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Overview

Child protection needs remained significant during Q2 2026, particularly among children at heightened risk and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), amidst continued arrivals from South Sudan, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The sector sustained child protection case management, family-based care, community-based prevention, and adolescent programming across refugee-hosting districts. However, it remained severely underfunded, receiving only USD 7.7 million* against a requirement of USD 27.9 million, leaving a funding gap of USD 20.3 million (73%). The funding shortfall continued to constrain case management capacity, family tracing and reunification services, community-based prevention activities, and specialized child protection interventions.

Result Analysis;

During Q2 2026, **6,867 children at heightened risk and UASC were enrolled in Best Interest Procedures (BIP)**, representing 34% of the annual target of 20,000 children. These interventions included **5,241 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs)** and **202 Best Interest Determinations (BIDs)** conducted during the reporting period. By the end of the quarter, the sector managed **10,251 active child protection cases**, while **3,277 cases were successfully closed** following resolution of protection concerns. Child protection case management services were delivered by **152 caseworkers**, resulting in an average caseload of **67 children per caseworker**. Caseload pressures remained highest in Bidibidi (1:206), Imvepi (1:138), and Rwamwanja (1:124), highlighting ongoing capacity constraints and the need for additional frontline child protection personnel.

For UASC, family tracing was initiated for **778 children; 61 children** were successfully traced, reunited **44 children** with their families, and supported **1,150 children** through appropriate interim or long-term alternative care arrangements. While progress was recorded, tracing and reunification efforts continued to be constrained by limited staffing and resources.

Community-based child protection interventions reached **60,674 children aged 5-17 years**, representing 21% of the annual target of 287,751 children. In addition, **30,622 parents, caregivers, adolescents and young people** participated in prevention activities, achieving 25% of the annual target of 120,000 individuals. Furthermore **11,181 caregivers** were engaged in positive parenting sessions and supported **2,470 community-based child protection committee members** to strengthen prevention, identification, referral, and response mechanisms within refugee and host communities.

Adolescent-focused programming remained a key component of the response. During Q2 2026, **8,823 adolescents and young people** accessed life skills, livelihood opportunities and multi-sectoral protection services, **6,901** participated in peaceful coexistence activities, and **13,263** accessed adolescent-friendly information services. In addition, **50 Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs)** remained operational across refugee settlements, transit centres, and urban areas, providing safe spaces for structured activities, psychosocial support, and child participation.

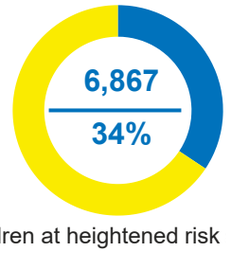
Key challenges/ Opportunities

- A **73% funding gap** continues to undermine child protection service delivery across the refugee response.
- Limited resources have contributed to high and uneven caseworker caseloads, constrained family tracing and reunification efforts, reduced capacity for community-based prevention programming, and limited expansion of specialized child protection services.
- Sustained investment is required to strengthen the child protection workforce, maintain quality case management, expand community-based protection mechanisms, and ensure timely support for children at heightened risk and UASC.

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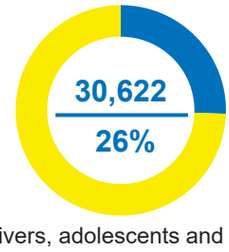
Key Indicators

Actual Achievements *Gap*



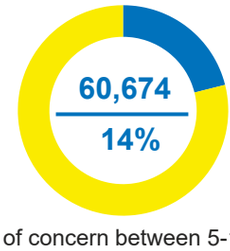
Children at heightened risk and Unaccompanied and Separated Child (UASC) for whom BIP was initiated

Target: 20,000



Parents / caregivers, adolescents and young people engaged in prevention of violence, abuse and exploitation of children and vulnerable groups

Target: 120,000



Children of concern between 5-17 years who participate in community based child protection programs

