



Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024-2025

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January - March 2025

Overview



Cash and voucher assistance (CVA) is vital for lifesaving and emergency support while also promoting financial inclusion in the refugee response. Increasingly delivered via digital channels like mobile money and bank accounts, cash assistance enables discreet, timely support, reduces delivery costs, and offers recipients greater choice – making it a preferred assistance method for refugees and humanitarian actors alike.

Results Analysis and Achievements in 2025:

In Q1, thirteen partners reached 314,087 refugee households with CVA, totaling UGX 67.45 billion - UGX 37.35 billion for food, UGX 11.5 billion for Multipurpose Cash (MPC), and UGX 18.58 billion for education, health, livelihoods, shelter, and protection. Additionally, 159,747 refugee households gained access to mobile money accounts and 1,500 to bank accounts, advancing financial inclusion.

The increase in families assisted with CVA is driven by WFP's transition to digital transfers, increasing those assisted with GFA through bank and mobile money accounts from 61% to 74% of their caseload (Dec 2023 – Dec 2024); UNHCR's cash support through mobile money to over 32,000 new arrivals in Q1 2025; continued MPC provision through primarily mobile money by the Uganda Cash Consortium (UCC); and other sector-specific cash initiatives.

In Q1, the CWG engaged donors on underfunding impacts and discussed adaptation strategies for continued CVA interventions, mapped transfer values and targeting methods, and supported partners via UNHCR Registration team in improving individual-level reporting. Monthly coordination meetings continued.

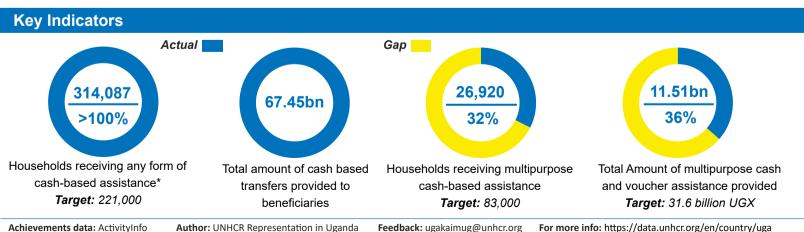
Key Challenges/ Opportunities 2025:

Funding cuts forced WFP to suspend food aid for 63% of refugee families after April 2025, prioritizing the most vulnerable. Cash will remain WFP's preferred delivery method; however, the reduced caseload (customer base) contributes to setbacks in CVA progress regarding financial service provider infrastructure development.

Reporting gaps at both programmatic and individual levels continue to hinder coordination. Activities such as financial service provider assessments/user preference, joint field missions, and national advocacy have been deprioritized. Nonetheless, the CWG will continue all activities that do not require financial resources to ensure ongoing coordination and harmonization of interventions.

Sector Priorities for Q2 2025:

- Maintain dialogue with partners/donors on reporting issues; offer refresher trainings.
- Pilot GDT for cash distribution/verification.
- Reactivate sub-national coordination in West Nile and Southwest.
- Advance the cash learning agenda with partners and donors, focusing on large grants, harmonization, and financial inclusion.
- Roll out the Post-distribution Monitoring Framework to improve documentation and advocacy.
- Continue support to National Financial Inclusion Strategy II.
- Engage financial service providers to improve services and refugee inclusion.



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Note: indicators marked with * add up multiple forms of cash and voucher assistance including general food assistance,

