

UNHCR UGANDA WEEKLY UPDATE

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COVID-19 SITUATION IN UGANDA

Active COVID-19 cases	513
Current admitted cases	491
Cumulative COVID-19 cases	18,890 from 130 out of 136 districts
Cumulative recoveries	8,832
New deaths	5
Cumulative deaths (nationwide)	191
COVID-19 positive cases (refugees)	250
Recoveries (refugees)	197
Cumulative COVID-19 refugee deaths	5
Cumulative COVID-19 cases (Humanitarian workers)	224

Source: Ministry of Health, as of 26 November 2020

A former UNHCR staff who retired in February 2020 succumbed to COVID-19 while he was undergoing treatment at the Victoria Hospital in Kampala. He is the first UNHCR victim of COVID-19 in Uganda.

SECURITY

Uganda's security situation remained relatively calm and permissive to UN/HCR operations, amidst increased incidences of politically motivated unrest, resulting into several fatalities within the period under review.

The Ugandan Police confirmed 49 fatalities and 100 injuries during the two-day political unrest across the country, following the arrest of Hon. Robert Kyagulanyi alias Bobi Wine – the Presidential Candidate for National Unity Platform (NUP). He was arrested in Luuka district in eastern Uganda, on Wednesday 18 November 2020.

Following reports by his mother on 20 November 2020, the remains of a 17-year-old physically impaired refugee boy, was discovered on 21 November 2020, abandoned within Byabakora 4 Zone, in Kyaka II refugee settlement. Indications suggest that the minor was strangled by unknown persons before setting the body ablaze. There is no suspect apprehended in relation to the incident, but police investigations are on going.

In a separate incidence, the body of a 60-year-old female refugee of Rwandan origin was also discovered along the road within the settlement at around 20:00 hours on 21 November 2020. According to the Police, there are so far no indications that the deceased died as a result of physical attack. The cause of the death is yet to be ascertained through post-mortem.

On 20 November 2020, during an alleged domestic violence, a refugee woman of Congolese origin was murdered by her husband who is reported to be a drug abuser. The suspect was arrested and is being detained by the Police for further investigations.

NEW DEVELOPMENT AND IMPACT ON THE REFUGEE OPERATION IN UGANDA

USAID Mission

On 24 November 2020, the Adjumani Sub-Office received a USAID mission under the department of Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, which is one of the biggest donors to World Food Programme (WFP), for the food and nutrition assistance for refugees. The mission paid a courtesy visit at the UNHCR Office, where a discussion was held on the challenges being faced in the operation regarding food assistance and sustainable livelihood for refugees. The mission later made field visits to both Ayilo I and

Nyumanzi settlements. The mission informed the office that the processes for a pilot project in both Palabek and Nakivale settlements on sustainable livelihoods for Persons of Concern (PoCs) has been initiated.

On 20 November 2020, the South Sudanese Chief of the Defence Forces, led a delegation of South Sudan Peoples' Defence Forces (SSPDF) for a dialogue at the Uganda People's Defense Forces (UPDF) 4th Infantry Division in Gulu city. The meeting follows the previous incidence of armed clash between UPDF and SSDF at a disputed border territory in Ngomoromo crossing point in Lokung Sub County, Lamwo District in Uganda. The clashes resulted in the death of two SSPDF soldiers and one captive. The remains of the fallen soldier and captive were later handed over to South Sudanese authorities. It is reported that both delegations reiterated their countries' commitment to fostering peace, border security and peaceful co-existence.

The UNHCR Representative, Joel Boutroue, completed a two-day mission to Bundibugyo and Ntoroko transit and collection centers on 19 and 20 November 2020. The key objectives of the mission were to familiarize himself with the general operation and management of both centers and the level of preparedness in case the borders are reopened. The Representative expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the good partnership and coordination between the stakeholders. He further encouraged the gradual review of the contingency plans for both centers, especially Bubukwanga. He also visited the Busunga border, which is a key entry point for new arrivals who are hosted in Bubukwanga Transit Centre.

