



Overview

The Child Protection sector aims at supporting the development of effective and safe child protection systems that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee and host communities and that ensure refugee children have non-discriminatory access to adequate and quality child protection services.

Analysis of achievements of the sector

Data from Q1 indicate that children present 58% of the total refugee population with 853,098 refugee children registered in Uganda, including 54,702 children at risk and unaccompanied or separated children (UASC) that require specialized child protection services. In Q1, 44% of all children at risk and 26% of all UASC have open child protection cases. With regards to newly identified child protection concerns, 5,735 children were identified, registered, and received child protection case management service to date in 2021 comprehensively addressing different needs children present. Following strict remote engagement with children in 2020, Q1 has witnessed return to face-to-face case management activities as well as home visits and door-to-door individual support. The child/ case worker ratio has improved compared to Q4 of 2020 with a current ratio of 1:96 (Q4: 1:124). 46,081 children participated in community-based child protection activities and 11,820 adolescents benefited from targeted programs adapted to the COVID19 context such as individual counseling sessions, mobile PSS and outdoor activities in small groups and door-to-door awareness activities by community members. 293 Child Protection committees have supported case identification, monitoring and community-based awareness raising in all settlements.

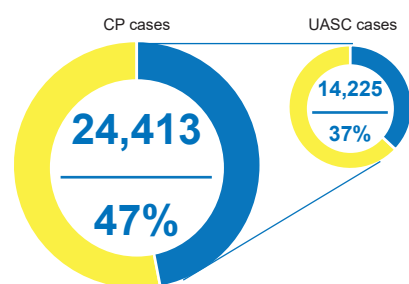
Challenges

Challenges of the sector relate to under-funding resulting in limited reach to children in need of specialized services and gaps in quality service provision. Child protection services are comprehensive and time consuming which is reflected in the fact that most cases started in 2020 have not been closed the same year which impacts on agencies' capacity to support children with newly identified CP risks. Targets on community-based and group activities lag behind the target due to the ongoing COVID19 restrictions which put a hold on group-based activities and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS). The current total number of 64 CFS that pre-COVID19 offered critical ECD, PSS and recreational activities remain closed which presents a critical gap particularly for young children.

Key priorities and gaps foreseen for 2021

Key focus areas for the upcoming quarters include case management/ Best Interest Determination trainings, field support to v4 CP proGres v4 CP module roll-out, development of sectoral standards around alternative care for UASC, cash-based interventions and community engagement in case management. Resources will be utilized to enhance technical capacities within child protection actors to adequately coach and supervise critical activities and upscale the quality of services.

Key indicators



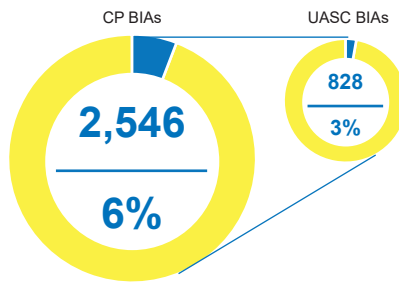
Open cases
CP needs identified: 52,329
UASC needs identified: 38,869



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Caseworker / child ratio

Calculated based on funding received. In addition to caseworkers, 637 community-based volunteers are supporting case management.

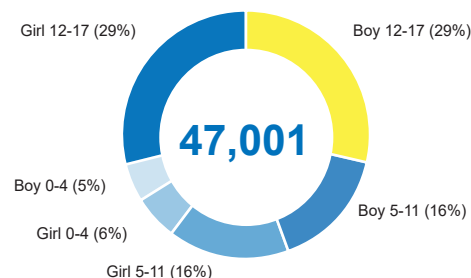


BIAs conducted
CP needs identified: 39,246
UASC needs identified: 29,153



11,892 | 17%

Adolescents participating in targeted programs*



Children participating in community-based activities (by gender and age)



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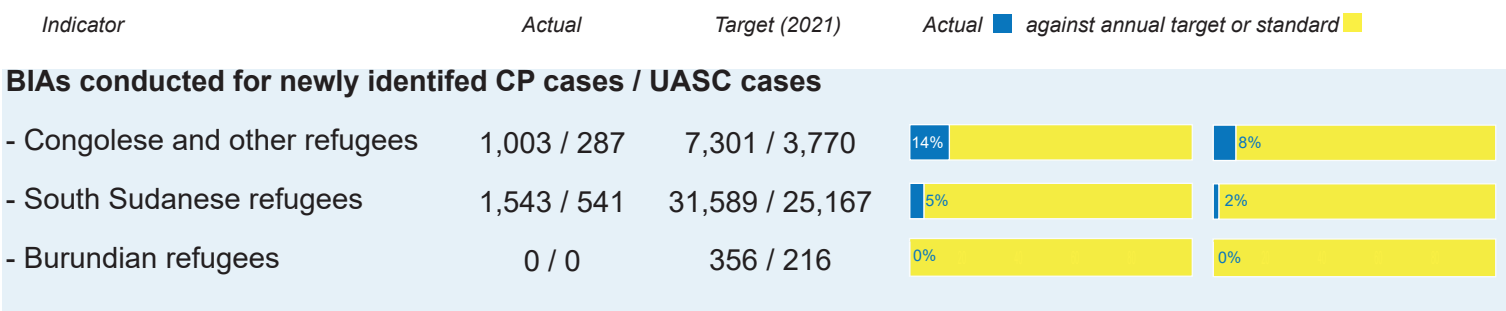
Child-friendly spaces

