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Overview

The Sector Overview:

The Uganda Inter-Agency Child Protection Strategy (2023-2025) focuses on three key objectives: strengthening the national child protection system; providing essential services like case management and alternative care; and supporting children, families, and communities in safeguarding children. In support of this strategy, the Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan (UCRRP) works with partners in a coordinated effort to protect refugee children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, violence and separation, while ensuring access to quality child protection services.

The key protection risks refugee children face in Uganda include separation from family members, neglect, abuse, violence, child labor, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV), such as child marriage and teenage pregnancy. These might be a result of separation from parents or primary caregivers, lack of livelihood opportunities for caregivers, a weak child protection system within the community, and negative social and cultural norms, among others. The comprehensive resource requirement for child protection under the UCRRP in 2024 was USD 36 million, of which only 10% was funded by end of September 2024.

The Result Analysis:

As of Q3, case management services were initiated and or continued for a total of **34,096 children at heightened risk**. Of this number, **1,837 cases were successfully closed** after addressing the identified child protection issues, bringing the total number of closed cases for the year to **9,108 (25% increment compared to Q2)**. By the end of Q3, **24,988** (13,709 children at risk and 11,279 unaccompanied and separated children) open child protection cases remained active, receiving ongoing support from partners. **This represents a decrease from the total number of open cases at the end of Q2**, attributed to the guidance provided by the Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) and the Case Management Taskforce regarding the review and closure of long-standing cases. Overall, **the achievement in case management represents over 100 percent of the annual target for 2024**.

In Q3, 49,216 children aged 5-17 participated in community-based play and recreational activities, bringing the cumulative total in 2024 to **145,549**. **This figure represents 52 percent of the annual target**. Additionally, **12,880 adolescents engaged** in targeted programs aimed at skill development during Q3, bringing the total number of participants for the year to 34,749. This achievement represents **55 percent of the annual target**.

In the area of alternative care, **1,867 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC)** were placed in appropriate alternative care arrangements during Q3, bringing the total number of placements for the year to 5,416. **This represents beyond 100 percent of the annual target**. Linked to these efforts, **2,698 parents were supported** through positive parenting training as part of the family strengthening program, increasing the total number of parents to 15,903. **This achievement represents 63 percent of the annual target**. Meanwhile, 540 UASC had their tracing needs initiated; of which 156 (29%) were successful and 160 UASC were reunified with their family members.

The Key challenges/opportunities:

Uganda has a favorable legal and policy framework for the protection of refugee children. Partners have continued to strengthen collaboration with key government ministries, including the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development (MGLSD), to enhance the system's capacity to address child protection issues.

However, limited human and financial resources within the national system hinder effective support and response. As of September 2024, the caseworker-to-children-at-risk ratio stood at **1:149**, leading to case backlogs and delays. To mitigate this, the Case Management Taskforce under the CPSWG is finalizing the process of updating SOPs and prioritization criteria to focus on the highest-risk cases.

The Sector Priorities:

Aligned with the Inter-Agency child protection strategy, the sector will continue to prioritize the strengthening of an inclusive child protection system, provision of case management and alternative care, and support for children, families, and communities in preventing child protection risks. The CPSWG work plan for 2024 outlines key interventions, including the mainstreaming of child protection into other sectors, harmonization of community-based structures between refugee and host communities, enhancement of child-friendly feedback and response mechanisms, and strengthening of coordination, among other priorities.

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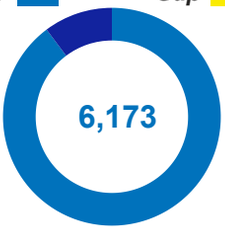
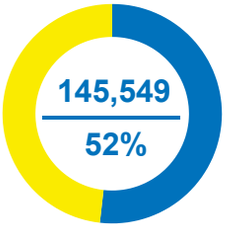
Key Indicators

Actual Achievements *Gap*

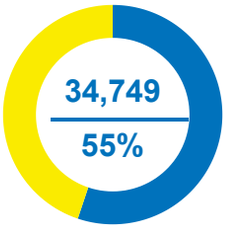
No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services, **Target: 18,715**