KAMPALA

Access to asylum

UNHCR continues to advocate for admission of some 84 new arrivals from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), currently sheltering at the Sebagoro Health Center, awaiting Governments decision on their admission.

Refugee Status Determination

The Refugee Eligibility Committee (REC) held its 10th sitting from 16 to 20 November 2020, in Jinja. It adjudicated a total of 200 asylum applications, largely concerning Eritreans with a recognition rate of 76 percent. Since January 2020, the REC has adjudicated 7,166 asylum applications with an overall recognition rate of 92 percent. On the other hand, the Refugee Appeal Board (RAB) has held four sessions in 2020 (3 in Kampala and 1 in Nakivale). Out of the 98 RAB cases, 43 cases were confirmed, 49 set aside and six are for a re-hearing. UNHCR participated in the sessions as an observer, providing logistical and technical support.

Statelessness,

On 19 November 2020, the Ministry of Internal Affairs together with UNHCR facilitated a training on statelessness for the media in Uganda. The objective of the training was to share information on statelessness, as well as explain the role of the media in advancing statelessness related issues. Both local and international media participated in the training, and they also interacted with representatives of communities affected by statelessness. These included children born in captivity outside Uganda by deceased Ugandan parents, and representatives of marginalized groups notably, Maragoli, Benet and Bakingwe. The media expressed gratitude and confirmed that they were better equipped to sensitize the public about statelessness.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

The commemoration of the 16 Days of activism against Sexual Violence kicked off on 25 November across all refugee settlements and in Kampala. In Kampala, the process started off with a half day orientation of about 80 community mobilizers from different organizations. This will be followed by radio talk shows; SGBV mobile clinics; community dialogues on SGBV; awareness on mental health; SGBV and human rights; spot messages; and dissemination of IEC materials. Planning meetings were held with various SGBV stakeholders (police, local councils, health workers, community leaders, persons with disabilities

and SGBV community extension workers). There was also a focus group discussion with adolescent girls on teenage pregnancies and other SGBV issues affecting school going age. A detailed report of all the activities will be shared at the end of the 16 days.

Best Interests Determination for unaccompanied or separated children

Since the beginning of 2020, UNHCR Kampala has reviewed and approved a total 101 BIDs (49 males and 52 female) for submission to the BID panels at respective field operations, comprised of UNHCR, Government and partner staff. Most BIDs are undertaken to assess the best interests of unaccompanied or separated children, in need of a durable solution. This includes resettlement, family reunification and voluntary repatriation. For children under unsafe care arrangements, some of the BIDs were also to ensure safe care arrangement for a child at risk. An additional 44 BIDs (23male and 21female) are under the review process, pending further follow-up and assessment.

Anti-Fraud and Integrity

From 5 to 24 November 2020, the Senior Integrity Officer completed individual on-the-job training for 10 Feedback Referral and Resolution Mechanism (FRRM) agents, newly recruited for both inbound and outbound exercises. The training focused on, online communication; interpersonal skills development; identification of protection needs; assessment of urgent and/or cases in emergency for an effective referral, among others. Some critical issues noted were, the need for a standard training on response to LGBTI issues; dealing with chronic cases/negative attitudes; how to effectively work with the focal points; and enhancement of constructive communication with refugees. It was also observed that, the agents have good qualities in terms of personal background and essential orientation that was provided by the FRRM supervisors.

Cash Assistance for Urban refugees

The cash assistance through Post Bank was suspended temporarily on 18 November 2020, due to election related violence. It resumed on 23 November 2020, to address residual cases based on a supplementary list. Cumulatively, cash assistance has been disbursed to a total of 23,951 (57 percent) households, constituting 57,168 (71 percent) individuals, through Airtel mobile money and Post Bank. The UNHCR Protection team has been litigating several complex cases arising from the exercise.

Cash Based Interventions (CBI) - cash-for-work

Within the week, cash disbursement was made to refugee tailors in Kampala, Kyangwali and Rhino Camp settlements, who were engaged in mask production as a cash-for-work activity. A total of UGX 104,006,681 was disbursed to 221 tailors engaged in mask production in the mentioned locations.