Based on funded activities, CFSs have been closed in Uganda since March 2020

Objective: Adequate and quality child protection services for children, including case management services, are provided in refugee and host communities

Indicator	Actual	Target (2021)	Actual against annual target or standard
Open CP cases / UASC cases			
- Congolese and other refugees	3,358 / 1,095	9,735 / 5,027	34% / 22%
- South Sudanese refugees	21,055 / 13,110	42,119 / 33,556	50% / 39%
- Burundian refugees	0 / 0	475 / 286	0% / 0%

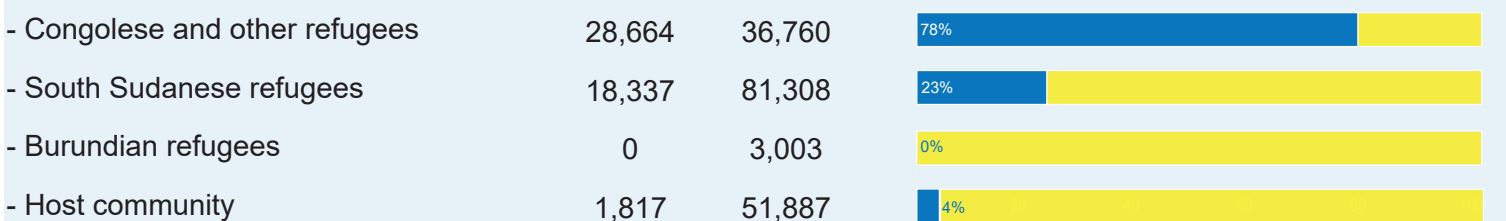
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Closed CP cases



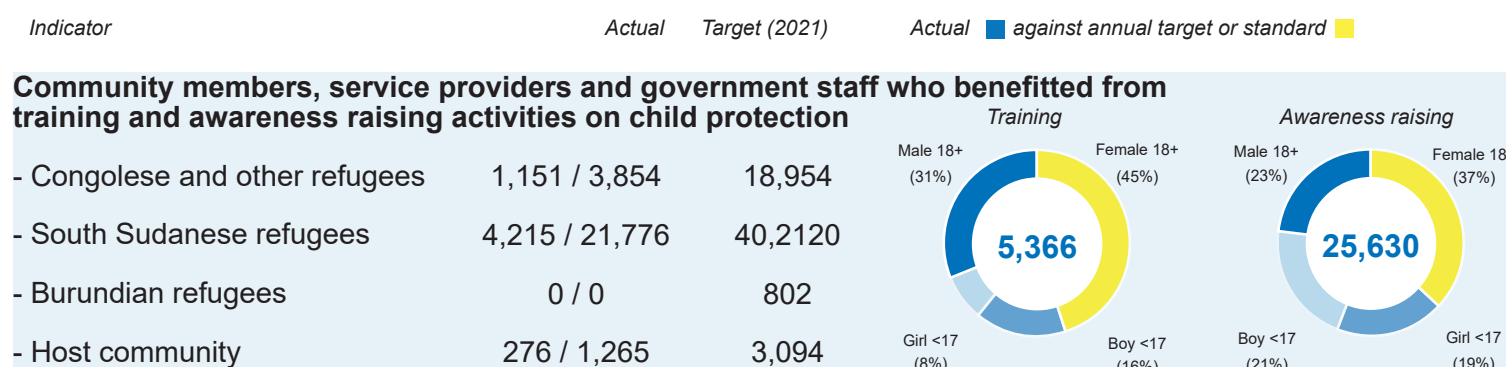
Children participating in community-based support activities



