Gender-Based Violence Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024-2025

2025 Quarters

Quarter 1

Overview

The Sector Overview:

The Gender-Based Violence (GBV) sector aims to transform attitudes and behaviors regarding gender roles and violence, ensuring timely, survivor-centered support for those at risk. By 2025, the goal is to establish a robust and inclusive national GBV system that prevents and responds to all forms of GBV, especially within refugee communities. Uganda's refugee response is at a critical juncture due to a sharp decline in international funding, with 2025 allocations expected to fall well below the $392 million received in 2024. This funding gap has severely disrupted GBV programming, leading to reduced staffing, overstretched caseworkers, and weakened referral systems, particularly in high-need settlements like Kyangwali, Palabek, and Palorinya. Without urgent and sustained donor support, the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, is at serious risk, undermining years of progress in safeguarding human rights and community resilience.

The Result Analysis:

In Q1 2025, **1,297 GBV incidents** were reported—a **63%** increase from January to March with females accounting for **98%** of cases. The majority of survivors were from the Democratic Republic of Congo (50%) and South Sudan (45%), with Nakivale, Kyangwali, and Palabek emerging as the top reporting locations. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) remained the most prevalent form, comprising **69%** of incidents, while **34%** of survivors reported their cases more than a month after the incident, reflecting persistent barriers such as stigma and cultural norms.

Despite these challenges, prevention efforts showed strong momentum: **21,080** men and women were engaged in GBV prevention and awareness campaigns within their communities, and **2,381 individuals** were trained on GBV prevention and response—achieving **52%** of the annual target. However, a significant **reduction in GBV caseworkers** from 114 in 2023 to just 86 in Q1 2025 continues to hinder timely and effective support. Contributing factors such as substance abuse among youth and caregivers, entrenched cultural norms that legitimize violence, and economic hardship, particularly in Kampala, where women and girls are increasingly pushed into the sale and exchange of sex, underscore the urgent need for sustained investment in both prevention and response services. Satisfaction with GBV services remained high at **92%**, though slightly down from 95% in Q4 2023.

The Key challenges/opportunities:

Funding reduction resulting in high turnover, high caseworker-case ratios (**1:67**) compared to the global standard, and a lack of women's safe spaces. Additionally, they are reluctant to pursue legal action due to fear of reprisal by perpetrators or their families, delayed reporting affects timely clinical response, leading to increased risk of HIV/AIDS and teenage pregnancies, and high rates of substance consumption contribute to GBV. Weak legal support and infrastructure gaps reduce the effectiveness of GBV interventions.

The Sector Priorities:

Community Engagement & Prevention: Conduct awareness sessions and door-to-door campaigns; Implement community-driven approaches: Start, Awareness, Support, and Action (SASA), Engaging Men and Boys into Accountable Practices (EMAP), and Girl Shine. Engage men, boys, and community leaders to challenge harmful gender norms.

Support for Women and Girls: Establish and maintain Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS); Provide skill-building and empowerment activities.

Case Management & Survivor Support: Deliver comprehensive GBV case management services; Offer psychosocial support and need-based assistance; Promote timely reporting through community dialogues and training.

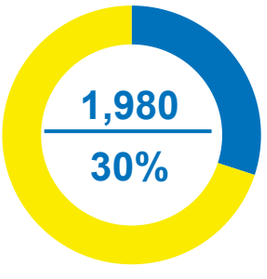
Economic Empowerment: Promote livelihood support to reduce economic dependency and GBV vulnerability.

