Environment & Energy Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024-2025

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SECTOR OVERVIEW

The E&E Sector's vision is to restore and maintain a healthy natural environment and ensure access to energy for improved social services for refugees and host communities. This vision aligns with the commitment by Government of Uganda during the Global Refugee Forum to include refugees and their specific situations in its nationally determined contributions and adaptation plans to effectively reduce the carbon emissions from deforestation and to enhance access to safe, clean, and affordable energy in refugee hosting districts by 2027. All sector outputs and outcomes contribute towards this pledge.

Result Analysis;

Natural resource management and protection

As of Q3 2025, a total of 1,232.1 hectares of woodlots were established, marking 20% achievement against the annual target of 6,100 hectares and 83% decrease compared to the same period in 2024 where 7,397.8 hectares of woodlots had been established. The decline is largely attributed to the de-prioritization of environmental activities and reduced funding for tree planting during the reporting period. However, the modest achievements realized in Q3 were facilitated by a favorable planting season, which supported woodlot establishment in selected areas. A total of 2,033.9 hectares of woodlots were maintained compared to 906.3 hectares of woodlots in Q2, marking 80% increase. Overall, this is a 31% reduction compared to Q3 2024 where 2,949 hectares of woodlots were maintained. The reduction is attributed to budget constraints that limited the scope of environmental interventions. Nonetheless, progress was enhanced through increased farmer participation in agroforestry and strip weeding undertaken under casual labor arrangements, which contributed to improved woodlot upkeep. Also, a total of 5,037.9 hectares of degraded ecosystems, including wetlands, riverbanks, lakeshores, and Central Forest Reserves (CFRs), were restored and protected in Q3 2025. This represents a significant improvement from 9.9 hectares restored in Q2 2025. These restoration activities contribute substantially to the Government of Uganda's GRF pledge to promote sustainable ecosystems and resilient livelihoods. To complement field interventions, 58 environmental sensitization trainings were conducted targeting community groups and local leaders, while 35 radio talk shows were aired to raise public awareness on environmental protection, climate adaptation, and sustainable resource use. These outreach activities enhanced community participation and ownership of ongoing conservation initiatives.

Access to sustainable energy

As of Q3 2025, a total of 19,654 households were supported with clean and energy efficient technologies. This represents 26% achievement against the annual target of 75,000 households and a 64% reduction in households supported compared to the same period in 2024 where 53,990 households had been reported. This is attributed to de-prioritization of activities of household energy stove construction and overall reduction in the funding allocated for the activity. The reduction is primarily attributed to the de-prioritization of household energy stove construction and an overall reduction in funding allocations for energy-related activities during the quarter.

Additionally; 0.7 tons of briquettes were produced for cooking, 83 institutions were reported using energy efficient cooking technologies, 787 local artisans were trained and certified and engaged in construction / fabrication of energy efficient cooking technologies indicating 78% reduction compared to same reporting period in 2024 where 3,584 local artisans had been reported, and 34 technicians trained and certified in installation, repair and maintenance of solar street lights.

Key Challenges;

- There are reported cased of encroachment on wetlands most especially in the areas occupied by new arrival.
- Limited access to energy for both cooking and lighting most especially by new arrivals.
- Some new arrivals lack kitchens and this posses a difficulty in constructing for them fixed energy saving stoves.

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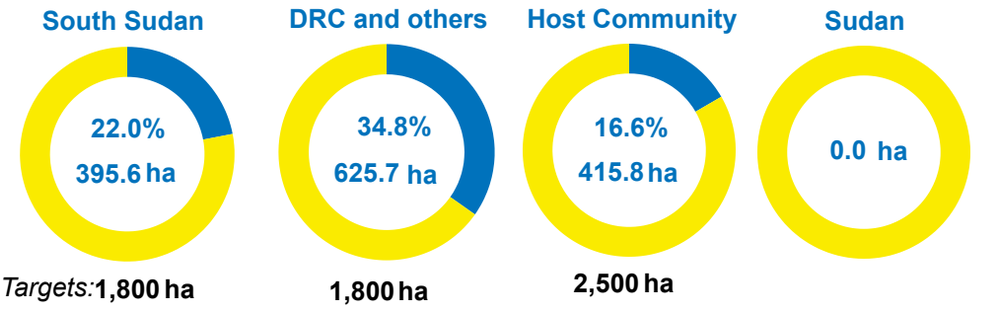
ENVIRONMENT- KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITY OUTPUTS

