

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by OPM
2. Review and adoption of minutes
3. Situation updates
4. Presentation on Legal Mapping exercise by UNHCR
5. All Sub working groups and task teams to provide updates on strategic/critical issues
6. AOB

PROTECTION UPDATES

30th January 2020



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

Active Population: as of 31st December 2019

Total Population

1,381,122

Total Refugees

1,359,464

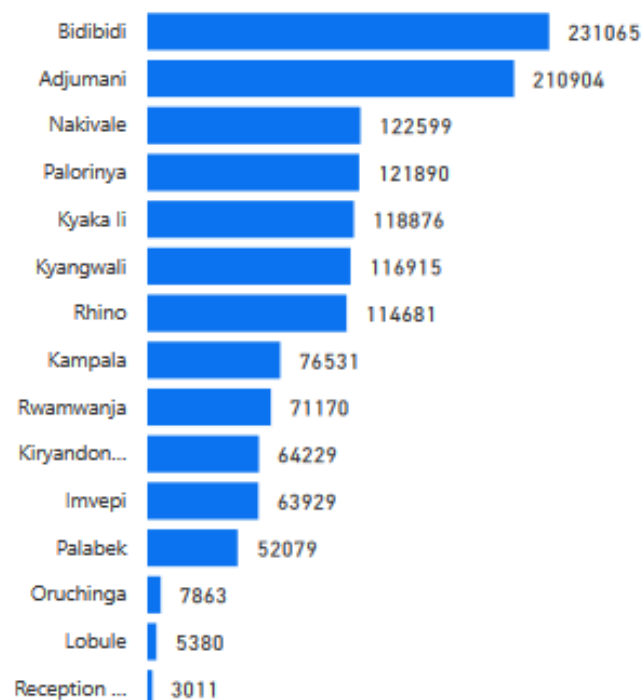
Total Households

362,664

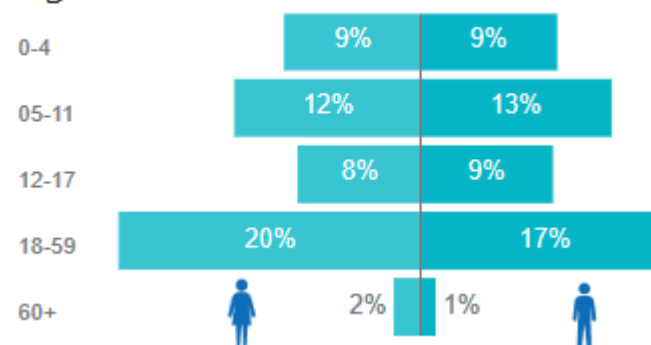
Total Asylum-Seekers

21,658

Population by Location



Age & Gender Breakdown



Living in Settlements



94%
1,301,580

Living in Urban areas



6%
79,542

Women and Children



82%
1,137,615

Female



52%
713,878

Elderly



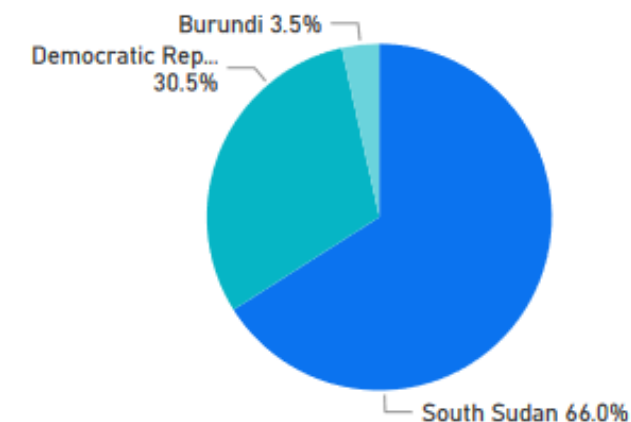
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36,763

