

Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report

8 - 14 July 2022

The conflict in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues. The situation remains unpredictable along the Kisoro border. There are reports of continued fighting near the Bunagana area, across the border on the DRC side. Congolese nationals are still camped within Bunagana and surrounding areas on the Ugandan side of the border.

Out of the estimated 38,651 new arrivals (19,371 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March, 10,506 have been relocated to settlements, 10,685 are spontaneous departures from the holding area and transit centre, while 17,406 are still living in the two locations.

The holding capacity at Nyakabande transit centre, Kisoro district, is overstretched by 143 per cent.

Its capacity is 7,200 but currently has 17,466 individuals.

Other overstressed locations include, Lokung collection point in Lamwo district (377 per cent), Kagoma reception centre in Kikuube district (72 per cent), and Kabazana reception centre in Isingiro district (43 per cent).

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

 **79,274 individuals**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (24,004 from South Sudan and 55,270 from DRC). An increase of 2,386 since last reporting period.

 **26,403 individuals**

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (4,997 in West Nile and 21,406 in the South-West). An increase of 1,278 since last reporting period.

KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

 **1,009,000**

Litres of water supplied to Nyakabande transit/ holding centre

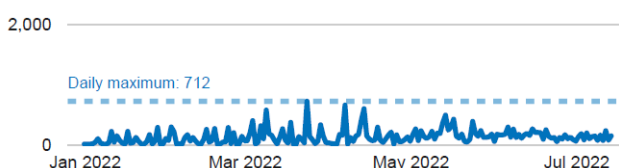
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Active COVID-19 cases in isolation

ARRIVAL TRENDS

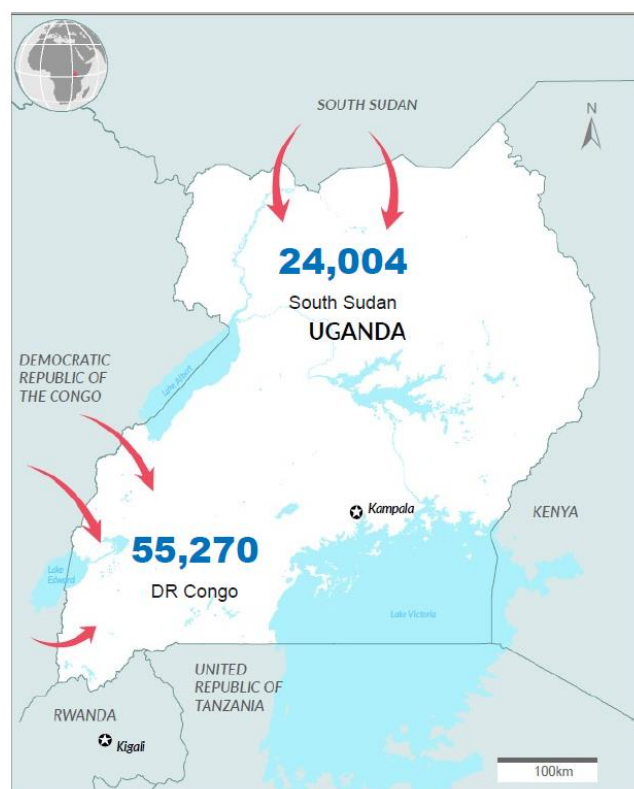
Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

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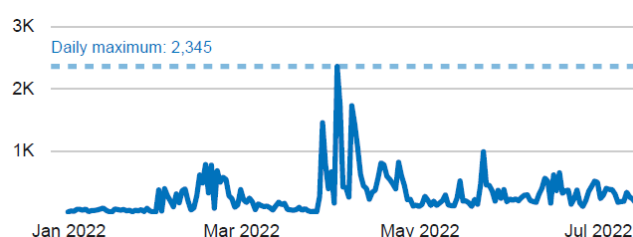
SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

INFLUX MAP



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Operational Context – Kisoro District



A team from partners and security engages new arrivals at Nyakabande holding area, on their rights, preventing sexual exploitation & abuse, and gender-based violence. © CAFOMI/ Uwimana Anna

- The situation at the Bunagana border is calm. The border is still closed for vehicles, but new arrivals continue to cross, including some returning during the day to DRC to pick food stuffs and other property. New arrivals continue to camp around Bunagana market with a few opting to construct temporary accommodation shelters and pit-latrines, while others are renting rooms around Bunagana town. This is despite encouragement from the local authorities, OPM and UNHCR to move to the holding area where appropriate assistance can be provided. These new arrivals in the makeshift camp are arriving frail and increased mortality at the Kisoro hospital is being attributed to the camp. Tension with the local authorities has increased. They are concerned about the security threat with new arrivals being so close to the border and the lack of sanitation facilities.
- The total number of individuals received at the holding area and transit centre since 28 March is 38,651 individuals (19,771 households). The current population is 17,466 individuals (1,879 at transit centre and 15,587 at holding area) as of 14 July 2022. The population transported and received at the holding area during this reporting period is 1,324 individuals.
- The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) continues with Level 2 registration at the transit centre. During the week, 701 individuals (358 households) were registered.
- Biometric registration is ongoing at the holding area to fix the population not willing to be relocated to the settlement. The cumulative number of new arrivals registered since 17 June 2022 is 9,910 Individuals (2,570 households).
- During the week, two convoys comprising 1,044 individuals (480 households) were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement. Nine individuals were relocated to Oruchinga refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 10,506 individuals have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.
- There was routine awareness-raising at the holding area and transit center about the rights and obligations of asylum seekers, as well as common offenses and peaceful co-existence with the host community to increase their safety and security there.
- A total of 1,816 new arrivals and humanitarian workers have tested for COVID-19 during the week. Of these, 44 are positive. Ten clients have been discharged from

isolation, leaving 24 active cases. Cumulatively, 29,599 tests have been conducted with 543 positive cases since 28 March 2022.

