home. In contrast, only 11% knew of a banking agent, 18% knew of a bank branch, and only 15% knew of an ATM within one kilometer. The rollout of <u>agency</u> <u>banking</u> following the Financial Institutions Act amendments of 2016 should result in increased access to banking services.
- After mobile money, informal savings and lending groups were the most accessible points of service; 43% of adults lived within one kilometer of an informal group.
- SACCOs are the most common type of NBFI in Uganda; 13% of the adult population lived within 1 kilometer of a point-of-service in 2017.

2017: Proximity to points-of-service (POS) for financial institutions (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, N=3,001)





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**81%** of adults lived within one kilometer of a financial point of service.

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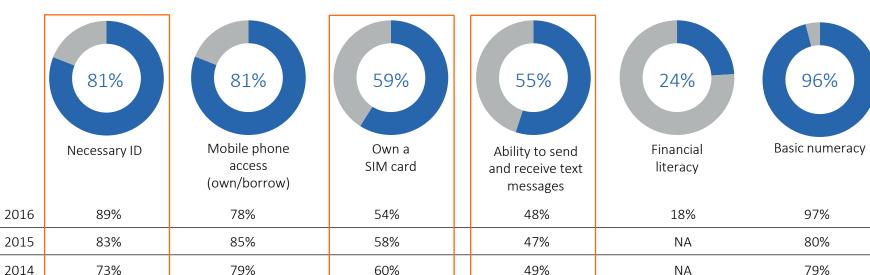
account due to new rules

### READINESS TO ADOPT DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

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- Limited digital readiness constrains the growth of DFS users in Uganda. While the large majority of adults (81%) have access
  to a mobile phone, only 59% own a SIM card and 55% have the ability to send or receive text messages the key proxy
  indicator of ability to use a mobile money account on a phone. The increases in SIM ownership and ability to text from 2016
  to 2017 suggest that digital readiness is increasing.
- Financial literacy increased to 24% in 2017, from 18% in 2016. This increase may reflect successful outcomes of the government's Strategy for Financial Literacy in Uganda, launched in 2013.



2017: Key indicators of readiness to adopt digital financial services

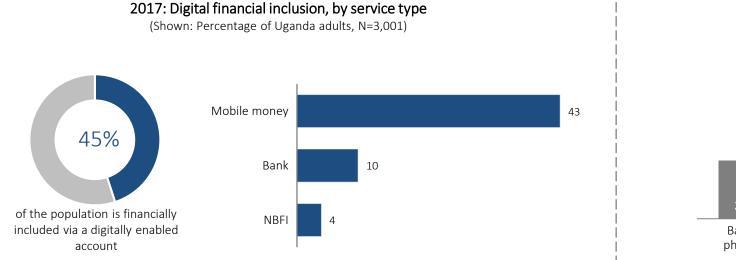
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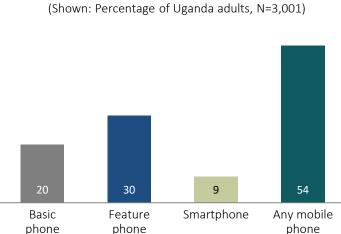
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### DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION

- In 2017, 43% of adults had a mobile money account, and were, therefore, digitally included. An additional 2% of the population was digitally included only via a bank or NBFI account. NBFI accounts are the least likely to have digital features.
- The difficulty of obtaining national identification cards, and strict requirements that all SIM cards are registered using the IDs, have constrained the growth of mobile phone ownership and registered users of mobile money.





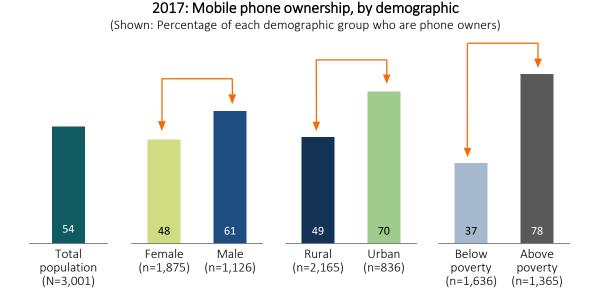
2017: Mobile phone ownership



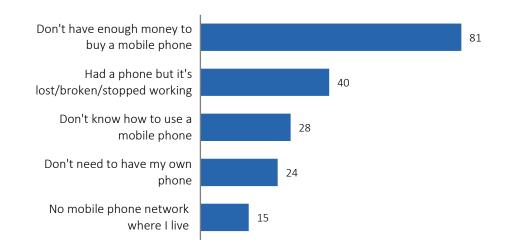
### MOBILE PHONE OWNERS – DEMOGRAPHICS & ATTITUDES

- Mobile phone ownership in Uganda remains dominated by relatively privileged groups. Just over half of the adult population owned a phone (54%), and feature phones were the largest category. Phone ownership is more common among adults above the poverty line, men and urban residents than below-poverty, female, and rural adults.
- Among adults who do not own a phone, 81% said they lacked enough money to buy or replace one, and 28% said they don't know how to use a mobile phone.

13 percentage-point gender gap in phone ownership



2017: Top reasons for not owning a mobile phone (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults who do not own a mobile phone reporting somewhat/strongly agree, n=1,355)



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Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker survey, Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

### MOBILE PHONE USE

Sent or received text messages

Made a financial transaction

Used social networking sites

Used other mobile application

Downloaded music, video or games

Sent/received photo messages (MMS)

Took a color picture

Used the internet

- A large majority of adults (79%) have used a mobile phone to make a call, still less than the 81% of adults who reported having access to a phone. Use of the internet and other data services was much rarer than basic use cases.
- Capability to use phones lags total users, relatively few adults reported "complete ability" to perform mobile phone functions. Limited phone capabilities means that many users depend on others, such as mobile money agents, for assistance using mobile technology.

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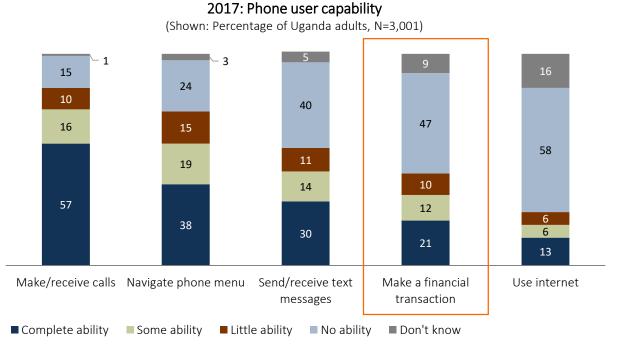
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43% of adults have mobile money accounts but only 21% have complete ability to make a financial transaction.







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## CUSTOMER JOURNEY





### CUSTOMER JOURNEY THEORY OF CHANGE

- Financial inclusion may be conceived as a process through which an individual's needs are met by advancing step-by-step towards increasingly active engagement with a growing range of financial services. The customer journey theory of change posits that advancement on the journey leads to gains in human welfare.
- Understanding how individuals and groups advance on the customer journey is useful for developing strategies and interventions to assist more individuals to become users of the financial services that best meet their needs.
- Five major segments of the population on the customer journey are described below. Each group is mutually exclusive of the others. The population shifts between these groups as more individuals make progress on the customer journey.

Financially excluded (no registered account)		Financially included (registered account holders)		
NONUSERS	UNREGISTERED USERS	REGISTERED INACTIVE USERS	ACTIVE BASIC USERS	ADVANCED USERS
<b>Nonusers</b> are adults who have no access to or have never used a full-service financial institution. Nonusers have not started the customer journey.	Unregistered users are adults who do not have an account registered in their name but use a bank, mobile money, and/or NBFI service via another person's account, especially over-the-counter mobile money services accessed via an agent.	<b>Registered inactive users</b> are adults who have a bank, mobile money, or NBFI account registered in their name but have not used it in the last 90 days.	Active basic users are adults who used their registered bank, NBFI, or mobile money account to transfer money to another person, deposit or withdraw cash, and/or check their balance in the previous 90 days ONLY. Buying airtime using mobile money is also a basic use case.	Advanced users are adults who have used their registered bank, NBFI, or mobile money account in the previous 90 days and have ever used their account for saving, borrowing, investment, insurance, bill payment, merchant payment, receiving wages, and/or receiving government payments.



