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Overview of the sector and narrative

Sector Overview

The Food Security sector under the 2026–2030 Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan (UCRRP) aims to achieve improved and sustainable food security among refugees residing in settlements. The strategy combines the provision of General Food Assistance (GFA) to meet immediate consumption needs with interventions that focus on increasing food production and household resilience. These include block farming, small livestock rearing, home-based vegetable production, and access to quality seeds and breeding stock. These interventions are intended to enhance productivity for both consumption and income generation, improve dietary diversity, and reduce the cost of accessing agricultural inputs.

Result Analysis

In the first quarter of 2026, the Food Security sector provided General Food Assistance (GFA) to **653,490 beneficiaries** across all settlements. Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) were utilized as the modality of assistance in all 13 refugee settlements during the reporting period. A total of **USD 8.2 million** was disbursed through a double distribution conducted in February, covering both February and March 2026 assistance. CBT empowers beneficiaries with greater choice and purchasing power, enabling them to access a wider variety of nutritious foods from local markets.

In addition, **516.18 MT** of in-kind commodities were distributed to new arrivals through hot meals at reception and transit centres, as well as relocation rations.

According to the 2025 Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (FSNA), **62.5%** of refugee households had insufficient food consumption, while **43.4%** were employing crisis or emergency livelihood-based coping strategies. To address the deterioration of food security outcomes, the sector adjusted GFA rations back to prioritized levels in February 2026. Currently, new arrivals receive a 100% ration, while Category 1 and Category 2 beneficiaries receive 60% and 30%, respectively, of the standard food basket supplying 2,100 kilocalories.

Current Cash Assistance Ration Levels

Refugee Category	Ration (%)	West Nile/Northern (UGX)	Southwest (UGX)
New Arrivals	100%	46,000	39,000
Category 1	60%	28,000	24,000
Category 2	30%	14,000	12,000

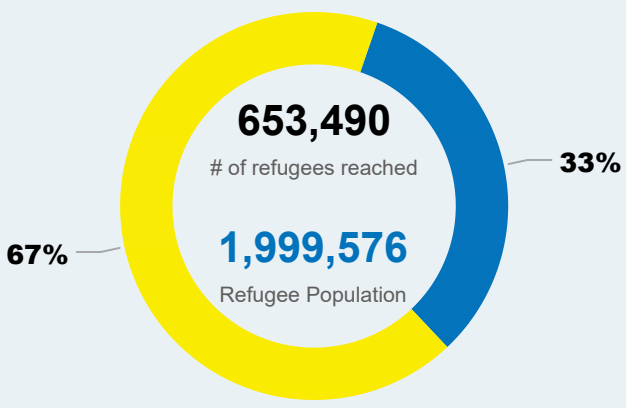
Key Challenges / Opportunities

The Self-Reliance Model (SRM) and livelihoods interventions provide an opportunity to support a gradual transition from humanitarian assistance to self-reliance for refugee households. At the same time, strengthened joint action with other stakeholders remains critical to address the needs of refugees not receiving food assistance through complementary livelihoods, social protection, and self-reliance interventions.

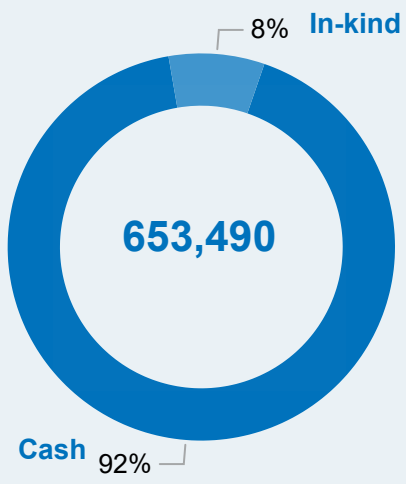
Sector Priorities

The sector will ensure uninterrupted provision of General Food Assistance to the most vulnerable households, advance the onboarding of Cohort 2 beneficiaries under the Self-Reliance Model, and maintain continuous engagement with livelihoods actors to strengthen coordination and expand complementary livelihoods opportunities.

