



### Overview

#### The 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 areas 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

During Q2 of 2023, children continued to face protection issues. The main protection risks faced by refugee children in Uganda included separation from parents or family members, exposure to neglect, abuse, violence, child labor, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV), as well as child marriage and teenage pregnancy. In Q2, the Child Protection sector made significant strides in supporting at-risk children including unaccompanied and separated children. In Q2, efforts were focused on children under ongoing case management services, newly arrived children at risk, and unaccompanied or separated children. By the end of Q2, **26,768 children** (16,200 boys and 14,768 girls) had open child protection cases, receiving critical protection support. A vital aspect of child protection case management involved completing **5,636 Best Interests Assessments (BIAs)** and **182 Best Interests Determinations (BIDs)**. These assessments played a crucial role in providing comprehensive multi-sectoral responses and durable solutions tailored to each child's needs. Furthermore, **1,922 UASC (882 girls and 1,040 boys) were placed in safe alternative care** following comprehensive assessments. The intervention offered vulnerable children a secure and nurturing environment. **Community-based activities engaged 141,076 children**, while **48,273 adolescents participated in targeted initiatives**. Additionally, **179 staff received child protection training**. The National Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) actively supported child protection mainstreaming training, collaborating with other sector working groups, including GBV, WASH, Education, Livelihood, Health, and Cash Based Interventions (CBI) sectors to ensure the safety and well-being of children and facilitated the development of action plans to address child protection risks in different sectors.

#### Challenges and Gaps

The Child Protection sector faces challenges with a **high caseworker-to-children ratio (1:127)**, which affects response capacity. This shows a significant increase compared to the 1:84 caseworker to children at risk ratio at the end of 2022. Additionally, as at the end of June, **81,290 refugee children** were 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. **Limited resources**, including Child Protection expertise, pose further obstacles. The sector remains committed to innovative solutions and collaboration to strengthen its impact and protect every child's well-being in Uganda.

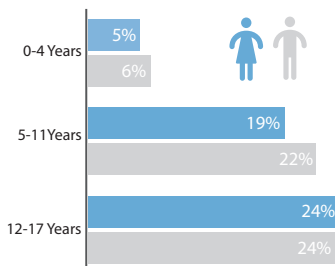
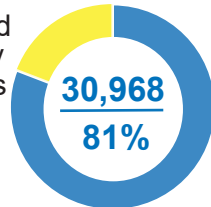
#### Upcoming Priorities Q3 2023

In 2023, the key priorities are strengthening the national Child Protection System, child protection case management, safe alternative care for unaccompanied children (UAC), and engagement of families and communities to protect children.

### Key indicators

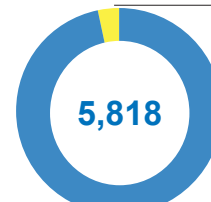
#### No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services

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

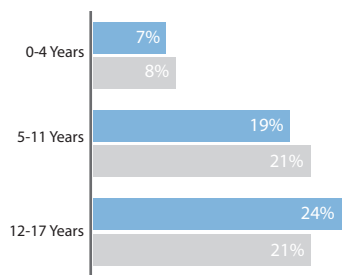


Open Child Protection Cases Age, Gender Breakdown

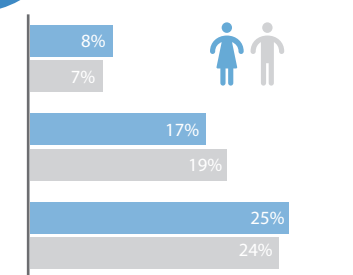
#### Best Interests Procedure(BIP)



182 Best Interests Determinations (BIDs)  
5,636 Best Interests Assessments (BIAs)



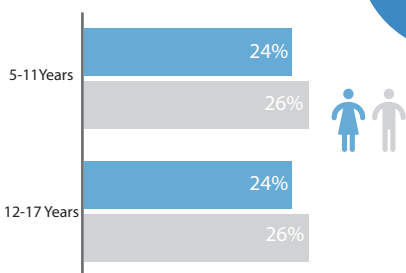
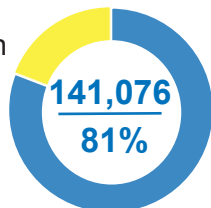
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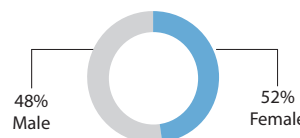
#### Children Participating in Community-Based Activities

The target is: 173,376



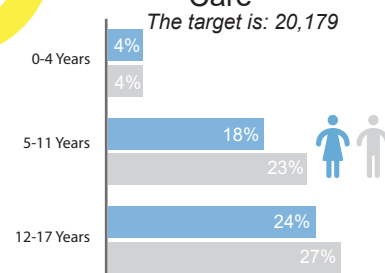
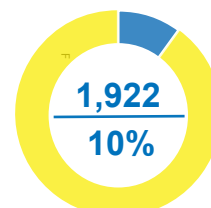
#### Adolescents Participating in Community-Based Activities

