



### 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 child protection situation and achievements of the sector

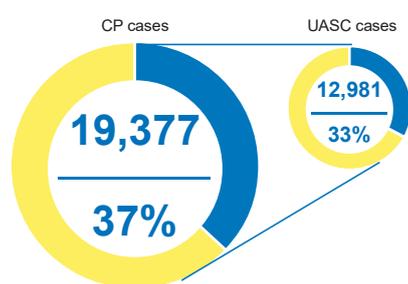
With over 850,000 refugee and asylum-seeking children registered in Uganda, children form the largest population group within the overall refugee population. Many of them (56,413) face specific risks including separation from parents or other relatives (41,311 unaccompanied or separated children) as well as 15,102 children at risk of violence, abuse, neglect and abandonment, child labour, child marriage or other risks requiring specialized child protection services. The steep surge in COVID19 cases and the subsequent lockdown measures introduced to mitigate the spread of the virus have impacted significantly on the child protection situation in Uganda during Q2. Risks included an increase in separation and neglect as well as abandonment in some cases. Due to the socio-economic constraints exacerbated by the COVID19 situation coupled with movement restrictions, particularly girls were impacted by families resorting to harmful traditional practices, including child marriage and teenage pregnancies.

Provision of child protection services was impacted by the increase in COVID19 cases which has hampered sector members' ability to reach out to children at risk. A minimum skeleton of case workers was able to address emergency cases, and CP actors relied heavily on trained child protection community structures to identify, report and support some of the cases identified. In Q2, a total of 300 Child Protection committees comprised of over 1,700 community members have supported case identification, monitoring and community-based awareness raising across settlements. In Q2, 37% of all identified children at risk and 13% of all UASC have open child protection cases with a significant number of case closures by CP actors between Q1 and Q2. 4,466 CP cases were newly identified, registered, and received child protection case management services, including 1,877 unaccompanied or separated children. Following additional funding received, the caseworker/child ratio has further improved with 1:86 (Q1 1:96 and Q4 2020 1:116). In addition, 76,514 children participated in community-based child protection activities and 35,764 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.

**Challenges** of the sector in Q2 related mainly to the surge of COVID19 and related measures. Overall, the sector faces significant under-funding resulting in limited reach to children in need of specialized services and gaps as well as limitations in the comprehensiveness of programs and quality of services provided. Achievements towards targets lag behind due to the ongoing COVID19 restrictions which put a hold on group-based activities and Child Friendly Space operations. Though 84 Child Friendly Spaces exist, none of them was opened since March 2020 which negatively impacted on case identification for children at risk and on children's positive development and growth with the absence of critical ECD, PSS and recreational activities.

**Key priorities** for the upcoming quarters include the 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 on child protection and upscale the quality of case management services as well as additional support to the community-based structures fostering child protection outcomes.

### Key indicators



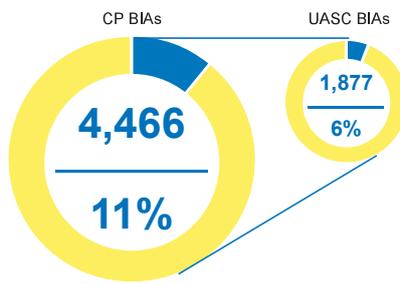
**Open cases**  
CP needs identified: 52,329  
UASC needs identified: 38,869



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Caseworker / child ratio

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

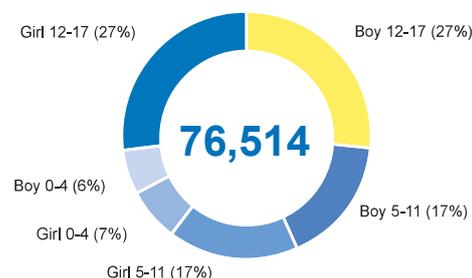


**BIAs conducted**  
CP needs identified: 39,246  
UASC needs identified: 29,153



**35,764 | 52%**

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*

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Indicator	Actual	Target (2021)	Actual against annual target or standard
<b>Open CP cases / UASC cases</b>			
- Congolese and other refugees	3,015 / 1,385	9,735 / 5,027	31% (28%)
- South Sudanese refugees	16,362 / 11,596	42,119 / 33,556	39% (35%)
- Burundian refugees	0 / 0	475 / 286	0% (0%)

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Indicator	Actual	Target (2021)	Actual against annual target or standard
<b>BIAs conducted for newly identified CP cases / UASC cases</b>			
- Congolese and other refugees	1,663 / 584	7,301 / 3,770	23%
- South Sudanese refugees	2,778 / 1,292	31,589 / 25,167	9%
- Burundian refugees	25 / 1	356 / 216	7%

### Children participating in community-based support activities

- Congolese and other refugees	41,029	36,760	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	35,485	81,308	44%
- Burundian refugees	0	3,003	0%
- Host community	3,316	51,887	6%