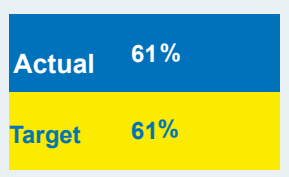
Key Indicators



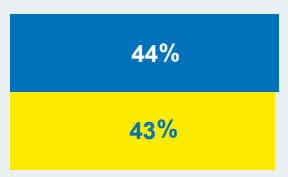
Refugees receiving monthly food assistance



Monthly Food Assistance by transfer modality



Households with poor or borderline consumption score



Households using crisis and emergency livelihood based coping strategies

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Key Indicators

Outcome: Refugees and asylum seekers in Uganda have improved access to adequate nutritious food

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target/Standard ('26)*	*Actual* / *Target*
Refugees receiving in-kind food assistance			
- Congolese Refugees	**2,916**		100%
- South Sudanese Refugees	**48,936**		100%
- Sudanese refugees	**148**		100%
- Other refugees	**223**		100%
Refugees receiving food assistance through cash transfers			
- Congolese Refugees	**269,242**		100%
- South Sudanese Refugees	**267,876**		100%
- Sudanese refugees	**25,660**		100%
- Other refugees	**38,489**		100%

Outcome: Refugees and asylum seekers in Uganda have improved access to adequate nutritious food

The nutrition indicators' data is sourced from the 2025 Food Security & Nutrition Assessment

Proportion of HHs with insufficient food consumption (SUM poor and borderline food Consumption Score) - %

- Congolese Refugees	**39**	**61**
- South Sudanese Refugees	**77**	**61**
- Sudanese refugees	**59**	**61**
- Other refugees	**59**	**61**

Outcome: Refugees and asylum seekers in Uganda have improved access to adequate nutritious food

Households using crisis and emergency livelihood based coping strategies - %

- Congolese Refugees	**34**	**43**
- South Sudanese Refugees	**47**	**43**
- Sudanese refugees	**57**	**43**
- Other refugees	**57**	**43**

Funding

110M

Total Requirement

5M — 104.8M

Received **4.7%**

Gap **95.3%**

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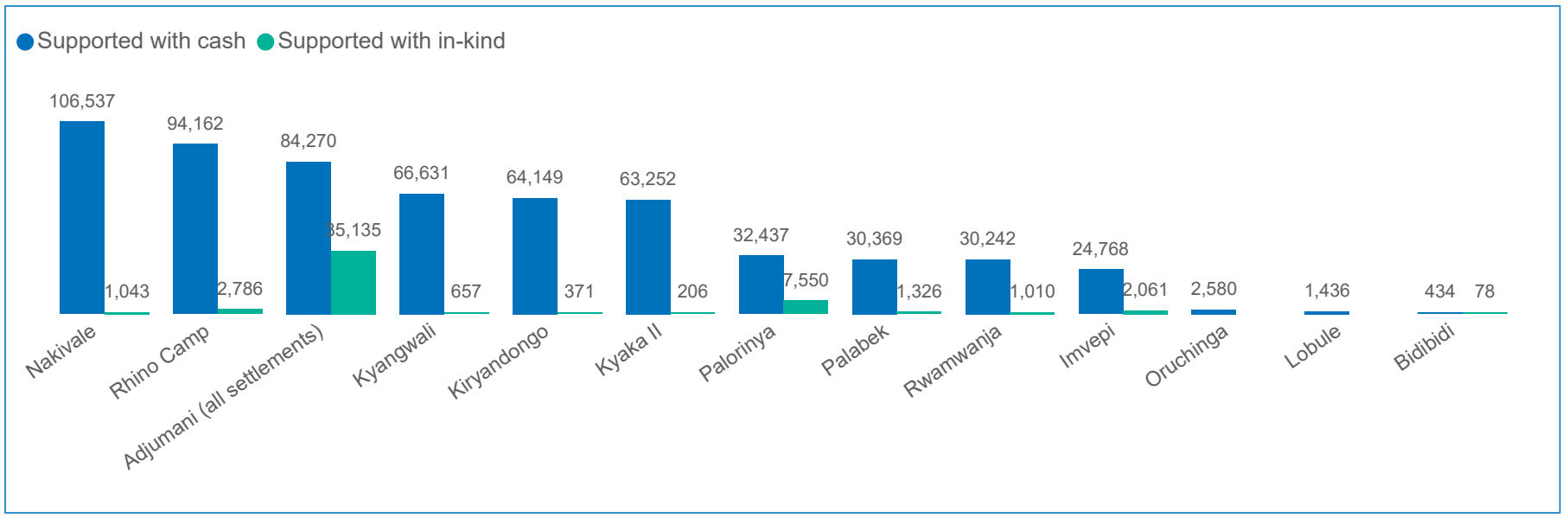
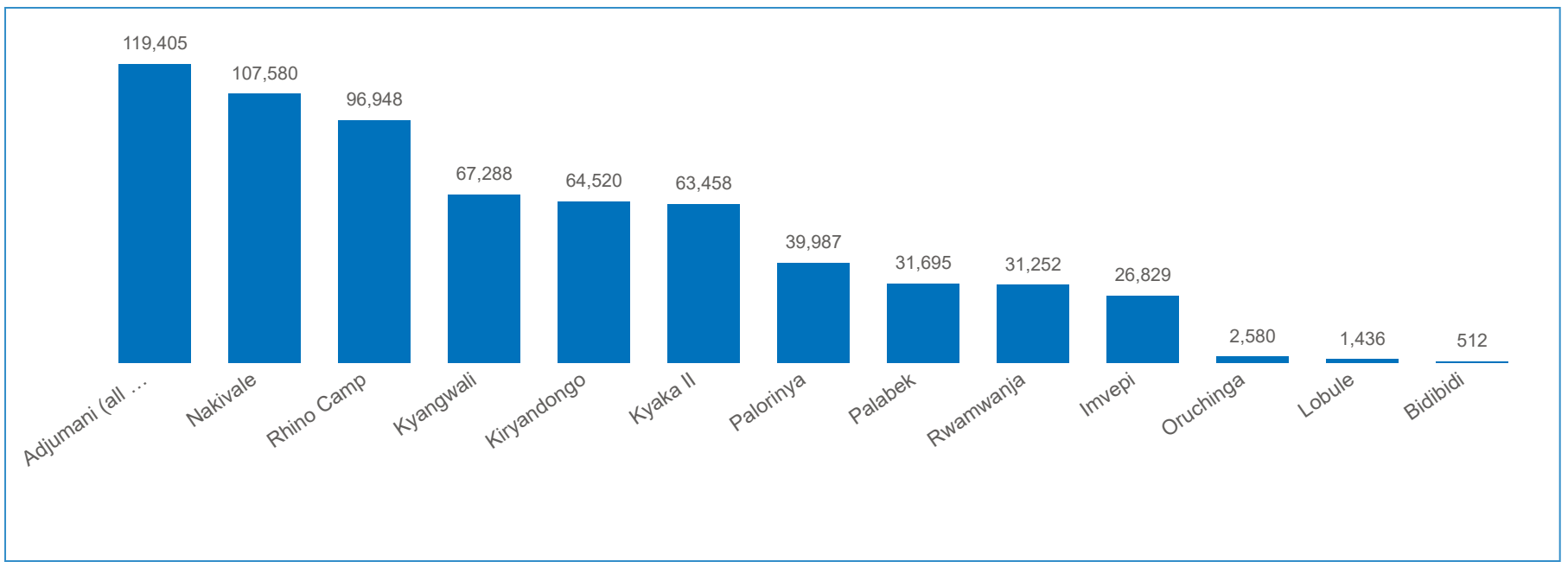
Key Indicator comparison by settlement