Target: 287,751

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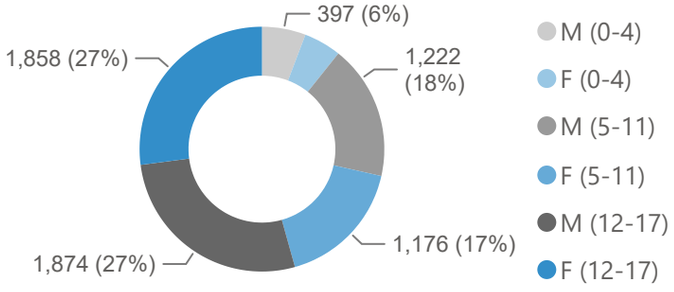
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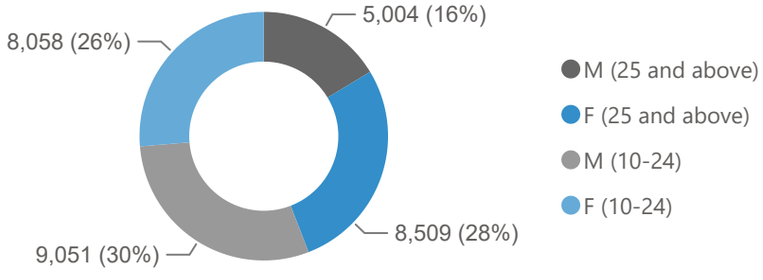
OUTCOME: Refugee and host communities receive inclusive protection services (CP/GBV/MHPSS) delivered through national systems

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target (26)*	*Actual* / *Gap*
Children at heightened risk and Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) for whom BIP was initiated			
- Congolese Refugees	**4,076**	**6,000**	68% / 32%
- South Sudanese Refugees	**2,710**	**8,000**	34% / 66%
- Sudanese refugees	**0**	**2,000**	100%
- Other refugees	**70**	**2,000**	97%
- Host Community	**0**	**2,000**	100%
Total	**6,867**	**20,000**	
Parents / caregivers, adolescents and young people engaged in prevention of violence, abuse and exploitation of children			
- Congolese Refugees	**14,540**	**38,200**	>100%
- South Sudanese Refugees	**11,360**	**62,400**	18% / 82%
- Sudanese Refugees	**0**	**6,000**	100%
- Other refugees	**0**	**13,000**	100%
- Host Community	**4,722**	**400**	>100%
Total	**25,900**	**120,000**	
Children of concern between 5-17 years who participate in community based child protection programs			
- Congolese Refugees	**12,401**	**94,321**	13% / 87%
- South Sudanese Refugees	**22,418**	**159,230**	14% / 86%
- Sudanese Refugees	**0**	**10,982**	100%
- Other refugees	**0**	**23,218**	100%
- Host Community	**4,425**	**0**	100%
Total	**60,674**	**287,751**	

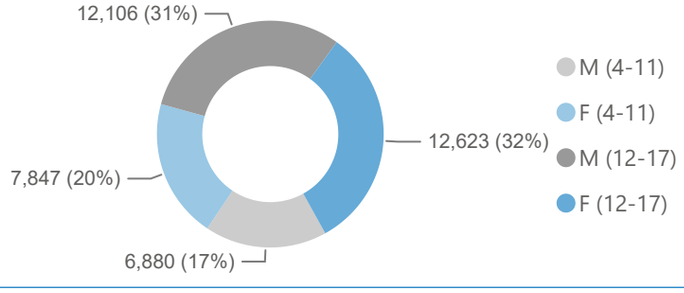
Children at Heightened Risk Age, Gender Breakdown



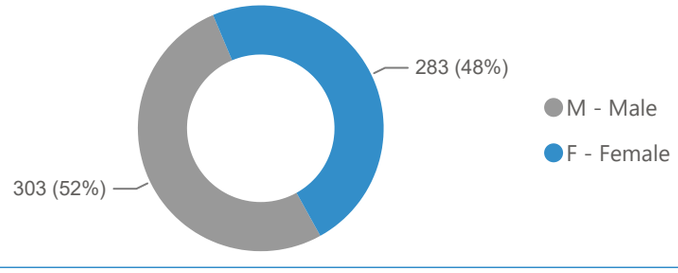
People engaged in Prevention of Violence Age, Gender Breakdown



Children between 5-17 years engaged in community based CP programs Age, Gender Breakdown



Children with Disability between 5-17 years engaged in community based CP programs Gender Breakdown