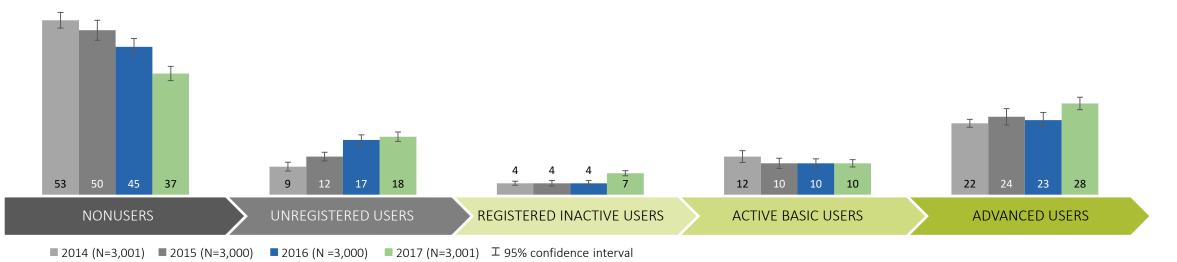
### CUSTOMER JOURNEY TREND

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Since 2014, the proportion of the adult population who are **nonusers** of any formal financial institution decreased as members of this group embarked on the customer journey to financial inclusion. The proportion of **unregistered users** (nearly all over-the-counter users of mobile money) is trending upward, though growth leveled off between 2016 and 2017. **Registered inactive users** (did not use their account in the last 90 days) grew significantly from 2016 to 2017, driven by registration of both NBFI and mobile money accounts. The share of **active basic users** (transfers and cash-in, cash-out only) has been statistically unchanged since 2014, as more of the population converted to advanced use by adopting use cases such as saving (or secure storage of cash as mobile money), and bill pay. **Advanced users** increased sharply from 23% in 2016, to 25% in 2017, after registering no significant change from 2014 to 2016.

### Change over time in each segment of the customer journey for all financial institutions (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year)





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Women were

than men to be nonusers, and less

advanced users.

more likely

likely to be

### CUSTOMER JOURNEY TREND, BY GENDER

More **nonusers** are women than men. Yet, while both the male and female portions of the nonuser group have decreased since 2013, the decline has been faster among women. More women than men are found in the **unregistered user** group, but there is effectively no gender disparity in the **registered inactive** user group. Men were more common among **active basic** users in 2014, but by 2017 no gender gap was observed in this group. The **advanced user** group has, however, shown a persistent gender gap since 2014.

Change over time in each segment of the customer journey, by gender (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year and by gender)



Male 2014 (n=1,405), 2015 (n=1,045), 2016 (n=1,058), 2017 (n=1,126)

Female 2014 (n=1,596), 2015 (n=1,955), 2016 (n=1,942), 2017 (n=1,875)



### CUSTOMER JOURNEY TREND, BY POVERTY STATUS

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In 2017, 30% of adults were **nonusers** living below the \$2.50/day poverty line. The other 27% of the population that lives below-poverty is distributed across the other customer journey segments; they outnumber above-poverty adults in the **unregistered** and **registered** inactive user groups. The share of below-poverty adults in the **active basic** group has decreased since 2014, reaching parity with the above-poverty share by 2017, as more below-poverty adults joined the **advanced user** group. A persistent income gap between advanced users has widened as more above-poverty adults joined this group, and more advanced users rose out of poverty between annual surveys.

Change over time in each segment of the customer journey, by above/below \$2.50 (2005 PPP USD) poverty line (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year and by poverty status)



Above poverty 2014 (n=830), 2015 (n=964), 2016 (n=1,320), 2017 (n=1,365)

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Below poverty 2014 (n=2,171), 2015 (n=2,036), 2016 (n=1,680), 2017 (n=1,636)

\*Fewer than 50 observations

Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker surveys, Wave 2 (N=3,001, 15+), September 2014; Wave 3 (N=3,000, 15+), September 2015; Wave 4 (N=3,000, 15+), August 2016; Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.



### CUSTOMER JOURNEY TREND, BY LOCALE

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The large majority (73%) of Uganda's adult population lives in rural areas, and rural adults outnumber their urban counterparts in every stage of the customer journey. Rural adults are particularly prevalent among **nonusers**, but the proportion of all adults who are rural nonusers has decreased by 14 percentage points since 2014, while there has been little change in the proportion of adults who are urban nonusers. Growth in **unregistered users** since 2014 was driven mainly by rural residents. **Advanced users** mainly live in rural areas and increasingly use mobile money for saving or safekeeping.

Change over time in each segment of the customer journey, by urban/rural locale (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults, by year and by locale)



Urban 2014 (n=780), 2015 (n=800), 2016 (n=810), 2017 (n=836)

Rural 2014 (n=2,221), 2015 (n=2,200), 2016 (n=2,190), 2017 (n=2,165)

\*Fewer than 50 observations

Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker surveys, Wave 2 (N=3,001, 15+), September 2014; Wave 3 (N=3,000, 15+), September 2015; Wave 4 (N=3,000, 15+), August 2016; Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.



### DEMOGRAPHICS OF EACH CUSTOMER SEGMENT

- Men form the majority of advanced users and registered inactive users, while women outnumber men in the nonuser and unregistered user groups. The active basic user group has nearly equal proportions of men and women.
- Higher income is correlated with advancement on the customer journey. The majority of nonusers, unregistered and registered inactive users live below the poverty line, while most active basic and advanced users live above the poverty line.
- Along the customer journey, the share of urban residents increases, and the share of rural residents decreases in the later segments.

2017: Demographic groups, by customer journey segment
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(Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment)

DEMOGRAPHICS	NONUSERS (n=1,149)	VNREGISTERED USERS (n=505)	REGISTERED INACTIVE USERS (n=179)	ACTIVE BASIC USERS (n=294)	ADVANCED USERS (n=874)
n Male	41%	42%	61%	48%	59%
🛉 Female	59%	58%	39%	52%	41%
Above poverty	19%	46%	42%	55%	70%
Below poverty	81%	54%	58%	45%	30%
Rural	86%	74%	74%	66%	59%
Urban	14%	26%	26%	34%	41%



#### \*Fewer than 50 observations

15-24 years old

Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker survey, Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

25-34 years old

### AGE GROUP SEGMENTATION

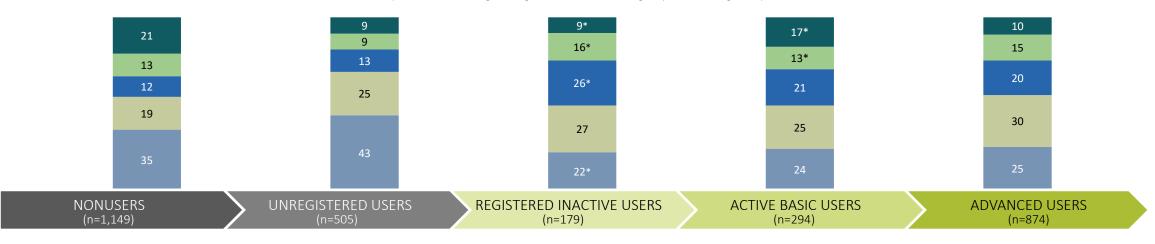
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- The youngest age group (15-24 years old) is the least likely to have a financial account, and therefore makes up a larger share of nonusers and unregistered users relative to the other segments. The oldest (55 and older) age group also makes up a large share of nonusers, relative to the other segments.
- The (later three) financially included segments all show similar age distributions. This finding suggests that age does not impede advancement on the customer journey after registration.