OUTCOME 1: POCs access an environment where natural resources are managed through sustainable settlement land use plans

Actual *Gap*

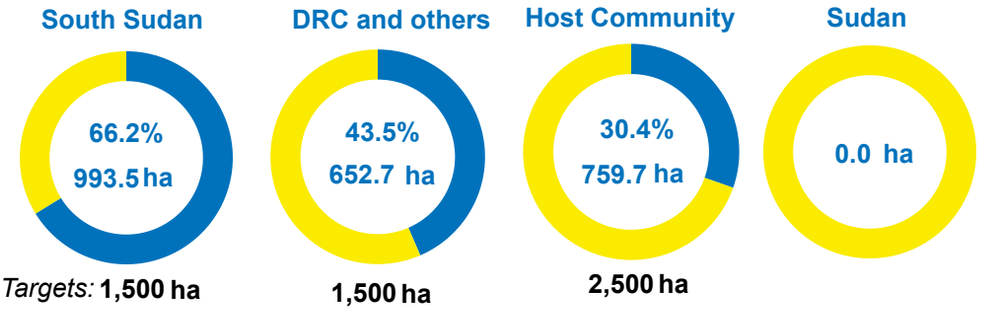
Output 1: Natural resources restored and managed sustainably

Hectares of woodlots established



Targets: **1,800 ha** **1,800 ha** **2,500 ha**

Hectares of woodlots maintained



Targets: **1,500 ha** **1,500 ha** **2,500 ha**

1
Commemorations: World Wetlands Day and World Forests Day

58
Trainings on environmental management carried out

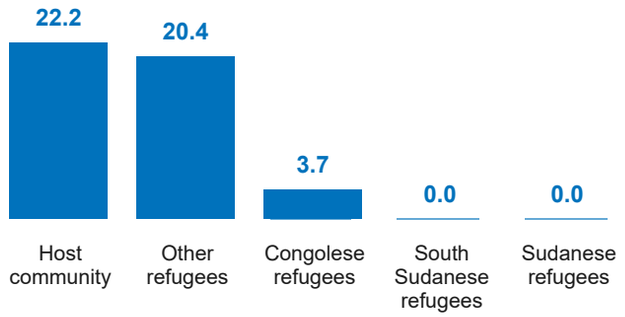
35
Radio shows on environment related programs

6,244,079
Assorted tree seedlings raised

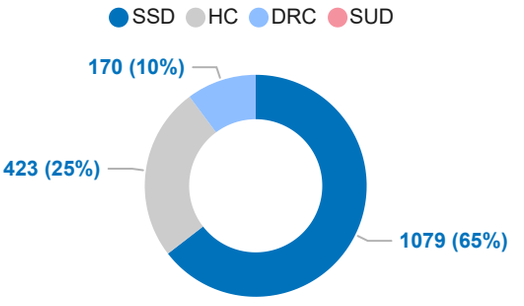
3,663,418
Assorted tree seedlings distributed

1,741,757
Assorted seedlings remained

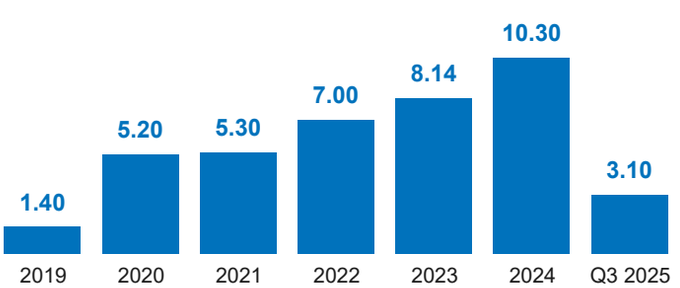
Hectares of wetlands, lakeshores, and riverbanks restored and protected by beneficiary type