MPCT and sector specific cash

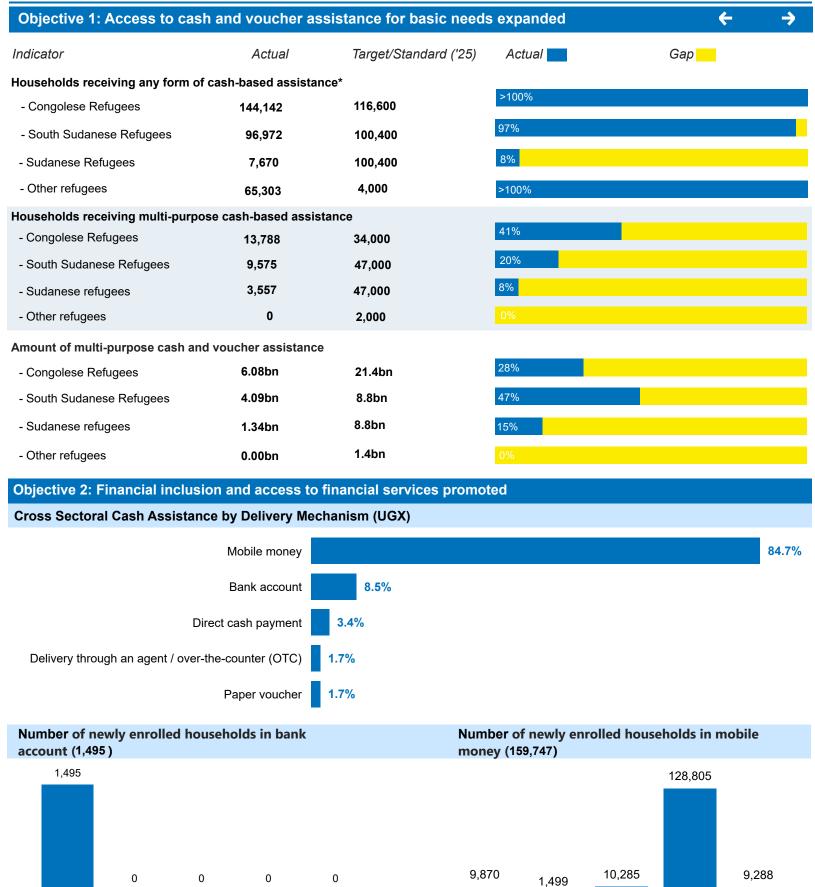




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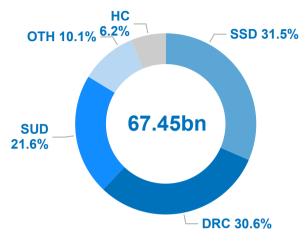
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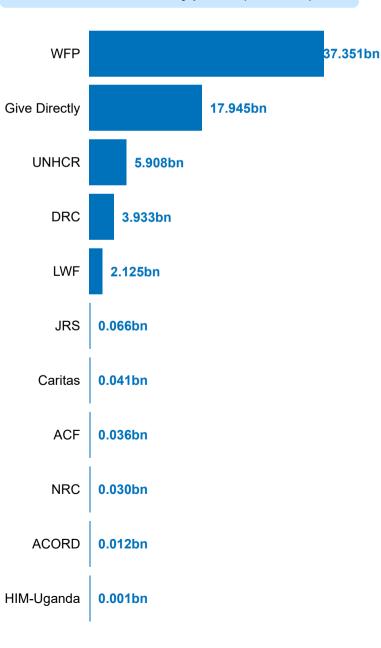




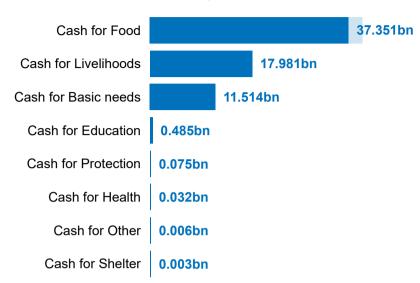
Cash transfers by beneficiary type



Amount of cash transfers by partner (in billions)



Amount of cash transfers by sector (in billions)



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Amount of cash transfers by district (in billions)







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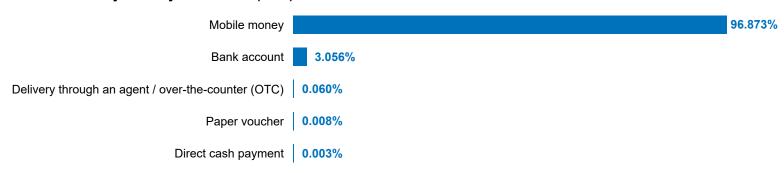
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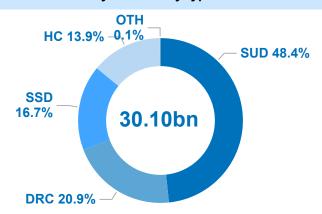


Cross-sectoral analysis of all cash-based interventions excluding cash for General Food Assistance (amounts in UGX)

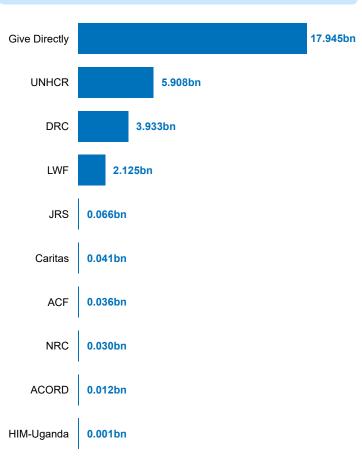
Cash Assistance by Delivery Mechanism (UGX)



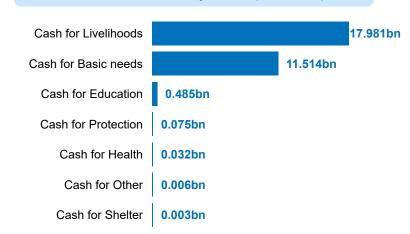
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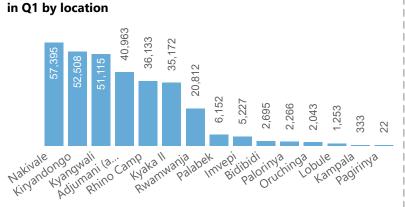




