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OVERVIEW

The settlement planning, shelter and Infrastructure (SSNFI) sector continues to promote comprehensive settlement planning to enhance resilience and socio-economic inclusion of refugees and host communities across Uganda. The sector prioritizes access to adequate shelter, settlement infrastructure, and land allocation to support dignified living conditions and facilitate service delivery. In line with the current shelter strategy, refugees are supported to construct their own shelters, enabling alignment with host community housing typologies while fostering skills development in construction. The sector maintains a strong focus on environmentally sustainable shelter solutions and continues to advocate for improved shelter designs that are adaptable, culturally sensitive, and resource efficient. Settlement planning remains guided by the Master Plan approach, aimed at optimizing land use, improving infrastructure layout, and strengthening access to services. Efforts also continue in repairing reception and transit facilities.

Results Analysis:

During Q1 2026, the sector-maintained provision of emergency shelter support to new arrivals, though below annual targets. A total of 10,948 households received emergency shelter support up representing 34% of the annual target, with emergency shelter kits remaining the primary modality. There were no new plot demarcations in Q1 as new arrivals were allocated vacant plots. Support to vulnerable groups remains limited, with 127 PSN households assisted with semi-permanent shelters against a target of 636 indicating 20% achievement. Infrastructure development recorded partial progress, with approximately 45.5 km of roads rehabilitated across settlements, improving access in specific locations such as Bidibidi, Rhino Camp, Nakivale, and Palorinya.

Overall, while emergency needs continue to be met for new arrivals, progress towards durable shelter solutions remains significantly constrained. Infrastructure development, including road rehabilitation, recorded limited progress due to constraints, with only 45.5 km constructed across various settlements, this included 4 km of minor repairs in Nakivale, 11.3 km mechanized maintenance in Rhino Camp by Terego, 2.2 km in Palorinya, and 28 km (including Koro bridge) in Bidibidi by JICA. Overall, while all newly settled households continue to receive basic emergency support, the transition towards durable shelter solutions remains significantly constrained.

The Key Challenges:

- Severe funding gap: The sector faces an 82% funding shortfall, with only 18% of the required USD 77 million secured, significantly limiting implementation capacity across all interventions.
- Limited partners (6) restricting operational capacity.
- Continued reliance on emergency shelter kits with minimal transition to durable shelters.
- Poor road conditions affecting accessibility and service delivery.
- Environmental pressure due to dependence on natural construction materials, increasing conflict risks.

The Key Opportunities:

- Strengthen collaboration with district local governments on infrastructure and road works.
- Expand cash-based shelter support where feasible.
- Scale up skills development in sustainable construction.
- Improve land use efficiency through enhanced settlement planning guidelines.

The Sector Priorities:

- Mobilization Mobilize resources to address funding gaps and scale interventions.
- Expand semi-permanent shelter support for PSNs.
- Rehabilitate and upgrade settlement roads for all-weather access.
- Strengthen plot demarcation and land use planning for sustainable settlement development.
- Promote environmentally sustainable shelter solutions.
- Finalize settlement planning guidelines to support effective land use and service delivery.

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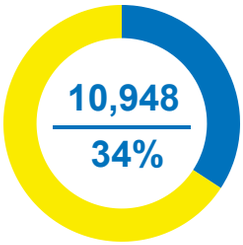
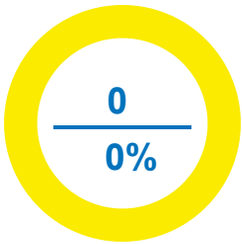
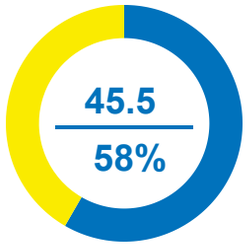
Key Indicators



Refugee households provided with the minimum emergency shelter support
Target: *32,000*