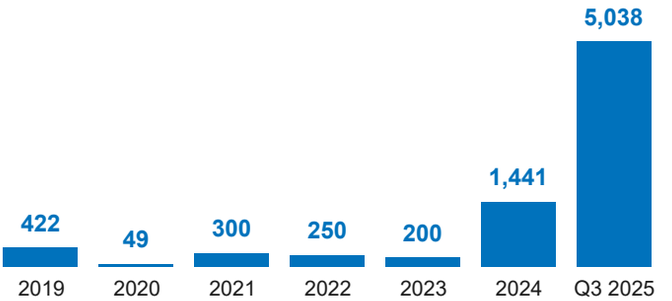
Cash for work beneficiaries under Environment by beneficiary type



Seedlings planted over the years (in millions)



Area restored over the years (in hectares)



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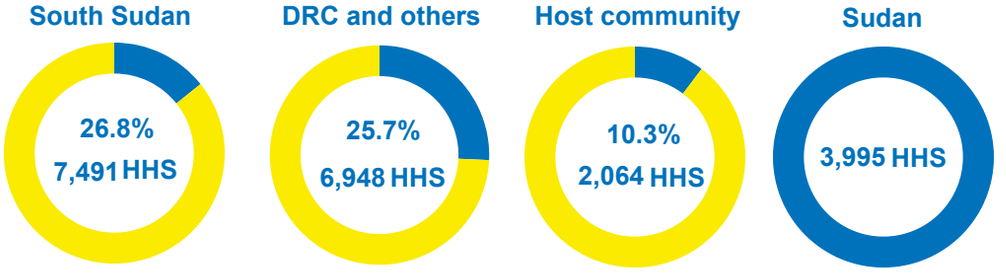
ENERGY KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITY OUTPUTS

OUTCOME 2: POCs adopt and use affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

Actual *Gap*

Output 1: Access to energy efficient technologies and fuels for cooking

Households supported with clean and/or energy efficient technologies for cooking



Targets: **28,000 HHS** **27,000 HHS** **20,000 HHS**

20,498
HHs supported with improved biomass energy saving stoves

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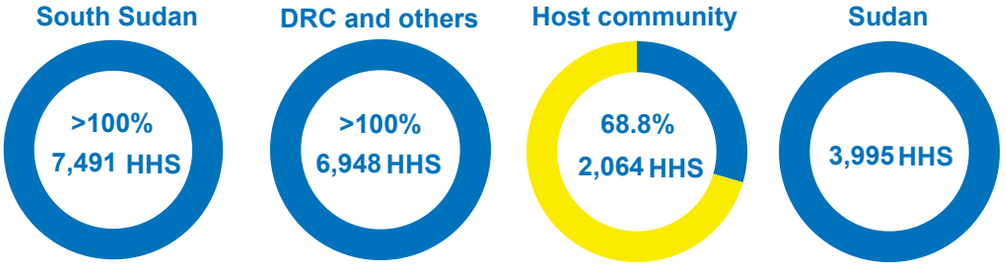
Heat-retaining baskets distributed

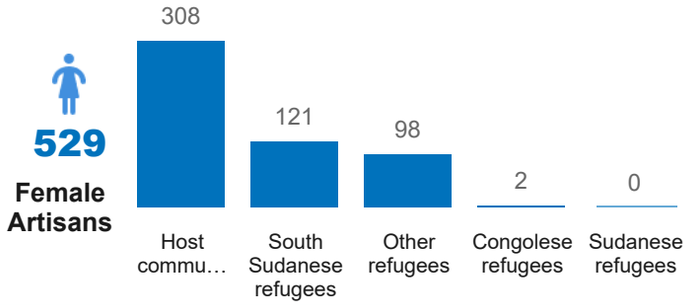
787
Local stove artisans trained

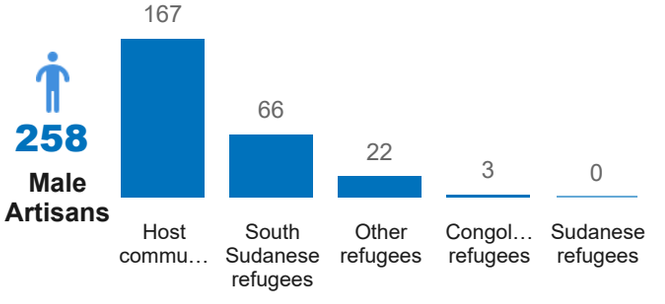
Households using clean and alternative fuels for cooking



