

Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report

22-28 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. The border is still closed for vehicles, but new arrivals continue to cross, including some returning during the day to DRC to pick up food stuffs and other property. Other asylum seekers continue to cross into Uganda through Kibaya porous border and many sleep around Busanza and

Bunagana town. Out of the estimated 40,889 new arrivals (21,056 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March, 12,141 individuals have been relocated to settlements, 11,105 are spontaneous departures from the holding area and transit centre, while 17,643 are still living in the two locations.

The holding capacity at Nyakabande Transit Centre, Kisoro District, is overstretched by 145 per cent.

Nyakabande's capacity is 7,200 but is currently accommodating 17,643 individuals.

Other overstressed locations include Lokung collection point in Lamwo District (571 per cent), Kagoma Reception Centre in Kikuube district (50 per cent), Ocea Reception Centre in Arua District (99 per cent), and Kabazana Reception Centre in Isingiro District (42 per cent).

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

 **84,320 individuals**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (25,874 from South Sudan and 58,446 from DRC). An increase of 2,580 since the last reporting period.

 **28,588 individuals**

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (6,279 in West Nile and 22,309 in the South-West). An increase of 2,997 since last reporting period.

KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

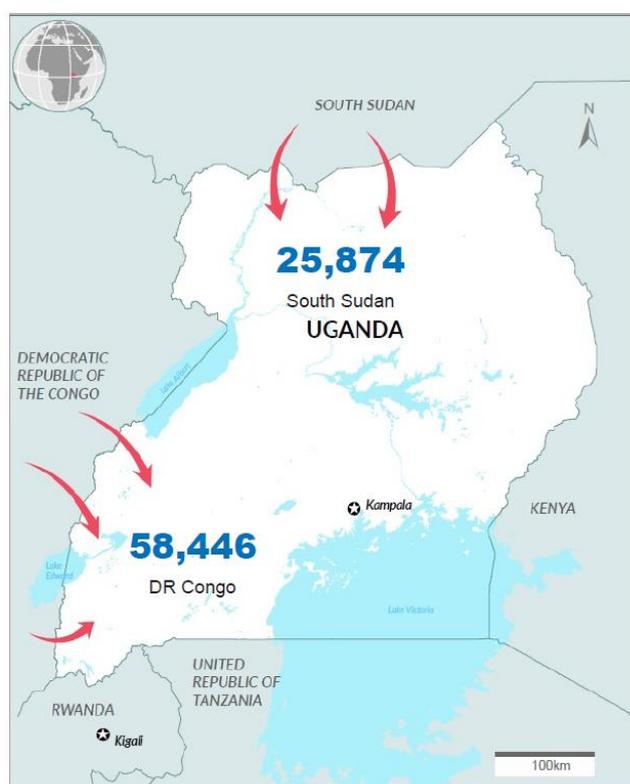
 **1,159,000**

Litres of water supplied to Nyakabande Transit/ Holding Centre

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Active COVID-19 cases in isolation

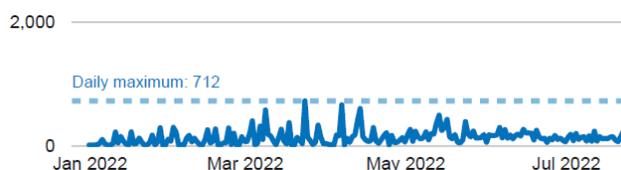
INFLUX MAP



ARRIVAL TRENDS

Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

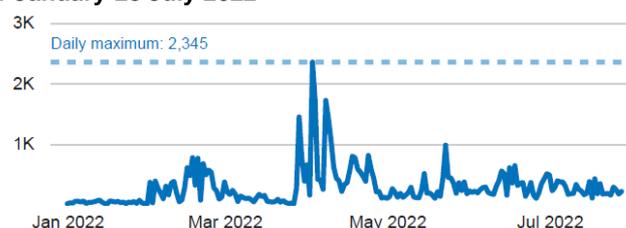
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SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

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Operational Context – Kisoro District



Satellite camp at Bunagana border for new arrivals unwilling to be relocated to the holding centre.
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New arrivals

- The situation at the Bunagana border is calm. The border is still closed for vehicles but not for asylum seekers. Asylum seekers continue to camp around Bunagana market with a few opting to construct temporary accommodation shelters and pit-latrines, while others are renting around Bunagana town in Kisoro, Uganda. Tensions remain high among the civilian population close to Uganda's borders in the areas of Kabingo, Rubavu and Musezero in Rutshuru territory. Civilians in these locations are reportedly seeking refuge within DRC in public places like schools and health facilities. Other asylum seekers continue to cross into Uganda through Kibaya's porous border and many sleep around Busanza and Bunagana town in Uganda. Others are relocated to the transit centre. Some individuals go back to DRC to pick up food stuffs and other property in the morning and return (pendular movement) to Uganda in the evening.
- The total population transported and received at the transit centre in the week was 1,304 individuals. The total number of individuals received at the holding area and transit centre since 28 March is 40,889 individuals (21,056 households). The current population is 17,643 individuals as of 28 July 2022.
- The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) continues to conduct Level 2 registration at the transit centre. During the week, 765 individuals (364 households) were registered. The cumulative number of new arrivals registered since 17 June 2022 is 11,519 Individuals (3,360 households).

