

# Highlights of the Annual Personal Transfers Survey (APTS 2022)



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# Data Sources-Returns from RSPs

- Used in the period before the survey results are made available.
- Provides data on a more regular basis using a standard form, i.e. monthly.
- However, the data is prone to some drawbacks, namely:
  - Could include other flows that are not remittances.
  - Covers only flows through the formal channels,
  - Does not capture in-kind transfers.
  - Does not provide characteristics of the flows such as source country, amount sent, use of the funds, transfer channels, details of the remitters etc.,



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# About the APTS

- Nationally representative survey funded and managed by the Bank of Uganda.
- Started in 2006, and has been conducted annually ever since, except for the year 2007 and 2020.
- It is the preferred source of remittances data because:
  - Covers both formal and informal flows.
  - Captures in-kind remittances.
  - Provides detailed characteristics of the flows.
  - Demographic characteristics of the senders.
- However, it has the following drawbacks:
  - It is quite costly in both financial and other resources.
  - Data comes with a long lag.



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# APTS 2022 Coverage

- **Data Collection**

- Number of EAs covered increased from 400 to 440 EAs
- Distributed in 5 regions.
- 15 teams of 68 enumerators

- **Responses**

- A total of 1,714 recipient households reported transfer receipts from an estimated 1,856 remitters during the year.
- Most households (92.9 per cent) received personal transfers from one remitter, while 6.1 per cent.
- The maximum number of remitters reported by a single household was 5.

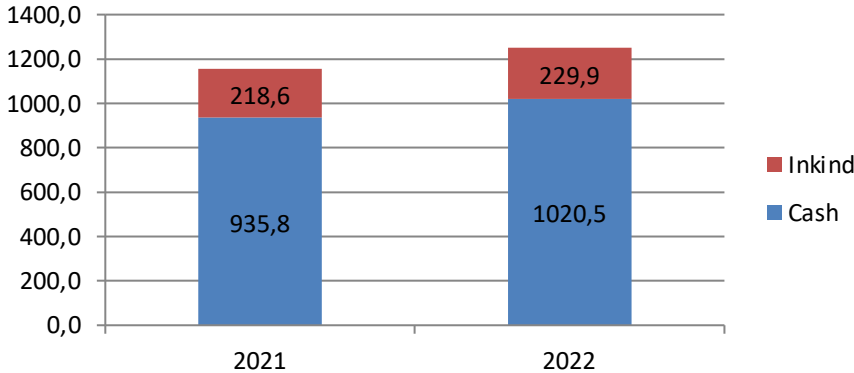


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# How much?

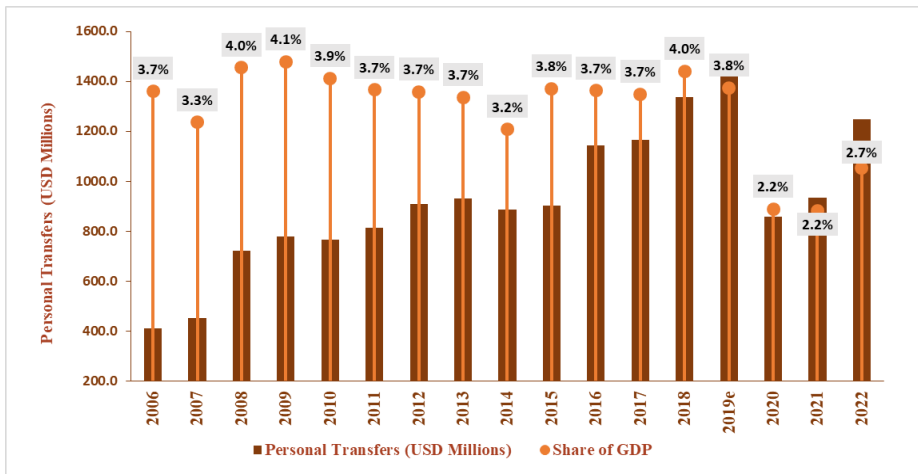
- Total transfers increased by 8.3%



- Largest share received in cash

Type of transfer	Year		Percentage change
	2021	2022	
Cash	935.8	1020.5	9.1
In-kind	219.1	229.9	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,154.9</b>	<b>1,250.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>

