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Overview

Overall Objective of the Child Protection Sector

The Uganda Inter-Agency Child Protection Strategy (2023-2025) focuses on three key objectives: strengthening the national child protection system; providing essential services such as case management and alternative care; and supporting children, families, and communities in safeguarding children. In support of this strategy, the Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan (UCRRP) involves partners in a coordinated effort to protect refugee children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, violence, and separation, including GBV, child labour, while ensuring access to quality child protection services.

Child Protection programming is severely affected by funding cuts, impacting over **115,131** children with Child Protection-related specific needs and 57,444 needing case management. Staff reductions have compromised service quality, with the average caseworker-to-child-at-risk ratio at **1:201**. These figures far exceed the global standard of **1:25**, highlighting critical capacity gaps.

The Result Analysis:

As of Q2, comprehensive case management services continued to **25,767 active child protection cases** , of which **13,568 cases** were for children at risk and **12,199 cases** for unaccompanied and separated children (UASC). with this **79% of the annual target was achieved**. A total of **4,035 cases were successfully closed** after resolving protection concerns. However, open cases have increased since the end of 2024, mainly due to new arrivals from Sudan and the DRC.

In Q2, **924** unaccompanied and separated children were placed in alternative care **(557 achieved in Q2, 15% of the target**). **13,002 parents** participated in positive parenting sessions under the family strengthening program (**60% of the annual target**).

In Q2, **74,419 children** aged 5–17 joined community-based play and recreation activities, totaling **103,248** since January this year. representing 39% of the annual target. **27,977 adolescents** engaged in targeted programs aimed at skill development (45% of the annual target). Currently, **47 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) remain operational**, offering basic services, which represents **45% reduction** compared to the same period last year. **Four** child-friendly spaces are currently inactive due to funding cuts. In total, **299** tracing services were initiated, of which **121 (40%)** were successfully linked with their families.

The Key Challenges/Opportunities:

The ongoing aid funding reduction is reducing humanitarian support, worsening socio-economic vulnerabilities, and increasing protection risks among refugees, especially children, who face heightened threats of neglect, labor, and separation with **4,327 children** engaged in worst form of child labour, whereas **4,084 are children** engaged in other forms of child labour. Totaling to **8,411 cases of child labour** reported by mid-2025.

Despite these challenges, Uganda's strong legal and policy framework for refugee child protection has enabled continued collaboration between the child protection sector and key ministries, notably the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development (MGLSD), to strengthen national systems and integrate refugee children.

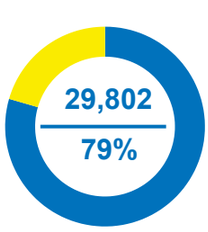
Child-Friendly Space (CFS) activities have been affected by current funding gaps and are not delivering the full range of planned services, which may hinder the achievement of the annual targets. To address this challenge, the Child Protection sector is exploring ways to strengthen community engagement in the management of CFSs and has established a task force to guide this process.

The Sector Priorities:

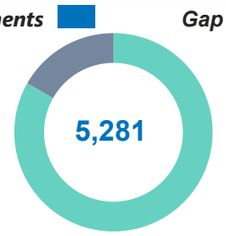
Aligned with the Inter-Agency child protection strategy and Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) workplan for 2025, the sector will continue to prioritize the strengthening of an inclusive child protection system. As part of the localization agenda, the CP case management services efforts will aim at onboarding and working with locally based Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Refugee-Led Organizations (RLOs), etc, to implement CP case management.