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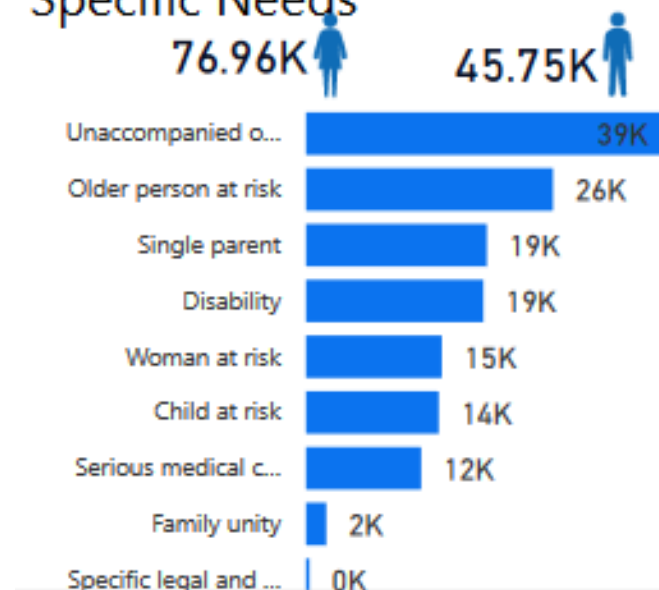


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297,754

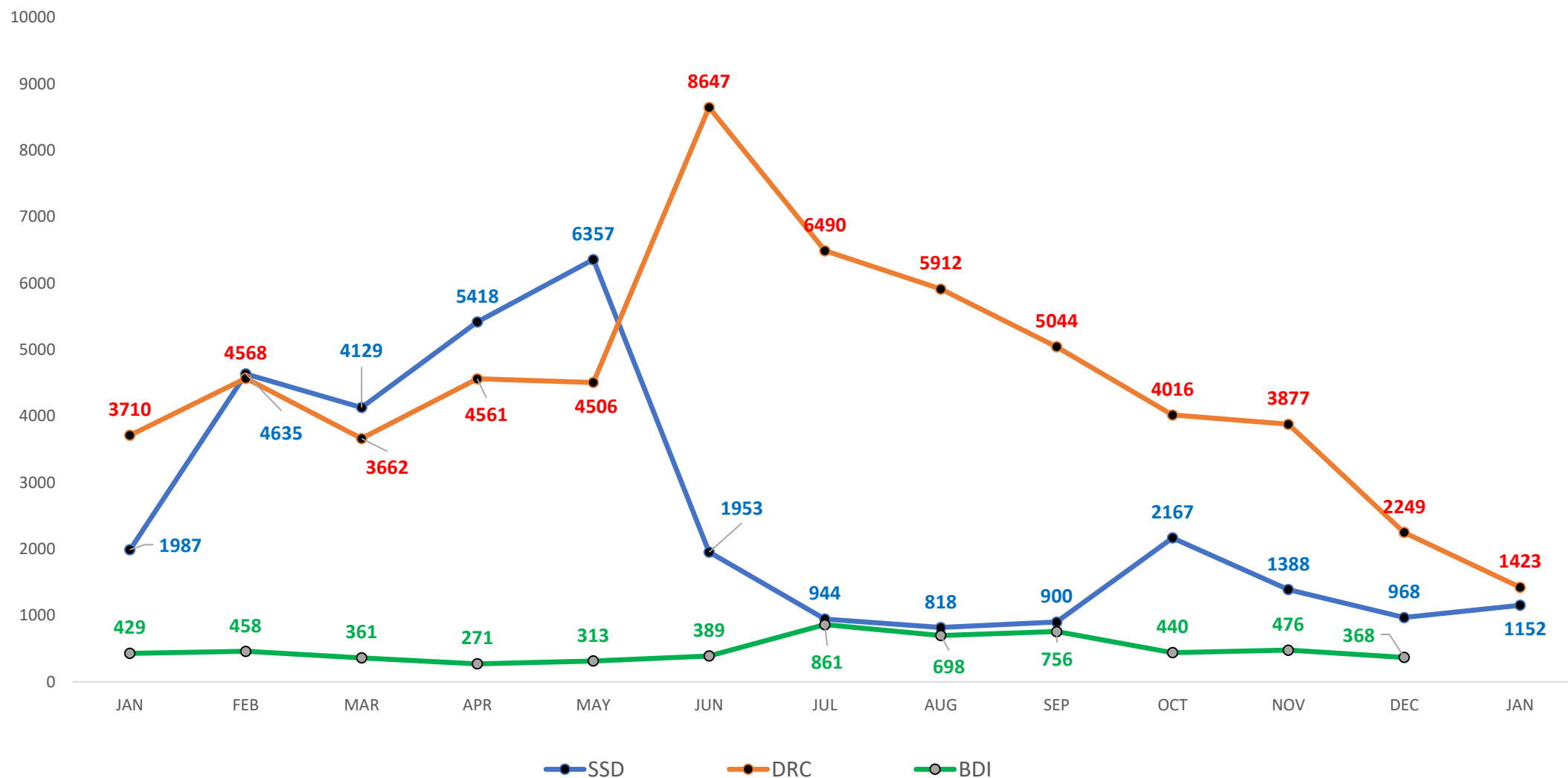
Top 3 by Country of Origin



Specific Needs



Arrival trends January 2019 – January 2020 (SSD, DRC, BURUNDI)