Best Interests Procedure(BIP)
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs): 5,541
Best Interests Determinations (BIDs): 632

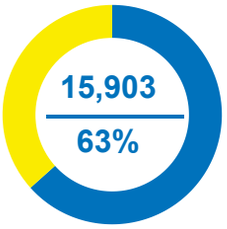


Children Participating in Community-based Support Activities
Target: 281,000



Adolescents Participating in Community-Based Activities
Target: 63,000

Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care
Target: 3,800



Biological/ Foster Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions
Target: 25,090

OUTCOME 6: By 2025, national child protection systems, humanitarian actors, children, families and communities in Uganda are increasingly able to protect refugee children from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence.

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual* / *Gap*
Children at Risk Including UASC who Received Quality Case Management Services (supported through BIP)			
- Congolese Refugees	9,366	9,733	96%
- South Sudanese Refugees	20,500	45,173	45% / 55%
- Other refugees	3,918	997	100%
- Host Community	312	23,956	99%
Total	34,096	79,859	
Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care			
- Congolese Refugees	378	4,490	8% / 92%
- South Sudanese Refugees	4,887	21,079	23% / 77%
- Other refugees	151	636	24% / 76%
Total	5,416	26,205	
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions			
- Congolese Refugees	1,751	8,300	21% / 79%
- South Sudanese Refugees	10,950	16,200	68% / 32%
- Other refugees	918	540	100%
- Host Community	2,284	50	100%
Total	15,903	25,090	

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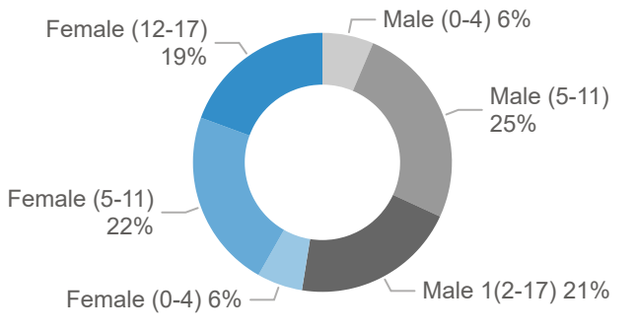

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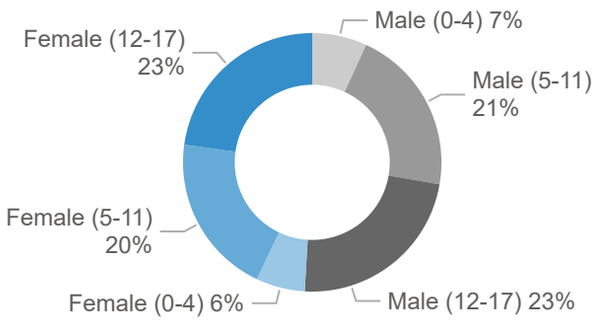

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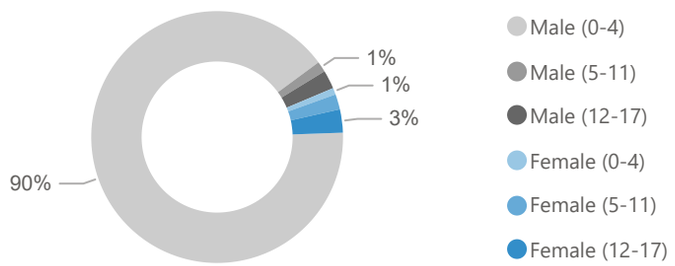
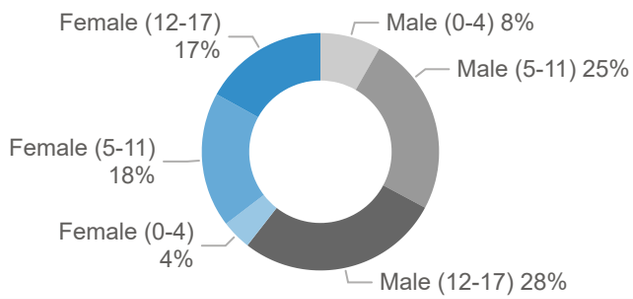