45-54 years old

■ 35-44 years old



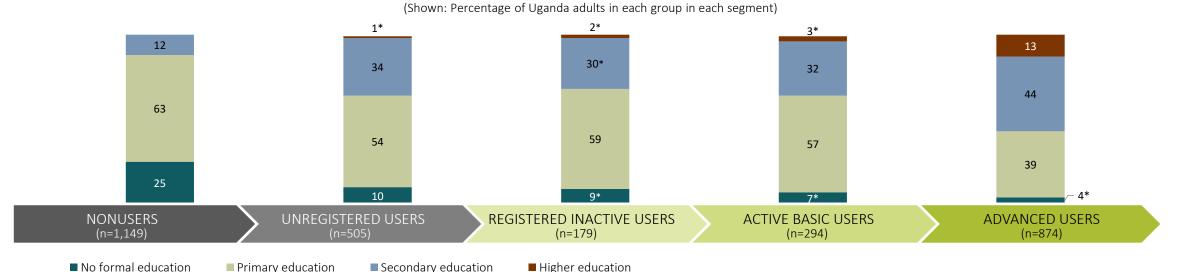
■ 55 years and older

#### **2017: Age groups, by customer journey segment** (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each group in each segment)



### EDUCATION SEGMENTATION

- Secondary and higher education is a key driver of progress to the advanced user stage of the customer journey, though 43% of advanced users have only primary education or less.
- Nonusers are the most likely to have no formal education, and only 12 percent have secondary education.
- The three user groups in the middle of the customer journey have approximately equal education characteristics, which suggests that education does not have a great effect on progress through the intermediate stages of financial engagement.



2017: Education levels, by customer journey segment

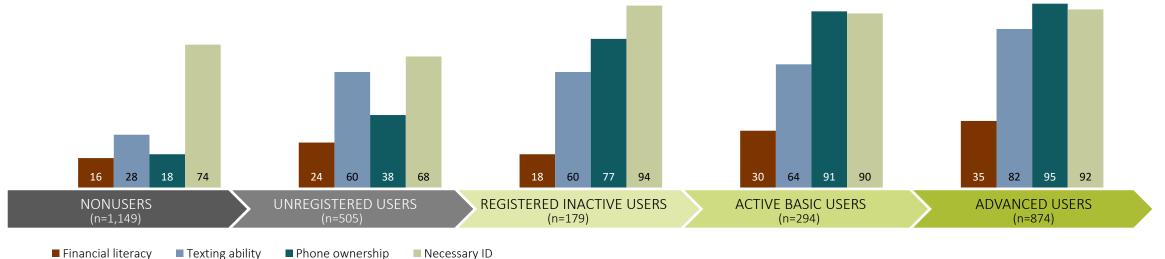
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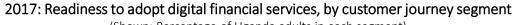
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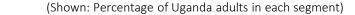


### DIGITAL READINESS SEGMENTATION

In general, indicators of financial inclusion readiness increase as one progresses along the customer journey. **Nonusers** are the least likely to possess the necessary skills and resources to adopt formal financial services, though a larger proportion of nonusers have the ID necessary to register an account than do unregistered users. **Unregistered users** are, however, much more likely than nonusers to have the mobile phone skills necessary to use mobile money, which is represented by the ability to send a text message. **Registered inactive users** are less financially literate than unregistered users, but are much more likely to have an ID and a mobile phone. **Active basic users** show the highest rate of phone ownership after **advanced users**, who have the highest levels of readiness overall.









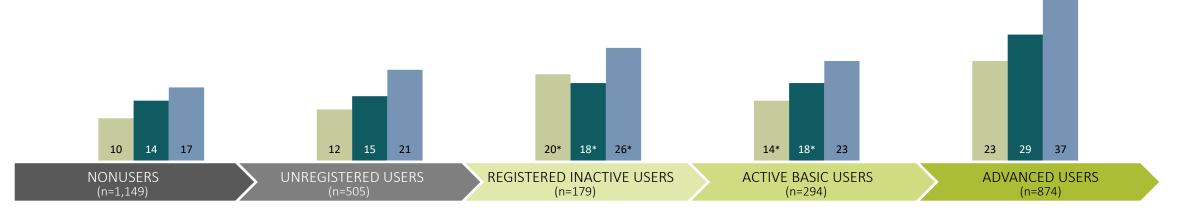
### FINANCIAL HEALTH SEGMENTATION

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- Overall financial health in Uganda is low; most adults live below the \$2.50/day poverty line and struggle to meet basic needs. Adults who occupy later stages of the customer journey tend to have higher levels of financial health; advanced user scores on financial health indicators are more than double those of nonusers.
- While advanced users have better financial health compared with those in other segments, nonetheless, only 23% of advanced users reported having an emergency fund, 29% had enough money to pay for living expenses, and 37% were able to pay bills on time and in full.

2017: Financial health, by customer journey segment (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment reporting somewhat/strongly agree) **Only 46%** of all adults said they "often" or "almost always" make a plan for how to spend their income.



Have emergency funds to cover unplanned expenses Enough money to pay for living expenses Pay bills on time and in full

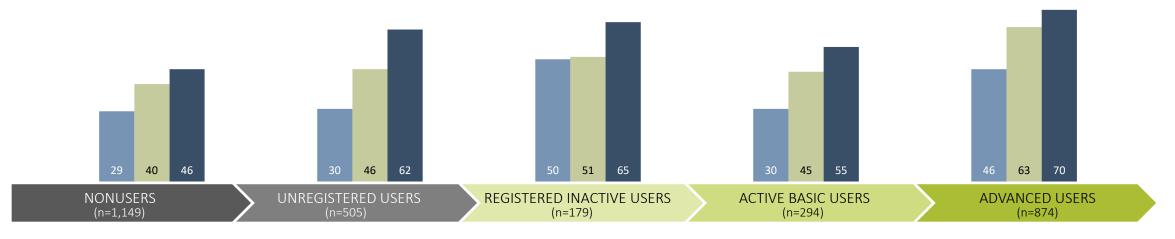
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Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker survey, Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.



### FINANCIAL CAPACITY SEGMENTATION

- Progress on the customer journey is associated with a greater financial capacity. Nonusers have the least confidence in their skills, are the least likely to say that their income will grow in the future, and are the least likely to report that friends and family rely on them for financial assistance, while advanced users show the highest frequency of these traits.
- Active basic users show similar levels of financial capacity and financial health (see previous slide) compared to unregistered users. This finding suggests that, rather than financial capacity, lower readiness to adopt DFS and greater dependence on mobile money agents to perform basic transfers prevents unregistered users from progressing on the customer journey.



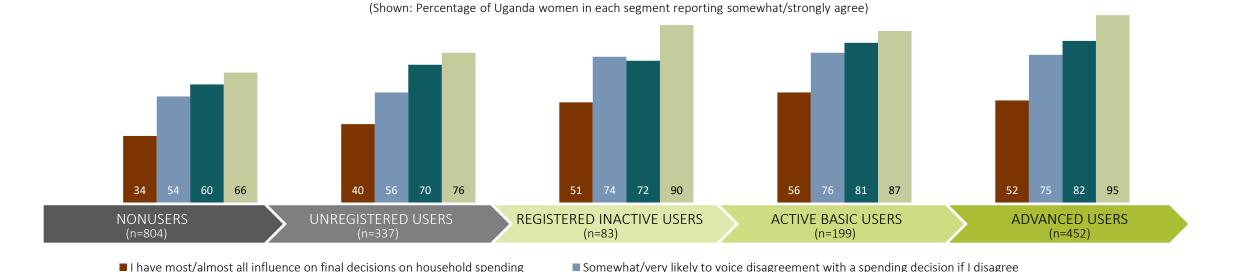
**2017: Financial capacity, by customer journey segment** (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment reporting somewhat/strongly agree)

Friends & family rely on me to help with their finances Confident my income will grow in the future Have the skills & knowledge to manage my finances well



### WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SEGMENTATION

- Women's progress on the customer journey is associated with higher levels of economic empowerment and greater influence over how household income is spent. Relatively few women in financially excluded groups agreed that they have most/almost all influence on final decisions (34% of nonusers and 40% of unregistered users). Among financially included women in the later three segments, more than half agreed they have "most" or "almost all" influence on final decisions.
- The large majority of women in financially included groups reported they are somewhat/very involved in choosing the financial services they use (90% of registered inactive, 87% of active basic, and 95% of advanced users).



