Child Protection Dashboard

Quarter 4

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-2023

January - December 2022

Overview

Overall objective of the Child Protection sector

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

Analysis of achievements of the sector

In Q4, child protection actors continued supporting children under ongoing case management processes as well as to newly arriving children at risk and unaccompanied or separated children. At the end of Q4, a total number of 31,370 children, **including 15,243 unaccompanied or separated children** had open child protection cases. Since the beginning of the year, **a total of 17,434 newly identified children** benefitted from Best Interest Assessments, and 490 Best Interests Determination (BIDs) were completed. The main protection risks for refugee children in Uganda include separation from parents or other family members, exposure to neglect, abuse and violence, child labour as well as GBV, including child marriage and teenage pregnancy. Psychosocial support needs have been an increasing concern mainly caused by lack of access to basic needs, including food, shelter, non-food items, access to education as well as limited care by caregivers. **86,038 children participated in a variety of community-based activities**, such as recreational activities, awareness activities undertaken by trained community-level committees and psychosocial support activities, including peer support groups. Given the specific challenges and risks facing adolescents, including teenage pregnancy amongst others. 33,833 adolescents were engaged in targeted activities such as teenage peer support groups for pregnant girls or child rights clubs and other activities to build life skills and resilience. At the end of Q4, **2,206 UN, NGO and governmental staff were trained** through various capacity building activities.

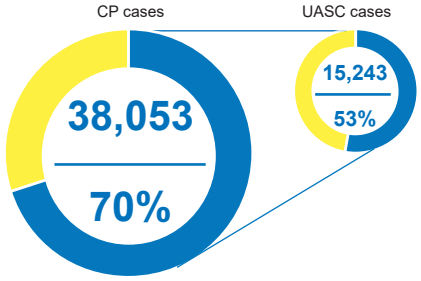
Challenges and gaps

Case worker ratios for children at risk remain high with 84 children managed at an average by one case worker. This impacts negatively on the case processing, i.e. quality of service provision and the follow up and closure of cases. In addition, the lack of support, including material support to foster families has led to frequent drop out of care mechanisms. Moreover, following a verification exercise in November 2022, the number of children with specific needs increased from 49,000 to 95,000, affecting the overall response capacity. Meanwhile, limited financial and human resources, including Child Protection expertise to support child-friendly procedures, remained a challenge.

Upcoming priorities Q1 2023

In 2023, the key priorities are strengthening the national CP system, CP case management, safe alternative care for unaccompanied children (UAC), and engagement of families and communities to protect children. In addition, considering the newly identified children with specific needs, increased efforts will be required to assess their protection risks and provide individual case management and care services based on needs.

Key indicators



Open cases
CP needs identified: 53,996
UASC needs identified: 28,595

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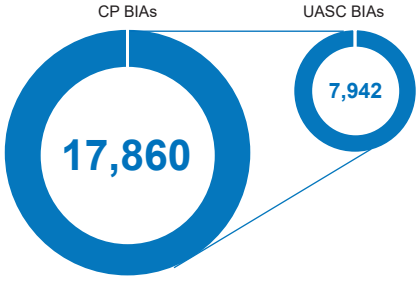
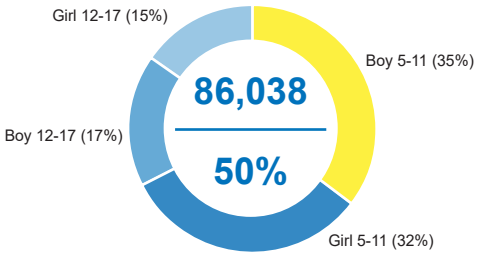
Caseworker / Child Ratio



Total BIAs conducted

9,860 | 349
BIAs | BIDs conducted for Child at Risk



Children participating in community-based activities (by gender and age): 173,376

33,833 | 44%
Adolescents participating in targeted programs*

OUTCOME: Children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and are able to develop positively in a nurturing environment

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target (2022)*	*Actual* ■ *against annual target or standard* ■
Open CP cases			
- Congolese refugees	3,578	6,573	54% / 46%
- South Sudanese refugees	34,471	30,561	>100%
- Other refugees	0	663	0%

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*Does not reflect other youth/adolescent actors who report under PSN/CBP WGs

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Indicator	*Actual*	*Target (2022)*	*Actual* ■ *against annual target or standard* ■
Unaccompanied children who are placed in appropriate interim or long-term alternative care			
- Congolese and other refugees	243	3,322	7% 93%
- South Sudanese refugees	11,913	24,849	48% 52%
- Burundian refugees	0	424	0%
Parents participating in positive parenting sessions			
- Congolese refugees	7,327	6,083	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	26,937	14,012	>100%
- Other refugees	0	1,462	0%
- Host community	6,961	9,238	75% 25%
Children participating in community-based support activities			
- Congolese refugees	32,655	33,940	96% 4%
- South Sudanese refugees	51,464	88,234	58% 42%
- Other refugees	3	8,332	0.04% | 99.96%
- Host community	1,916	42,870	4% 96%
Adolescents participating in targeted programs			
- Congolese refugees	22,684	12,926	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	9,725	37,060	26% 74%
- Other refugees	0	3,562	0%
- Host community	1,424	22,949	6% 94%