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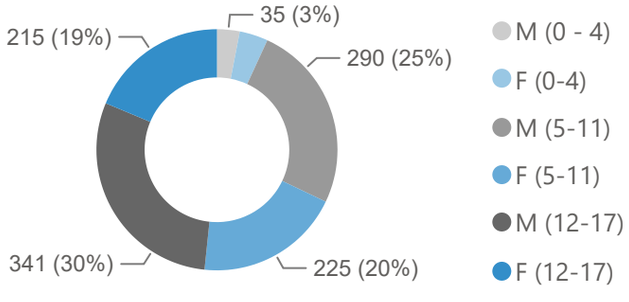
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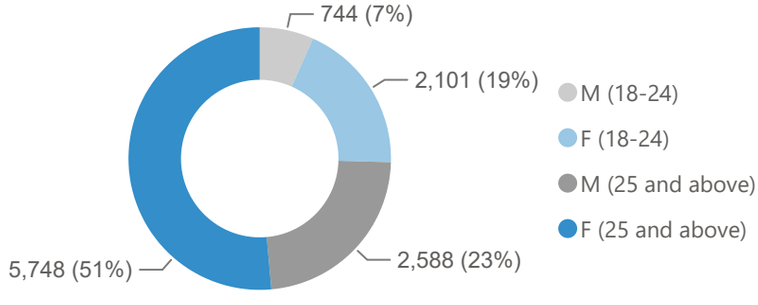
OUTCOME: Refugee and host communities receive inclusive protection services (CP/GBV/MHPSS) delivered through national systems

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target (26)*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care				
- Congolese Refugees	634	500	>100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	516	2,000	26%	74%
- Sudanese refugees	0	1,500		100%
- Other refugees	0	500		100%
- Host Community	0	500		100%
Total	1,150	5,000		
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions				
- Congolese Refugees	5,308	14,826	36%	64%
- South Sudanese Refugees	5,426	24,092	30%	70%
- Sudanese Refugees	0	2,317		100%
- Other refugees	0	5,016		100%
- Host Community	447	80	>100%	
Total	11,181	46,331		
Children benefitting from family tracing and reunification				
- Congolese Refugees	58	600	10%	90%
- South Sudanese Refugees	709	600	>100%	
- Sudanese Refugees	0	150		100%
- Other refugees	4	150		97%
Total	778	1,500		

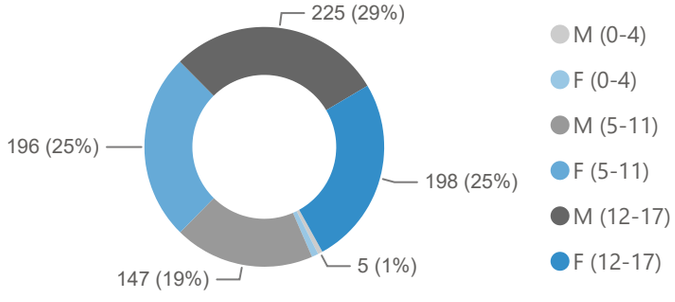
Unaccompanied children in alternative care Age Gender Breakdown



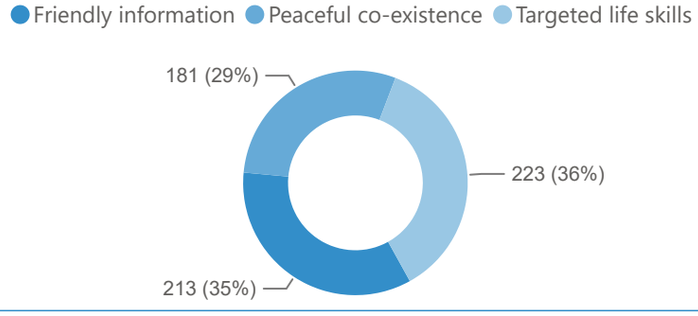
Parents in positive parenting sessions Age and Gender Breakdown



Children benefitting from family tracing and reunification Age, Gender Breakdown



Adolescents and young people with Disability receiving targeted multi-sectoral services