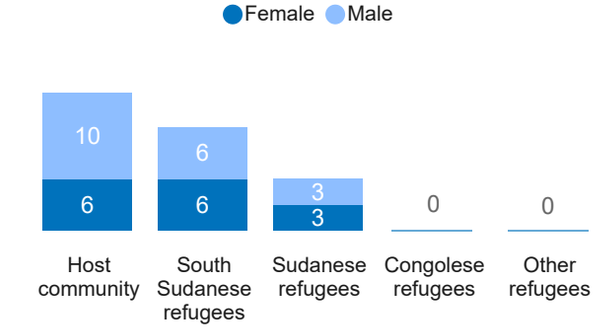
Targets: **2,000 HHS** **2,000 HHS** **3,000 HHS**

Local stove artisans trained, certified and engaged in construction/ fabrication of energy efficient cooking technologies





Trained and certified technicians for installation, repair and maintenance of solar street lights



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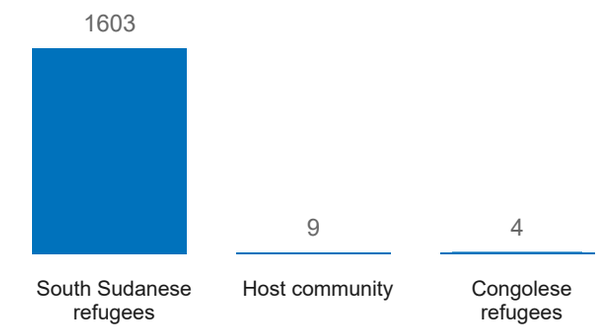

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INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OVERVIEW

OUTCOME 3: Natural resource management and settlement planning integrated across all sectors

Intersector coordination

- **1** WorkGrEEn and SSNFI inter-sector Coordination monthly meetings held
- **3** ECCDPG (Environment & Climate Change Development Partners Group) monthly coordination meetings held
- **1** Energy and Minerals Development Partners Group meeting attended
- **0** Natural Resources, Environment Climate Change, Land and Water Management Programme Working Group meeting attended

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

- **71%** of water pumped through renewable energy
- **4.3MW** of installed renewable energy for water supply

Protection

- **410** Solar streetlights installed

Education

- **92** School(s) solarized

Partners

Action Against Hunger (ACF) | Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) | Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI) | African Youth Action Network (AYAN) | African Youth Integrated For Socio-economic Development (AYISD) | Caritas Uganda | Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD) | DanChurch Aid (DCA) | Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | I CAN South Sudan | Lamwo District Local Government | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | Mercy Corps (MC) | National Forestry Authority (NFA) | Nsamizi Training Institute for Social Development (Nsamizi) | Raising Gabdho Foundation (RGF) | Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment in West Nile (RICE-WN) | SEED | West Nile Community Action for Rural Development (WN-CARD) | World Vision International (WVI) | Youth Social Advocacy Team (YSAT)

FUNDING

22 Partners

62M Total funding required

$3M	$59M
5%	95%
Received	Gap

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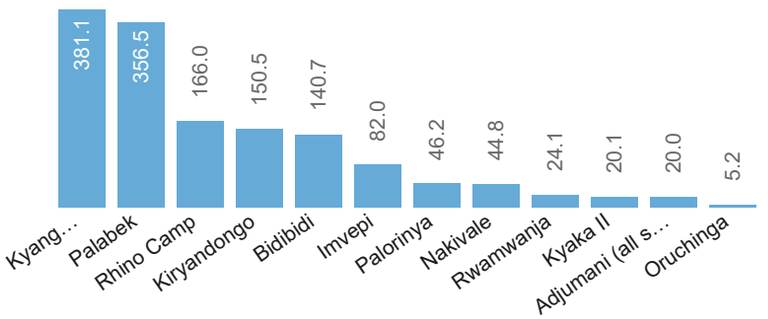
SETTLEMENT COMPARISON & TRENDS ANALYSIS

