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### Overview

The Uganda Cash Working Group (CWG) provides the overall coordination, technical and strategic function to the humanitarian community in support of multi-purpose cash transfers (MPC) and sectoral cash grants implementation. The CWG serves as a platform for knowledge exchange and support bringing together humanitarian actors, financial service providers, social entrepreneurs, and academia.

Cash-based interventions play a crucial role in promoting self-reliance within the refugee response. Increasingly, assistance is delivered through digital services like mobile money and agency banking. These methods allow vulnerable families to receive cash discreetly and efficiently, contributing to financial inclusion and local economies. Digital services are also cost-effective compared to physical cash, making them a preferred modality for humanitarian implementers and donors.

In January 2024, the CWG launched the 2024-2026 Harmonized Cash Approach, endorsed by OPM and major donors. This multi-year strategy is hinged on three pillars namely, access and quality of financial services, linkages to self-reliance and harmonization of cash and voucher assistance among humanitarian actors in the operation.

#### **Results Analysis:**

In Q2, humanitarian actors injected UGX 78.04 billion into the Ugandan economy through cash assistance transfers, representing 87% increase in the total volume of cash assistance from Q1 to Q2 of which UGX 57.9 billion was cash for food, UGX 9.8 billion for livelihoods and UGX 7.2 billion multipurpose cash. Moreover, some 6,407 families gained access to bank accounts and some 21,208 families to mobile money accounts, setting them on the pathway for financial inclusion.

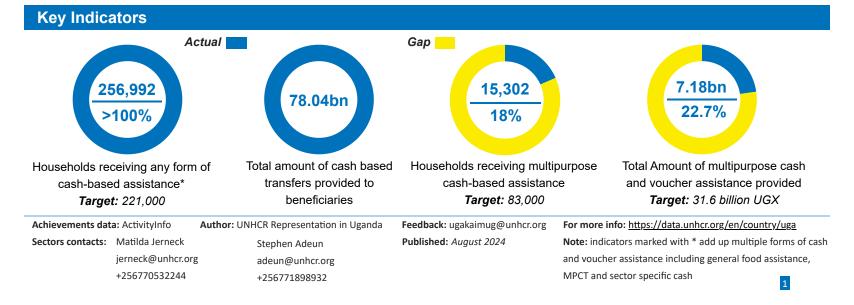
Some 256,992 families received some form of cash-based assistance out of a target of 221,000 households representing 116% achievement of targeted households. This was made possible by WFP's continued transition from in-kind assistance or physical cash to digital services, UNHCR's expanded cash assistance via mobile money to new arrivals to a third settlement (Kiryandongo) and resumed implementation of MPC by the Uganda Cash Consortium (UCC). The CWG co-hosted a deep-dive session on the minimum standards for Financial Literacy together with the Bank of Uganda and U-Learn to ensure roll-out and adherence to the minimum standards as well as trigger discussion and learning exchange among actors conducting financial literacy trainings.

### The Key challenges/opportunities:

Reporting gaps persist at both programmatic and individual levels. A key challenge here is partners' limited reporting into ProGres on assistance provided to individuals and/or households. Enhanced reporting would reduce duplication and ensure that assistance is provided to the most vulnerable.

#### The Sector Priorities:

- The CWG will engage its members in a constructive dialogue on the importance of reporting and the challenges and risks that may arise from insufficient reporting. The CWG will also conduct refresher training on beneficiary and programmatic reporting.
- The CWG will organize a training on Tools and Approaches for Inclusive Programming, in September 2024.
- The CWG in collaboration with the Livelihoods and Self-Reliance Working Group (LHSRWG), will explore ways to enhance Financial Service Provider (FSP) participation in the refugee space.





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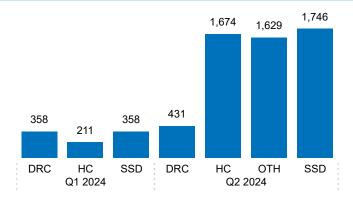
Objective 1: Access to cash and voucher assistance for basic needs expanded					
Indicator	Actual	Target/Standard ('24)	Actual	Gap	
Households receiving any form of	cash-based assista	ıce*			
- Congolese Refugees	122,788	116,600	91%		
- South Sudanese Refugees	109,686	100,400	71%		
- Other refugees	24,518	4,000	>100%		
Households receiving multi-purpo	se cash-based assis	tance	100/		
- Congolese Refugees	6,403	34,000	19%		
- South Sudanese Refugees	5,964	47,000	12.7%		
- Other refugees	2,935	2,000	>100%		
Amount of multi-purpose cash and	d voucher assistance	9			
- Congolese Refugees	3.22bn	21.4bn	15.1%		
- South Sudanese Refugees	3.02bn	8.8bn	34.3%		
- Other refugees	0.94bn	1.4bn	>100%		