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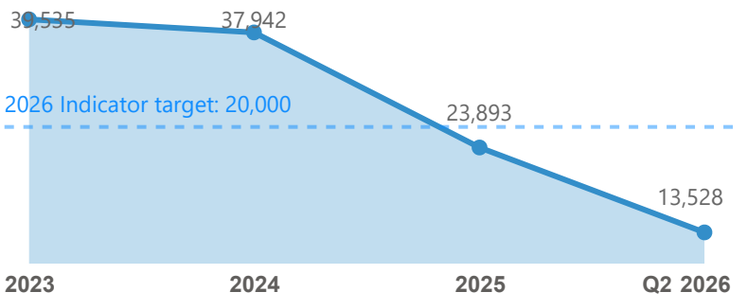
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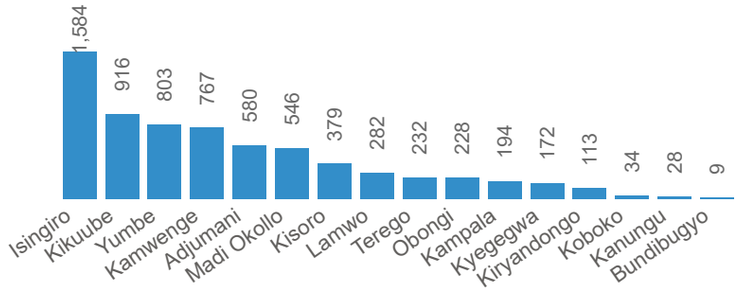
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SETTLEMENT COMPARISON & TRENDS ANALYSIS

Open Child Protection Cases over the years

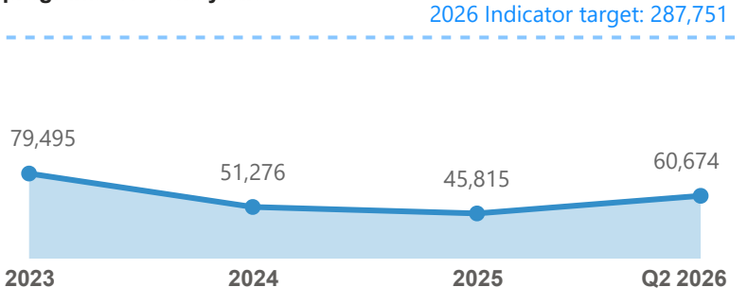


Children at heightened risk in Q2 2026 by location

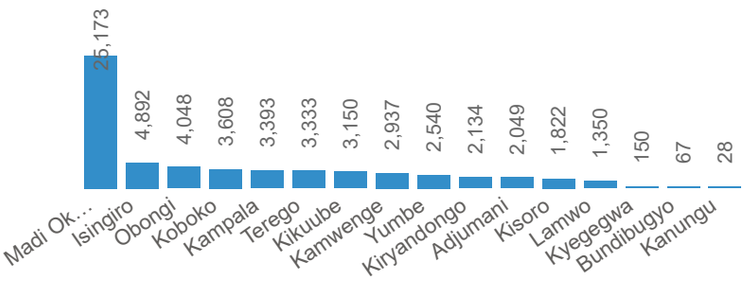


Despite the declining trends over time, these figures indicate persistent protection needs. The decline is largely attributable to reduced funding, which has constrained community outreaches, case identification and follow-up services, potentially resulting in fewer children being reached rather than reduced protection risks.

Children between 5-17 years participating in community based CP programs over the years

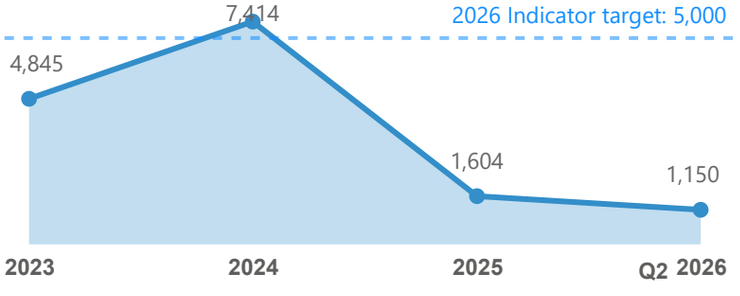


Children between 5-17 participating in community based CP programs in Q2 2026 by location