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

The livelihoods team convened a meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Coalition (PAC) in Uganda. The Coalition, which was put together by UNHCR and the World Bank's Partnership for Economic Inclusion includes, 12 international NGOs. The coalition's overall objective is to alleviate poverty of 500,000 refugees and households in 35 countries, from 2020-2025, through increasing self-reliance, economic and social inclusion of refugees and host communities, by sustainably increasing their incomes. The meeting was attended by representatives of PAC members in Uganda namely, BRAC, CARITAS, Humanity and Inclusion, Village Enterprise, Trickle Up and World Vision. The meeting also featured a presentation on Global updates including, progress with fundraising for PAC projects by UNHCR livelihood Officer-based in Geneva. The meeting selected a committee of four volunteers to help finalize the Concept Note for PAC Uganda by 14 December 2020, which will be used for fundraising.

WASH

To improve water quality at household level, UNHCR has partnered with Solvatten technology to distribute a total of 538 innovative solar water treatment kits to families in Nakivale settlement. This is part of 1,008 kits donated to UNHCR in the first phase of the project. An additional 2,952 kits have been donated for

the second phase, with implementation starting in January 2021. Priority is being given to families who rely on water from point sources (handpumps and surface sources) where chlorination of water is challenging to implement, compared to pumped water schemes.

Energy and Environment

In September the Environment and Energy Unit submitted a concept for support under Belgium funding for 2020/2021 period which will support household planting for multipurpose trees (100 hectares) and establishment and management of woodlots (200 hectares). During the reporting period, the office received communication that the funding was approved to the tune of USD 551,685. In line with this, the Environment and Energy Unit held discussions with Programmes on the breakdown of activities to achieve the above two indicators.

Stakeholder consultations on the Sustainable Energy Response Plan (SERP) for refugees and host communities at settlement and district level, continued in Kyangwali settlement and Kikuube District Local Government. The consultations were held with local stove artisans, refugee briquette making groups, refugee leaders including environment focal points on RWCs, energy partners, Uganda Electricity Distribution Company, District Natural Resources Officer, District Environment Officers, District Forest Officers and the Chief Administrative Officer were carried out. The stakeholders identified challenges as well as strategies and actions to address those challenges.

Education

The Education Development Partners Group (EDP), met on 23 November 2020, in preparation for the engagement between the EDP and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES). Currently chaired by Belgium, the EDP is a forum for all development partners funding the education sector in Uganda. UNHCR participates in all monthly meetings of the forum, as there is a standing agenda item on the ERP. In the upcoming meeting with the Permanent Secretary, an update on the Education Response Plan for Refugees and Host Communities (ERP) will be provided by UNHCR and ECHO.

Education Response Plan (ERP) Financial Tracking Exercise

As part of its overall monitoring role, the ERP Secretariat has finalised an exercise to collect data to track spending on the ERP in its first two and half years (Jan 2018 – June 2020). Key findings reveal that USD 143m (35 percent of needs) was spent on ERP specific activities in the first two and half years, and a funding gap of 67.5 percent remains to be filled in 2021, the final year of the ERP. The largest funders are multi-laterals (31 percent); followed by bilaterals (28 percent); and government (9 percent). The share spent on primary education is 59 percent, while 14 percent is spent on secondary education. Yumbe received the highest spending, followed by Arua, Isingiro, Adjumani and Obongi. The districts receiving the lowest were Koboko and Kampala.

WEST NILE

Adjumani refugee settlements

Health, Nutrition and COVID-19 Response

In Adjumani, two new COVID-19 cases were reported from the host community during the reporting period. This brings the cumulative confirmed cases to 194, consisting of 54 refugees and 140 nationals; including 40 healthcare and 30 humanitarian workers. A cumulative total of 179 recoveries, one death and two escapees have been registered since the pandemic started, leaving 12 active cases on treatment with four in Nyumanzi non-traditional treatment unit and 18 in home-based care. In Lamwo, the situation had remained relatively calm for over one month, until this week when a new case was confirmed, bringing the cumulative total to 100. Out of these cases, 99 have already recovered and reintegrated into the community. Only one active case is still on treatment and was doing well. Fifty-nine Ugandan contacts of confirmed cases were still under quarantine in Adjumani and six in Lamwo.