### **Objective 2: Financial inclusion and access to financial services promoted**

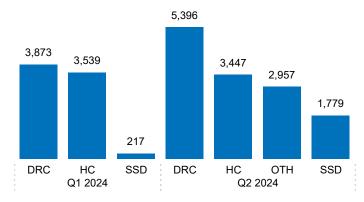
### Cross Sectoral Cash Assistance by Delivery Mechanism (UGX)

Bank account			77.42%
Mobile money		22.34%	
E-voucher	0.09%		
Paper voucher	0.06%		
Delivery through an agent / over-the-counter (OTC)	0.05%		
Direct cash payment	0.05%		





Number of newly enrolled households in mobile money (21,208)



DRC = Congolese refugees, SSD = South Sudanese refugees, OTH = Other refugees, HC = Host Community

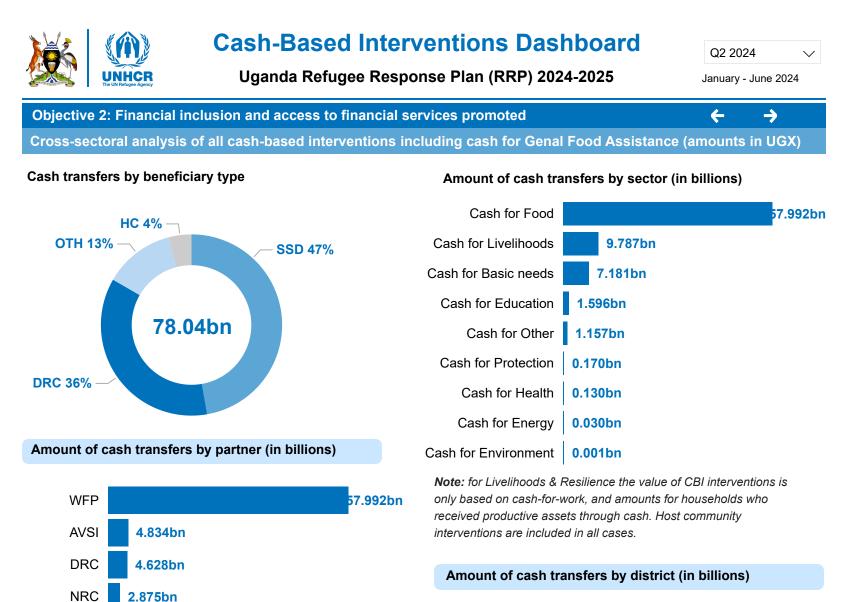
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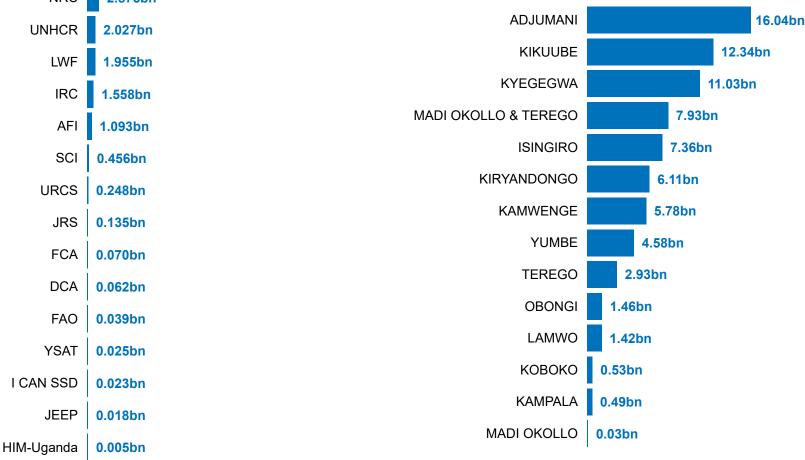
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For more info: <u>https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/uga</u> Note: indicators marked with \* add up multiple forms of cash and voucher assistance including general food assistance, MPCT and sector specific cash 2