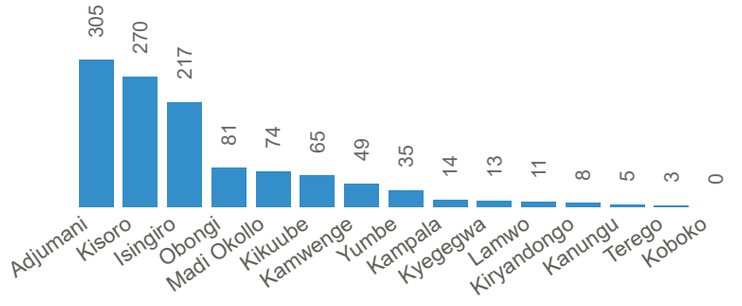


While partners continued to make progress in expanding community-based prevention and support interventions in different locations during Q2 2026, achievement against annual targets remains at 21% for community-based support activities and 25% for prevention activities, highlighting the need for sustained investment and scale-up efforts to reach more vulnerable children, adolescents, and caregivers.

Unaccompanied children in interim care over the years



Unaccompanied children in interim care in Q2 2026 by location



Although fewer children are reflected in interim care services, this should not be interpreted as reduced child protection risks. For instance in Adjumani and Isingiro, continued report of the highest caseloads reflects funding constraints, limited caseworker capacity for identification and response capacities across locations.

Partners

ADRA, AVSI, AWYAD, CFI, DRC, HADS, HAF Uganda, IRC, IsraAID, JRS, KRC, LWF, NRC, OPM, Plan, REPSSI, RICE-WN, RLP, SCI, Similar Ground, SOS, UNHCR, URCS, URDMC, WVI, YSAT

FUNDING

26
Partners

28M
Total funding required

$7.9M received (**28%**) — **$20.1M** gap (**72%**)

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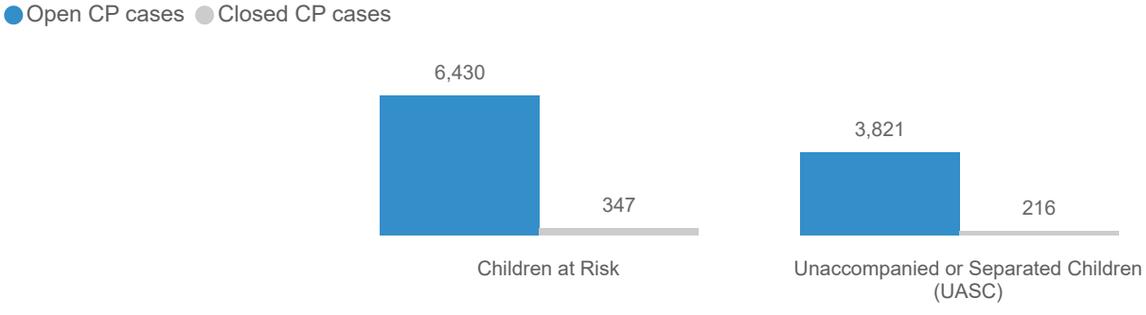
Performance Indicator summary

Indicator Name	Target	Actual	Gap	% Achievement	% Gap
Number of adolescents and young people accessing adolescent-friendly information	188,915	13,263	175,652	7%	93%
Number of adolescents and young people accessing friendly and targeted life skills, livelihoods opportunities and multi-sectoral protection services	40,000	8,823	31,177	22%	78%
Number of adolescents and young people actively participating in peaceful co-existence interventions	188,915	6,901	182,014	4%	96%
Number of biological/ foster parents who participated in positive parenting sessions	46,331	11,181	35,150	24%	76%
Number of children at heightened risk and UASC for whom BIP was initiated	20,000	6,867	13,133	34%	66%
Number of children benefitting from family tracing and reunification	1,500	778	722	52%	48%
Number of children of concern between 5-17 years who participate in community-based CP programs	287,751	60,674	227,077	21%	79%
Number of parents / cargivers, adolescents and young people engaged in prevention of violence, abuse and exploitation of children and vulnerable groups in both refugees and host communities settings.	120,000	30,622	89,378	26%	74%
Number of unaccompanied children who are placed in appropriate interim or long-term alternative care	5,000	1,150	3,850	23%	77%