Relocation

- During the week, two convoys comprising 900 individuals (412 households) were relocated to Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Isingiro District. Cumulatively, 12,275 individuals (6,188 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.

- There was routine awareness-raising at the Bunagana 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.
- A total of 1,790 new arrivals and humanitarian workers have tested for COVID-19 during the week. Of these, 21 are positive. Cumulatively, 31,663 tests have been conducted with 620 positive cases since 28 March 2022. There are 19 active cases in isolation.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting 550 new households in Nakivale Refugee Settlement with new arrival and emergency shelter kits, along with temporary communal sanitation. Since many of the new arrivals in Nakivale are receiving non-food items and shelter kits in Kisoro, CRS is working with UNHCR, OPM and protection actors to make sure that there is no duplication, and the requisite number of households can travel to Nakivale where they will receive their kits.

Impact and Achievements

- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program served 2,170 clients with nutritious porridge (CSB++) on 28 July 2022. Of these, 1,911 were children under five years of age (829 male and 1,019 female), and 274 were pregnant and lactating mothers (152 pregnant and 170 lactating).



*CAFOMI personel serving porridge to persons with specific needs at the holding center.
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- **CHILD PROTECTION:** A total of 172 children at risk were identified by CAFOMI, Save the Children and ALIGHT during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 2,207 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.
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems, as well as to enhance positive coping mechanisms,

partners reached 127 individuals (103 males and 24 females), through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues. Cumulatively, 2,259 individuals (466 males and 1,801 females) have been reached since 30 March 2022.

WASH: A total of 1,159,000 litres of water were supplied at the Bunagana transit center and holding area during the week (535,000 litres by National Water and Sewerage Corporation and an additional 540,000 litres through water trucking).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There are no lights along the main streets used by both refugees and the host community. This exposes female individuals to sexual gender-based violence.
- Hot meals prepared are not enough.
- Some individuals still need soap for improving personal hygiene.
- Most shelter activities, particularly those related to establishment of new infrastructure, continue to stall due to lack of construction poles.
- Need for Uganda Red Cross Society to fast track the installation of a line for the second T95 water storage tank to increase production capacity.

Operational Context – Bubukwanga, Bundibugyo District

New arrivals

- During the week, the trend of arrivals at Bubukwanga Transit Center increased rapidly due to new attacks by the rebel Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) within DRC. The cumulative population at the transit center is 1,165 individuals (361 households).
- There are three COVID-19 active cases in isolation at the transit centre.
- A total of 440 individuals (137 households) have been biometrically registered and are ready for relocation to the settlement.

Operational Context – West Nile / North

New arrivals

- Adjumani registered a 52 per cent increase in arrivals from last week. The sub office received 938 new arrivals (Adjumani 209, Lamwo 729) from South Sudan with 468 females and 470 males. Majority of new arrivals were Nuer by ethnicity. The sharp increase in new arrivals is due to the fight in Ikotos.
- In Arua, 165 new arrivals (49 households) were received in Kuluba collection and Imvepi reception centre.

Relocation

- In Yumbe, 13 individuals were relocated from Kerwa collection centre to Goboro transit centre. The total number of new arrivals currently at the transit centre is 13 individuals (7 seven households).
- UNHCR, in coordination with partners in Adjumani, facilitated relocation of 235 South Sudanese new arrivals (35 households) from Nyumanzi reception centre to Omugo reception centre in Arua district. No relocation was conducted in Lamwo this week, as OPM is still searching for available plots to accommodate the 1,345 registered individuals pending relocation. The current population at Nyumanzi

Reception Centre is 171 individuals (38 households) and 1,565 individuals (328 households) at Lokung reception centre.

- In Arua, 714 individuals (163 households) were relocated to their plots from Ocea Reception Centre at Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement.

New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 1,169 new arrivals from South Sudan and 1,411 from DRC since the last reporting period.
- There are 28,588 individuals in the transit and reception centres. Of these, 6,279 are in West Nile / North (an increase of 1,890 individuals compared to last reporting period) and 22,309 are in the South-West (an increase of 1,107 compared to last reporting period).

Working in partnership – National level

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

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