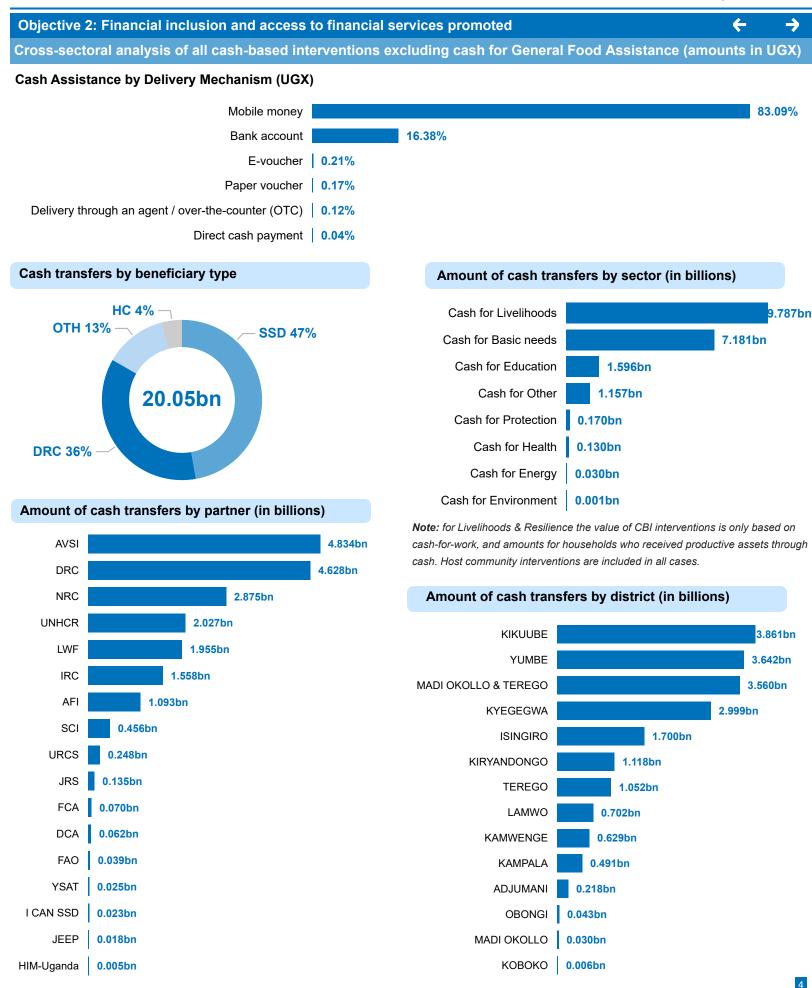




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## **Cash-Based Interventions Dashboard**

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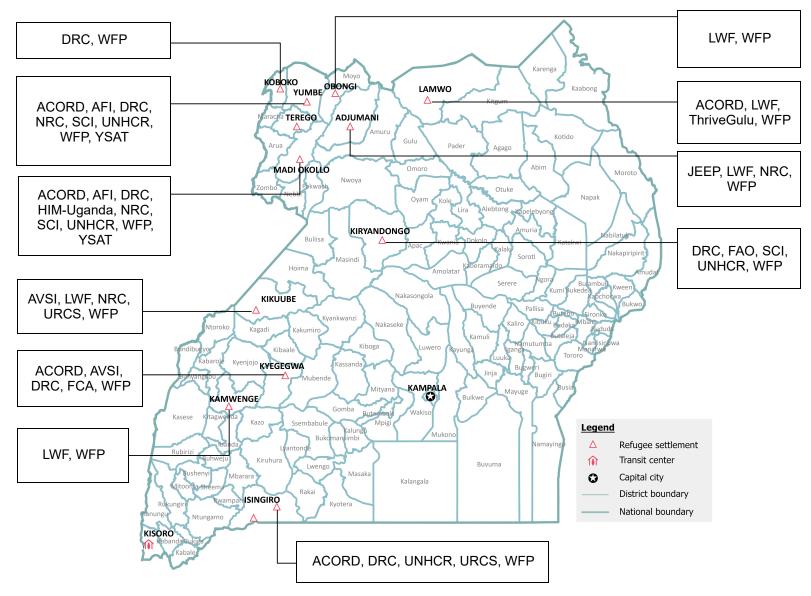
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Partners



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### Operational Presence based on activities reported during January - June 2024



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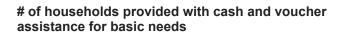
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### **Performance Indicator Summary**

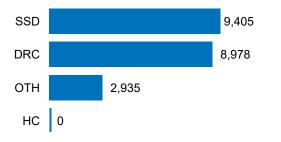




Total amount of cash transfers for basic needs (UGX)

15,302

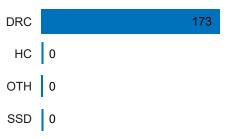
# of households (non PSN) provided with cash and voucher assistance for basic needs



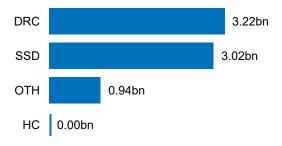
# of PSN households provided with cash and voucher assistance for basic needs

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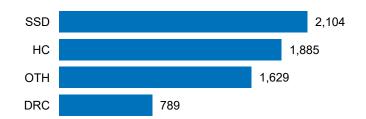


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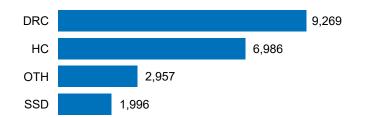


### **OUTCOME 2: Financial Inclusion**

# of newly enrolled households in bank account



# of newly enrolled households in mobile money





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