Plots of land demarcated and allocated for shelter
Target: *32,000*

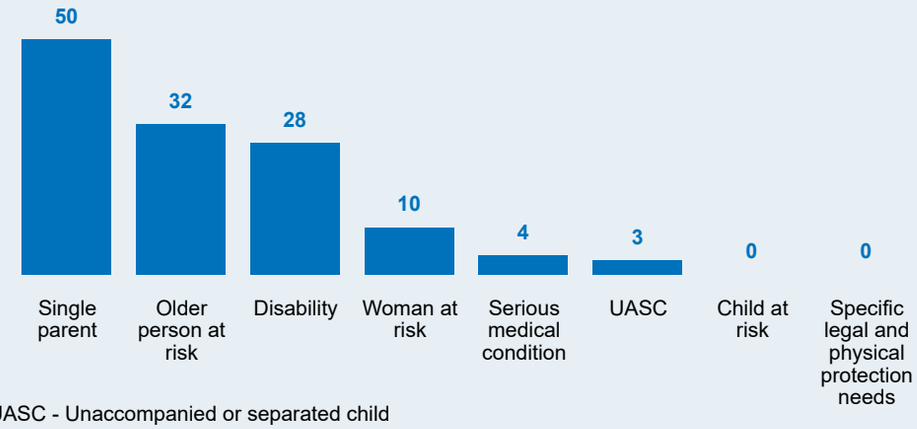


Kilometers of roads rehabilitated for all year access to community services
Target: *78*

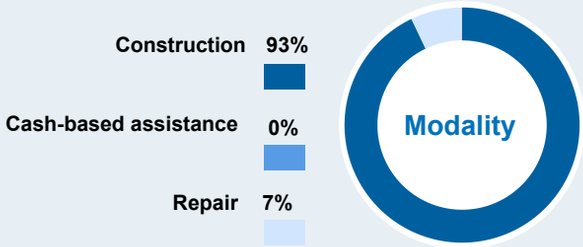
OUTCOME: Ensure the minimum shelter standards for all refugees are met

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target/Standard ('26)*	*Actual* / *Gap*
New arrival Households receiving emergency shelter support			
- Congolese refugees	**2,467**	**10,000**	25%
- South Sudanese refugees	**4,275**	**8,000**	53%
- Sudanese refugees	**4,139**	**4,000**	>100%
- Other refugees	**63**	**4,000**	2%
Refugee households with specific needs assisted with semi-permanent shelters			
- Congolese refugees	**127**	**342**	35%
- South Sudanese refugees	**0**	**282**	0%
- Sudanese refugees	**0**	**282**	0%
- Other refugees	**0**	**282**	0%