UASC Placed in Adequate Alternative Care By Age and Gender Breakdown



Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual* / *Gap*
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities			
- Congolese Refugees	65,535	140,000	47% / 53%
- South Sudanese Refugees	46,899	105,000	45% / 55%
- Other refugees	28,330	11,000	100%
- Host Community	4,785	25,000	19% / 81%
Total	145,549	281,000	
Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs			
- Congolese Refugees	19,081	25,000	76% / 24%
- South Sudanese Refugees	14,204	25,000	57% / 43%
- Other refugees	302	6,000	95%
- Host Community	1,162	7,000	17% / 83%
Total	34,749	63,000	
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	37	1,944	98%
- South Sudanese Refugees	224	8,421	97%
- Other refugees	5	66	8% / 92%
- Host Community	480	270	100%
Total	746	10,701	

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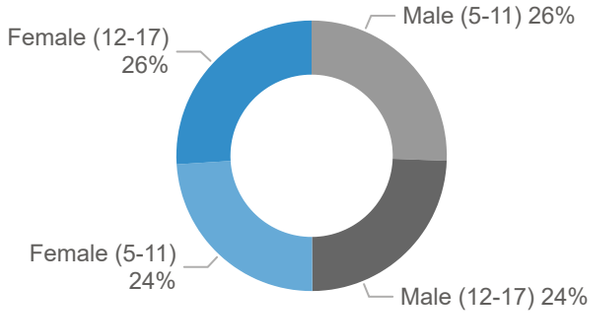

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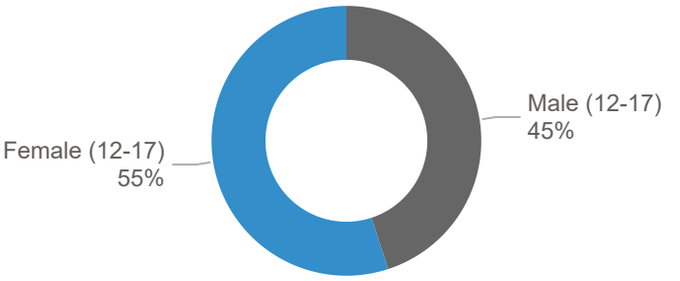

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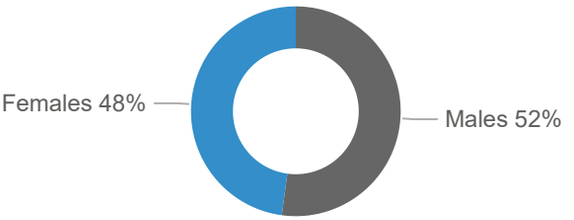

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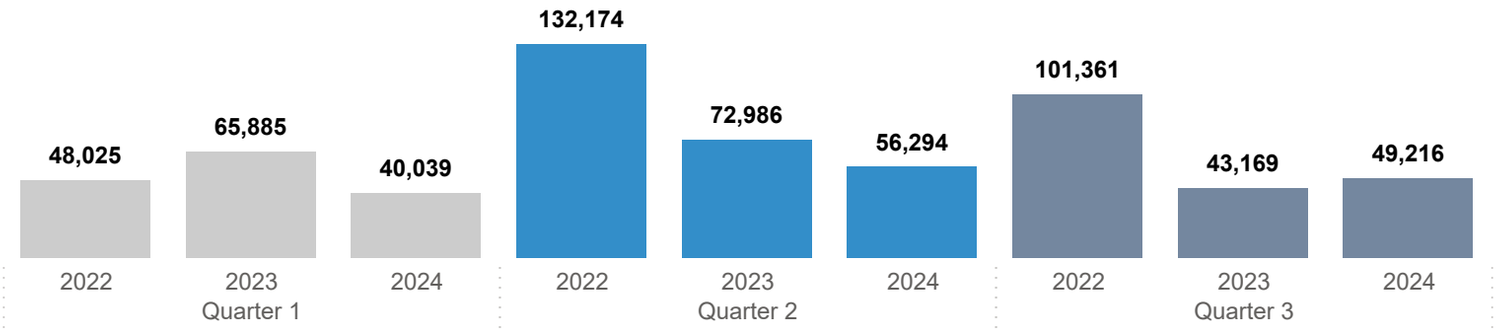