Food and Cash Assistance

Food and cash disbursements were made to 88,977 individuals (74,431 Adjumani and 14,546 Lamwo) in 13,324 households and a total of 428 (326 Adjumani and 102 Lamwo) households presented children as assistance collectors and were assisted. Their eligible members of the households are reportedly stuck in South Sudan due to border closure by government in order to combat COVID-19. However, the inaccessibility of some roads due to heavy rains, affected the delivery and access to food and other assistance by refugees. In Olua settlement for example, where the bridge that connects Olua I to Olua II was washed away by rains, refugees from Olua II were forced to carry heavy loads of food and Core Relief Items (CRI) through the broken bridge. Of interest also, is an increase in the number of households turning up for re-activation, having been put on hold after missing food for three consecutive months, as guided by the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These cases account for about 30 percent of the litigation cases addressed by UNHCR during this distribution.

Flood Affected Households

As a follow-up on assistance to households affected by the recently experienced torrential rains in Adjumani District, the Sub-office has initiated the processes to support a total of 2,014 households, (800 refugees and 1,214 host community), composed of 11,306 individuals inclusive of 4,000 PoCs and 1,214 nationals, severely affected by the rains, including displacement. The requested core relief items in need include mosquito-nets, blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets and hoes.

Arua/Kiryandongo, Imvepi and Rhino Camp Refugee Settlements

Health, Nutrition and COVID-19 Response

No COVID-19 positive case was identified among refugees during the week. Cumulatively, 49 refugees (Kiryandongo 47, Rhino 1 and Imvepi 1) have tested positive. As of 24 November 2020, only 12 cases from Kiryandongo were still receiving treatment under the home-based care approach. The rest were successfully treated and discharged.

Three humanitarian workers (NRC 1, IRC 1, and ZOA 1) tested positive for COVID-19 during the week. Cumulatively, 52 humanitarian workers have so far tested positive to COVID -19 as tabulated below.

Partner	UNHCR	OPM	IRC	WMU	TPO	HADS	DRC	RICE	ACF	WVI	ACAV	ZOA	Total
Number	7	2	18	2	2	1	6	1	1	3	1	8	52

As of 24 November 2020, four confirmed COVID-19 cases were undergoing treatment at the COVID-19 treatment unit in Arua Regional Referral Hospital.

In Imvepi settlement, four positive IRC support staff are undergoing treatment at non-traditional isolation facility at Zone 3 Health Centre while in Rhino Camp settlement, seven humanitarian workers are under home care and one at non-traditional isolation facility. One hundred and seventy-six (12 refugees and 154 nationals) COVID-19 positive cases (144 Kiryandongo and 32 Arua) are under home care. The Arua CTU registered one COVID-19 death of a national.

The health team and partners, with support from the Village Health Teams (VHTs) and local leaders, followed up 61 alerts (Rhino 7, Imvepi 38, Lobule 13, and Kiryandongo 3) and as part of active surveillance, a total of 494 households were visited by the VHTs during the week.

COVID-19 risk communication continued through Bodaboda Talktalk and door-to-door sensitization using megaphones by VHTs, across 84 villages in Imvepi and Rhino Camp settlements. The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team continued to support health facilities, while the health workers promoted COVID-19 prevention strategies, with emphasis on hand washing, consistent use of masks and social distancing by the staff and general community, through various platforms.

PROTECTION

Physical and Functional Rehabilitation, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Eighty (42 female and 38 male) new cases were identified for rehabilitation services where, Omugo had 16 (7 female and 9 male), Imvepi 27 (16 female and 11 male) and Ofua 37 (19 female and 18 male). Sixty-one (31 female and 30 male) cases for physiotherapy services were followed up in Omugo 24 (12 female and 12 male) and Ofua 37 (19 female and 18 male). Thirty-six (20 female and 16 male) individual cases of psychosocial support were followed up in Omugo 24 (12 female and 12 male) and Ofua 12 (8 female and 4 male) educated on the COVID-19 preventive Ministry of Health guidelines. Four (2 girls and 2 boys) beneficiaries for 3D PETRA (instruments for supporting broken bones) were reached.

