

Uganda

5 January 2018

242,406

Congolese refugees as of 31 December 2017

46,600

Congolese new arrivals from January to December 2017

7,091

Congolese new arrivals since 1 December 2017

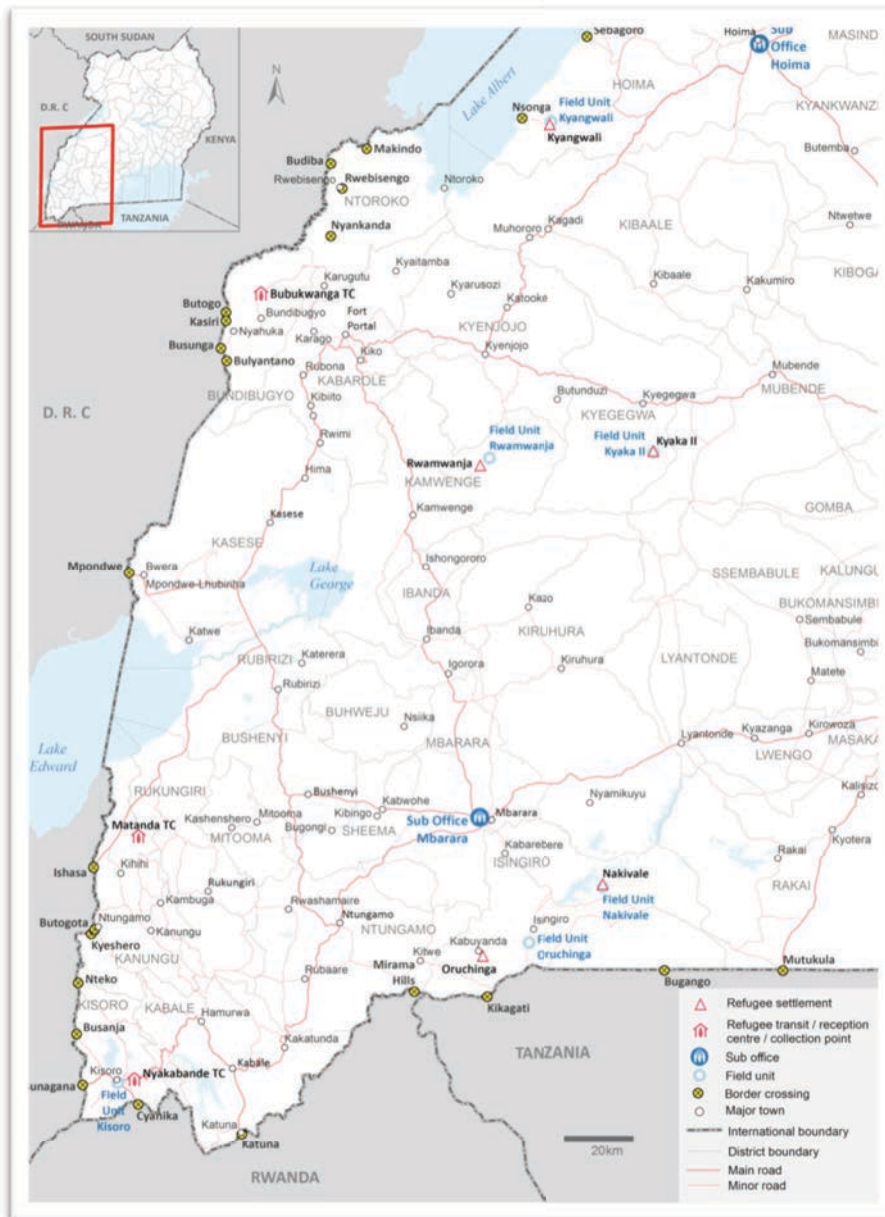
HIGHLIGHTS

- Between 2nd and 4th January 2018, 430 new refugee arrivals from the Democratic of the Congo (DRC) crossed to Uganda via Lake Albert (92) and Kisoro (338), bringing the total number of new arrivals since 18th December to 5,361. The vast majority (4,216) entered Uganda crossing Lake Albert aboard fishing boats, with others (1,145) coming in through the border points in Kisoro, Kanungu and Bundibugyo districts.
- The refugees crossing Lake Albert reported that many Congolese from the Ituri region are waiting to cross but do not have the financial means to do so, in addition to being subjected to “exit” fees by armed groups. The journey across the lake has reportedly become more expensive (more than 20,000 Ugandan Shillings per person).
- The number of daily arrivals through Uganda’s southwestern entry points was four times higher during the reporting period compared to previous days, with an average of 113 people a day. At Nyakabande transit centre in Kisoro district, refugees reported fighting between Mai-Mai militia and government forces in North Kivu’s Masisi territory on 31 December, in addition to increasing violence against civilians at the hands of Mai-Mai militia, including looting, robbery and abductions.
- Since 19th December, UNHCR has relocated 4,216 refugees from Lake Albert landing sites to Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali settlement, Hoima district. Some 4,068 have been already allocated a plot of land in Malembo C and provided with shelter materials. Another 148 new arrivals remain at the reception centre and are awaiting allocation of land.
- At Malembo C, UNHCR partner Action Africa Help (AAH) has built 25 communal latrines to date and another 25 are underway. African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD) has begun construction of 100 additional communal latrines. There is an urgent need to boost the capacity of Malembo C Health Centre II to meet the increasing demand for services.
- Since 21st December, UNHCR has transferred 2,159 Congolese refugees new arrivals from Nyakabande transit centre to Kyaka II settlement (Kyegegwa district). Another 475 remain at Nyakabande and are pending biometric registration prior to relocation to Kyaka II. UNHCR completed construction work at Kyaka II reception centre, increasing its capacity to 800.

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Map of southwestern Uganda



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