Key Indicators

Actual Achievements *Gap*



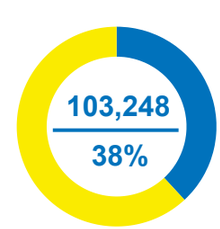
No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services, **Target: 37,500**



Best Interests Procedure(BIP)

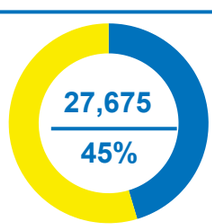
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs): 4,395

Best Interests Determinations (BIDs): 886



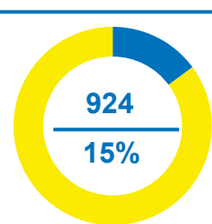
Children Participating in Community-based Support Activities

Target: 271,000



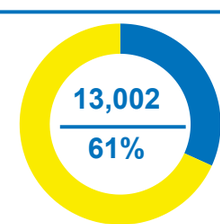
Adolescents Participating in Community-Based Activities

Target: 61,000



Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care

Target: 6,200



Biological/ Foster Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions

Target:21,440

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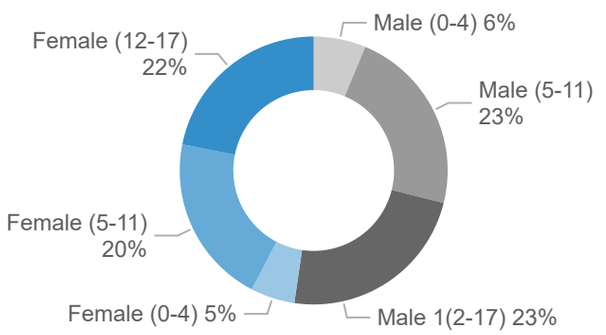
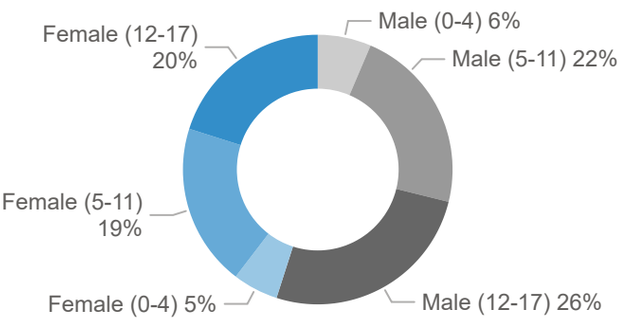
OUTCOME: Children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and are able to develop positively in a nurturing environment

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Children at Risk Including UASC who Received Quality Case Management Services (supported through BIP)				
- Congolese Refugees	11,628	10,000	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	11,087	20,000	55%	45%
- Sudanese refugees	3,270	2,500	100%	
- Other refugees	7	5,000		100%
- Host Community	218	0		
Total	29,802	37,500		
Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care				
- Congolese Refugees	432	1,900	23%	77%
- South Sudanese Refugees	487	3,500	14%	86%
- Sudanese Refugees	5	500		99%
- Other refugees	0	300		100%
Total	924	6,200		
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions				
- Congolese Refugees	3,433	8,300	41%	59%
- South Sudanese Refugees	8,528	11,000	100%	
- Sudanese Refugees	444	1,500	30%	70%
- Other refugees	340	540	63%	37%
- Host Community	257	100	100%	
Total	13,002	21,440		

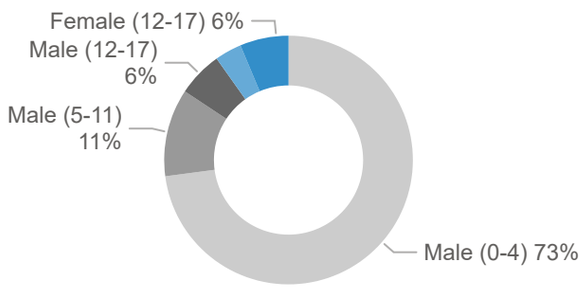
Open Child Protectiuon Cases Age, Gender Breakdown



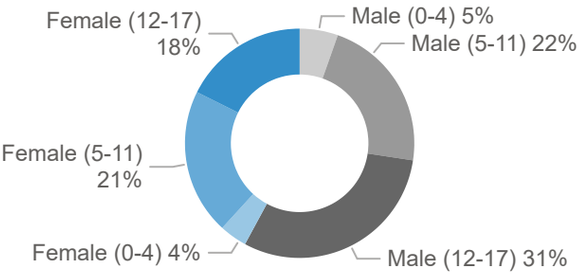
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) Age, Gender Breakdown