Environment: Output 1: Natural resources restored and managed sustainably

Hectares of woodlots established during Q3 2025 by location



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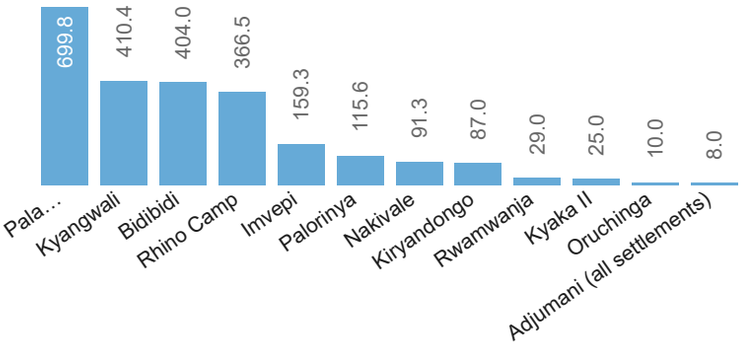
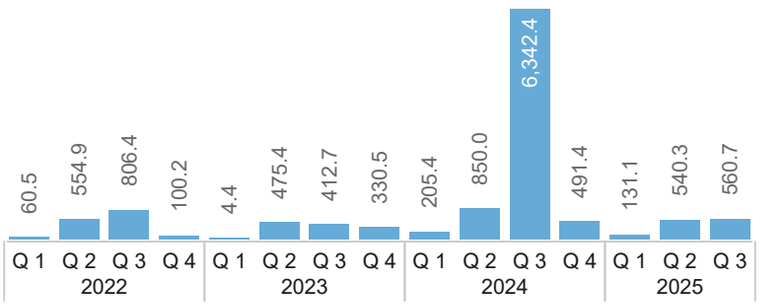