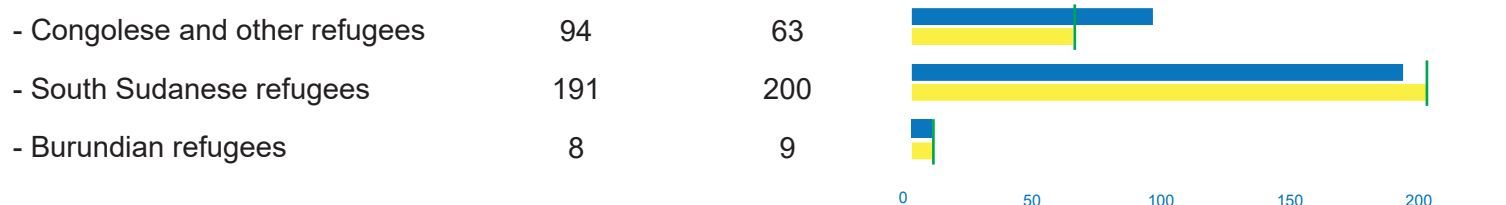
Adolescents participating in targeted programs



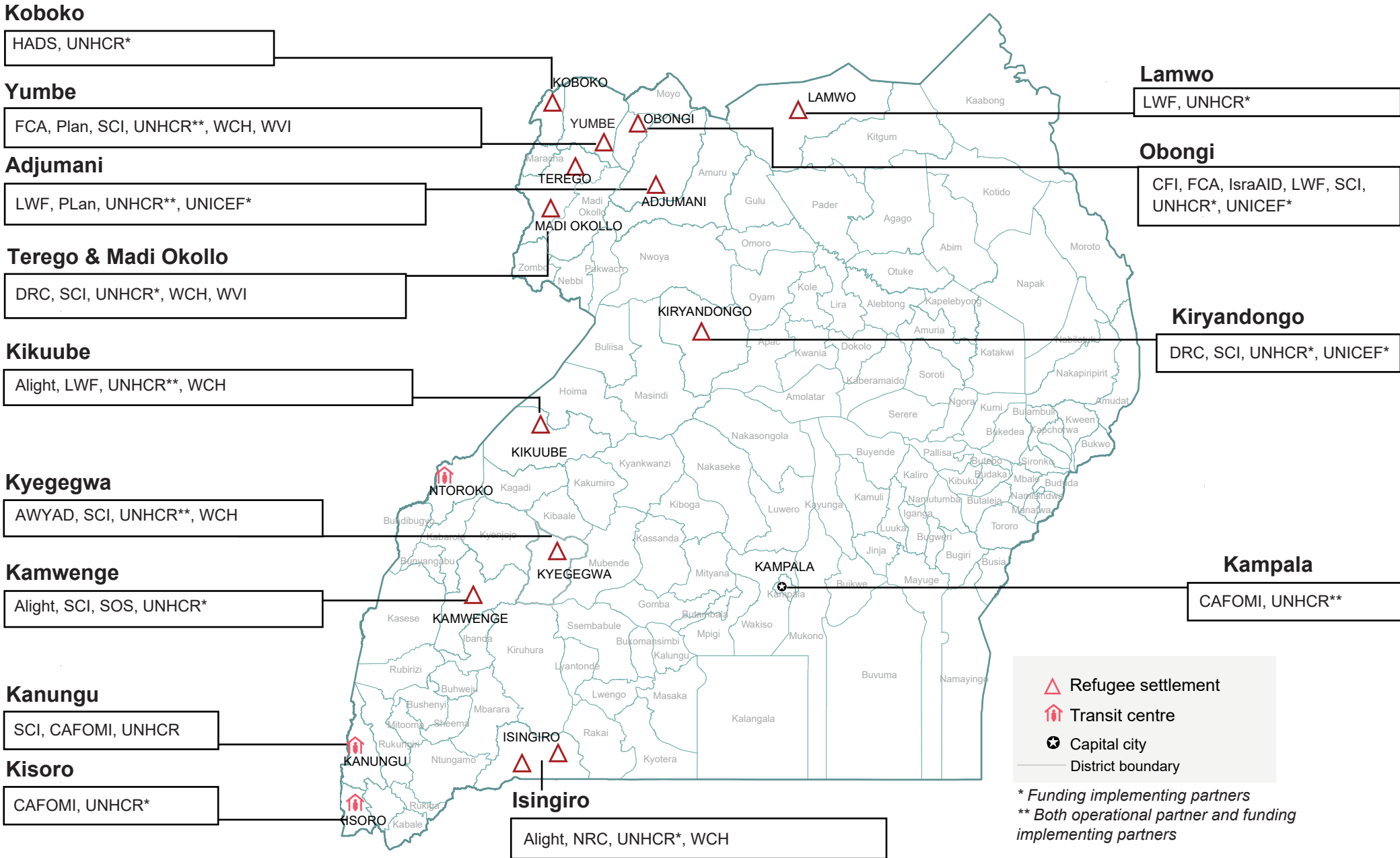
Objective: Effective and safe child protection systems that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee and host communities are strengthened



Community-based child protection committees functional



Operational Presence



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