Best Interests Determinations (BIDs) Age, Gender Breakdown



UASC Placed in Adequate Alternative Care By Age and Gender Breakdown



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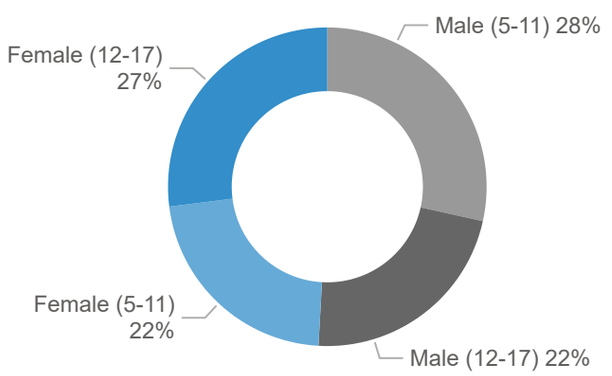
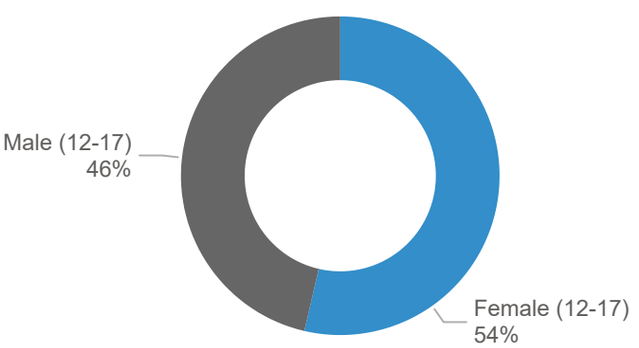
Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities				
- Congolese Refugees	36,881	110,000	34%	66%
- South Sudanese Refugees	59,679	105,000	57%	43%
- Sudanese Refugees	4,050	30,000	14%	87%
- Other refugees	0	11,000		100%
- Host Community	2,638	15,000	18%	82%
Total	103,248	271,000		

Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs				
- Congolese Refugees	11,210	26,345	43%	57%
- South Sudanese Refugees	10,555	59,085	18%	82%
- Sudanese Refugees	0	3,000		100%
- Other refugees	0	7,614		100%
- Host Community	5,910	2,000	100%	
Total	27,675	98,044		

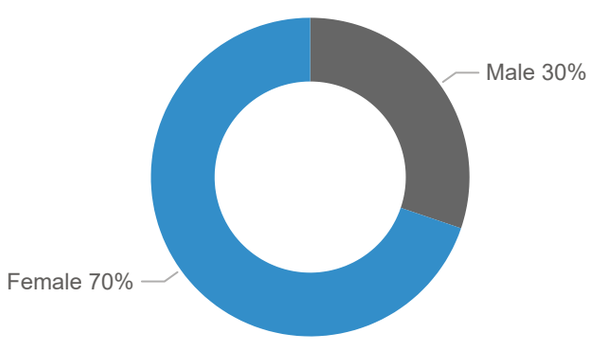
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities Age, Gender Breakdown



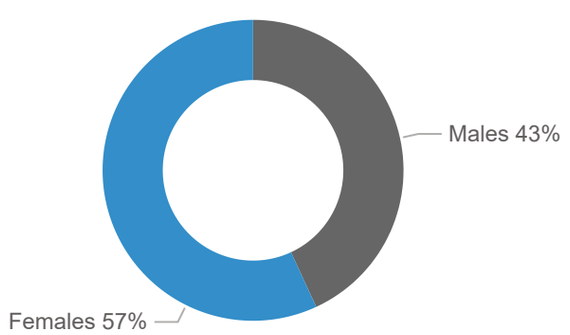
Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs By Gender Breakdown



Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions By Gender Breakdown



Staff trained on CP, children's rights and related aspects such as alternative care, CP information management and CP mainstreaming by Gender Breakdown