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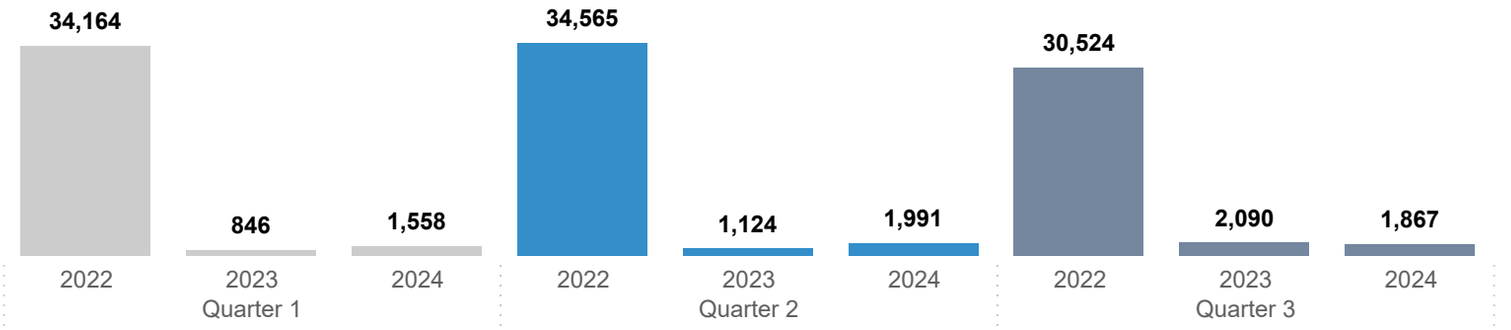

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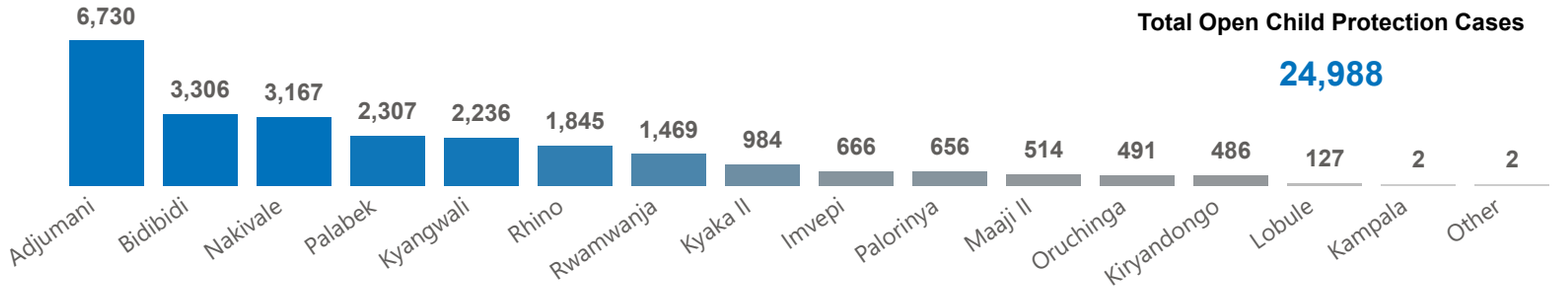

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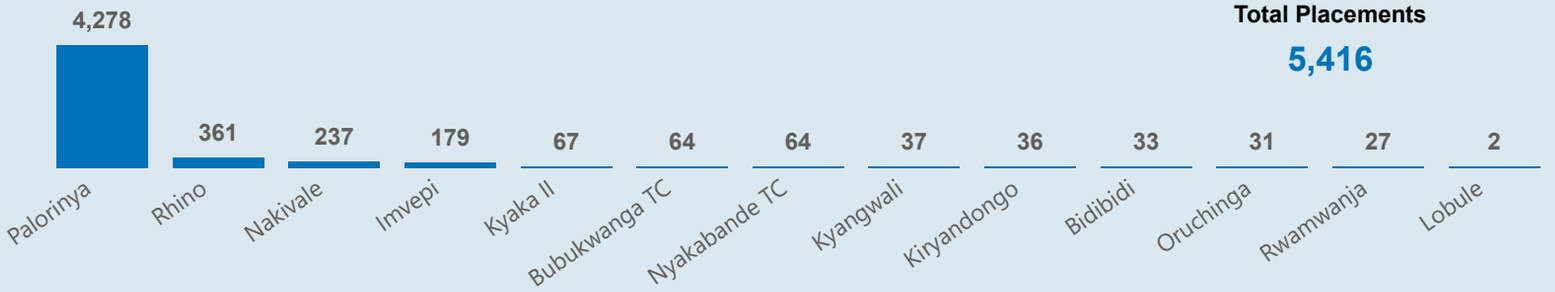

