Uganda Refugee Emergency

20-26 May 2022

The conflict in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues. The situation remains unpredictable. New arrivals are being received through three main entry points: Bunagana in Kisoro district, Busunga in Bundibugyo district and Mpondwe in Kasese district.

New arrivals received since 28 March are in addition to nearly 20,000 individuals who arrived from the DRC and South Sudan since the start of 2022. Out of the 25,929 new arrivals received in Kisoro since March 28th, 18,324 individuals remain at the holding area and transit centres.

A total of 394 individuals (200 households) are ready for relocation to settlements. The total number of individuals relocated to 4,261 individuals and 1,795 have departed spontaneously. Transit and reception centers across the country are 19% over capacity.

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

58,322 ind (+4,393)

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (change since last reporting period)
Data as of 26 May 2022

24,955 ind (>19%)

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (against available capacity), 2,504 in West Nile and 22,451 in the South-West
Data as of 26 May 2022

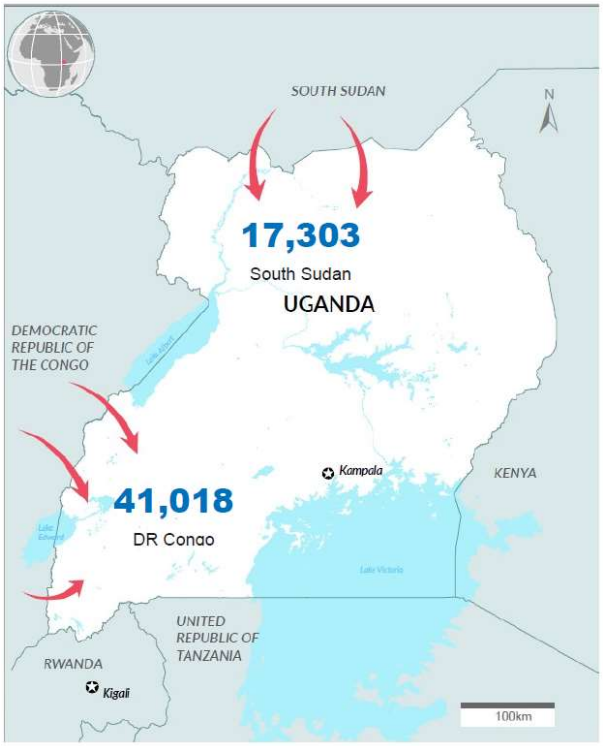
KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

14 liters

Liters of water per person per day at the holding center
Data as of 26 May 2022

Zero active COVID-19 cases

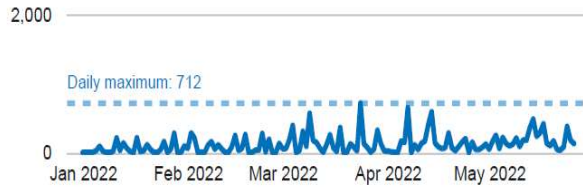
INFLUX MAP



ARRIVAL TRENDS

Uganda | New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January - 26 May 2022



Source: OPM and UNHCR

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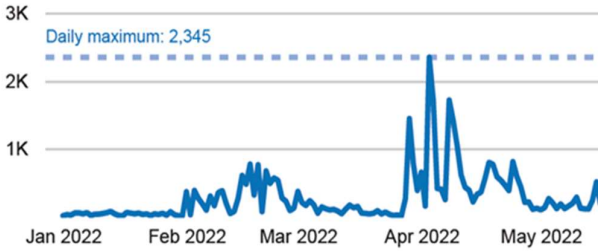

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Operational Context – Kisoro District