Refugees receiving food assistance | In-kind vs Cash transfers | Data as of Q1 2026



Refugees receiving food assistance | Total individuals supported | Settlement Comparison | Q1 2026



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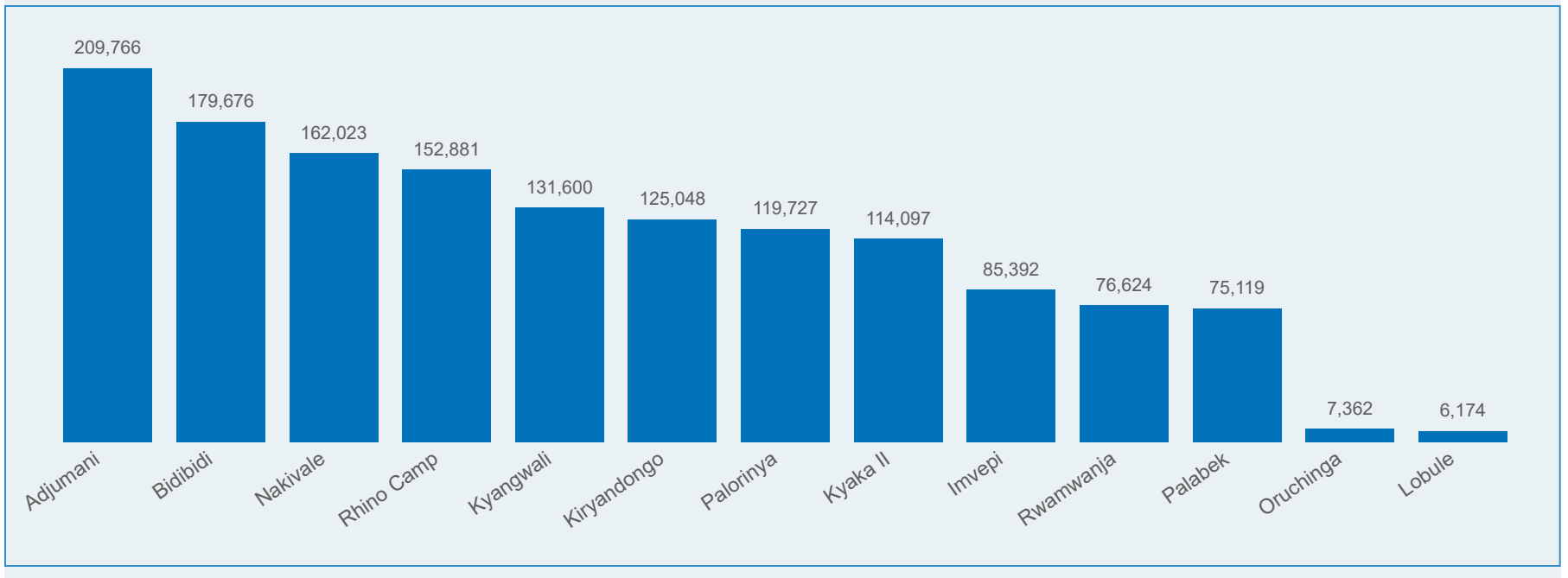