New Arrivals Registration

Registration/ profiling of the 142 South Sudanese new arrivals who entered through Goboro was done during the week at Imvepi Reception Centre. Thirty-nine households of 78 individuals were identified and verified. Sixty-one were recyclers and three no shows.

Child Protection

On 20 November 2020, UNHCR Protection team facilitated a week's training on Best Interest Procedures (BIP)/Case Management for 17(5 female and 12 male) War Child Holland (WCH) project staff and community facilitators, involved in direct case management working in Rhino Camp, Imvepi, Bidibidi and Palorinya settlements. The training aimed at enhancing capacities of WCH staff to effectively conduct case identification, assessment, referral, follow up and documentation.

Peaceful Co-existence

On 19 November 2020, UNHCR organized a training for Refugee Welfare Council committee members in Tika, with the aim of enhancing their capacity to deliver services to their respective communities across the zone. This followed gaps identified by UNHCR and other partners prior to and post 11 September 2020 Conflict in Tika 1D, which led to the death of ten refugees. The topic covered by the training included: qualities of a good leader; the roles and responsibilities of leaders with focus on RWC structure; understanding the rights and obligations of refugees; the role of government in refugee management; involvement of the host community; case management; and conflict resolution and management. In attendance were 41 participants (7 female and 34 male).

SGBV

Ten SGBV cases (1 forced/early marriage, 2 physical assault and 7 emotional/ psychological abuse) were identified and documented by DRC in Rhino Camp and Imvepi settlements. All cases affected the female survivors and were provided with appropriate support.

On 18 November 2020, DRC conducted monthly review meeting with SGBV structures in Ofua VI and the meeting was attended by seven (5 male and 2 female) participants to discuss achievements, identify challenges and come up with measures of strengthening prevention and response to SGBV. Critical topics in discussion included, rampant theft especially of community security solar lights and household properties, of which a joint dialogue with the host community is being planned.

General Distribution

The general food and cash distribution were concluded in Kiryandongo settlement on 20 November 2020 and, 25,545 out of 25,742 individuals representing 99 percent received cash and 6,603 households out of 6,746 households representing 97 percent were served food. Forty children (23 girls, 17 boys) were supported at the food distribution points (FDP) to collect food.

The 11th and 12th Global Food Distribution (GFD) cycle in Rhino Camp settlement was undertaken and by the reporting period, 64,282 PoCs in 13,506 households were supported to receive both food and cash in the settlement. The team provided support to litigation cases and referrals for protection interventions.

WASH

WMU with support from UNHCR, concluded the WASH Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) survey in Imvepi settlement, reaching 375 household samples, aimed at ascertaining the functionality of the WASH interventions. The survey was administered by 15 enumerators (5 female and 10 male), using the kobo mobile data application tool configured on tablets provided by UNHCR.

Yumbe (Bidibidi Refugee Settlement)

Health, Nutrition and COVID-19 response

Four new covid-19 cases were confirmed during the week, including one humanitarian health worker from IRC. A cumulative total of 81 cases have been confirmed and four deaths. No new cases among refugees have been reported.

Protection

Five (2 male and 3 female) new arrivals in a household reported at Goboro transit center from Juba. However, due to the ban on reception of the new arrivals due to COVID-19, the transit management could not accommodate them hence denied them access.

Two community-based protection groups (PACRO AND SAIDU) were supported with items that included; public address system, shirts, banners, bicycles, inverter, solar panel and IDs for facilitating their activities within the community. This was to boost their capacity on dissemination and drama exhibition on peaceful messages to the community in Zone 1.

A one-day awareness sensitisation on human rights was conducted by Uganda Human Rights Commission from Arua, in Zone 1, cluster I and II, targeting 80 participants from both refugees and the host community members. The sensitisation was to make participants understand what human rights are, their obligations, and be informed of the mandate and functions of Uganda Human Rights Commission.