Refugee households with specific needs assisted with semi-permanent shelters



UASC - Unaccompanied or separated child



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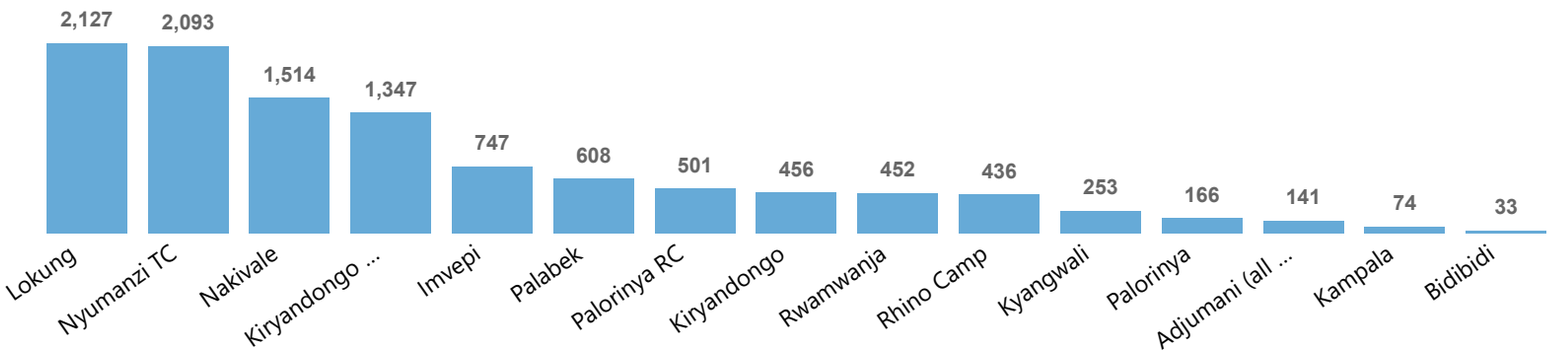
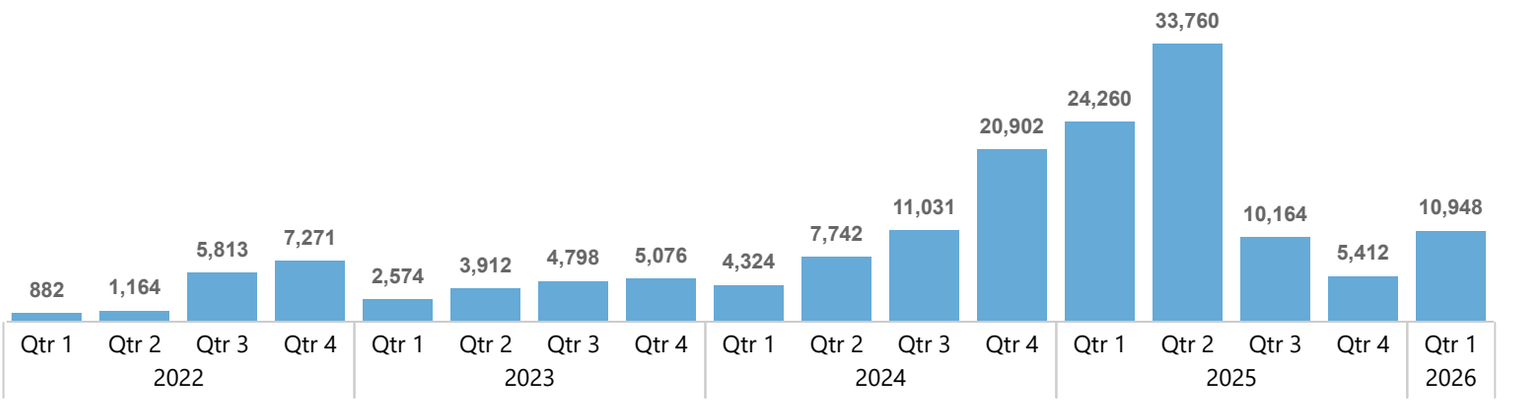
New arrival Households receiving emergency shelter support

New arrival Households receiving emergency shelter support by settlement as of Q1 2026