Key Indicators

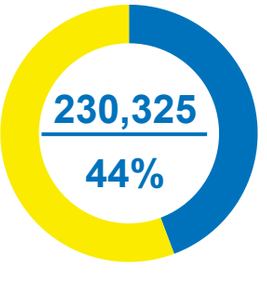
Actual Achievements *Gap*

1,297
GBV Incidents Reported

1,980
Total Interventions



GBV survivors receiving appropriate multi-sectoral support
Target: **6,600**



Number of persons reached with GBV awareness raising and behavior/ attitude change
Target: **520,000**

Men and women engaged in GBV prevention and awareness campaigns within their communities
Target: **5,500**

176
GBV survivors who completed satisfaction survey

Target: **6,275**

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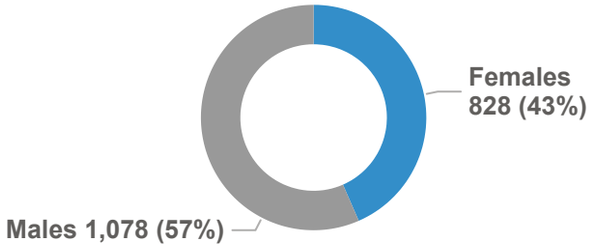
OUTPUT 1: Community Attitudes and Behaviours Changed with enhanced community engagement and awareness

Indicator	Actual	Target	Actual	Gap
Women and Men in Community-Based Structures Engaged in GBV Prevention and Response				
- Congolese Refugees	10,614	2,500	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	4,417	2,000	100%	
- Sudanese Refugees	3,617	500	100%	
- Other refugees	1,118	500	100%	
- Host Community	1,118			
Total	21,080	5,500		
Women and Men in Functional and Community-Based Structures Trained on GBV Prevention and Response				
- Congolese Refugees	1,010	2,000	50.5%	49.5%
- South Sudanese Refugees	1,019	1,500	68%	32%
- Sudanese Refugees	86	500	17%	83%
- Other refugees	183	500	37%	63%
Total	2,298	4,500		
Women, Men, Boys and Girls Reached with GBV Awareness Raising Messages				
- Congolese Refugees	19,446	200,000	10%	90%
- South Sudanese Refugees	118,672	300,000	40%	60%
- Sudanese Refugees	17,993	10,000	100%	
- Other refugees	63,746	10,000	100%	
- Host Community	10,468			
Total	219,857	520,000		

Women and Men in Community-Based Structures Participating in GBV Prevention and Response Gender Breakdown



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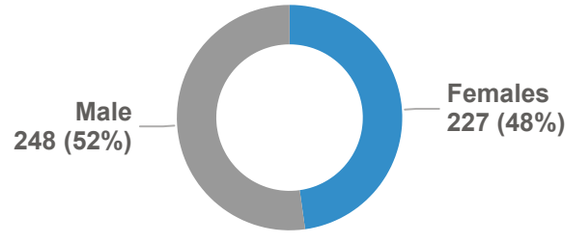
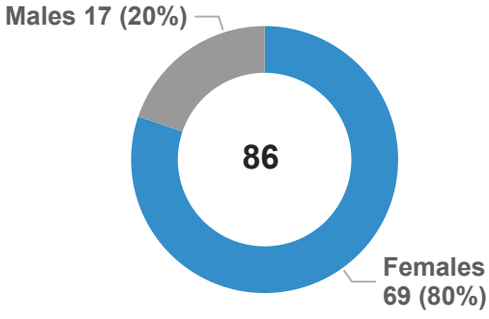


GBV Case Workers



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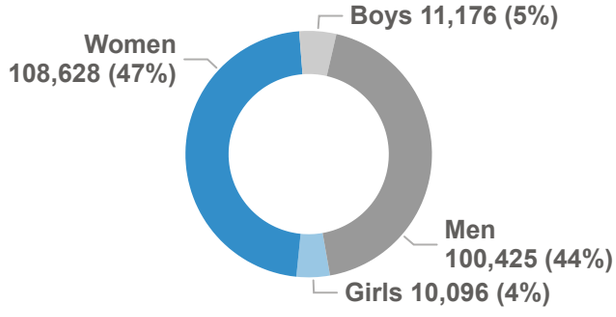

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OUTPUT 2: Improved Access to and Documentation of Quality and Timely Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Multi-Sectoral Services for GBV survivors