- Bunagana border remained relatively calm on 26 May 2022 and some refugees were seen with their luggage returning to DRC. However, during the week there were reports of heavy fighting in Rumangabo outside Goma town.
- The cumulative number of individuals who have been received and transported to the holding area and transit center is 25,929. There are 18,324 individuals (16,487 at holding area and 1,837 at the transit centre) as of 26 May 2022, considering those who have been relocated and departed spontaneously.
- A convoy of 598 individuals (261 households) was relocated to Nakivale on 25 May 2022. A total of 394 individuals (200 households) were registered awaiting relocation to Nakivale settlement. There are 4,261 individuals who have been relocated since 28th March.
- Cumulatively, 18,536 COVID-19 tests have been carried out with 16 positive results. Currently, there is one active case in isolation.
- The cumulative number of refugees vaccinated against cholera as of 26 May 2022 is 15,394.
- UNFPA has redirected 500 dignity kits to Nyakabande, while 4,500 kits are being procured. They are also providing 12 Emergency Reproductive Health kits, 70 kits for new mothers and two 48m^2 tents for use as a women's shelter and youth space.

Impact and Achievements

- **CHILD PROTECTION:** Cumulatively, there are 1,068 children at risk receiving a range of support including temporary foster care, support to be in contact with their families or reunified with them and relocation to Nakivale.
- **GBV:** A total of 804 individuals (292 females,512 males) were reached in 11 awareness sessions. The discussion was centered on effects of alcoholism and drug abuse, including preventive measures.
- **WASH:** With engagement with National Water & Sewerage Corporation (NWSC), supply to the holding area and transit centre is stable. Routine and daily water treatment with chlorine continued at water storage tanks for the trucked water, ensuring the recommended free chlorine levels (0.2-0.5mg/L free residual chlorine at taps).
- **SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE:** The is currently 1 latrine for 66 individuals. There is 1 bath shelter for each 131. There are 150 stance latrines under construction and 273 in use. There are 150 bathing shelters under construction and 137 in use. There are 3 washing slabs and hanging lines completed. The construction of 2 waste banks is in progress as well as 3 compost pits.

  SHELTER: MSF continues to construct shelters with UNHCR providing the poles and plastic sheeting, with 15 completed and 5 are under construction. Levelling of the completed houses and fixing of doors is in progress. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continued with the grading/levelling of space for kitchen and shelters. Construction of two communal kitchen in progress. There are 7 semi-permanent, 12 Rub halls, 69 temporary shelters, and 85 family tents have been dismantled as the new shelters provide a better standard of living.

- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** 107 Pregnant and Lactating Mothers and children under 5 were screened for malnutrition. In total, 7 children under 5 and 3 pregnant and lactating women were identified as moderately acutely malnourished and are receiving support. 2 severe acute manourished children were identified.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- New arrivals are being relocated to completed accommodation shelters but sanitary facilities near them are still not complete.
- The construction materials are being collected in the evening and early morning by new arrivals and the host community for firewood.
- More compound lighting is needed for installation in dark places.
- Storm water drainage needs general improvement and internal access roads need to be constructed and graveled.
- More communal shelters are needed
- Kitchen for communal cooking is needed to avoid risk of fire outbreaks.
- Need for independent water line to serve the holding area for adequate water supply (60,000 USD), 20 10,000 litres water storage tanks (30,000USD), more latrines and cubicles (50,000USD). 8 washing bays and hang lines for washing clothes, 6 waste banks for managing solid waste, and sanitation cleaning kits are also needed with a total cost of 50,000USD.
- There is a need for increased and continuous sensitization to increase hygiene standards of the new arrivals and maintain general cleanliness, in addition casual WASH related workers.
- A minimum of 5 km of chain link fencing is required around the holding area for security and protection reasons.

Operational Context – Kasese and Bubukwanga

- The current population at the transit center as of 27May 2022 is 81 individuals (42M: 39F) with 44% as children and 56% adults.
- A total of 24 HHs of 37 individuals are enrolled in level 2 registration and are currently awaiting relocation to Rwamwanja settlement.

New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 1,010 new arrivals from South Sudan and 3,382 from DR Congo since the last reporting period.
- In the transit and reception centers there are 24,955 individuals with 2,504 in West Nile (-626 compared to last reporting period) and 22,4511 in South-West (+1,360 compared to last reporting period)

Working in partnership – National level

- 44 partners have appealed for 47.8M USD to respond to the emergency.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

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LINKS

- Uganda Refugee Response – Emergency Appeal (April-June 2022)