A meeting was held with “Build up,” a partner identified by the Regional Bureau to design, plan and implement a training program for UNHCR staff and possibly partners on digital engagement with refugee youths and communities. This was a consultative meeting held to devise mechanisms of how to best roll out the training. Among the topics to focus on will be how to engage staff as well as PoCs in monitoring, identification, addressing of misinformation, conflict, hate speech and polarization, which are drivers to conflict.

MID-WEST

Kyangwali Refugee Settlement (Kikuube District)

Health, Nutrition and COVID-19 Response

There were no positive cases this week. There are currently four persons in the treatment unit. The total Cumulative COVID-19 positive cases are 118 (41 refugees and 77 nationals). The total cumulative recoveries and discharges stand at 112.

The Kyangwali Health Centre IV was awarded a certificate of merit by the Ministry of Health, for the good work done in the financial year 2019-2020. This was published in the national annual health sector performance report for 2020.

The total number of OPD consultations was 5,432 of which, 17 percent were host community. In terms of morbidity, malaria stood at 30.5 percent; Acute Respiratory Tract Infections/RTI at 14.4 percent; skin diseases at 4.5 percent and watery diarrhea at 4.4 percent.

Average consultations per clinician per day was 49.

The health department under direct implementation successfully conducted three health worker trainings. A total of 460 staff benefited.

Protection

The number of asylum seekers at Sebagoro has now risen to 85 individuals and no action is being taken by the Government yet. Kyangwali is waiting feedback from the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) in Kampala, on the way forward.

As a mobilisation strategy, UNHCR Sub Office Kyangwali held two radio talk shows at Spice FM, and a settlement drive on *boda boda* talk-talk, with pre-recorded messages on 16 Day of Activism Against GBV. Fifteen calls were responded to during the talk shows, regarding referral pathway and the linkage between HIV/AIDS and SGBV.

A total of 291 children (153 girls & 138 boys) were supported to receive cash at the Food/Cash distribution points. Of these, 74 were unaccompanied children, 92 separated children and 125 children at risk. All the children were assessed and 28 have been assigned permanent alternate cash collectors.

Windle International Uganda, with support from Education Cannot Wait (ECW) conducted a capacity building training for 120 young girls and boys (25 males and 95 female), on menstrual hygiene management and making of reusable pads in three venues of Kentomi, Kasonga and Karuhinda. The training targeted the four ECW supported schools of Karuhinda, Kentomi, Kasonga and Maratatu.

WIU together with UNCHR, Save the Children International and school stakeholders, held a meeting in Maratatu Primary School with P.7 candidates and their parents, to address the issue raised through the FRRM. The complaint by parents and children was on the issue of school feeding program. Resolutions from the meeting were:

The food will be collected in form of cash and dry food rations for only those who are willing to feed their children in school

Parents who are not willing to contribute to school food to pack lunch for their children. No child is to be sent out of school because they don't have food, however they will not be allowed to go home during lunch time, as guided by SOPs for reopening of schools.

War Child Holland held an inception meeting in Kyangwali with Partners and the Sub country/Kikuube District Authorities on a 5-year project "Play Matters", funded by LEGO foundation. The project is intended to help learners through play, to build emotional, cognitive, physical, creative, and social skills, needed for holistic development of children. At the national level, the project will work with the Ministry of Education and Sports, gearing towards policy and program initiatives that can facilitate mainstreaming of learning through play, as a method of teaching and learning.

Livelihood

A total of 48,000 face masks have so far been produced by 62 tailors as of the 26 November 2020.

SOUTH WEST

Rwamwanja and Kyaka II Refugee Settlements (Kamwenge district)

Health, Nutrition and COVID-19 Response

Five refugees from Kyaka II settlement tested positive to COVID-19 while in Kampala. These two families were being prepared for resettlement. They are currently being managed at the isolation unit in Kampala. Forty-six contacts have so far been listed in Kyaka II settlement.

In Kisoro, 14 positive cases were reported between 19 and 24 November 2020, who were alerts from the community. Two of the positive cases were humanitarian workers from Medical Teams International (MTI).

In Kanungu District, there were 10 reported positive COVID-19 cases of 23 November 2020.

