Uganda Refugee Emergency
Situation Report
12 – 18 August 2022

The situation along the Bunagana border is calm but unpredictable. New arrivals continue to cross into Uganda daily.

Some of the asylum-seekers return to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to check on their homes, farms and pick food, returning to Uganda in the evening (pendular movements).

Out of the estimated 43,137 new arrivals (22,296 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March, those that have been relocated to Nakivale settlement are 14,923 individuals (7,388 households) while, 10,729 are still living in the two locations.

Bubukwanga transit centre, Bundibugyo district has 1,316 individuals (449 households).

The holding capacity at Nyakabande transit centre, Kisoro district is overstretched by 49 per cent. Its initial capacity is 7,200.

Other overstrained locations include, Lokung collection point in Lamwo district (over 370%), Kagoma reception centre in Kikuube district (45%) and Kabazana reception centre in Isingiro district (5%).

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

92,338 individuals
Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (30,330 from South Sudan and 62,008 from DRC). An increase of 3,293 since last reporting period.

19,194 individuals
Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (4,262 in West Nile and 14,932 in the South-West). A decrease of 7,713 since last reporting period.

KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

1,380,000
Litres of water supplied to Nyakabande transit/ holding centre

19 active COVID-19 Cases
Cases are under homecare and isolation in Nakivale and Kyaka II settlements.

INFLUX MAP

Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan
1 January – 18 August 2022

SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

Uganda - New arrivals from DRC
1 January – 18 August 2022

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Operational Context – Kisoro

- Total population transported and received at the transit centre in the week was 905 individuals, bringing the total number of individuals received at the holding area and transit centre, since 28 March, to 43,137 individuals (22,296 households). As of 18 August, the center hosted 10,729 individuals.

- **New arrivals from Kanungu:** During the week, a total of 41 individuals from 12 households were at Matanda transit centre in Kanungu district.

- A total of 877 (408 households) were relocated to Nakivale of which, 24 (12 households) were from Matanda transit centre, Kanungu district, and 853 (396 households) were from Nyakabande transit centre, Kisoro district. This brings it to a total of 14,923 (7,388 households) relocated since 28 March 2022.

- During the week, 19 cases of COVID-19 were registered. Nakivale registered 16 cases, while Kyaka II registered three. All cases are under isolation and home care.

Operational Context – Bundibugyo

- The population at the Bubukwanga transit center is 1,431 individuals (471 households).

- A total of 910 individuals (268 households) had been registered in BIMS and ready for relocation, which in ongoing. They are being relocated to Rwamwanja refugee settlement.

- Awareness sessions were conducted to new arrivals at the transit centres to inform them about the different services offered by the partner agencies; emphasize personal hygiene; peaceful co-existence with other refugees and host community; and relocations.
Operational Context – Kyangwali, North and West Nile

- Sebagoro transit centre and Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali district, had a total population of 2,760 individuals (1,220 households) as of 10 August 2022.
- Goboro transit centre in Yumbe district, received one individual (one household) during the week. The total number of new arrivals at the transit centre is currently four individuals (four households).

Impact and Achievements in Kisoro

- **CHILD PROTECTION**: Save the Children and War Child Holland are providing psychosocial support services to children and youth through structured play and games at both sites. This is intended to reduce on the stressful and psychological distress experienced due to effects of violence from their country of origin. This also helps them with a routine, continuity of culture and provide with basic numeracy and literacy skills.

- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**: To strengthen community and family support systems and enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners (CAFOMI, Friends of Kisoro, Lutheran World Federation and Humanity and Inclusion) reached 65 individuals (13 male and 52 female), through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues.

- **PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**: Community mobilization and sensitization on Mental health and Psychosocial Support service was conducted targeting children, adolescents, and adults to increase awareness of mental health services.

- **WASH**: A total of about 1,380,000 liters of water were supplied at the holding area and transit centre during the week, with an average of 19 litres per person per day.

- There is continuous sensitization on proper use of the sanitary facilities, handwashing at critical moments, causes of epidermic outbreaks and waste management, by the hygiene promoters to ensure improved sanitation and hygiene practices by the refugees. This is in addition to daily and routine general cleaning.

- **HOT MEALS**: CAFOMI prepared and provided hot meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper) to all individuals in both the holding area and transit centre.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Wastage of water by the refugees. Pull down taps will be required to minimize wastage of water.
- Poor drainage at the holding center leading to flooding of the compound and sleeping shelters. There is need to fill some parts with murrum and trenches excavated to direct surface run-off water away from the settled environment
- Reconstruction of the Kitchen queuing shade for hot meal serving is still on hold pending delivery of poles to complete the remaining work.
National level

- A supplement to the UCRRP is being developed to highlight ongoing needs of the emergency.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

Working in Partnership: OPM, UNHCR, ACORD, ACT, AIRD, ALIGHT, CAFOMI, CARE, Child Fund International, Friends of Kisoro, Humanity and Inclusion, ICRC, JAM, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Malteser International, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Medical Teams International (MTI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Reach Initiative of Impact, Save the Children International, The Netherlands Red Cross, Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), Uganda 2040, Uganda Red Cross Society, UN Women, UNFPA, War Child and WFP.

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