Overview of Incidents mapping

18 incidents were mapped in September 2022 with crime and mental health issues being the highest (8) constituting 42% of the total number of incidents captured during the month. This brings the cumulative number of incidents captured from Jan – Sep 2022 to 386. The criminal offences perpetrated include Animal livestock theft, Armed Robbery, Burglary or break in and petty crime. Common mental health issues perpetrated include attempted suicide (02), Depression and unprocessed trauma. The rest were related to GBV-03, Child Protection-02, Disputes-02, Road safety-02 and Environment-02.

Most of the incidents were registered in Zone II and Zone 1. The 17 incidents were perpetrated by refugees, while 01 (Animal livestock theft) was perpetrated by host community members. Affected persons were advised to report incidents to the nearest Police posts for legal redress.

Important to note is the fact that criminal offences have remained the high in the last 4 months though MHPSS concerns equally rose within the reporting period. The community mainly attributes criminal offences perpetrated and MHPSS issues to the current economic crisis rendering refugees and host communities susceptible to negative coping mechanisms intensified by reduction of food rations for refugees by 30%.

Much as criminal offences still constitute the highest percentage of crimes committed, the number of criminal offences perpetrated has immensely reduced as compared to the previous months where an average of 16 cases would be captured.

Reduction in crime rates in September 2022 is partly attributed to active youth participation in community watch group activities to enhance community led protection coupled with awareness creation activities on the negative implications of such Offences. The community recommends for intensified Police night Patrols and Community Policing sessions to minimize recurrence.