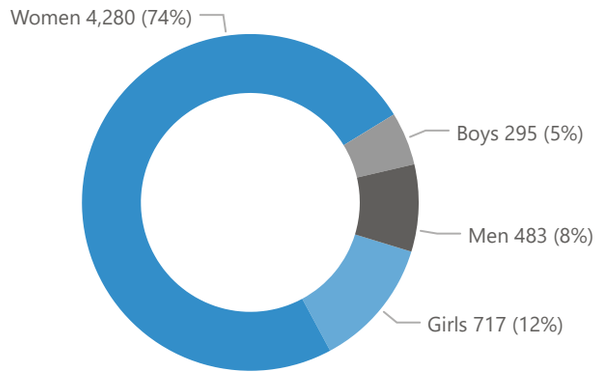
Persons at Risk of GBV and Survivors Who Received Multi-Sectoral Support

Indicator	Actual	Target	Actual	Gap
- Congolese Refugees	950	4,000	24%	76%
- South Sudanese Refugees	912	2,000	46%	54%
- Sudanese Refugees	11	100	11%	89%
- Other refugees	59	500	14%	86%
- Host Community	48			
Total	1,980	6,600		

Satisfaction Surveys Undertaken to Assess The Suitability of the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Services Offered

- Congolese Refugees	78	3,800	98%
- South Sudanese Refugees	50	1,900	97%
- Sudanese Refugees	37	100	37% / 63%
- Other refugees	0	475	100%
Total	165	6,275	

Open GBV Cases By Age and Sex



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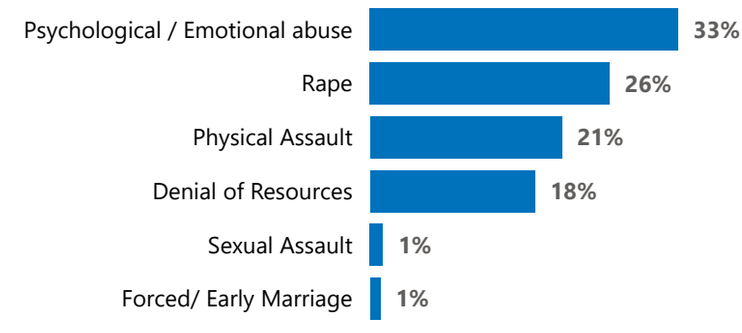

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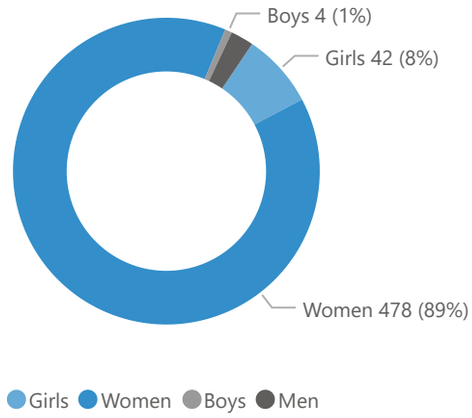

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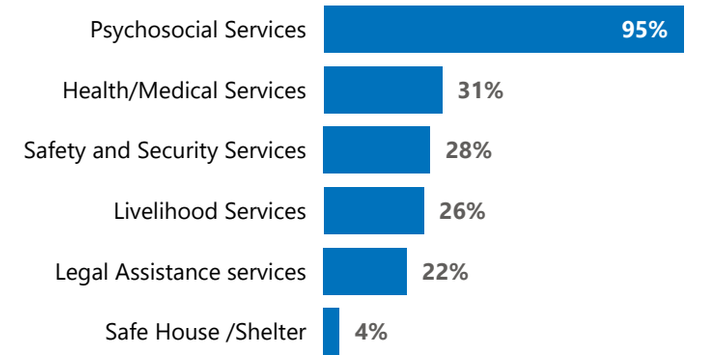

Note: One GBV survivor can gets more than one intervention.