I am somewhat/very involved in deciding what financial services I use

2017: Economic empowerment indicators, by customer journey segment

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■ I make the final decision on how my money is spent/saved

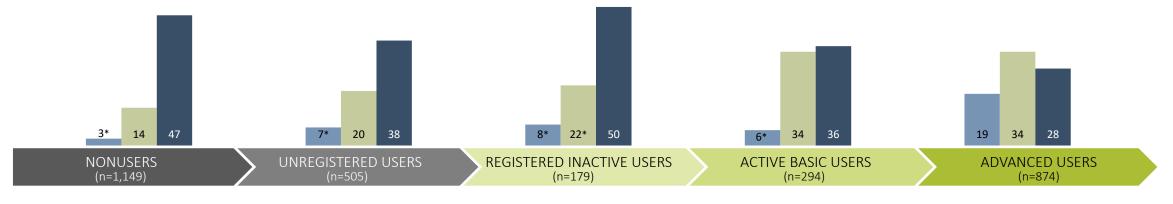
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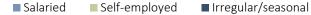
**71%** of all adults earn an income from employment.

### INCOME SEGMENTATION

- Irregular or seasonal employment in agriculture is the most common source of income for adults in Uganda, and is the largest income category for all user groups other than advanced users. Advanced users are more likely to be salaried workers than adults in other segments. In the other user groups, less than one in 10 adults are salaried.
- Self-employment is a major source of income for all user groups, but most prevalent among active basic and advanced users. This finding suggests that business use cases for mobile money may be important drivers of active use in Uganda.

2017: Employment income, by customer journey segment (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment)





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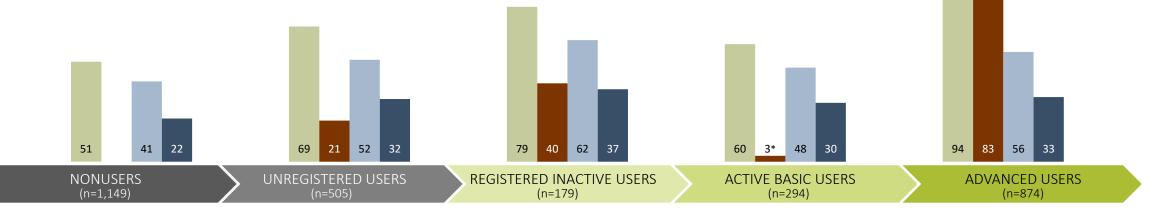
In 2017, **69%** of all adults reported saving money. The use of mobile money for saving is a key driver of advancement on the customer journey.

Save with cash or property (buying agricultural inputs, livestock, or other assets)

Savers

\*Fewer than 50 observations

- Saving, or safekeeping behavior that involves leaving money in the form of digital stored value for a period of time before cashing out, is the use case that separates most advanced users from active basic users of mobile money accounts. Unregistered users engage in this behavior using an agent rather than their own account. Savings products accessed through mobile money accounts are new on the Ugandan market and have seen little uptake so far.
- Individuals at all stages of the customer journey save using informal institutions and at home in cash or property. These methods are the only ones available to nonusers.



#### 2017: Saving behavior, by customer journey segment (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment)

## SAVING SEGMENTATION



Save with formal institution (bank, mobile money, SACCO or MFI/MDI)

Save with informal institution (ASCA/VSLA, ROSCA/merry-go-round, other people)

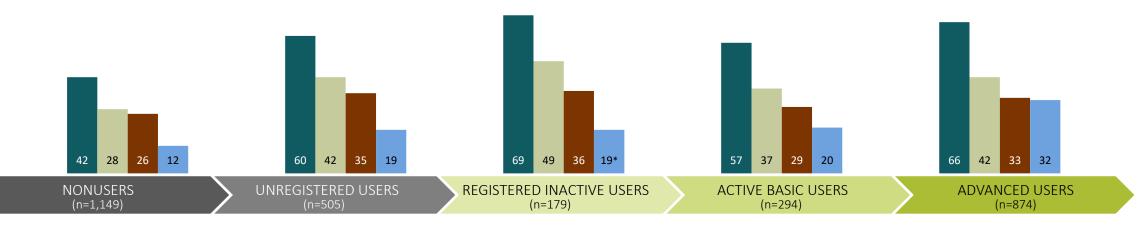
### BORROWING SEGMENTATION

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- Except for nonusers, the majority of adults in each user group borrowed money in the 12 months prior to the survey. Adults in all groups frequently borrow to pay for daily expenses as well as emergency expenses. Advanced users were most likely to borrow for business investment, though this behavior cuts across all segments of the customer journey.
- These findings illustrate that there is a large potential market for digital credit services, the first of which was launched in August 2016 by MTN Uganda in partnership with the Commercial Bank of Africa (CBA). Uptake has been slow, however, with only 3% of advanced users reporting they had a loan via a mobile money account in 2017.

**55%** of all adults borrowed money in the 12 months prior to the survey.



2017: Borrowing in the last 12 months, by customer journey segment (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment)

Borrowed in the last 12 months

Borrowed in the past 12 months to pay for daily expenses

Borrowed in the past 12 months to pay for emergency expenses

Borrowed in the past 12 months to invest in a business

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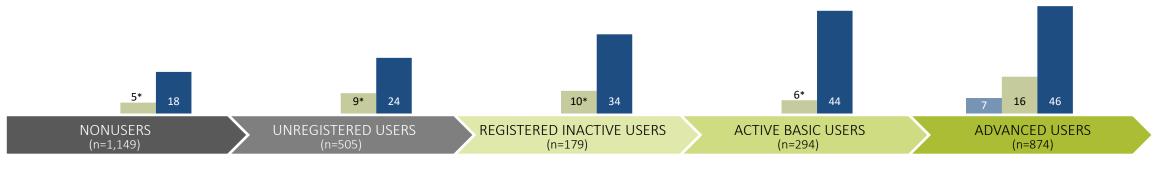


### INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT SEGMENTATION

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- Individual investment behavior in Uganda is overwhelmingly directed towards the business interests of the self-employed. Active basic and advanced mobile money users are the most likely to invest in their own business, suggesting that business use cases are important drivers of advancement on the customer journey.
- As the group with the highest proportion of adults living above the poverty line and receiving income from a salary, the advanced users are the most likely to invest in other assets outside of their own business, and to have insurance. Very few individuals in the earlier stages of the customer journey invest in other assets or have insurance.

2017: Insurance and investment behavior, by customer journey segment (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment) Very few adults have any type of insurance. All of them were advanced users in 2017.



<sup>■</sup> Have insurance ■ Invest in other assets ■ Invest in own business

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Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker survey, Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

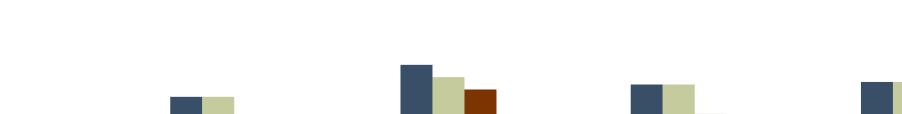
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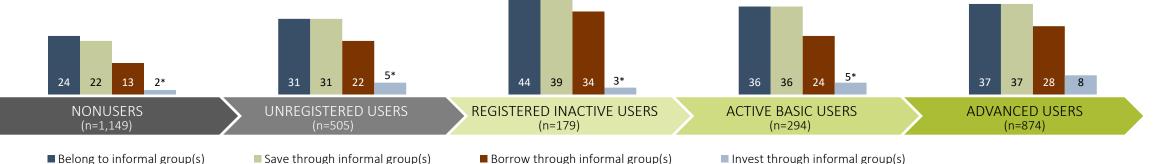
## INFORMAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SEGMENTATION

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- Adults at all stages of the customer journey use informal groups for borrowing more frequently than they use formal institutions. Belonging to informal financial groups is correlated with inclusion via formal financial institutions; the financially excluded, nonuser and unregistered user customer journey segments are less likely to belong to an informal group than the later three segments. Saving and borrowing through informal groups complements the services provided by formal institutions for over a third of active basic and advanced users.
- Those who save, borrow and/or belong to an informal group are more likely to be registered inactive users than they are to be in any other user segment, which suggests that the services provided by informal groups may reduce the need to actively use an account with a formal institution.