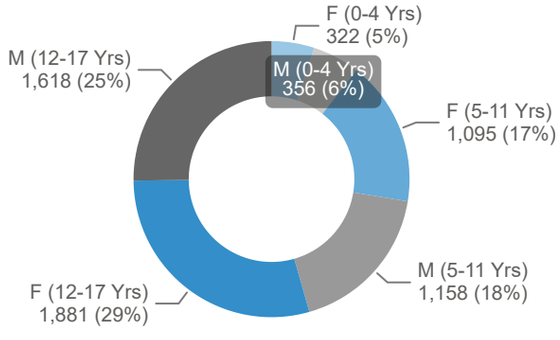
Note: *Data in the indicator performance matrix shows cumulative progress as of current reporting period*

Output 1.2: National protection systems are strengthened to integrate refugees in the delivery of service

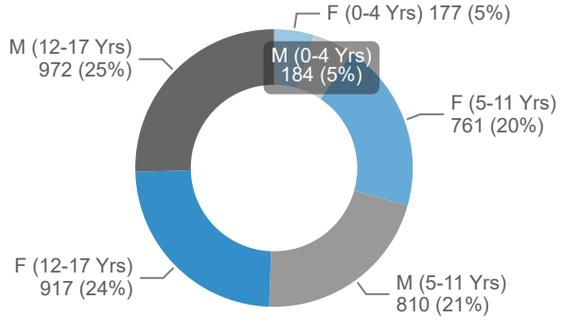
Newly created child protection cases by case type and activity status



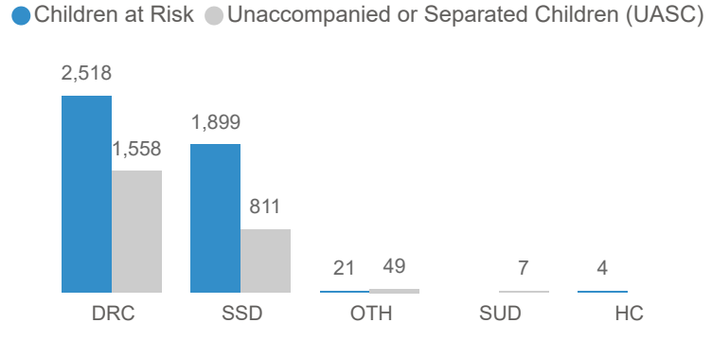
Newly created Child at Risks Cases By Age and Gender



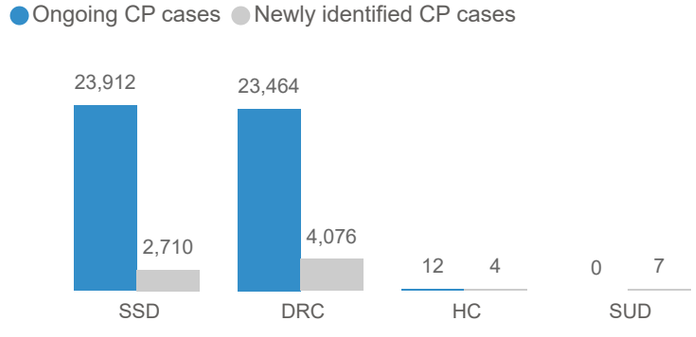
Newly created UASC Cases By Age and Gender