The target is: 60,659



#### Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care

The target is: 20,179



# 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)

Indicator	Actual	Target (2022)	Actual against annual target or standard
- Congolese refugees	4,929	4,606	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	18,172	21,584	84%   16%
- Other refugees	88	471	19%   81%

## Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care

- Congolese refugees	980	2,328	42%   58%
- South Sudanese refugees	792	17,550	5%   95%
- Other refugees	150	301	50%   50%

## Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions

- Congolese refugees	3,751	6,083	62%   38%
- South Sudanese refugees	7,666	14,012	55%   45%
- Other refugees	9	1,462	1%   99%
- Host community	277	8,315	3%   97%

## Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities

- Congolese refugees	71,134	33,940	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	52,067	88,234	59%   41%
- Other refugees	12,683	8,332	>100%
- Host community	5,192	42,870	12%   88%


## Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs


- Congolese refugees	17,751	9,091	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	20,085	27,707	72%   28%
- Other refugees	5,693	3,206	>100%
- Host community	4,744	20,655	23%   77%

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

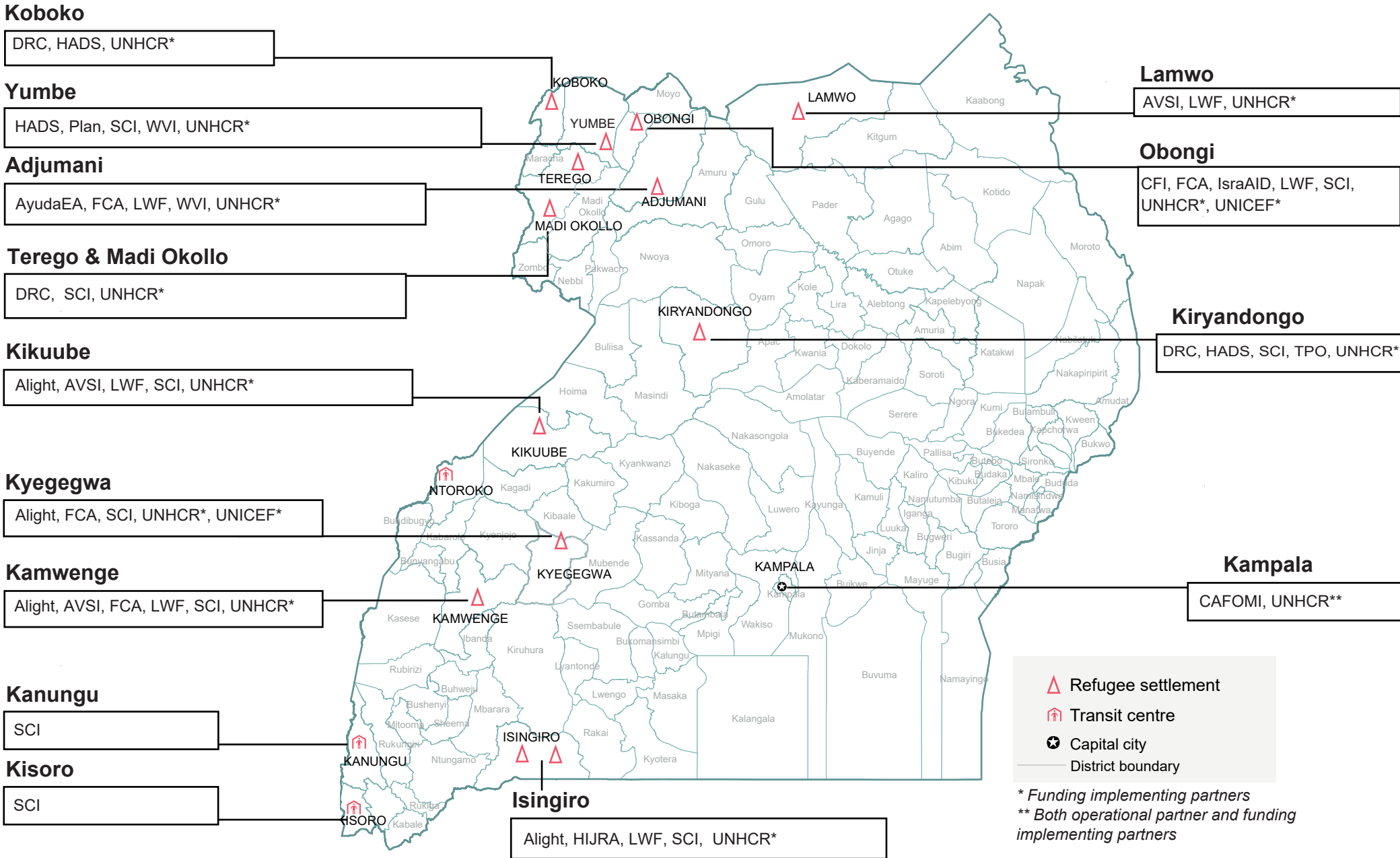
- Congolese refugees	161	1,944	8%   92%
- South Sudanese refugees	209	8,421	2%   98%
- Other refugees	61	66	92%   8%
- Host community	287	270	>100%

**718**

Male (48%) 

Female (52%) 

# Operational Presence



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