Overview

Achievements
The humanitarian context in the Uganda refugee operation is gradually evolving, with focus shifting to sustainability for persons of concern hosted in the country and it is believed cash-based interventions have a big role to play in this shift especially through meeting the needs of existing refugees and other persons of concern. There is increased digitalization efforts by partners in delivering cash assistance notably through the use of bank accounts and mobile money. With this, vulnerable households receive cash assistance in a timely, efficient and discrete manner. With the help of WFP and partners, financial literacy trainings continue to be a priority as a support intervention to support vulnerable households utilize the cash assistance appropriately. Initiatives to improve refugee financial inclusion through access and utilization of financial service have been and are being stepped up as manifested in the increased participation of FSP in the cash coordination fora.

Challenges
Prices of food and non food items remained high during this period, attributed to global increase on fuel prices / inflation. As a result, many households that were previously food secure, particularly in South West region, experience food insecurity. As implementation of digitization of cash continues, it was evident that the merchant payment system was not fully appreciated and utilized by refugees albeit the increased efforts to onboard more merchants in the settlements. Partners implementing cash assistance in coordination with the cash working group continue to work with mobile network operators (MNO) to provide a sustainable solution to promote the use of merchant payments among refugee populations.

Key priorities and gaps
With the finalization of individual profiling exercise, the key focus will be the implementation of targeted cash transfers to ensure the most vulnerable get the assistance they need to meet their basic needs. A referral mechanism established by the Uganda Cash Consortium will complement sectoral cash provided to vulnerable households, education for school going children as well as address protection concerns. Focus also will be on updating all components of the minimum expenditure basket (MEB), updating the cash 3/5Ws and establishing a system for management of information relating to the cash working group.

Key indicators

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Objective: Financial inclusion and access to financial services promoted

Percent of Cash Assistance by Delivery Mechanism (UGX)

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Note: indicators marked with * add up multiple forms of cash and voucher assistance and have the potential for overlap
Cross-sectoral analysis of all cash-based interventions (amounts in UGX)

**Amount of cash transfers by sector (in billions)**
- Food Security: 15.28 bn
- Multipurpose Cash: 4.65 bn
- L&R: 1.18 bn
- Education: 0.14 bn
- E&E: 0.05 bn

**Amount of cash transfers by partner (in billions)**
- WFP: 15.28 bn
- DRC: 1.66 bn
- LWF: 1.53 bn
- AVSI: 1.46 bn
- ACF: 0.56 bn
- RICE-WN: 0.39 bn
- ALIGHT: 0.21 bn
- FCA: 0.16 bn
- DCA: 0.04 bn
- AWYAD: 0.03 bn
- Hope Foundation: 0.00 bn
- IOM: 0.00 bn

**Note:** for Livelihoods & Resilience, the value of CBI interventions is only based on cash-for-work, and amounts for households who received productive assets through cash. Host community interventions are included in all cases.

**Amount of cash transfers by district (in billions)**
- Isingiro: 3.33 bn
- Adjumani: 3.24 bn
- Kamwenge: 3.06 bn
- Madi Okollo: 2.92 bn
- Kiryandongo: 2.69 bn
- Kikuube: 2.54 bn
- Kyegega: 2.02 bn
- Obongi: 0.68 bn
- Lamwo: 0.63 bn
- Yumbe: 0.20 bn
- Koboko: 0.00 bn
- Kampala: 0.00 bn

**Cash transfers by beneficiary type**
- 18% Other Refugees
- 5% Host Community
- 43% Congolese and Other Refugees
- 34% South Sudanese Refugees

**Operational presence**
- **Koboko**
  - DRC, WFP
- **Yumbe**
  - WFP, DCA, IOM, SCI
- **Adjumani**
  - Lutheran World Federation (LWF), WFP, JRS, JEEP
- **Terego & Madi Okollo**
  - DRC, WFP, Hope Foundation, SCI, DCA
- **Kikuube**
  - ALIGHT, LWF, WFP, Nsamizi
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- **Kampala**
  - Mercy Corps

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