2017: Membership and uses of informal financial groups, by customer journey segment (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each segment)



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# NONUSERS





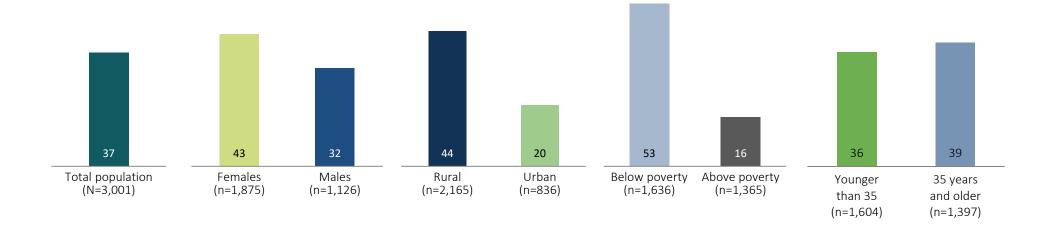
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## NONUSERS, BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

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- Nonusers are most often rural women who live below the \$2.50/day poverty line. Nonusers make up 43% of women, 44% of rural residents, and 53% of those who live below the poverty line.
- Only 20% of the urban population and 16% of the above-poverty population are nonusers.

Nearly two in five adults are nonusers of any formal financial services (37%).



2017: Nonusers, by demographic group (Shown: Percentage of each demographic group who are nonusers)

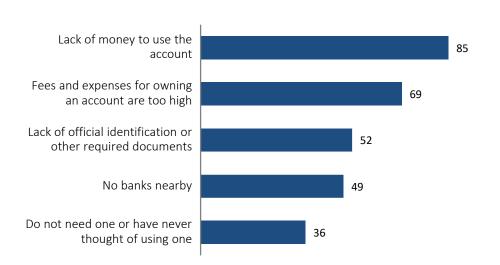
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## BARRIERS TO ACCESS AND REGISTRATION

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- External factors hinder registration of bank accounts and the use of mobile money. Eighty-five percent of bank nonusers and 61% of mobile money nonusers cite lack of money as the reason; 52% of bank nonusers and 35% of mobile money nonusers mentioned lack of official documentation.
- Nonusers of bank accounts perceive account ownership as costly: 69% cited the associated fees and expenses as a constraint to registration.
- Some mobile money nonusers do not see the utility in this service; 39% prefer to use cash. There is also a lack of knowledge about mobile money among 31% of nonusers.

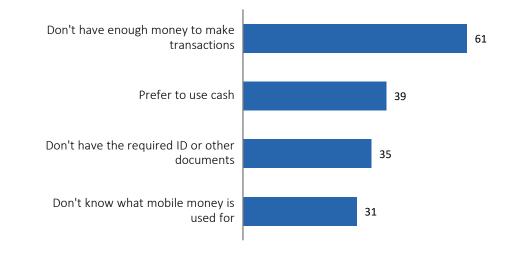


### 2017: Top reasons for not registering a bank account

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(Shown: Percentage of bank nonusers reporting somewhat/strongly agree, n=2,643)

### 2017: Top reasons for not using mobile money (Shown: Percentage of mobile money nonusers reporting somewhat/strongly agree, n=1,197)



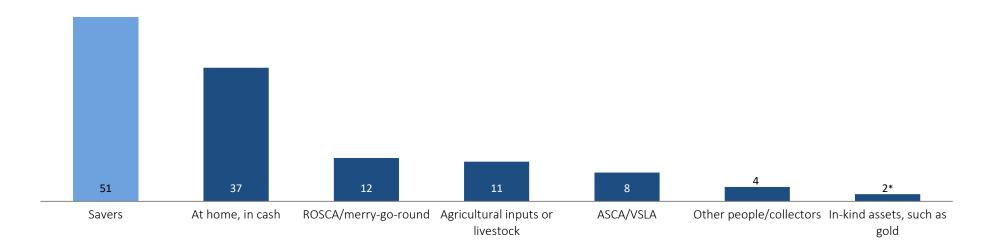


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## NONUSER SAVING BEHAVIOR

- Just over half of nonusers (51%) report that they have ever saved. Cash is the most common saving mechanism; 37% save using cash. Saving with other assets, such as agricultural inputs or livestock was less common than saving with cash.
- Nonusers of formal financial institutions use various informal associations for saving that are not regulated by the central bank. Rotating savings and credit associations (ROSCAs) and merry-go-rounds were used by 12% of nonusers, and accumulating savings and credit associations (ASCAs) and village savings and loan associations (VSLAs) were used by 8%.

**2017: Nonuser methods of saving** (Shown: Percentage of nonusers, n=1,149)



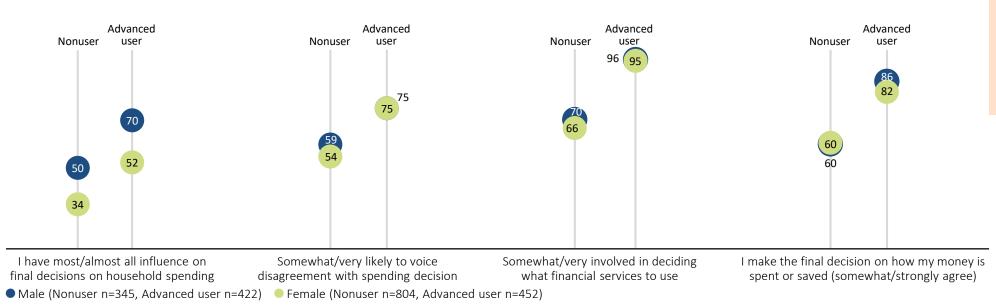


### UGANDA – NONUSERS

## NONUSER ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, BY GENDER

- Both male and female nonusers score lower than advanced users on key indicators of economic empowerment. Female nonusers are less likely than male nonusers to voice disagreement with a spending decision and be involved in deciding what financial services to use. The gender gaps between these two indicators are not present among advanced users.
- When it comes to influencing final household spending decisions, women in both segments are at a disadvantage compared with men. There is an 18 percentage-point gender gap among advanced users and a 16 percentage-point gap among nonusers.

2017: Influence, voice, and autonomy on personal and household financial decisions (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each group, by gender)



Making decisions about personal money is the one area where there is a gender gap between advanced users, but no gap between nonusers.



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# UNREGISTERED USERS



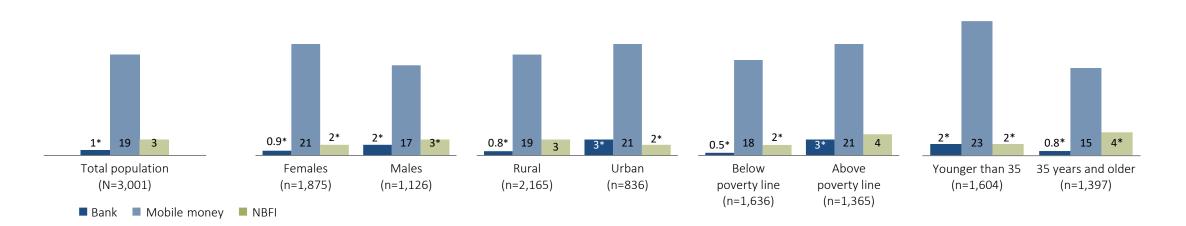


### UGANDA – UNREGISTERED USERS

## UNREGISTERED USERS, BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

- Unregistered users of financial services are predominantly over-the-counter (OTC) users of mobile money. There was minimal use of banks and NBFIs via an account registered to someone else, particularly among bank users.
- A greater proportion of women than men are OTC mobile money users, reflecting lower levels of digital readiness among women for using an account unassisted.
- OTC mobile money users are slightly more common in the urban and above-poverty demographics than the rural and below poverty groups. The lack of substantial income and locality gaps reflects the ease of access to mobile money agents.