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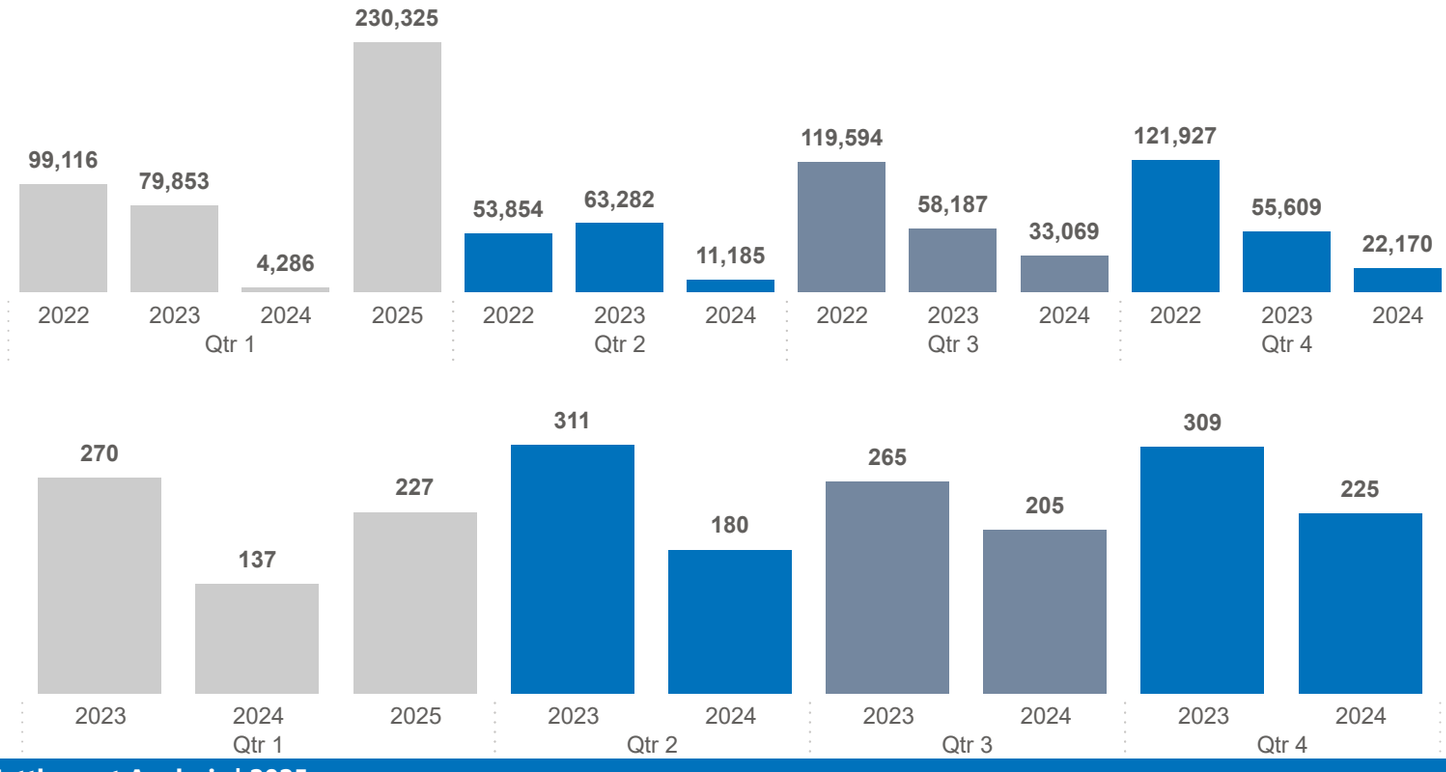
Trend analysis