### Adolescents participating in targeted programs

- Congolese and other refugees	16,031	18,200	88%
- South Sudanese refugees	23,063	48,570	47%
- Burundian refugees	132	1,579	8%

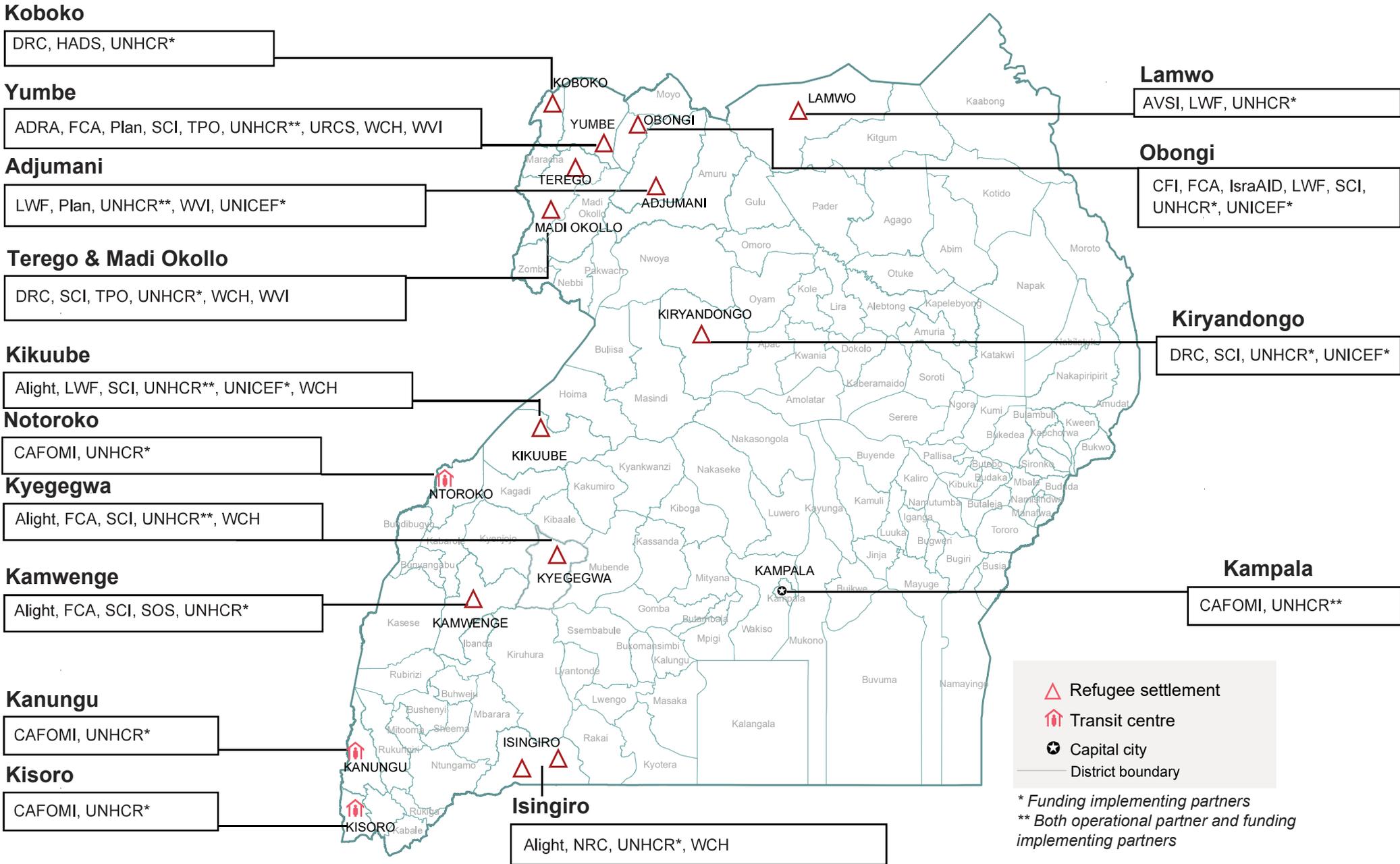
## Objective: Effective and safe child protection systems that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee and host communities are strengthened

Indicator	Actual	Target (2021)	Actual against annual target or standard
<b>Community members, service providers and government staff who benefitted from training and awareness raising activities on child protection</b>			
- Congolese and other refugees	2,217 / 9,367	18,954	
- South Sudanese refugees	14,365 / 56,910	40,2120	
- Burundian refugees	0 / 0	802	
- Host community	276 / 1,420	3,094	

### Community-based child protection committees functional

- Congolese and other refugees	90	63	
- South Sudanese refugees	202	200	
- Burundian refugees	8	9	

# Operational Presence



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