2017: Unregistered users, by demographic and service type (Shown: Percentage of each demographic group who are unregistered users of each type of institution) Almost 1 in 5 adults (19%) were OTC mobile money users in 2017.

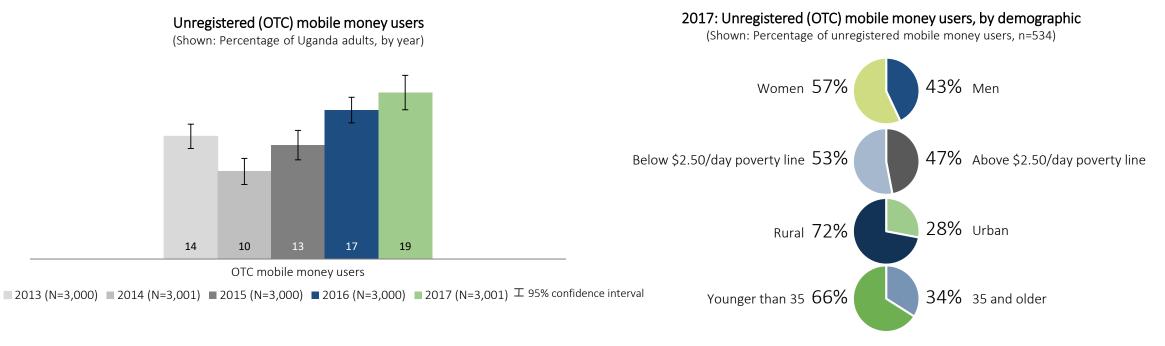




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## OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MOBILE MONEY USERS

- The uptrend in unregistered (OTC) mobile money users continued in 2017 and unregistered users have nearly doubled as a proportion of the population since 2014. The change from 2016 to 2017 was within the survey margin of error, and growth in registered mobile money users exceeded that of unregistered users over the same period.
- OTC users are overwhelmingly rural residents and younger than 35 years old. The majority are female and slightly more than half have incomes below the poverty line.



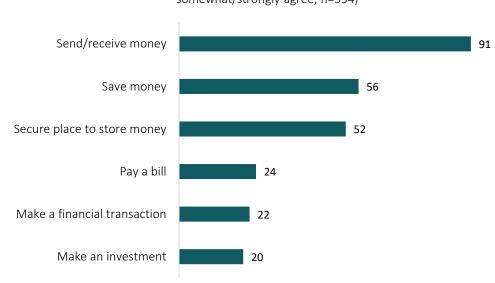
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### UGANDA – UNREGISTERED USERS

## BASIC TRANSFERS ARE THE GATEWAY TO ADVANCED USE

- More than nine in 10 unregistered (OTC) mobile money users (91%) reported that the need to transfer money motivated them to start using mobile money. A majority of this group also reported that saving and storing money securely were reasons to start using mobile money. Bill pay and investment were also significant reasons, suggesting that unregistered users are likely to advance on the customer journey if they can overcome barriers to registration.
- The large majority of unregistered users rated mobile money highly for accessibility, ease of use, cost effectiveness, security and trust, and preferred mobile money over alternative ways of meeting their needs.

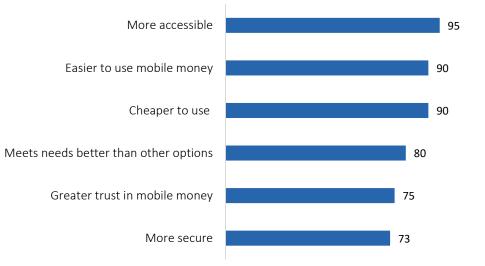


2017: Top reasons to start using mobile money (Shown: Percentage of unregistered mobile money users reporting somewhat/strongly agree, n=534)

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### 2017: Top reasons to use mobile money over other financial services

(Shown: Percentage of unregistered mobile money users reporting somewhat/strongly agree, n=534)



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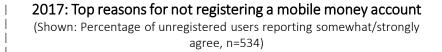
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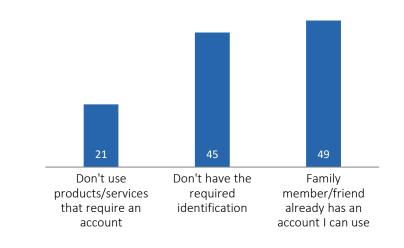
## ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES WITH MOBILE MONEY

- Nearly half (49%) of unregistered (OTC) mobile money users reported that the ability to use the account of a friend or relative is a reason why they do not register their own account. Lack of required identification is a more binding constraint reported by 45% of unregistered users.
- Across the board, fewer unregistered than registered users reported negative experiences with mobile money agents. A relatively good agent experience is a likely factor promoting continued OTC use.

2017: Experiences with mobile money agents, by user type (Shown: Percentage of user group reporting somewhat/strongly agree) Shared my personal information Dismissive of women Didn't know how to perform transaction Didn't give all cash that was owed Not secure location/suspicious people 26 Overcharged my transaction Poor service 43 Not enough cash/e-float Absent agent System/mobile network down Ο 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80

• Unregistered (OTC) user (n=534) • Registered user (n=1,320)





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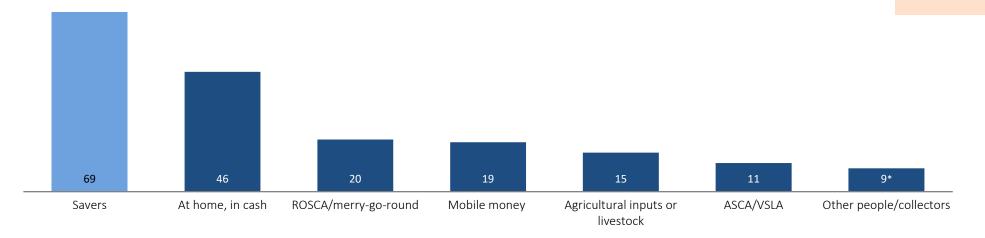
## UNREGISTERED USER SAVING BEHAVIOR

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- The unregistered user group uses a variety of savings instruments. Cash dominates; close to half (46%) of unregistered users save in cash in a safe place at home or on themselves.
- About an equal percentage of unregistered users save with mobile money (19%) as with informal ROSCAs and merrygo-rounds (20%). For this group, "saving" using mobile money involves waiting to cash-out e-money with an agent for a period of time after receiving a transfer.

Despite lacking a mobile money account, **nearly 1 in 5 unregistered users** consider OTC mobile money services as savings instruments.



**2017: Methods of saving** (Shown: Percentage of unregistered users, n=505)

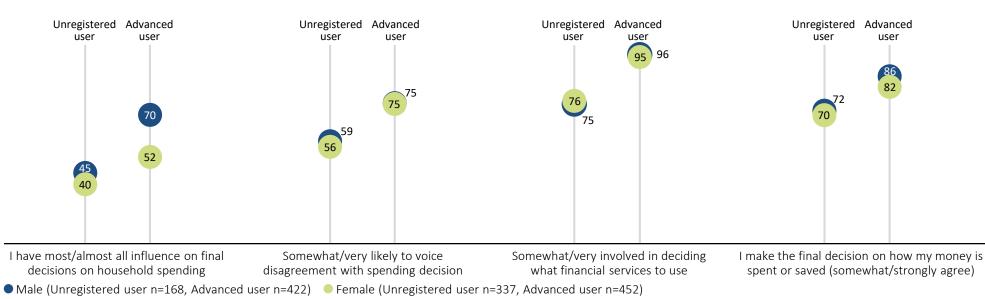




#### UGANDA – UNREGISTERED USERS

### UNREGISTERED USER ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, BY GENDER

- Overall, both male and female unregistered users report lower levels of economic empowerment than advanced users. The gender gap between advanced users is, however, greater than the gap between male and female unregistered users on influence over household spending decisions.
- A small gender gap between unregistered users on having a voice in spending decisions disappears at the advanced user stage.
- A small gender gap on deciding how to spend or save personal money at the unregistered user stage grows to 4 percentage points at the advanced user stage.