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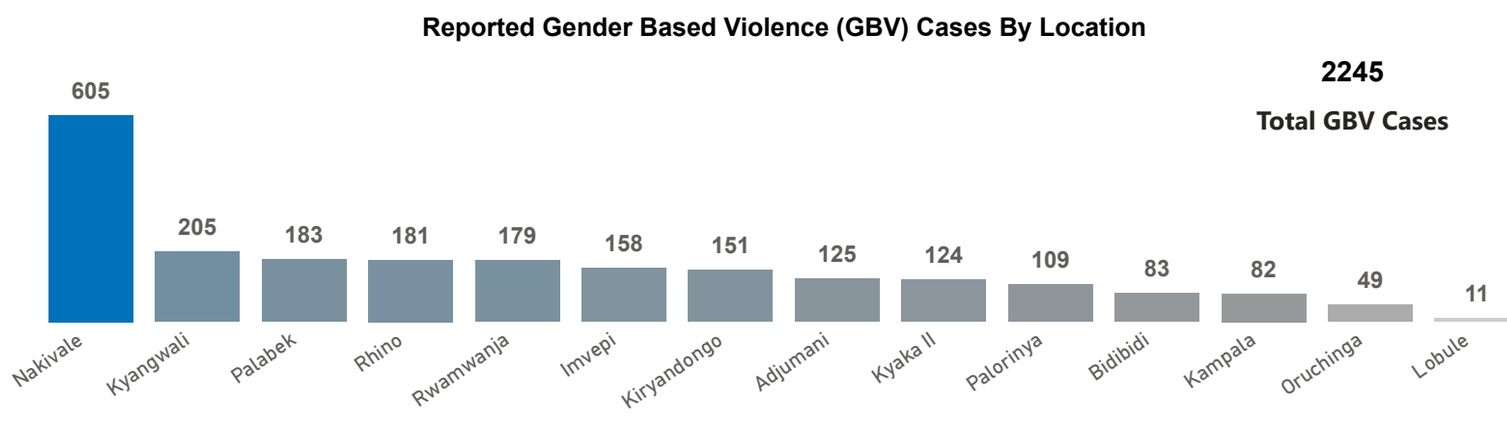