Hectares of woodlots established over the years



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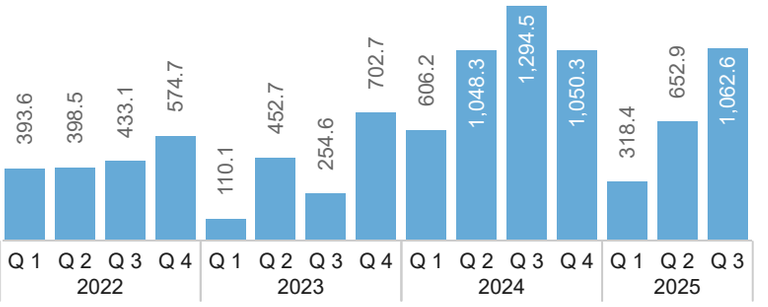
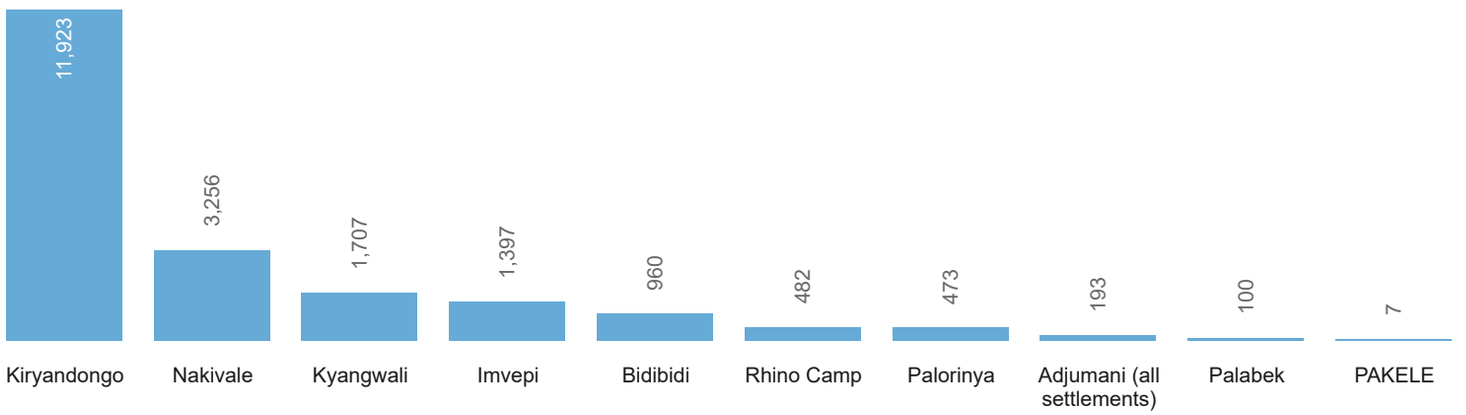
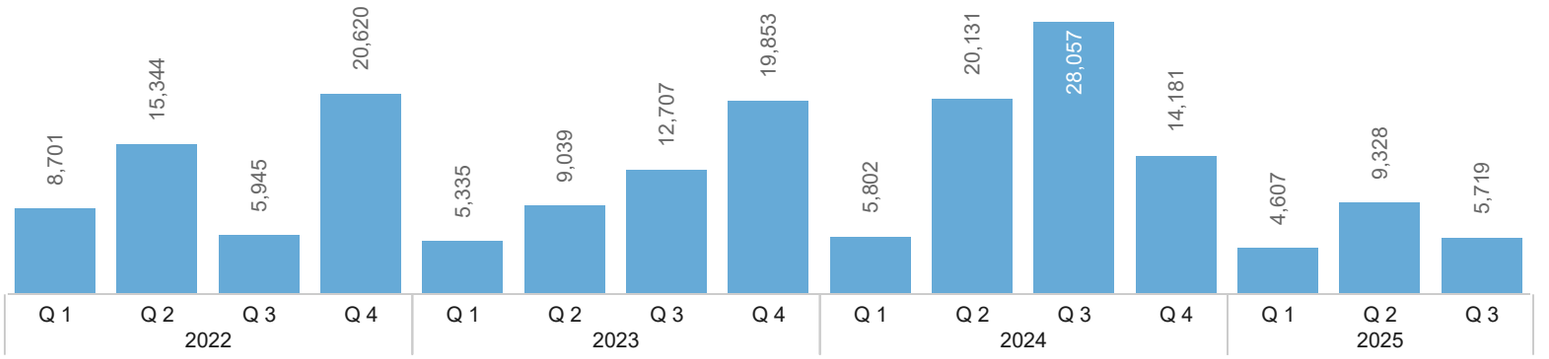


Energy: Output 1: Access to energy efficient technologies and fuels for cooking

Households supported with clean and/or energy efficient technologies for cooking during Q3 2025



Households that have been supported with clean and/or energy efficient technologies for cooking over the years