2017: Influence, voice and autonomy on personal and household financial decision making (Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each group, by gender)



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# REGISTERED INACTIVE USERS

NONUSERS		REGISTERED INACTIVE			

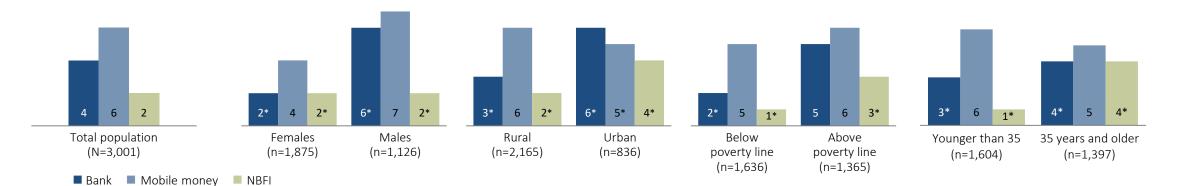


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## REGISTERED INACTIVE USERS, BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

- Mobile money users accounted for the largest number of registered users who did not use their accounts within the 90 days before the survey, followed by bank and NBFI account holders.
- There were almost equal percentages of inactive users of mobile money and bank accounts among those living above the poverty line.
- Larger proportions of men were inactive users of mobile money compared to women.

2017: Inactive users of registered financial accounts, by demographic and service type (Shown: Percentage of each demographic group who are registered inactive users of each type of institution)





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## ACTIVE BASIC USERS

NONUSERS			ACTIVE BASIC USERS		



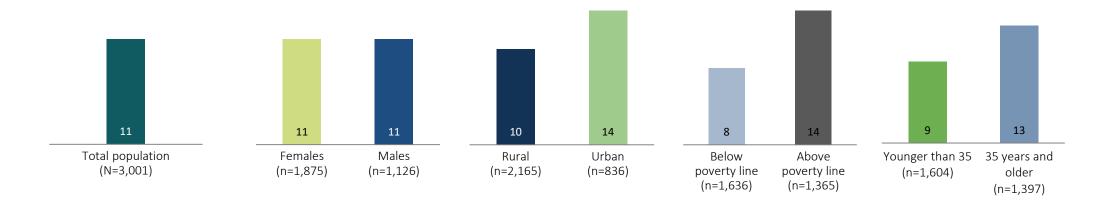
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- Nearly all active basic users only have a mobile money account. They used their account in the last 90 days only for basic transfers, and do not use mobile money for savings or other advanced use cases.
- In 2017, there was no gender gap between active basic users. A larger proportion of the urban and above-poverty groups were active basic users compared to the rural and below-poverty groups.

2017: Active basic users of mobile money accounts, by demographic (Shown: Percentage of each demographic group who are active basic users of mobile money accounts)



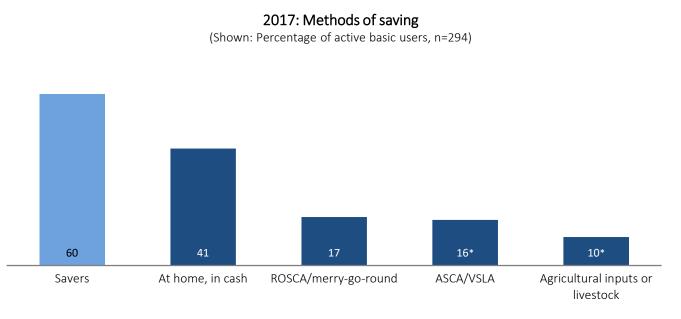
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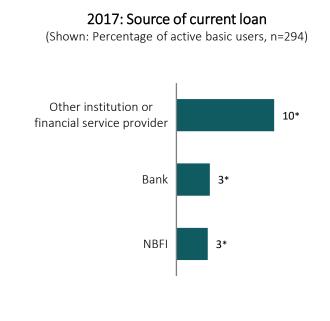
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UGANDA – ACTIVE BASIC USERS

## ACTIVE BASIC USER FINANCIAL BEHAVIORS

- Like the other user groups, a majority of active basic users (60%) have saved. Saving in cash at home is the most frequently reported method of saving; two in five active basic users (41%) save in cash or on themselves. Less than one-fifth of them save with merry-go-rounds/ROSCAs, or other informal financial groups. Active basic users by definition do not use mobile money for saving.
- A small proportion of active basic users reported borrowing via a bank or NBFI account that they did not use in the 90 days before the survey or is registered to someone else. These findings reveal demand for advanced services in this group.









UGANDA – ACTIVE BASIC USERS

## ACTIVE BASIC USER ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, BY GENDER

- Relative to users at earlier stages of the customer journey, male and female active basic users are much closer to the levels of economic empowerment observed among advanced users. Active basic users show a narrower gender gap than advanced users on influence on household spending decisions.
- Female active basic users are more likely to voice disagreement with spending decisions and more involved in deciding what financial services to use than male active basic users. These differences are not present at the advanced user stage.

Advanced Advanced Advanced Advanced Active Active Active Active user user user user user user user user 96 87 81 76 75 75 70 61 I have most/almost all influence on final Somewhat/very involved in deciding Somewhat/very likely to voice I make the final decision on how my money decisions on household spending disagreement with spending decision what financial services to use is spent or saved (somewhat/strongly agree)

2017: Influence, voice and autonomy on personal and household financial decision making

(Shown: Percentage of Uganda adults in each group, by gender)

• Male (Active basic user n=95, Advanced user n=422) • Female (Active basic user n=199, Advanced user n=452)



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# ADVANCED USERS

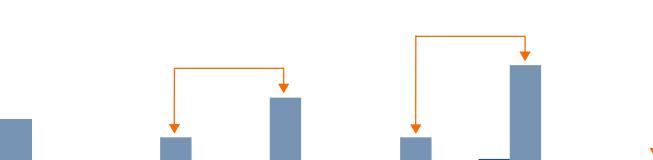
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UGANDA – ADVANCED USERS

## ADVANCED USERS, BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

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- Across all demographic groups, advanced users used mobile money services more frequently than they did banks or NBFIs.
- Advanced users comprised a larger portion of male, urban, and above-poverty demographic groups than female, rural, and below-poverty demographic groups.
- Compared to gender and locality gaps, the income gap was the largest across all financial institutions.



### 2017: Advanced users, by demographic

(Shown: Percentage of each demographic group who are advanced users of each type of institution)

3

20

Rural

(n=2,165)

4

14

40

Urban

(n=836)

5\*

2\*

13

(n=1,636)

1\*

14

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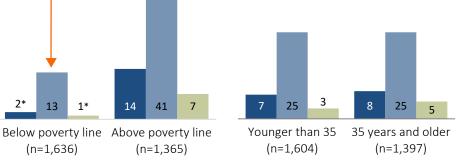
(n=1,365)

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20 percentage-point locality gap; and

### 11 percentage-point gender gap between mobile money advanced users.



Bank Mobile money NBFI

Δ

\*Fewer than 50 observations

25

Total population

(N=3,001)

Source: InterMedia Uganda FII Tracker survey, Wave 5 (N=3,001, 15+), July-August 2017.