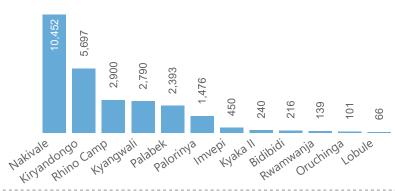




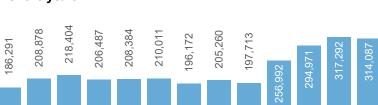
Objective 1: Access to cash and voucher assistance for basic needs



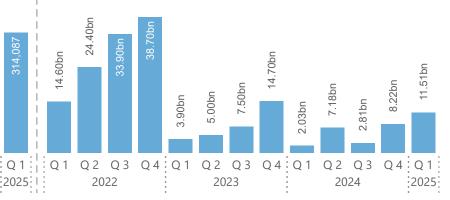
Multi purpose cash beneficiaries in Q1 by location



Households that received any form of cash based assistance over the years



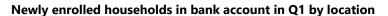
Total amount of multipurpose cash and voucher assistance provided over the years (in billion UGX)





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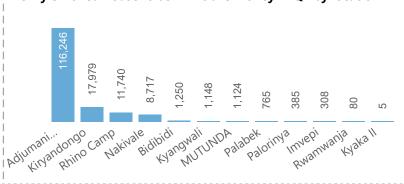
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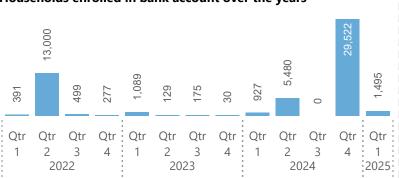
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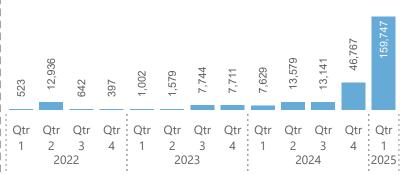




Households enrolled in bank account over the years



Households enrolled in mobile money over the years





Partners



Cash and Voucher Assistance Dashboard

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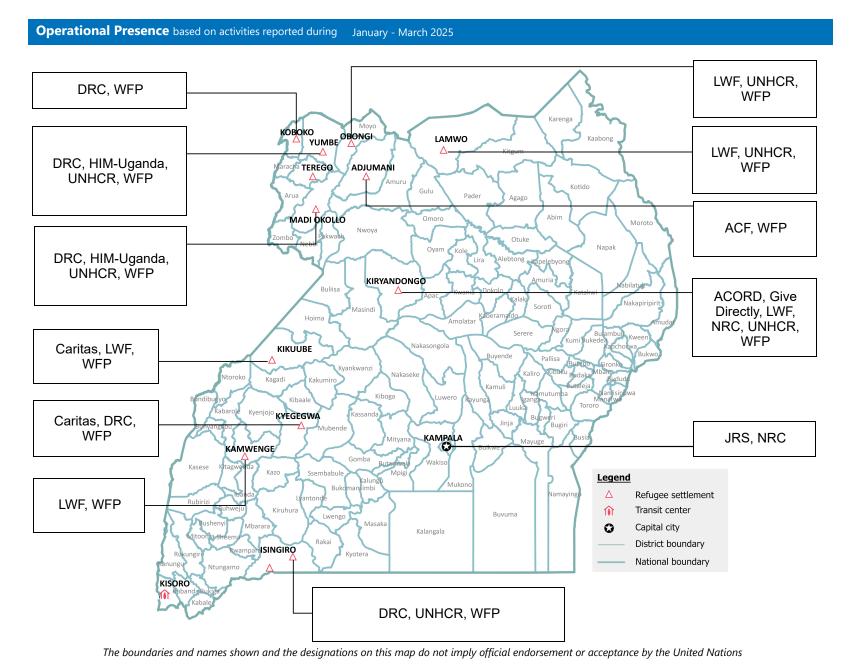
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The UN Refugee Agency



Action Against Hunger (ACF) | Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) | Caritas | ChildFund International (CFI) | DanChurchAid (DCA) | Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | Give Directly | His Sickles International Mission (HIM-Uganda) | Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | World Food Programme (WFP)



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Performance Indicator Summary



OUTCOME 1: Cash Based Interventions

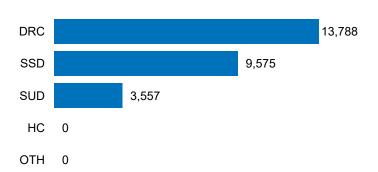
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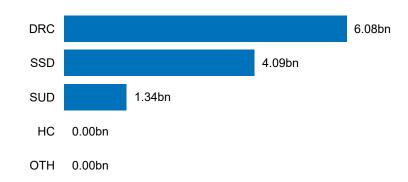
Total amount of cash transfers for basic needs (UGX)



of households (non PSN) provided with cash and voucher assistance for basic needs



Total amount of cash transfers (UGX) for basic needs



OUTCOME 2: Financial Inclusion

of newly enrolled households in bank account



of newly enrolled households in mobile money