In Nakivale settlement, there are 17 (10 male and 7 female) cases admitted in quarantine at Kabahinda ECD, and one at Rwekubo Health Centre IV, as at 25 November 2020. During the week, 58 contacts or alerts from Oruchinga were put under home quarantine and are being monitored daily.

In Oruchinga, MTI registered seven positive COVID-19 cases and are being managed at Rwekubo Health Centre IV Treatment Unit. A total of 11 discharges were registered during the week. Currently there are 12 active cases (2 at Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital and 10 in Rwekubo Health Centre IV).

In Kyaka II settlement, a screening for malnutrition was conducted and reached 2,692 beneficiaries (703 male and 1,989 female). These included 1,499 children (703 boys and 796 girls) of 6-59 months, while 1,193 were Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW). One hundred and eight beneficiaries (71 children, 37 PLW) were newly enrolled on supplementary feeding program across the settlement. Two hundred and forty beneficiaries were followed up on Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) across the facilities. One hundred and sixty-one were children aged 6-59 months and 79 PLWs. One thousand, eight hundred and ninety (481 male and 1,409 female) beneficiaries were reached on Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) across the facilities. One thousand and thirty-four were children (481 male and 553 female) and 856 PLW.

Protection and Education

In Kisoro, UNHCR protection conducted a prison visit at Kisoro Prison on 25 November 2020, to screen inmates who claimed to be refugees. Two inmates (1 Congolese from DRC and 1 Rwandan) out of three refugee inmates were found active in ProGres database as asylum-seekers. They stated that Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) arrested them from Nyakabande transit centre in January 2020, and took them to Kampala for interrogation on suspicion of being ex-combatants. They were returned to Kisoro police in July and charged with illegal entry but have not yet been convicted.

In Rwamwanja, UNHCR and partners jointly conducted a bi-monthly suggestion box opening in order to respond and give feedback to the complaints raised by PoCs. The 13 suggestion boxes across the settlement were all opened on 23 November 2020. The issues in the boxes fell under several sectors including legal and physical safety; food and nutrition; livelihoods; registration; and protection. The compiled findings by the panel have been shared with the responsible partners for their necessary actions. The panel will follow-up with the partners after two weeks to ensure timely actions are taken on the complaints.

UNHCR Nakivale attended a Child Protection Working Group coordination meeting held in Oruchinga. Key issues deliberated on included, roll out of proGress V4; birth notifications; and case management for the child protection risks raised, particularly on defilement, child marriage and teenage pregnancy. The meeting emphasized follow-up of the cases and strengthening awareness sessions. Partner representation included OPM, WIU and Red Cross.

In Nakivale settlement, two preparatory meetings were held, and a committee was instituted for the voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees.

In Kyaka II settlement, the education team succeeded in licensing Bwiriza, Mukondo and Byabakora Primary Schools, with the Ministry of Education and Sports. The licensed schools shall have a probation period of two years and within that time, the education team from Kyegegwa district will inspect them, to ascertain whether they are up to the recommended standards. The schools will then be granted a centre

number upon finishing the probation. Licensed schools are now operating legally with the Ministry of Education and Sports.

Fin Church Aid (FCA) in Kyaka II settlement conducted a staff training to build and strengthen their capacity in support supervision and pedagogy, using both the government and FCA supervision tool. The five-day training took place from 16 to 20 November 2020 and targeted 12 (6 male and 6 female) participants.

WASH

In Kyaka II settlement, OXFAM conducted a training at Sweswe Youth Center on 24 November 2020, for 16 participants who will carry on with the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) survey, which is part of the activities under the 2020 PPA. The KAP survey will run from 25 November to 28 November 2020. The survey will be analyzed to assess the level of KAP for WASH interventions, as well as identify and document gaps for future inventions.

Livelihood

A total of 42,144 pieces of face masks have been so far been produced by refugee tailors in Kyaka II settlement.

Operational challenges

Health staff are over stretched because their colleagues are under isolation and in quarantine in Nakivale settlement.

Admission and treatment space for partner staff in Nakivale settlement is inadequate.