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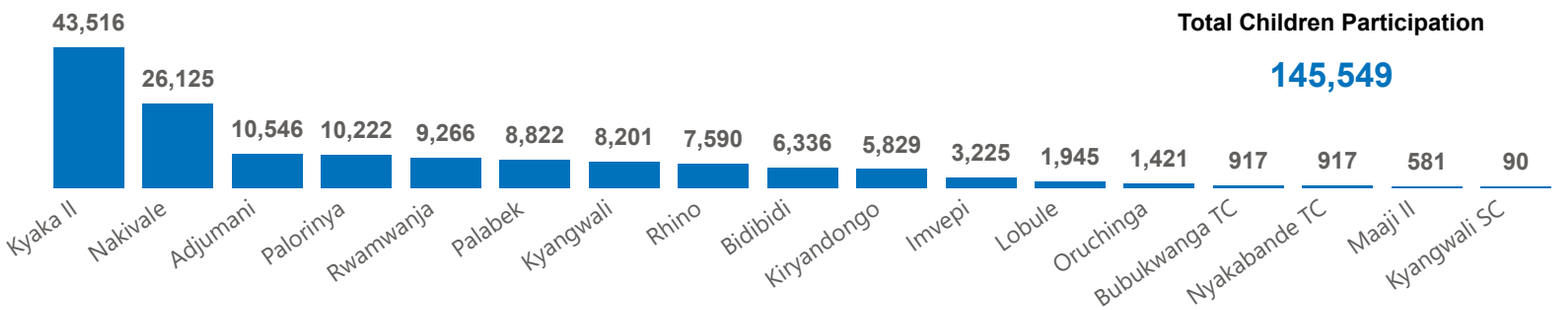

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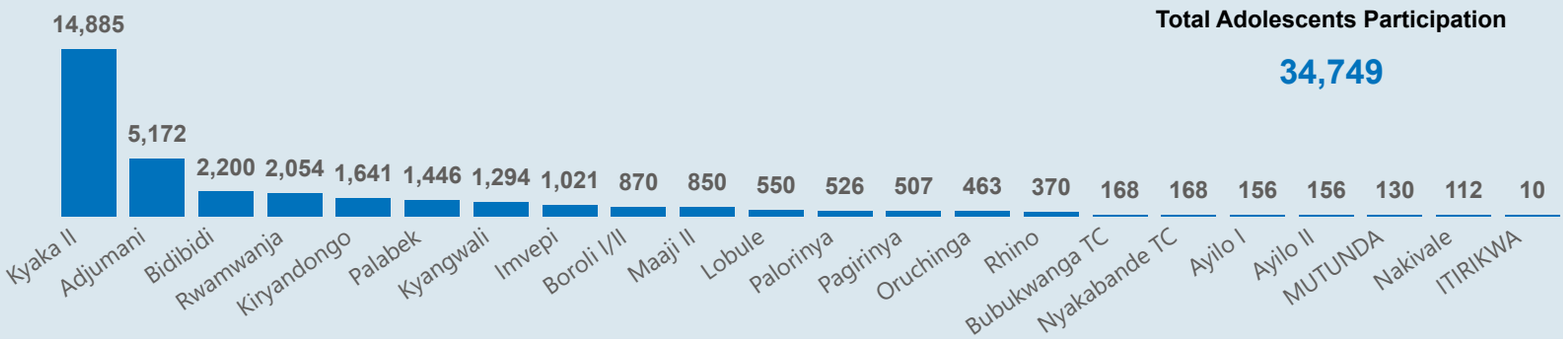