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20

Females

(n=1,875)

9

31

Males

(n=1,126)

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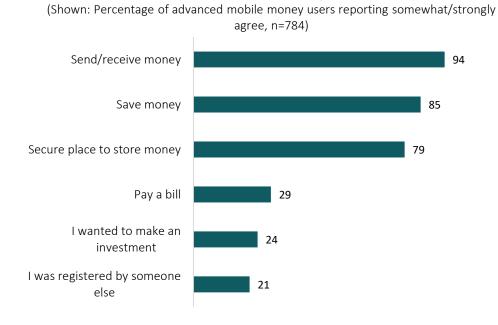


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## **REASONS FOR USING MOBILE MONEY**

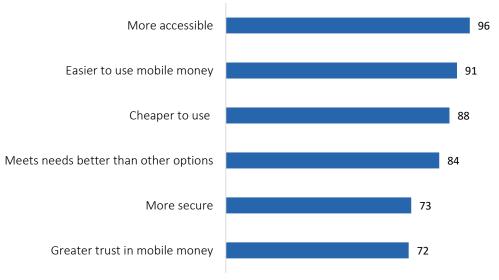
2017: Top reasons to start using mobile money

- Transfers are the dominant use case that motivated 94% of advanced users to start using mobile money, but 85% also cited saving money as a reason.
- A large majority of advanced users gave mobile money highly positive ratings for ease of access, cost effectiveness, trust and security.



### 2017: Reasons to use mobile money over other financial services

(Shown: Percentage of advanced mobile money users reporting somewhat/strongly agree, n=784)





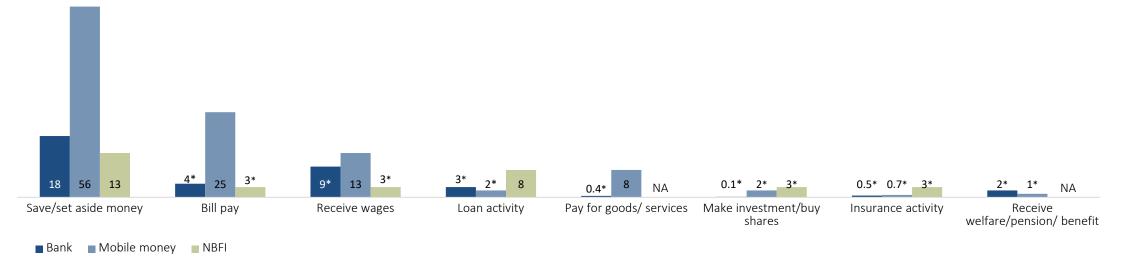
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## ADVANCED USER 90-DAY ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES

- Among advanced users, mobile money was the most used saving channel, followed by banks and NBFIs. Additionally, one in four advanced users used mobile money for bill pay in the 90 days before the survey.
- After saving, bank accounts were used most often for receiving wages; 9% of advanced users received wages through a bank account in the 90 days before the survey. Mobile money was, however, used more often for receiving wages than were banks.
- Despite the launch of MoKash in 2016, digital credit products have seen little uptake; only 2% of advanced users reported borrowing through a mobile money account.

2017: Advanced users' account activities in last 90 days, by activity and institution (Shown: Percentage of advanced users, n=874)

**56%** of advanced users saved actively via a mobile money account in the 90 days prior to the survey.

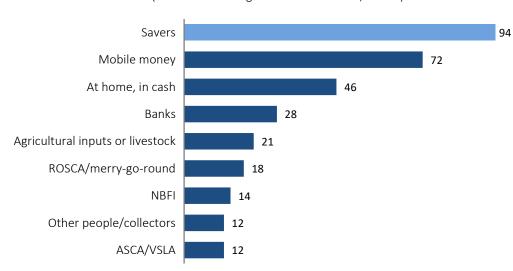




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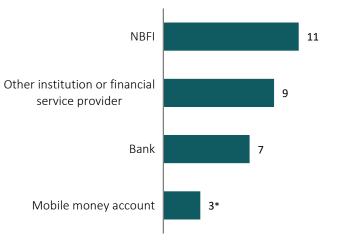
## ADVANCED USER FINANCIAL BEHAVIORS

- The majority of advanced users (72%) reported saving using mobile money, though this behavior is better characterized as secure storage of money in digital form since few advanced users (5%) used MTN's interest-bearing savings product, MoKash. Keeping money at home in cash was the second most common (46%) saving method among advanced users, followed by banks.
- Loan activity was rare among advanced users; only 11% had a loan with an NBFI, 7% with a bank and 3% with a mobile money service in 2017.



#### 2017: Methods of saving (Shown: Percentage of advanced users, n=874)

2017: Methods of borrowing (Shown: Percentage of advanced users, n=874)



## FINANCIAL INCLUSION INSights

### UGANDA – ADVANCED USERS

## USE OF MOBILE MONEY VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

- Compared to the general advanced use cases for mobile money, there has been a more limited uptake of the specific products and services that have so far been launched in Uganda to cater directly to demand for savings, credit, borrowing, bill pay, merchant pay, and other needs. A year after its launch in August 2016, only 5% of advanced users (2% of the total adult population) had ever used MTN's main savings and loan product, MoKash.
- Launched in March 2017, Wewole, a credit product from Airtel, also had seen limited uptake before the survey went to field. Nearly all of those who accessed MoKash and Wewole used the products actively.

2017: Access and active use of mobile money value-added products (Shown: Percentage of advanced users, n=874)



**Mokash:** mobile-based saving and loan service offered to Uganda MTN Mobile Money customers in partnership with CBA Bank.

Wewole: micro-credit product for Airtel Money customers that does not offer savings.

Ready Pay Solar: pay-asyou-go solar energy solution; customers can finance and pay for the solar energy system via mobile phone.

**M-Kopa:** allows customers in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to buy and pay for solar energy systems via mobile phones.



### UGANDA

### **KEY INDICATORS SUMMARY**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Base	
Key Indicators	%, Base n	%, Base n	%, Base n	%, Base n	Definition	
	33% (+/- 2.8%)	33% (+/-2.6%)	33% (+/- 2.1%)	37% (+/- 2.4%)		
Adults (15+) who have active digital stored-value accounts	3,001	3,000	3,000	3,001	All adults	
Poor adults (15 L) who have active digital stored value accounts	22% (+/- 2.6%)	23% (+/- 2.6%)	17% (+/- 2.0%)	22% (+/- 2.4%)	All poor	
Poor adults (15+) who have active digital stored-value accounts	2,171	2,036	1,680	1,636		
Deer waren (15 i) who have active digital stared value accounts	18% (+/- 3.0%)	16% (+/- 2.4%)	13% (+/- 2.1%)	16% (+/- 2.6%)	All poor females	
Poor women (15+) who have active digital stored-value accounts	1,130	1,314	1,125	1,044		
	22% (+/- 4.0%)	19% (+/- 2.9%)	19% (+/- 2.5%)	23% (+/- 2.8%)	All rural females	
Rural women (15+ ) who have active digital stored-value accounts	1,127	1,375	1,395	1,341		
Adults (15+) who actively use digital stored-value accounts and have accessed at least one	21% (+/- 1.8%)	23% (+/- 2.0%)	23% (+/- 1.7%)	27% (+/- 2.1%)	– All adults	
advanced financial service (beyond basic wallet & P2P)	3,001	3,000	3,000	3,001		
Poor adults (15+) who actively use digital stored-value accounts and have accessed at least	12% (+/- 1.4%)	14% (+/- 1.9%)	9% (+/- 1.3%)	14% (+/- 2.1%)	– All poor	
one advanced financial service (beyond basic wallet & P2P)	2,171	2,036	1,680	1,636		
Poor women (15+) who actively use digital stored-value accounts and have accessed at least	8% (+/- 1.6%)	8% (+/- 1.5%)	6% (+/- 1.3%)	8% (+/- 1.7%)	All poor	
one advanced financial service (beyond basic wallet & P2P)	1,130	1,314	1,125	1,044	females	
Rural women (15+) who actively use digital stored-value accounts and have accessed at least	11% (+/- 2.2%)	11 (+/- 1.7%)	10% (+/- 1.5%)	14% (+/- 2.2%)	All rural	
one advanced financial service (beyond basic wallet & P2P)	1,127	1,375	1,395	1,341	females	

Digital stored-value accounts: accounts in which a monetary value is represented in a digital electronic format and can be retrieved/transferred by the account owner remotely. For this particular study, DSVAs include a bank account or NBFI account with digital access (a card, online access or a mobile phone application) and a mobile money account.



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