New arrival Households receiving emergency shelter support since 2022 to Q1 2026



Refugee households with specific needs assisted with semi-permanent shelters

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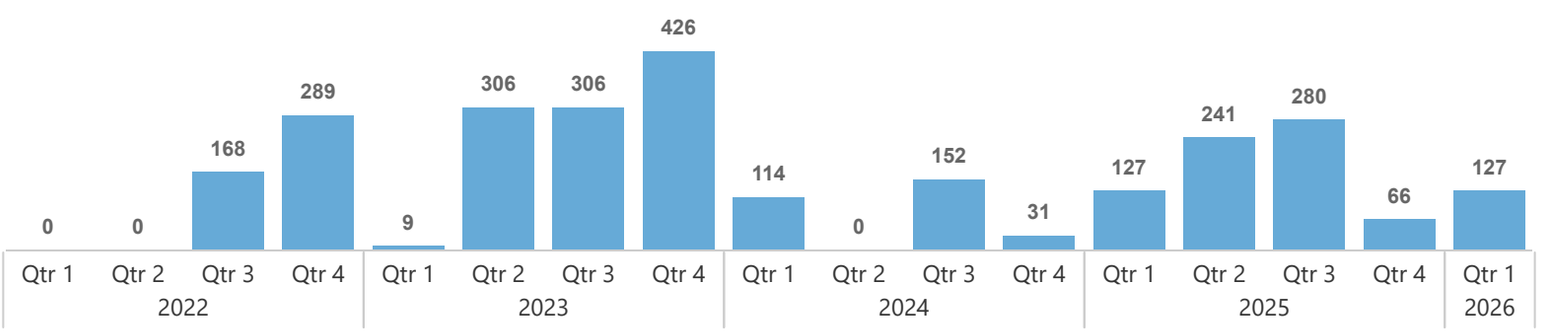
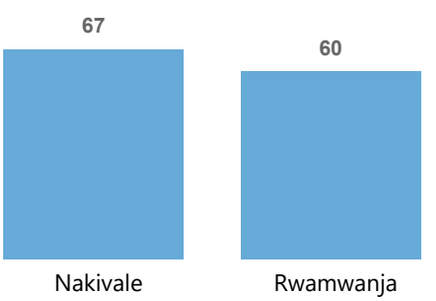


Refugee households with specific needs assisted with semi-permanent shelters by settlement as of Q1 2026