Newly created CP cases by population type



Open child protection cases by category and population type



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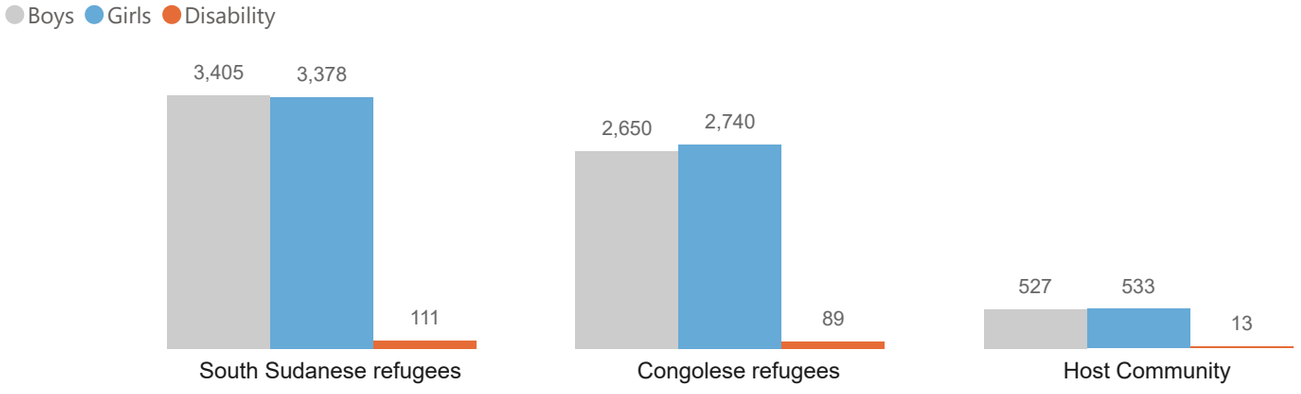
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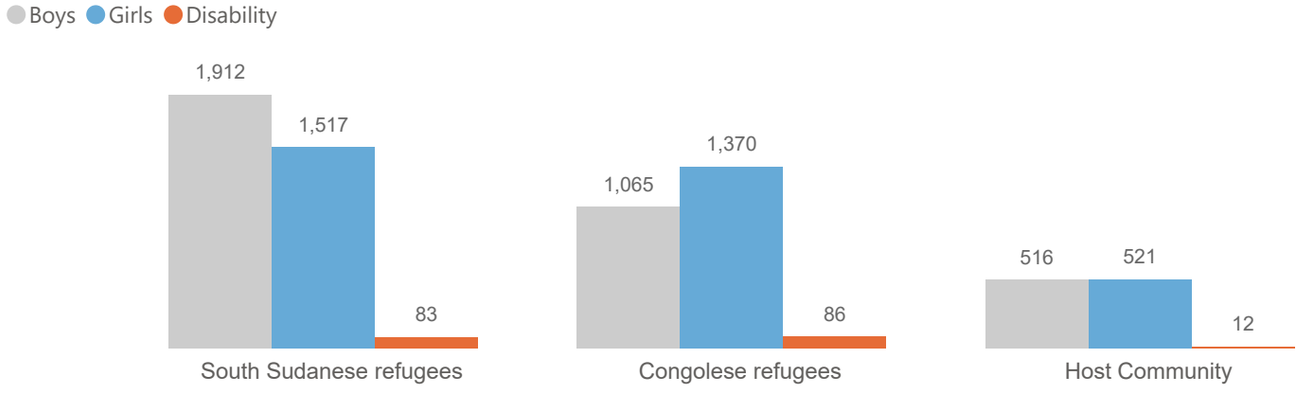
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Output 1.5: **Targeted multi-sectoral services for adolescents and young people in refugee and host communities are strengthened including promoting their active participation**

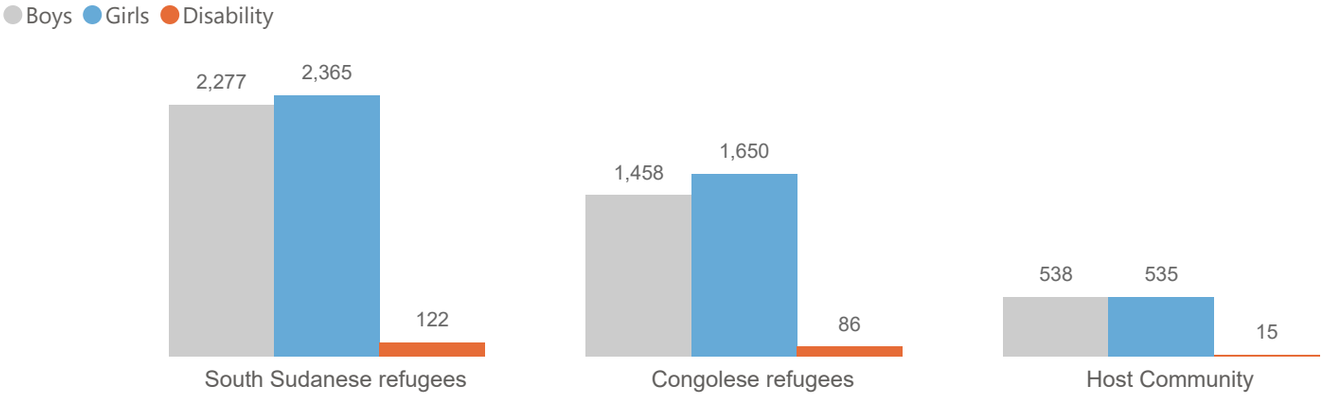
Adolescents and young people accessing adolescent-friendly information