## Personal Transfers as a share of GDP



As a share of GDP from 2.2% in 2021 to 2.7% in 2022

# From where?

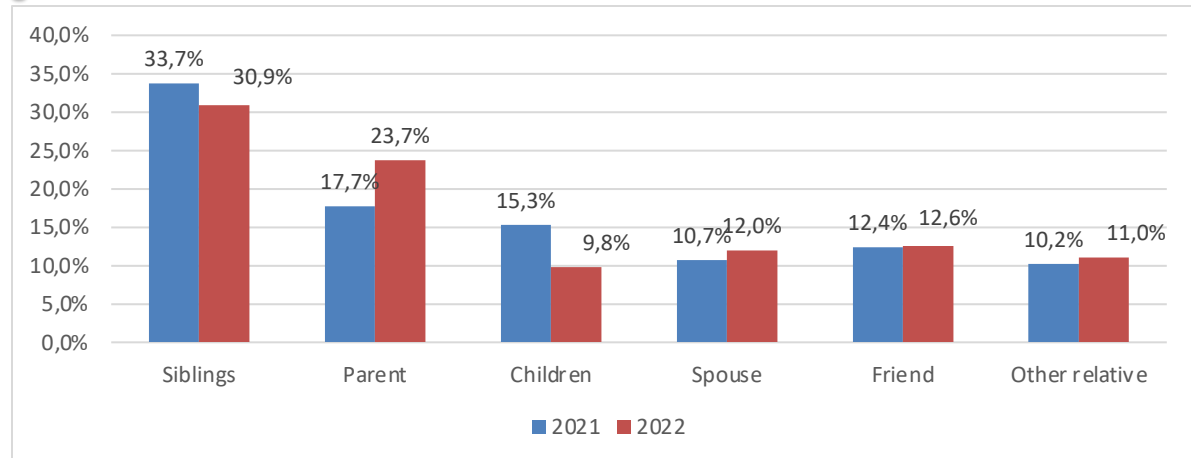
Region	Cash Amount		Inkind		Total		Percentage Share	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Middle East	448.0	380.2	37.3	46.3	485.3	426.5	42.0	34.1
Africa	247.5	249.8	33	32.7	280.5	282.5	24.3	22.6
North America	102.4	196.8	62	71.3	164.4	268.1	14.2	21.4
Europe	109.8	161.8	82.6	65.1	192.4	226.9	16.7	18.1
Australasia	28.2	32.0	3.7	14.5	31.9	46.4	2.8	3.7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>935.8</b>	<b>1020.5</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>229.9</b>	<b>1154.4</b>	<b>1250.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- Middle East (Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar)
- Africa (South Sudan, Somalia, South Africa).
- North America (United States of America and Canada),
- Europe (UK, German and Sweden)

# From who?

Mainly from siblings and parents

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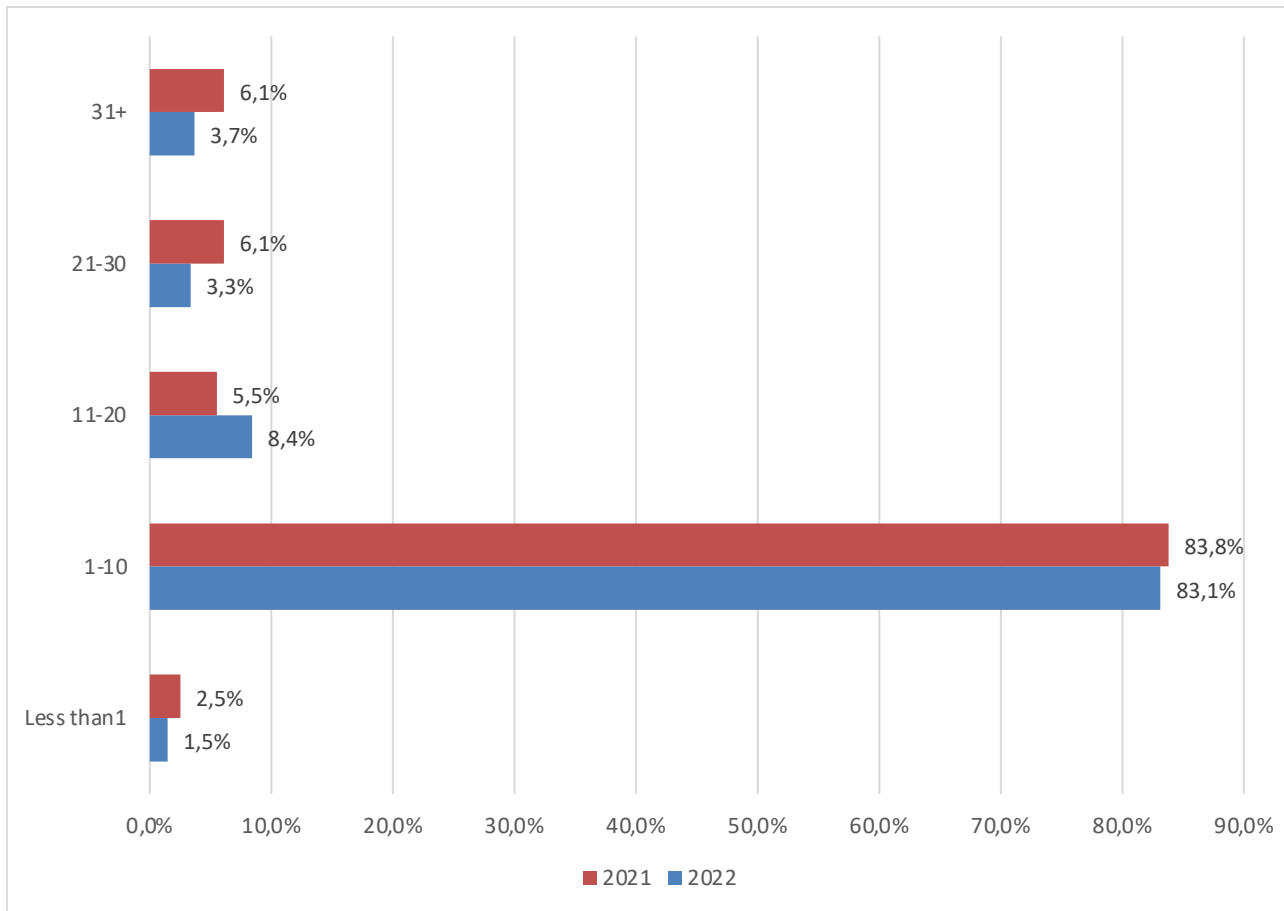