Situation updates



Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- **1423** new arrivals received as of 19th January 2020. Average rate of about **75 new arrivals per day**.
- Increased insecurity following reports of attacks in North Kivu and Beni territory.
- Ebola outbreak in DRC: **3414 cases** (3295 confirmed & 119 probable), including **2237 deaths**.
- 2,983 new arrivals reported in Zombo district, influx was attributed to tribal conflicts between Lendu and Alur in Katanga territory. A UNHCR/OPM **joint mission to Zombo district** was conducted on 21 January 2020.

South Sudan

- **1,152** new arrivals since January 2020. Average rate of about **61 new arrivals per day**.
- GoSSD, South Sudan Opposition Movements Alliance (SSOMA), SPLM/A-IO, and NDM **signed a peace declaration on 13 Jan, to recommit to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement** of December 2017
- The number of **suicides and suicide attempts among SSD refugees** living in settlements doubled in 2019 compared 2018. There were 97 suicide attempts, with 19 deaths.
- On 14 December, **incidents of violent conflict between refugees and the host community in Nyumanzi settlement in Adjumani** left 4 dead(2 Refugees/2 Nationals).

IDPs: (Flood related).

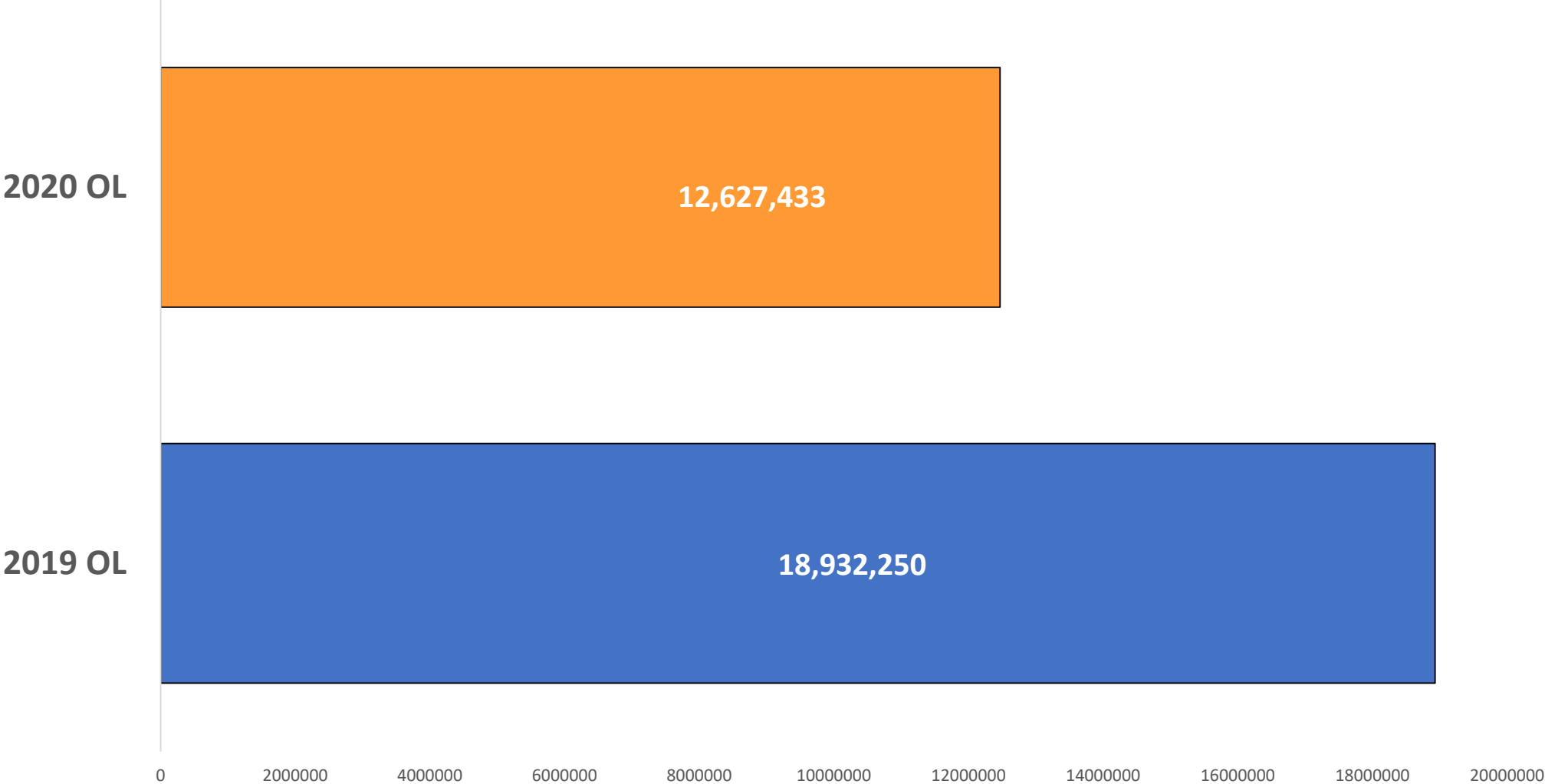
- A preliminary assessment was conducted by OPM in sub-regions of Mount Elgon and South Western Uganda in December.
- 300,000 people were affected with 65,000 being displaced and 38 dead as of 19th December 2019.
- UN in Uganda activated its Emergency Response Cell and requested CERF funding to support the Government-led efforts.