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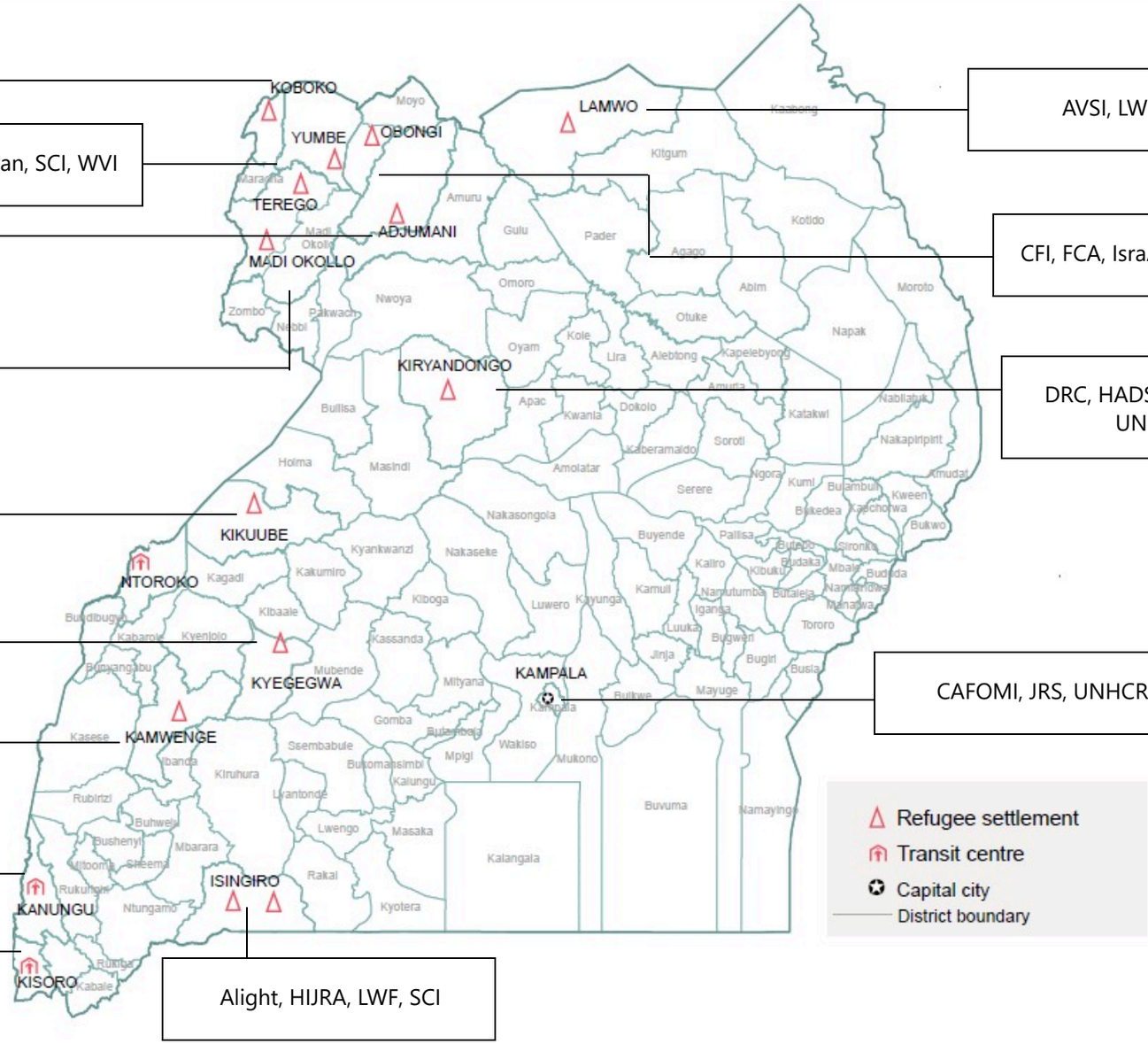