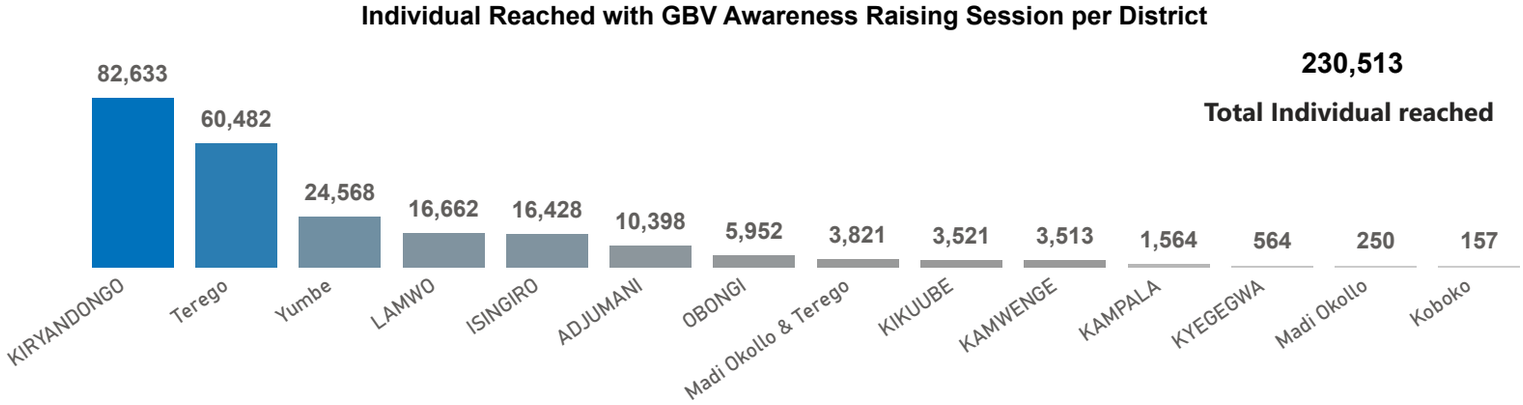

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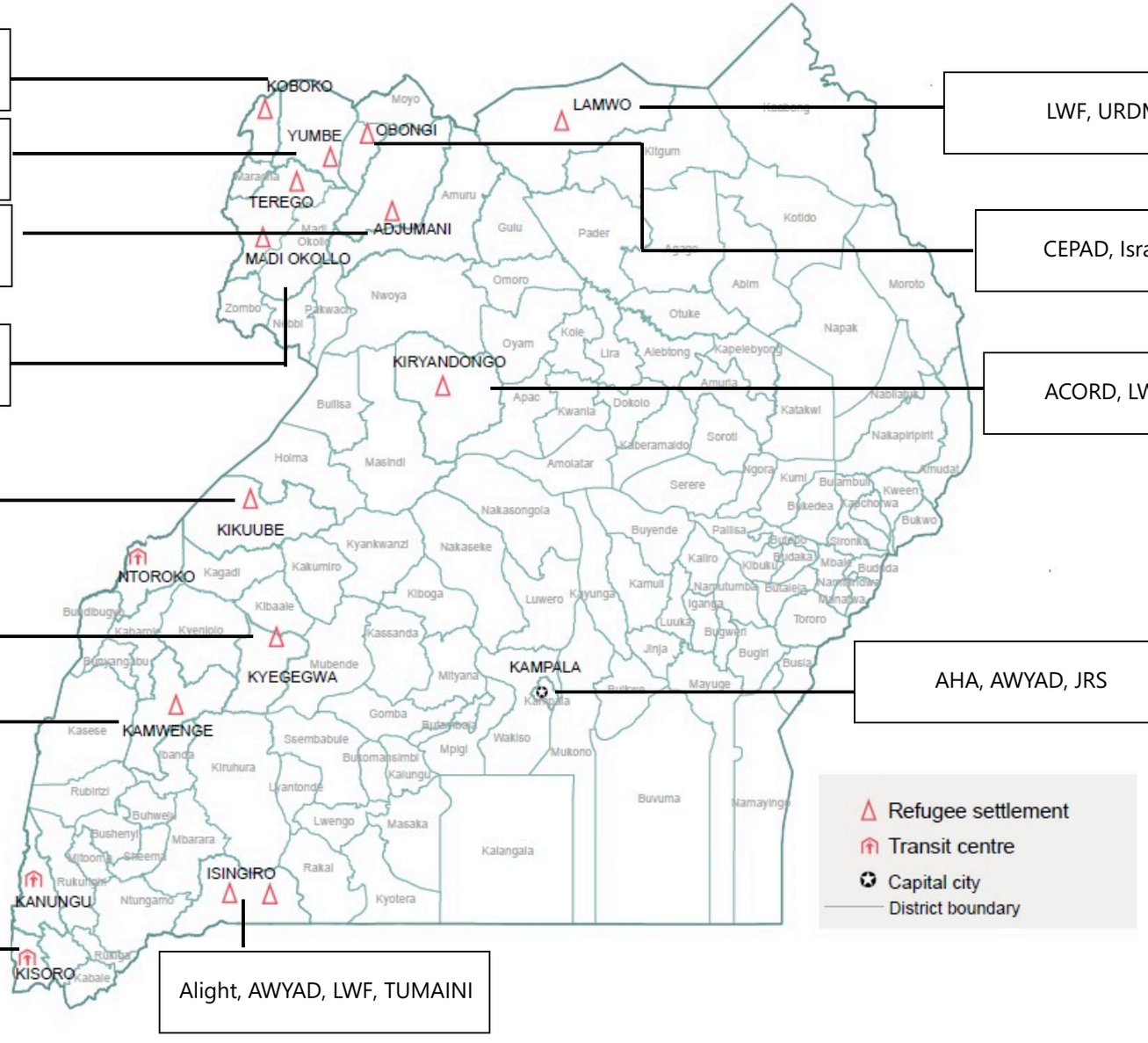

LWF, URDMC

CEPAD, IsraAID, LWF

ACORD, LWF, URDMC

AHA, AWYAD, JRS

Alight, AWYAD, LWF, TUMAINI

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CARE
Belgium
Austria
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Operational presence by Location