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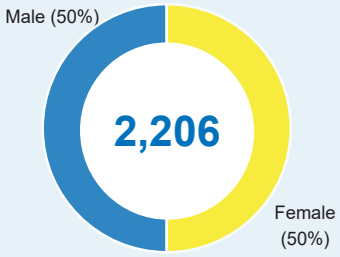
UNHCR, partner and Government staff trained on CP, children's rights and related aspects such as alternative care, CP information management and CP mainstreaming.			
- Congolese refugees	617	2,048	30% 70%
- South Sudanese refugeest	857	9,356	9% 91%
- Other refugees	0	73	0%
- Host community	678	300	>100%



Operational Presence

Koboko
DRC, UNHCR*

Yumbe
ADRA, HADS, IRC, Plan, SCI, UNHCR**, UNICEF**, WVI

Adjumani
AyudaEA, FCA, LWF, UNHCR**, UNICEF*, WVI

Terego & Madi Okollo
DRC, Plan, SCI, UNHCR*, UNICEF*

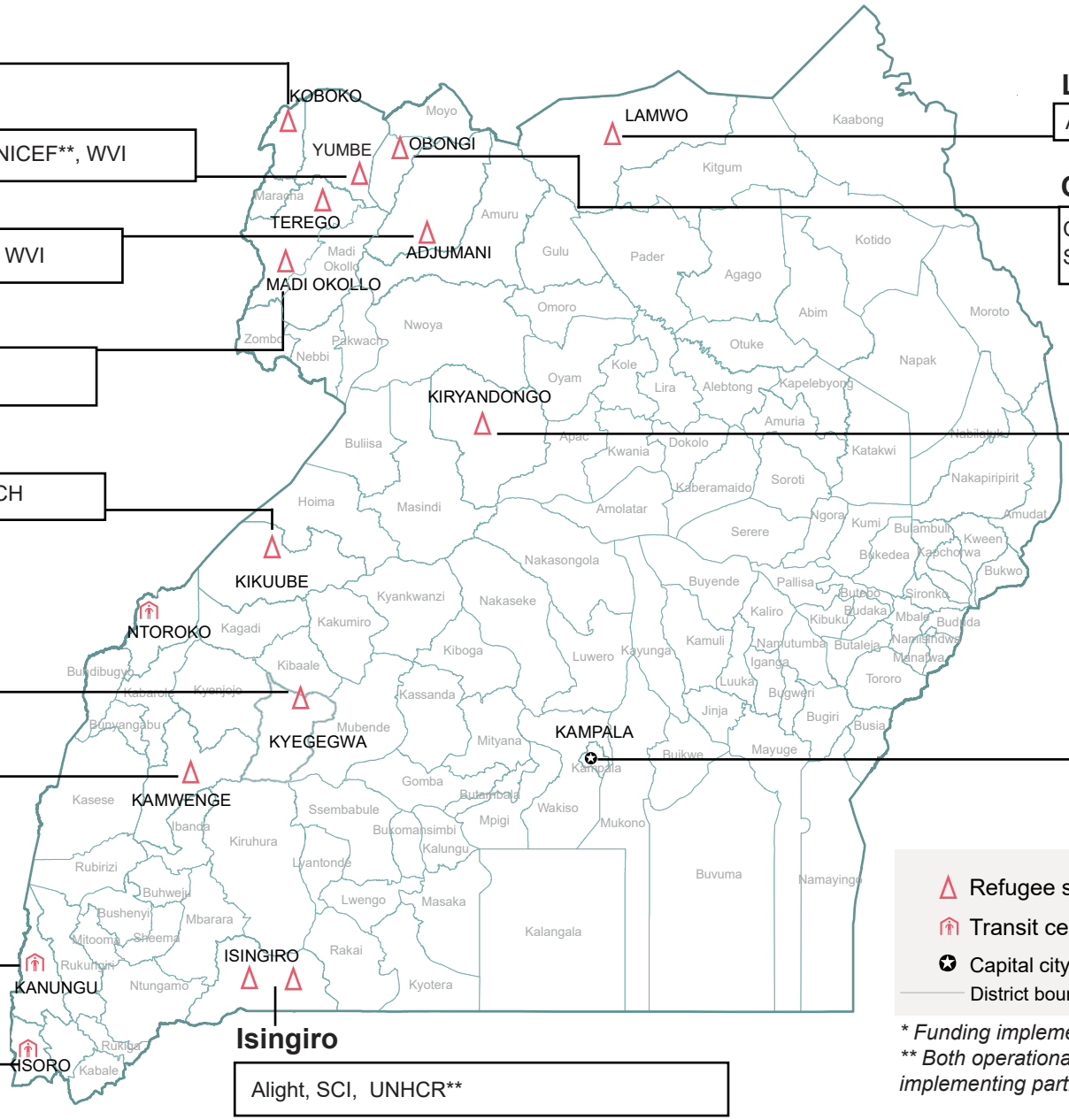
Kikuube
Alight, AVSI, LWF, SCI, TPO, UNHCR**, WCH

Kyegegwa
Alight, SCI, UNHCR**

Kamwenge
Alight, FCA, SCI, TPO, UNHCR**, WCH

Kanungu
SCI, TPO, WCH

Kisoro
SCI



Lamwo
AVSI, LWF, UNHCR*

Obongi
CFI, FCA, IsraAID, LWF, RICE-WN, SCI, UNHCR*, UNICEF*

Kiryandongo
DRC, SCI, TPO, UNHCR*

Kampala
CAFOMI, UNHCR**

Isingiro
Alight, SCI, UNHCR**

** Funding implementing partners*
*** Both operational partner and funding implementing partners*

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