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Operational Presence (Interactive Map)

District	Location Type	Location Name	Partner Name
All	All	All	All

Total Number of Partners **23** | Total Number of Projects **45** | Total Number of Donors **16**

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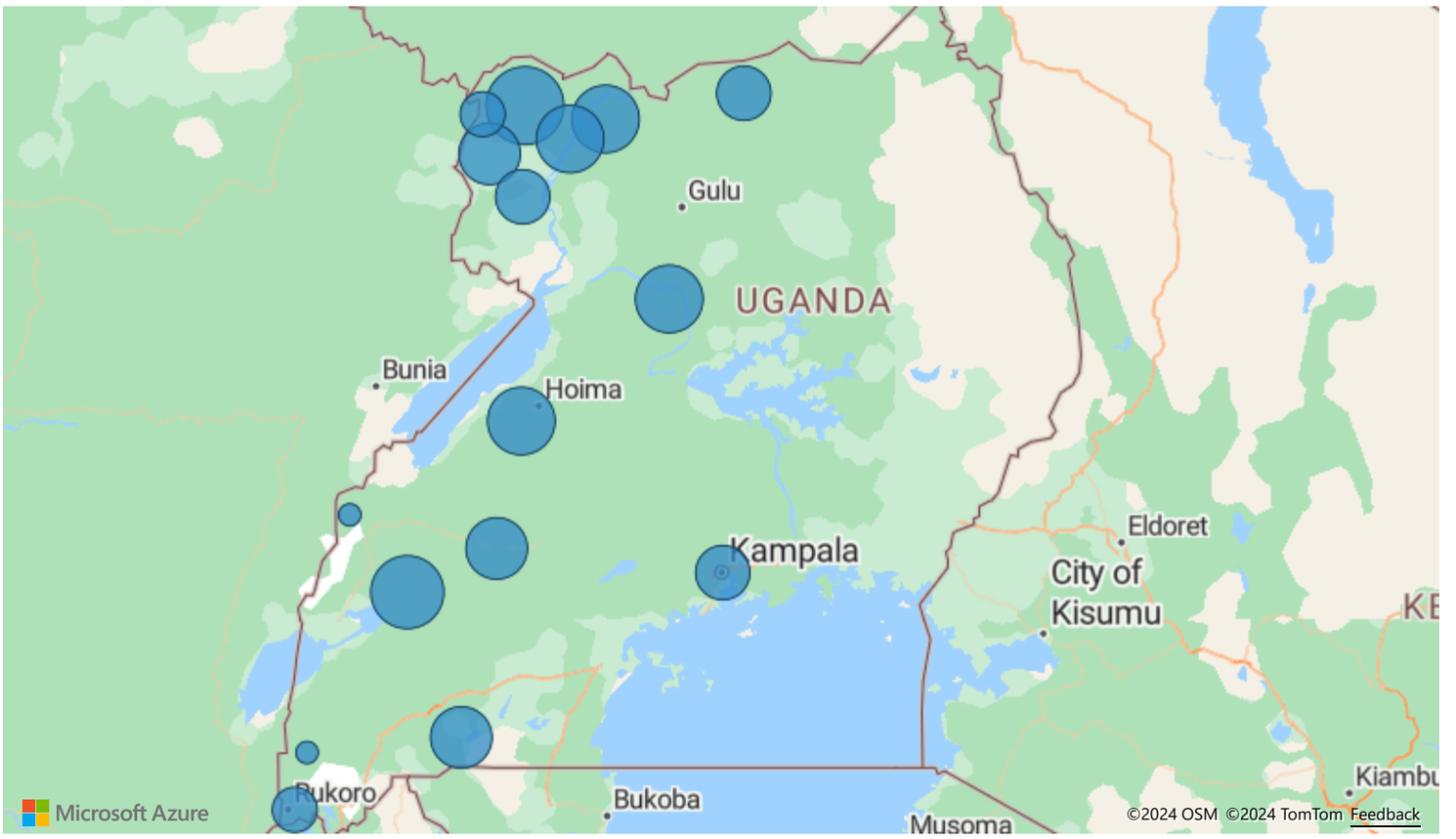
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