Adolescents and young people actively participating in peaceful co-existence interventions



Adolescents and young people accessing friendly and targeted life skills, livelihoods opportunities and multi-sectoral protection services



Operational presence

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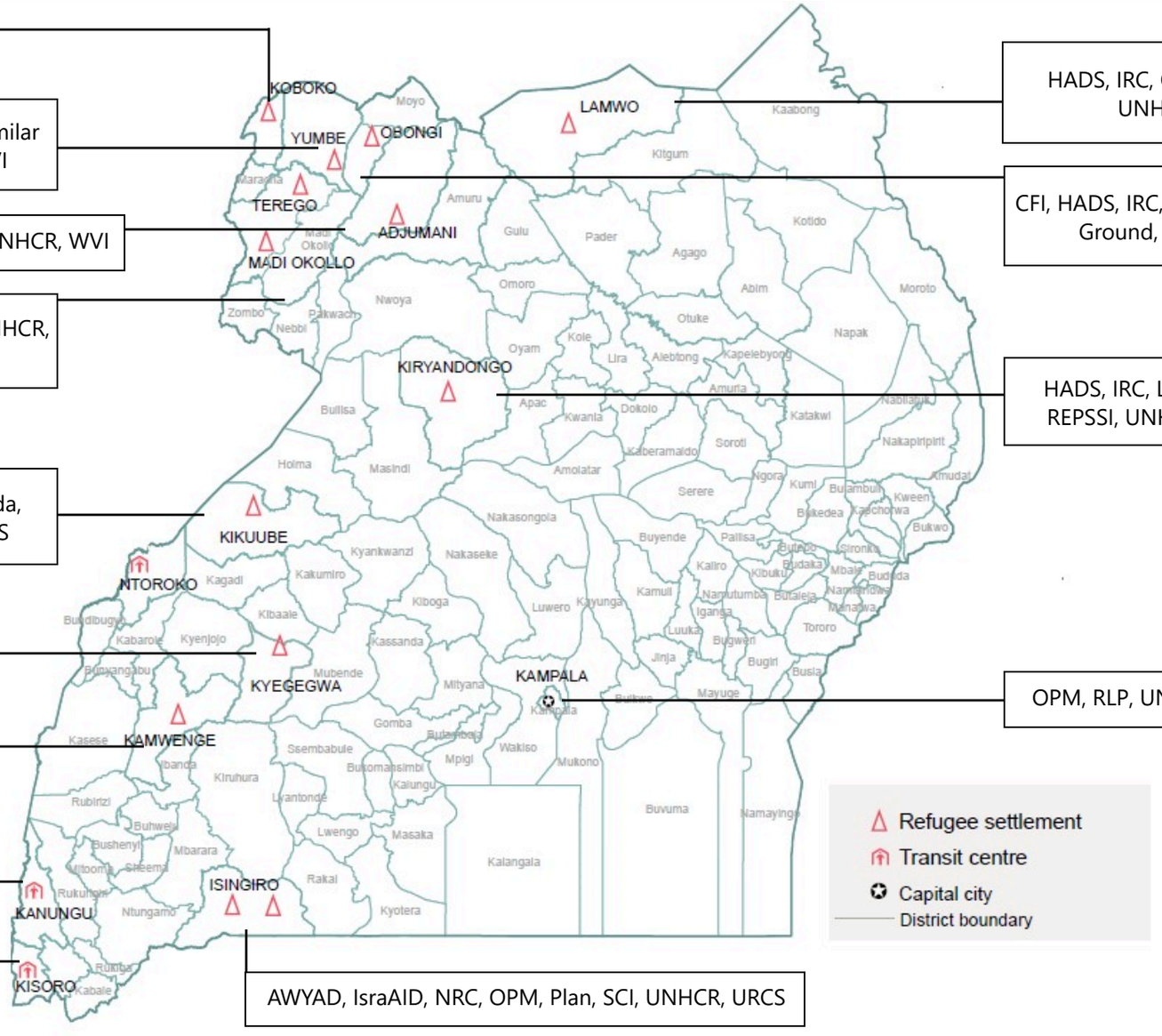
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