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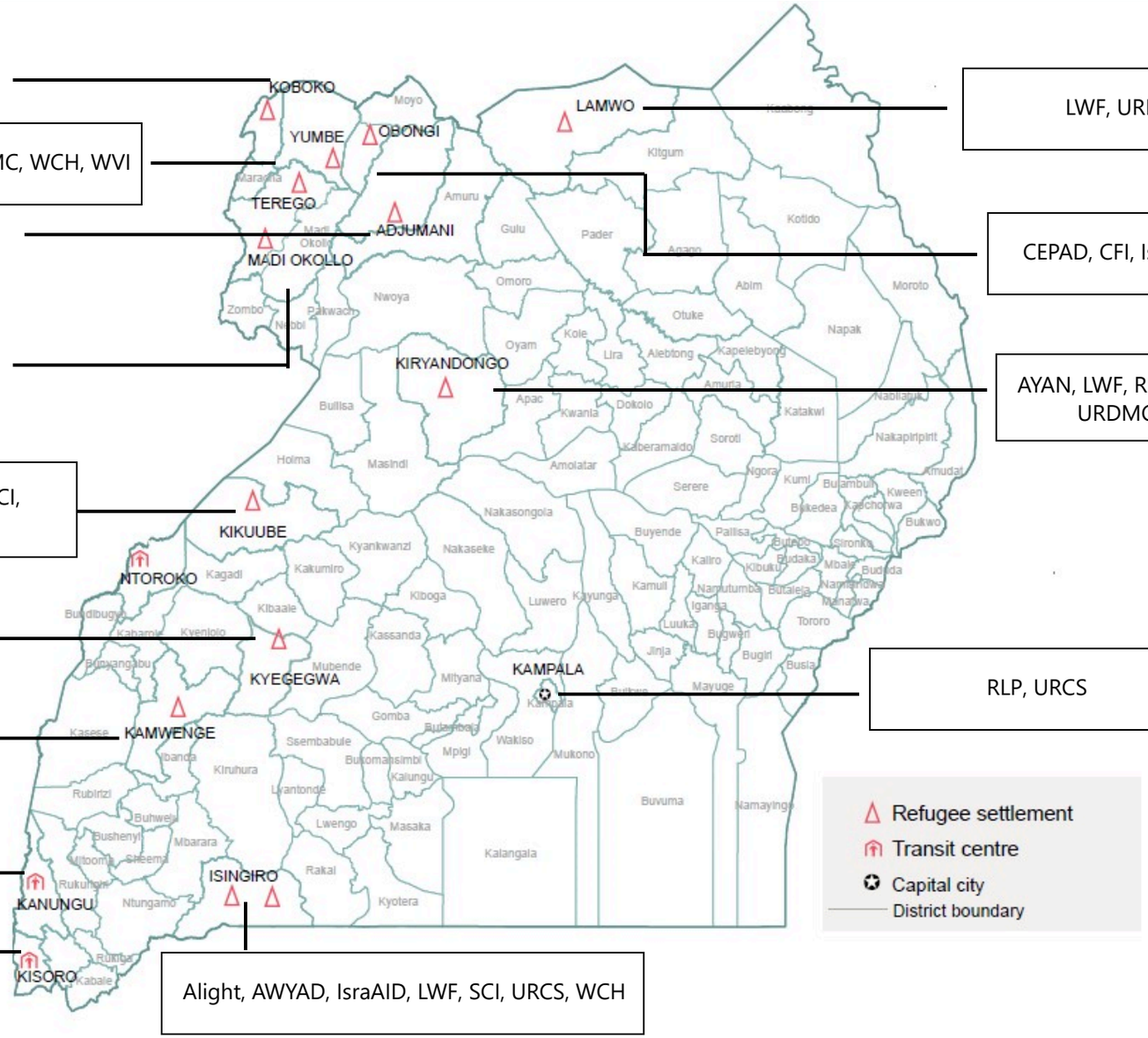

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