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Shelter, SETTLEMENTS and NFI

**Achievements and Impact**

An increase in plot allocations by over 200%, compared to April, was achieved for new arrivals to Kyaka II refugee settlement, easing the strain on transit and reception facilities as a total of 2798 individuals were relocated to a total of 1234 household plots. All 1234 households received emergency shelter kits and NFIs to assist with establishing their new shelters.

For the South Sudanese response, a total of 2641 individual new arrivals (703 households) were given emergency shelter kits upon plot allocation in Palabek, Lamwo.

Compared to only 2 repairs in April, a total of 14 overnight shelters at collection and reception centres in Arua and Koboko Districts were repaired in order to provide more comfortable and dry accommodation for new arrivals in transit. The rotten poles and plastic sheeting were replaced for these temporary strutures. In addition, 1 registration and 2 waiting shades received the same repairs at Imvepi Reception Centre. Construction improvements to Rhino Camp’s Protection Village, including a boundary wall and additional WASH facilities, have begun this month and should finish by September.

PWJ, as UNHCR’s implementing partner, was able to construct 156 emergency shelters for extremely vulnerable newly arrived households to Omugo in Rhino Camp. No such construction support was reported in April at all for any refugee-receiving settlements.

Two telecom towers were built in Lobule and Kuluba with official handover to UNCHR after construction completion in May. These towers will improve radio communications in West Nile region and will address current blind spots especially in the border areas with South Sudan.

Several land assessments were conducted by joint technical teams, comprising government officials, landowners and UNHCR, in Rhino and Lamwo for the potential absorption of new arrivals and for the relocation of cattle herders (in Adjumani). These preliminary scoping missions are contributing to improving Uganda’s emergency preparedness.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Challenges remain with gaining unanimous support across all stakeholders at all levels for the revised semi-permanent shelter strategy for extremely vulnerable targeted families and for its piloting on the ground. Efforts continue to gain an official signature from the OPM Permanent Secretary so that the lighter, cash and community-based approach can proceed with settlement level testing.