District	Location Type	Location Name	Partner Name
All	All	All	All

Total Number of Partners	Total Number of Projects	Total Number of Donors
23	27	18

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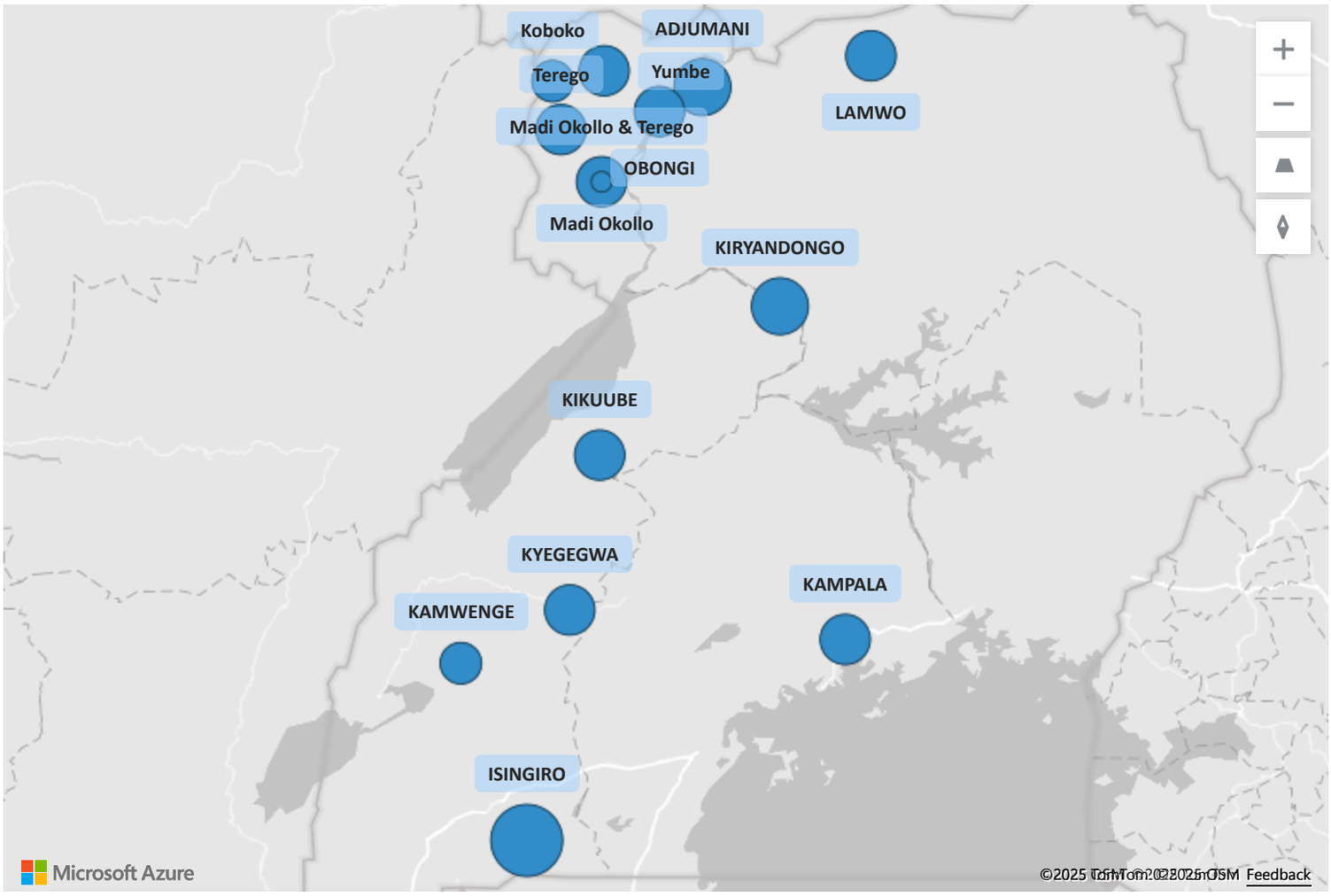
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