Operational presence by Location

KOBOKO

DRC, NFA, RICE-WN

YUMBE

ADRA, CEFORD, DCA, DRC, I CAN SSD, MC, NFA, RICE-WN, WN-CARD, WVI

ADJUMANI

LWF, WVI

MADI OKOLLO & TEREGO

AVSI, CEFORD, DCA, DRC, NFA, RICE-WN, WN-CARD, YSAT

KIKUUBE

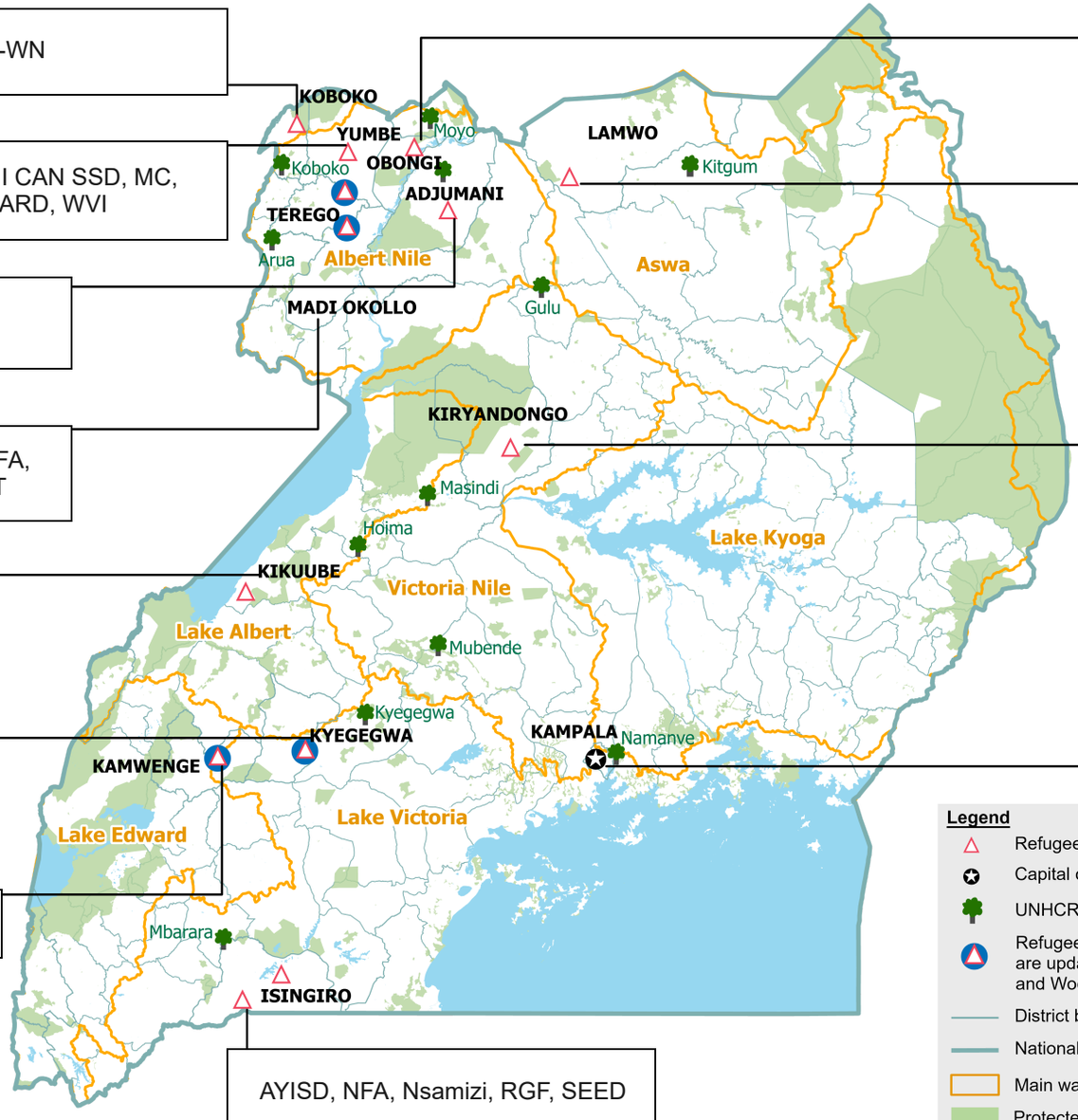
Caritas, LWF, NFA, Nsamizi

KYEGEGWA

AYAN, NFA, Nsamizi

KAMWENGE

NFA, Nsamizi



OBONGI

DRC, LWF, NFA, RICE-WN

LAMWO

Lamwo DLG, LWF, NFA

KIRYANDONGO

ACF, AYAN, FAO, LWF, NFA

KAMPALA

None

ISINGIRO

AYISD, NFA, Nsamizi, RGF, SEED

Legend

- Refugee settlement
- Capital city
- UNHCR supported NFA nurseries
- Refugee settlement whose site plans are updated with protected areas and Woodlots
- District boundary
- National boundary
- Main water catchment
- Protected area

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Performance Indicator summary

OUTCOME 1: ENVIRONMENT

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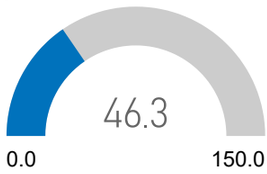
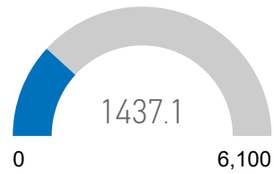