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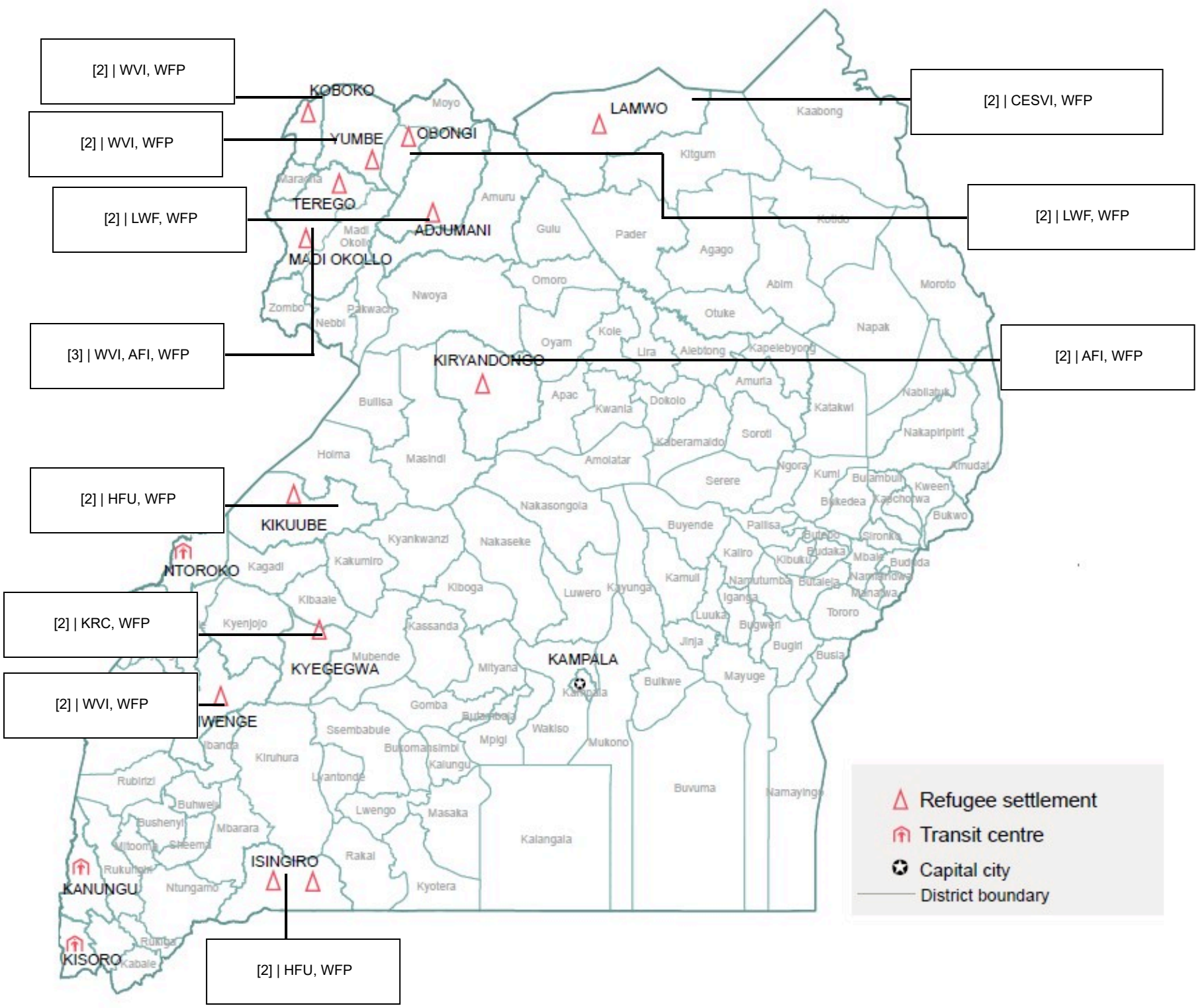
7 Partners | **3** INGOs | **3** NNGOs | **1** UN Agency



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