Operational updates



- **Global Refugee Forum was held on 17 to 18 December 2019 in Geneva.**
- 20 REC sessions were held in 2019 handling a total of 25,327 asylum applications. Of these applications, 24,024 were granted refugee status while 1303 were rejected.
- The **Urban refugee working group held its first meeting** on 12th December 2019
- **EU - UN Spotlight**
 - Joint monitoring missions are ongoing (27-31 January) in Arua and Kyegegwa.
 - Annual Review and Planning meeting workshop planned for February 2020
 - High-level launch to be held during International Women's Day on 8 March in Mbale. The event will be commissioned by the president of Uganda and EU delegates
- **New protection partners have come on board** following UNHCR's 2019 partnership selection process.
- The **Protection Advisory Group** met on 21 January, to discuss the protection-related vulnerability analysis framework for the inter-agency Vulnerability and Essential Needs Assessment (VENA) carried out in 2019. Discussion paper to be shared
- **Launch of the Legal mapping exercise**
- In 2019, 4, 443 refugees were submitted for resettlement mainly to USA, Norway, Canada and Sweden and some 3288 departed. Quota for 2020 is 2350.
- The ERP secretariat organized a workshop in Gulu on 17 December 2020 to discuss and agree **management and financing modalities for District level ERP.**

Funding for Protection 2020



2020 Protection Priorities

1. Ensuring asylum systems and processes are streamlined and efficient
2. Strengthening new and continuous registration activities and improving the level of individual documentation and refugee data
3. Putting refugees at center of activities that affect their lives, have power to implement activities to better respond to their needs, know protection structures in their community, how and where to reach service providers, and how to report violation of their rights (CBPT/AGD/AAP)
4. Implementing measures for prevention, risk mitigation and response to SGBV
5. Strengthening measures for Child Protection (prevent risks, monitoring, better case management, enhanced foster care arrangements)
6. Active profiling of refugees to advocate for specific and complementary solution including resettlement
7. Promoting legal and physical safety and access to Justice for Persons of Concern including strengthening coordination with JLOS
8. Promote interventions for Mental health and psychosocial support, as a cross cutting issue
9. Advocacy for ratification of the UN convention on the reduction of statelessness, training and strengthening coordination

ACTION POINTS for the NRPWG/PAG



Action Point	Status	Responsibility
Development of advocacy strategy	Pending	All members and UNHCR to take the lead
Conduct review of existing asylum processes, procedures and capacity of government to effectively respond to the growing number and needs of new arrivals across the country.	Ongoing	OPM and UNHCR
Presentation on climate change	Pending	CARE
Review MYMP Protection and Solution Strategy	Pending	All members
Roll-out trainings to partners on the resettlement process	Pending	UNHCR/RST Unit
Establishing the Rule of law and access to justice Working Group	Pending	OPM, UNDP and UNHCR
Advocacy on work permits for refugees	Ongoing	
VENA protection Analysis framework	Ongoing	Protection Advisory Group



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