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Funding

6 Partners

77M Total Required

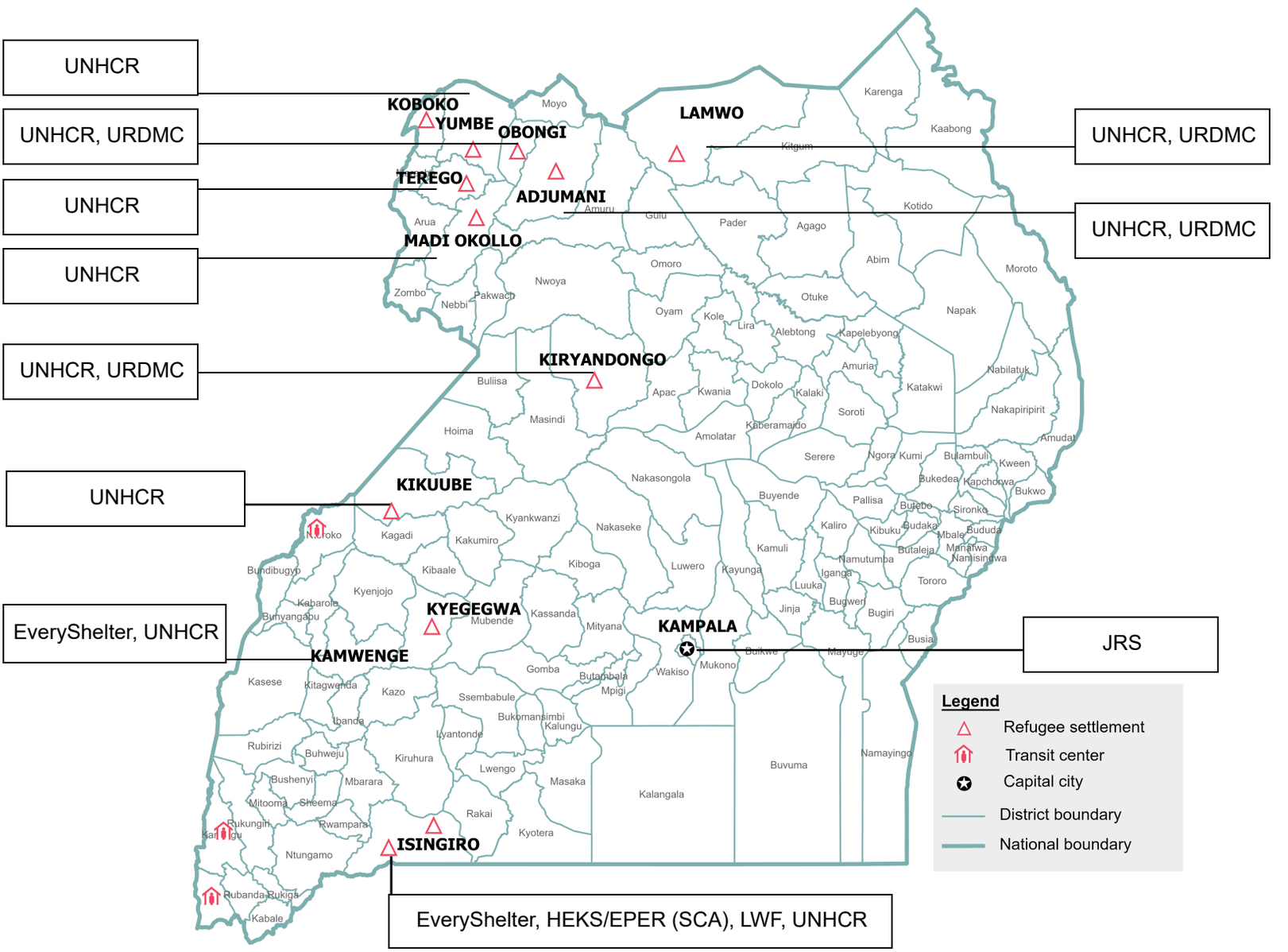
$11M — 14% Funding received

$66M — 86% Funding gap

Partners

EveryShelter | HEKS/EPER (SCA) | Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | Uganda Refugee Disaster and Management Council (URDMC)

Operational Presence based on activities reported during January - March 2026



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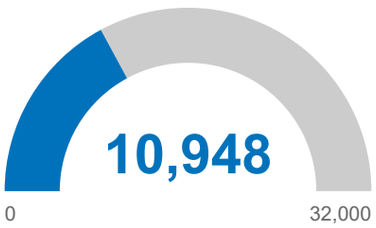
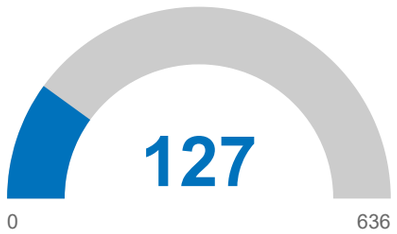
Performance Indicator Summary

# of households receiving emergency shelter support

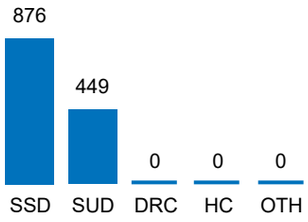


# of PSN HHs assisted with construction of semi-permanent shelter

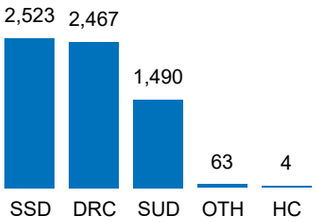


OUTCOME 1: Emergency shelter support for new arrivals

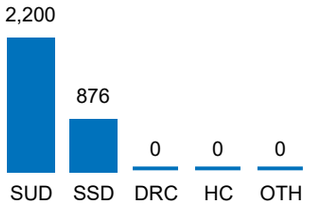
# of HHs receiving emergency shelter-earmarked cash assistance



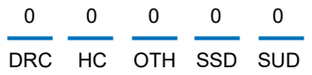
# of new arrival HHs provided with emergency shelter kits



# of new arrival HHs provided with communal shelter



# of new arrival HHs provided with cash for rent



OUTCOME 2: PSN households assisted with semi-permanent shelters

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Total)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Older person at risk)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Serious medical condition)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Woman at risk)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Child at Risk)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Single parent)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Disability)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Unaccompanied or separated child)

# of PSN HHs assisted with construction and repair of semi-permanent shelter (Specific legal and physical protection needs)

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