Protection Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-2023

Jan - June 2023

Overview

The overall protection objective is to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers have access to asylum, fair and accelerated asylum procedures as well as full enjoyment of their rights as set forth in international and domestic laws. It remains crucial for UNHCR and Partners to continue to strengthen the capacity of the government institutions to respond to emergencies, support improvements in registration and the asylum system whilst providing life-saving services, as well as monitoring, mitigating protection risks, building resilience of the forcibly displaced and stateless persons and enhancing durable solutions. Efforts will continue to be made in reinforcing comprehensive feedback and response mechanisms to ensure accountability to affected populations. In addition, special focus will be given to the vulnerable groups including persons with specific needs with the objective of ensuring that they have equal access to protection assistance and the opportunity to participate in community self-management and decision-making. Meanwhile, peaceful coexistence among communities as well as provision of mental health and psychosocial support services will remain a priority.

Product Scope

This product covers overview of the sector, key achievements, funding situation including Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection (CP) units, Registration, Refugee Status Determination (RSD), Community Based Protection (CBP), Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Legal and Feedback Referral and Resolution Mechanism (FRRM) arms of protection leaving out CP and GBV which have been analyzed in separate dashboards.

Analysis of achievements of the sector

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

During the second quarter, the Refugee Eligibility Committee (REC) held two sessions (01 Kyaka and 01 Kampala) where the committee adjudicated a total of 465 applications comprising of 1,169 individuals mainly from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda, and Burundi and Pakistan. The recognition rate was 79 per cent.

Noting the continued increase in the RSD backlog, UNHCR is working closely with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and REC to clear the backlog of 48,953 individuals through simplified/accelerated procedures pursuant to the RSD guidelines and policies. In line with this, UNHCR facilitated a joint RSD training with OPM from 10-12 May 2023, and participants included the Refugee Eligibility Committee, OPM RSD Officers and UNHCR/OPM RSD focal points. The Refugee Appeals Board (RAB) has not yet been constituted; UNHCR continues to advocate with the government to expedite the appointment of the new members of the RAB. The suspension on admission of Somali remains in place pending technical verification between the Immigration and the Office of the Prime Minister.

Access to Justice

A total of 14,609 individuals received legal aid services and were sensitized on the laws of Uganda. Access to justice is impeded by limited funds to cover legal representation, access to physical infrastructure and limited resources to facilitate community outreachs and mobile court sessions in the settlements among others.

Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

A total of 112,521 calls were received by the Interagency Feedback, Referral, and Resolution helpline as of 30 June. 75 percent of the calls were handled at the helpline level while 25 percent were referred to partners and UNHCR. More than half of the queries recorded related to food assistance closely followed by durable solutions (specifically resettlement) and community-based protection among others.

Community-Based Protection (CBP)

The AAP & CwC task team discussed and made recommendations for improvements to the prioritization review mechanism and the relevant communication strategy. Implementation of Phase III of food/cash prioritization will commence in July. UNHCR also conducted a virtual meeting with the Refugee Engagement Forum where refugee leaders shared reflections on the implementation of the same and recommended strengthening of livelihoods, provision of immediate assistance to high-risk protection cases, and data updates to ensure accurate recategorization of refugees among others.

The IGAD-EAC High-Level Ministerial Conference on Durable Solutions for Refugees, co-convened by the Government of Uganda, was held in Kampala from 13-16 June. The outcomes of this conference will be converted into pledge recommendations for Uganda specifically, on the GRF thematic area of durable solutions.

Key indicators

% of refugees in Uganda who are individually registered in proGres with minimum data set

Target: 98%

% of eligible asylum seekers whose asylum applications have been adjudicated in line with the RSD procedures and standards (Target: 95%)

Community-led projects or community empowerment projects, where peaceful coexistence is the primary project purpose

Target: 95%

Achievements per quarter

Q1

Q2

annual target

100%

11%

137

41%

Funding

Inc CP and GBV

$157M

Total Required

$34.1M

Received 22%

Gap 78%

$122.9M

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Target: 98%
Outcome: Access to asylum procedures, including reception, registration, and refugee status determination (RSD)

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Note: South Sudanese refugees are granted refugee status on prima-facie basis.

OUTCOME: Accountability to all persons of concern is strengthened through meaningful engagement and participation of communities

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<td>Complaints addressed through effective feedback mechanisms</td>
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<td>- Congolese refugees</td>
<td>19,901</td>
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<td>9,742</td>
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<td>5,021</td>
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<td>- Host community</td>
<td>202</td>
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OUTCOME: Persons with specific needs have timely access to appropriate services and participate in community activities and decision-making on an equal basis with others

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<td>Persons with specific needs provided with support</td>
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<td>- Congolese refugees</td>
<td>8,801</td>
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<td>8,742</td>
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<td>137</td>
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Interventions to address barriers

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<td>- Congolese refugees</td>
<td>91</td>
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<td>- South Sudanese refugees</td>
<td>565</td>
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<td>- Other refugees</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>- Host community</td>
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OUTCOME: Refugee and host communities populations have improved well being and functioning including very vulnerable people

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<td>Individuals receiving psychosocial support</td>
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<td>- Congolese refugees</td>
<td>74,740</td>
<td>96,522</td>
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<td>- South Sudanese refugees</td>
<td>67,775</td>
<td>180,831</td>
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<td>- Other refugees</td>
<td>489</td>
<td>35,664</td>
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<td>- Host community</td>
<td>17,565</td>
<td>79,689</td>
<td>22%</td>
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OUTCOME: Physical safety and access to justice by Persons of Concern strengthened

Refugees receiving legal assistance and legal aid services

- Congolese refugees
  - Actual: 2,786
  - Target (2023): 30,000
  - % against annual target: 9%

- South Sudanese refugees
  - Actual: 12,524
  - Target (2023): 40,000
  - % against annual target: 31%

- Other refugees
  - Actual: 0
  - Target (2023): 15,000
  - % against annual target: 0%

- Host Community
  - Actual: 1,022
  - Target (2023): 1,000
  - % against annual target: >100%

Operational Presence

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)
- Congolese refugees
- South Sudanese refugees
- Other refugees
- Host Community

African Women and Youth Action for Development (AWYAD)
- Congolese refugees

Alight
- South Sudanese refugees

Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI)
- Other refugees

Brass for Africa (BIA)
- Host Community

Building Resources Across Communities (BRAC)
- Adjumani
- Kikuube

Care International (CARE)
- Kyegegwa

Caritas Uganda
- Kamwenge

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- International Aid Services (IAS)

Child Fund International (CFI)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD)
- Madi Okollo

Community Empowerment for Peace and Development (CEPAD)
- Adjumani

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Terego & Madi Okollo

Finnish Refugee Council (FRC)
- Kikuube

Finnish Mission Uganda (FIDA/FMU)
- Kyegegwa

Humanitarian Assistance and Development Services (HADS)
- Kamwenge

Humanitarian Initiative Just Relief Aid (HIJRA)
- Isingiro

International Aid Services (IAS)
- Kyegegwa

International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Kyegegwa

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
- Kampala

Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
- Kampala

Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
- Kampala

Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), Tutapona Trauma Rehabilitation (TTR)
- Kyegegwa

Uganda Refugee Disaster and Management Council (URDMC)
- Kyegegwa

War Child Canada (WCC)
- Isingiro

War Child Holland (WCH)
- Isingiro

World Vision International (WVI)
- Isingiro

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