Hectares of woodlots/ plantations established



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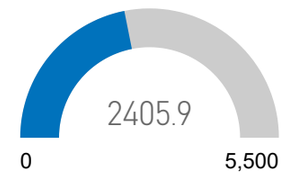
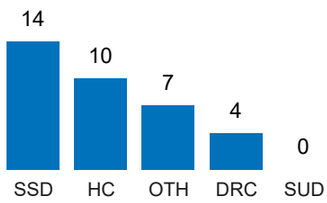
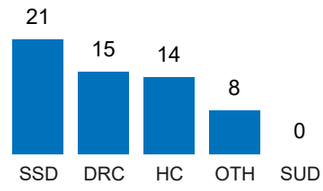


# of awareness and sensitization radio shows conducted

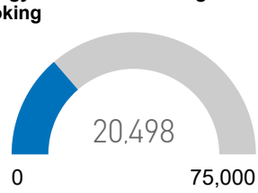


# of environment sensitization trainings conducted

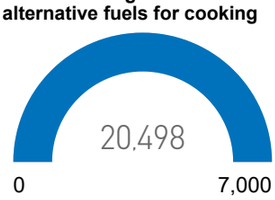


OUTCOME 2: ENERGY

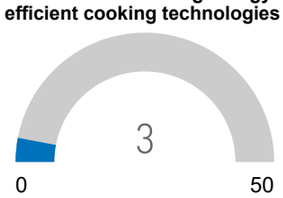
# of HHs supported with clean and energy efficient technologies for cooking



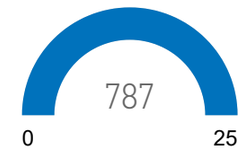
# of HHs using clean and alternative fuels for cooking



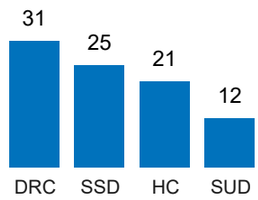
# of institutions using energy efficient cooking technologies



# of local artisans trained, certified in construction of energy efficient technologies



# of sensitizations conducted on energy saving practices



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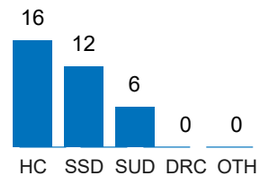
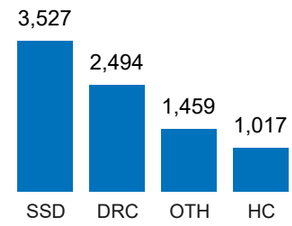
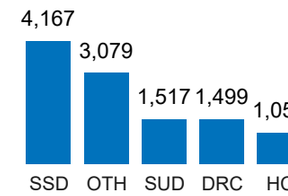


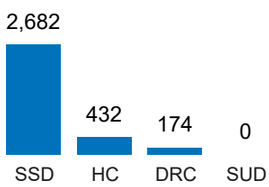
# of energy saving stoves made



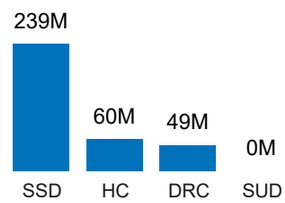
# of energy saving stoves distributed



# of beneficiaries receiving through cash for work in Environment and Energy activities



Total cash value of cash for work (UGX)



Indicator Performance Matrix*

Indicator name	Target	Value	Variance
# of hectares for wetlands, lakeshores and riverbanks restored and protected	100	2,282	-2,182
# of hectares of CFRs and LFRs restored and maintained	50	2,542	-2,492
# of hectares of woodlots/plantations established	6,100	1,437	4,663
# of hectares woodlots/plantations maintained	5,500	2,406	3,094
# of hh supported with clean and/or energy efficient technologies for cooking	75,000	20,498	54,502
# of hh using clean and alternative fuels for cooking	7,000	20,498	-13,498
# of institutions using energy efficient cooking technologies	50	3	47
# of local artisans trained, certified and engaged in construction/ fabrication of energy efficient cooking technologies	25	787	-762
# of tonnes of briquettes produced for cooking (broken down by used for own consumption and sold)	95	650	-555

Note: *Data in the indicator performance matrix* shows cumulative progress as of current reporting period*