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# From Who?

Period of Stay Abroad (in completed years) of the Remitters during 2021 - 2022



- About 83.1 percent have lived abroad for a period of 1-10 years,
- About 15.1 percent had lived abroad for more than 10 years.
- This trend of duration of stay abroad not different from past trends.
- Nearly all respondents (99.1 percent) were actively employed



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# How (cash)

## Channels used by remitters

Category	Channel	Percent	
		2021	2022
Formal	Bank Account	17	16.2
	International MTO	19.5	15.6
	Licensed local MTO	1.4	0.7
	Mobile Money	38	42.2
	Post Office	0	0.0
	<b>Subtotal formal channels</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74.7</b>
	Friends/Relatives (within)	20.9	14.9
	Friends/Relatives (abroad)	3.3	3.2
	Self	3.2	6.1
	Traders/shopping outlets	0.7	1.1
<b>Subtotal informal channels</b>			
<b>Informal</b>	<b>Subtotal informal channels</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>25.3</b>

- Mostly used formal channels
  - Mobile money
  - Bank Account
  - International MTOs
- Major reason for choice of channel was senders' priority and ease of access

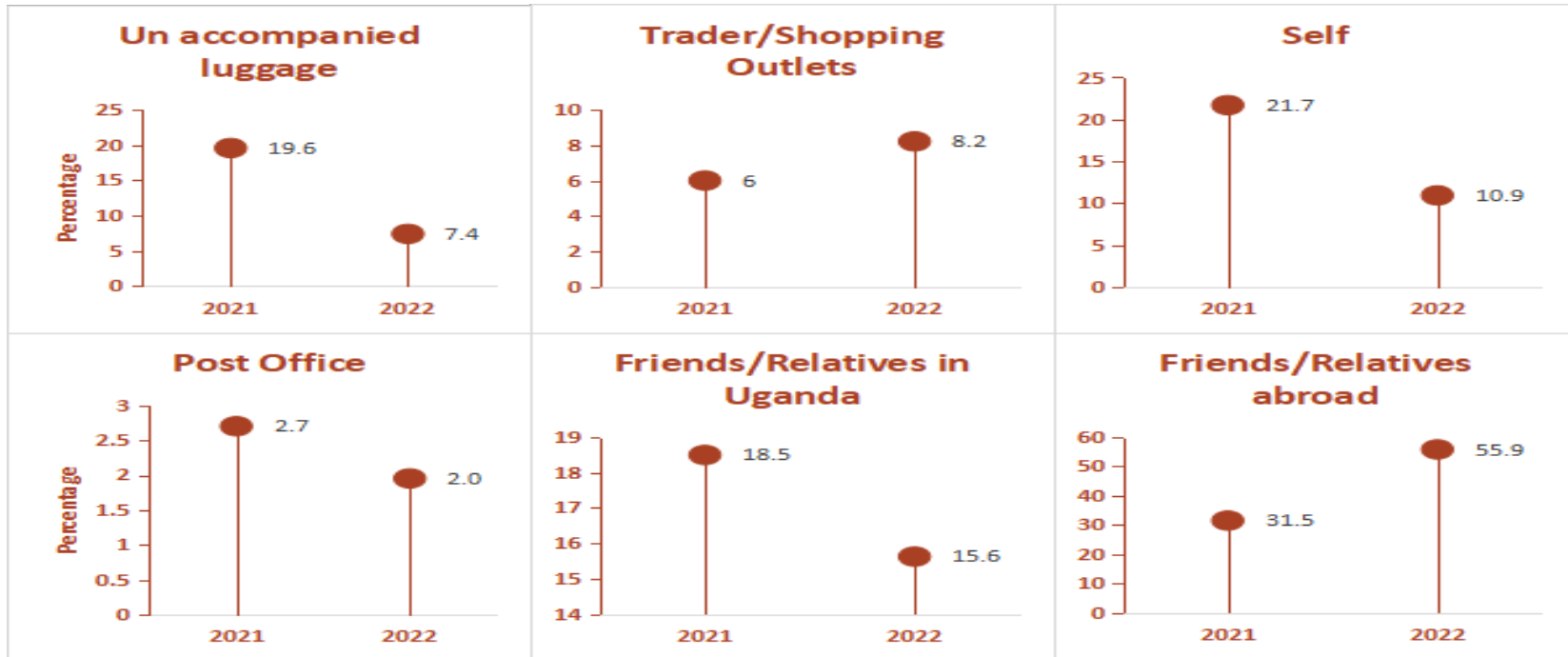
## Channels used by value

Category	Channel	Amount		Percentage Share	
		2021	2022	2021	2022
Formal	Mobile Money	301.2	344.4	32.2	33.8
	Bank Account	259.0	310.2	27.7	30.4
	International MTO	226.7	219.4	24.2	21.5
	Licensed local MTO	27.8	8.6	3	0.9
	Post Office	0	0.0	0	0
	<b>Subtotal formal channels</b>	<b>814.6</b>	<b>882.6</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>86.5</b>
	Informal	Friends in Uganda	88.0	73.6	9.4
Friends abroad		19.5	15.7	2.1	1.5
Traders/shopping outlets		7.4	8.8	0.8	0.9
Self		6.2	39.9	0.7	3.9
<b>Subtotal informal channels</b>		<b>121.2</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>935.8</b>	<b>1,020.5</b>	<b>100</b>

- Mostly used formal channels
  - Mobile money
  - Bank Account
  - International MTOs

# How (in-kind)

## Channels used by Remitters



- Most used channels were
  - friends/relatives abroad, 55.9 percent.
  - friends/relatives in Uganda 15.6 percent.
  - self, 10.9 percent.

# For What?

Use	Amount (Millions)		Percent	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
