



# Child Protection Dashboard

Quarter 1

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-2023

January - March 2023

## Overview

### Overall objective of the Child Protection sector

The Child Protection (CP) sector aims at supporting the development of effective and safe child protection systems, that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee settlements, including in urban Kampala and host communities. This is to ensure that children are protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence, as well as have non-discriminatory access to adequate and quality child protection services.

### Analysis of achievements of the sector

In Q1 of 2023, child protection actors continued supporting children under ongoing case management processes as well as newly arriving children at risk and unaccompanied or separated children. At the end of Q1, **22,851 children, including 11,905 unaccompanied or separated children**, had open child protection cases. **In Q1, a total of 737 unaccompanied and separated children were placed in safe alternative care** following comprehensive assessments, **3,053 children** have been supported with Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) and **120 Best Interests Determinations were completed**. The main protection risks for refugee children in Uganda include separation from parents or other family members, exposure to neglect, abuse and violence, child labour, and Gender Based Violence (GBV), including child marriage and teenage pregnancy. Psychosocial support needs have been an increasing concern mainly caused by lack of access to basic needs, including food, shelter, non-food items, access to education as well as limited care by caregivers. In the first quarter of 2023, **58,905 children participated in a variety of community-based activities**, such as recreational activities, awareness activities undertaken by trained community-level committees and psychosocial support activities, including peer support groups. Given the specific challenges and risks facing adolescents, including teenage pregnancy, amongst others, a total of **16,400 adolescents were engaged in targeted activities** such as teenage peer support groups for pregnant girls or child rights clubs and other activities to build life skills and resilience. At the end of Q1, **179 UN, NGO and governmental staff were trained** in child protection through various capacity development activities.

### Challenges and gaps

The caseworkers to children at risk ratio remain very high, with 128 children managed on average by one case worker. This shows a significant increase compared to the 1:84 case worker to children at risk ratio at the end of 2022. This negatively affects the overall quality and response capacity of the child protection sector. In addition, the lack of support, including material support to foster families, has led to frequent dropout of care mechanisms. Moreover, as of the end of March, 81,271 refugee children are identified with different types of specific needs, such as unaccompanied or separated children, physical and legal protection needs, child labour, teenage pregnancy, and child parents, among others. Meanwhile, limited financial and human resources, including Child Protection expertise to support child-friendly procedures, remained a challenge.

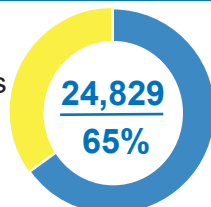
### Upcoming priorities Q1 2023

In 2023, the key priorities are strengthening the national CP system, CP case management, safe alternative care for unaccompanied children (UAC), and engagement of families and communities to protect children. In addition, considering the newly identified children with specific needs, increased efforts will be required to assess their protection risks and provide individual case management and care services based on needs. In Q2, CPSWG will prioritize the mainstreaming of child protection into other sectors in line with the sub-working group's workplan.

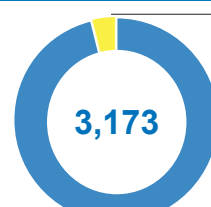
## Key indicators

### Open Child Protection Cases

Target of Number of Children at heightened Risk in need of Case management : 38,087

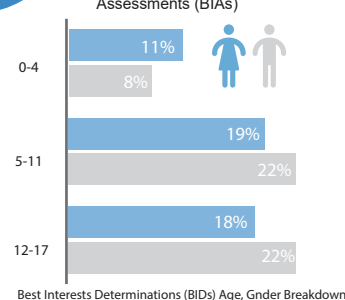
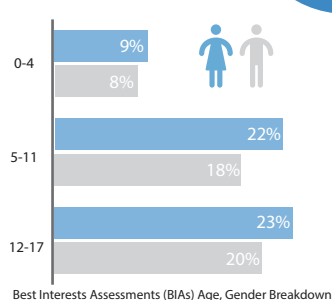
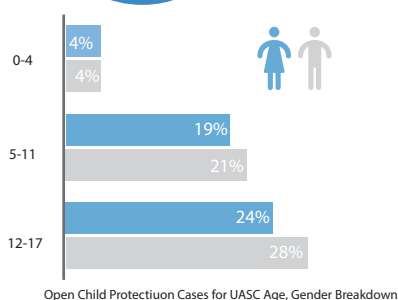
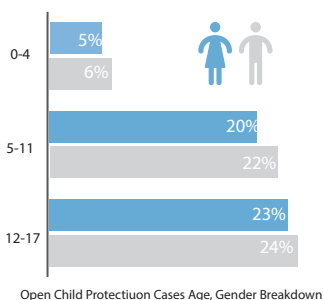