- Average liters of water per person per day at the holding centre was 14.7 liters which was slightly below emergency standard of 15 liters. At the transit, centre the average amount of liters of water per person was 17 liters which was above emergency standards of 15 liters. The litres of water per person has been decreasing as a result of the increase in the population.

Impact and Achievements

- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program served 2,219 clients as of 14 July 2022. Of these, 1,898 were children (904 male and 994 female) under five years and 32 were pregnant and lactating mothers (146 pregnant and 175 lactating).
- **CHILD PROTECTION:** A total of 133 children at risk were identified by CAFOMI, Save the Children and ALIGHT during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 1,869 children at risk have been identified since 28 March 2022. Save the Children and War Child Holland are providing psychosocial support services to children and youth through structured play and games in the child friendly spaces. This helps children establish a routine, provides continuity of culture, as well as basic numeracy and literacy skills.



A psychosocial support services session in progress. © CAFOMI/ Mufiteonida Vallence

- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems, as well as to enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners reached 66 individuals (12 males and 54 females), through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues. Cumulatively, 2,010 individuals (408 males and 1,602 females) have been reached since 30 March 2022.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 15,000 reusable facemasks as COVID cases are on the increase.
- 10,000 HIV test kits to ensure comprehensive HIV and GBV care.
- Two ambulances are needed for within Kisoro and for referrals outside of Kisoro as the existing ambulances are unable to manage the convoy movement and referrals.
- One ultrasound and x-ray machine for the Kisoro hospital are needed to reduce travel of patients to other urban centres.
- Training is needed on disease surveillance and cold change to improve disease surveillance and cold change management.
- Upgrade Misiera water plan to increase coverage of water which is under pressure with the increased population.

- Supply water treatment chemicals to ensure clean drinking water.
- Construction of a 5km chain link perimeter fence around the holding area.
- Opening of 50km new access roads and maintenance to enable easy access to services by new arrivals and facilitate movement of partners.
- Construction of low cost 500 PSN shelters to enable them to settle better in the settlement.
- Provide 400 solar streetlights to improve security at night, including in public places.
- Core relief items for an estimated population of 30,000, 600 chairs for safe spaces, 6 x 100-seater tents, containers for protection interviews, and 55 laptops for registration and child protection cases are needed to enhance services.
- Briquets are needed in Nakivale to converse the environment while new arrivals are cooking.

Operational Context – Bubukwanga

- An unspecified number of new arrivals are reported to have crossed, by boat, into Haihale. The community alerted OPM. The situation is being closely monitored.
- The cumulative population at Bubukwanga transit center is 116 (50 male, 66 female) individuals (47 households).
- There are three COVID-19 active cases in isolation at the transit centre.
- A total of 83 individuals (33 households) have been biometrically registered and ready for relocation to the settlement. Thirty-one individuals (13 households) are pending security screening before being registered.
- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) donated an assortment of non-food items, including woolen blankets, warm children’s clothing, children’s shoes and reusable face masks. The items will supplement what is provided as part of the core relief items.

Operational Context – West Nile

New arrivals

- In Arua, 834 individuals (166 households) were received as new arrivals. Of these Imvepi received 67 individuals, Omugo 338 individuals, Kuluba 170 individuals, and Ocea 259 individuals.
- A total of 109 new arrivals were received in Adjumani and 476 individuals in Lamwo. Most of the new arrivals in both locations are of Nuer ethnicity. Reasons for flight included hunger, floods, insecurity, inter-tribal conflicts especially among the Nuer and Dinka ethnicities, cattle raids, and breakdown in social services.

Relocation

- In Arua, 336 individuals were relocated from Ocea reception centre to their individual plots as well as 1,013 South Sudanese new arrivals from Nyumanzi reception centre and Lukung collection point in Adjumani and Lamwo respectively. New arrivals relocated from Lukung were settled within Palabek settlement, while those from Nyumanzi were relocated to Ocea and Omugo reception centres in Arua.
- Plans are underway to relocate more new arrivals to decongest overstretched locations.

New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 875 new arrivals from South Sudan and 1,511 from DRC since the last reporting period.
- There are 26,403 individuals in the transit and reception centres. Of these, 4,997 are in West Nile (an increase of 952 individuals compared to last reporting period) and 21,406 are in South-West (an increase of 326 compared to last reporting period).

Working in partnership – National level

- A supplement to the UCRRP is being developed to highlight ongoing needs of the emergency.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

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