<b>Consumption</b>	<b>575.5</b>	<b>661.3</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>64.8</b>
General Household Expenses	391.2	345.9	41.8	33.9
Health	85.2	85.7	9.1	8.4
Education	75.8	195.9	8.1	19.2
Social functions	23.4	33.7	2.5	3.3
<b>Non Consumption</b>	<b>336.9</b>	<b>344.9</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>33.8</b>
Building works	170.3	138.8	18.2	13.6
Business	64.6	76.5	6.9	7.5
Land purchase	55.2	107.2	5.9	10.5
Farming	30.9	18.4	3.3	1.8
Savings	10.3	4.1	1.1	0.4
Debt payment	5.6	0.0	0.6	0
<b>Transfer to other Household</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Other households located in Rural Uganda	16.8	10.2	1.8	1
Other households located in Urban Uganda	6.6	4.1	0.7	0.4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>935.8</b>	<b>1020.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Consistent with previous surveys' findings, most personal transfers received (64.8 percent) were used for consumption-related items, including: general household expenses and education. Non-consumption expenditures accounted for 33.8 per cent- most of which were spent on building works and land purchases.



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# Summary

- It is observed that International remittances represent an important source of income for both receiving households and for the overall economies.
- There was an increase in the remittance flows, and the significant characteristics remained essentially unchanged.
- Cash transfers dominated the flows accounting for over eighty percent of the total receipts. Over eighty percent of the funds were sent through formal channels, with a noted decline in the use of international MTOs in favour of mobile money and banks.
- The primary source regions were Middle East, Africa, North America and Europe.
- Most remitters were reported to be in their most productive years, i.e., 20 to 59 years, educated and had lived abroad for a period 1-20 years
- On the other hand, most recipients were based in urban areas and received inflows only once during the year.
- The highest receipts were reported in December, September, and August. Most of the funds were used for consumption-related expenses such as general household expenses, and education.



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# Thank you.



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