### Best Interests Procedure(BIP)



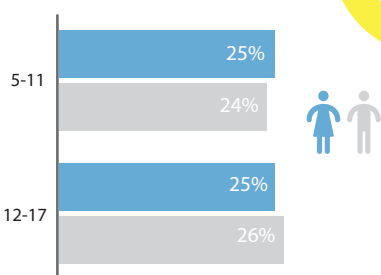
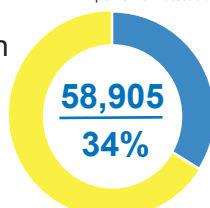
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3,053 Best Interests Assessments (BIAs)



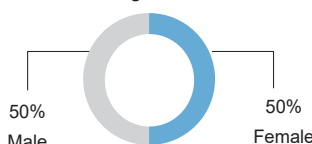
### Children participating in community-based activities

The target is: 173,376



### Adolescents participating in community-based activities

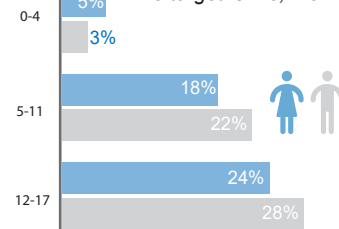
The target is: 60,659



50% Male 50% Female

### Unaccompanied children who are placed in appropriate interim or long-term alternative care

The target is: 20,179



Achievements data: Activity/Info

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\*Does not reflect other youth/adolescent actors who report under PSN/CBP WGs

# OUTCOME: Children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and are able to develop positively in a nurturing environment

Indicator Actual Target (2022) Actual ■ against annual target or standard ■

## Children at risk including UASC who received quality case management services (supported through BIP)

- Congolese refugees	4,736	4,606	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	17,768	21,584	82% 18%
- Other refugees	91	471	19% 81%

## Unaccompanied children who are placed in appropriate interim or long-term alternative care

- Congolese refugees	399	2,328	17% 83%
- South Sudanese refugees	323	17,550	2%   98%
- Other refugees	75	301	25% 75%

## Parents participating in positive parenting sessions

- Congolese refugees	1,773	6,083	29% 71%
- South Sudanese refugees	5,122	14,012	37% 64%
- Other refugees	9	1,462	1%   99%
- Host community	211	8,315	1%   99%

## Children participating in community-based support activities

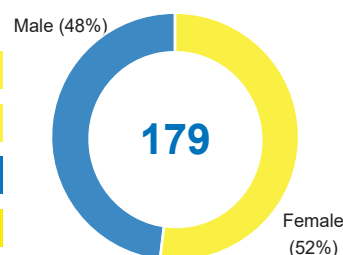
- Congolese refugees	28,012	33,940	82% 18%
- South Sudanese refugees	24,120	88,234	27% 73%
- Other refugees	4,533	8,332	54% 46%
- Host community	2,240	42,870	5% 95%

## Adolescents participating in targeted programs

- Congolese refugees	4,814	9,091	53% 47%
- South Sudanese refugees	9,236	27,707	33% 77%
- Other refugees	360	3,206	11% 89%
- Host community	1,990	20,655	10% 90%

## UNHCR, partner and Government staff trained on CP, children's rights and related aspects such as alternative care, CP information management and CP mainstreaming.

- Congolese refugees	46	1,944	2%   98%
- South Sudanese refugees	26	8,421	0.3%   99.7%
- Other refugees	179	66	>100%
- Host community	107	270	40% 60%



## Operational Presence

