Child Protection Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024-2025

Quarters: Quarter 1

Overview

Overall Objective of the Child Protection Sector

The Child Protection (CP) sector aims to develop effective and safe child protection systems that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee settlements, including urban Kampala and host communities. The Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan (UCRRP) for child protection is a collaborative effort between OPM, UNHCR, UN agencies, international, and national NGOs and other partners to ensure children are protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence while ensuring non-discriminatory access to quality child protection services.

Achievements and Focus:

By March 2024, children constituted 75% of refugee and asylum seeker children in Uganda, children in Uganda continued to face various protection risks, including separation from family members, neglect, abuse, violence, child labor, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV), such as child marriage and teenage pregnancy. The main causes of child protection incidents include separation from parents or primary caregivers, a lack of livelihood opportunities for caregivers, a weak child protection system within the community, and negative social and cultural norms, among others. The Child Protection sector continued to implement a comprehensive child protection program covering strengthening the national child protection system, providing supplementary child protection services such as case management and alternative care, and empowering children, families, and communities to prevent and respond to child abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation, guided by the UCRRP sector strategy.

In Q1, a total of **30,768 children (15,867 boys and 14,901 girls)** received child protection case management services at various stage of child protection case management. Out of the total, **2,858 cases** were successfully closed after addressing the protection needs of children at heightened risk through direct services or referrals. Additionally, a total of **1,558 (959 boys and 599 girls)** unaccompanied or separated children were placed in safe and appropriate alternative care, such as kinship care and foster care arrangements, following a thorough best interests assessment. Linked to this, in an effort to strengthen parental care, **7,743 biological and foster parents (2,317 males and 5,426 females)**, received positive parenting training provided by partners.

Additionally, **40,039 children (19,834 boys and 20,205 girls)** actively participated in community-based child protection activities, including play, recreational activities, and psychosocial interventions within designated child-friendly spaces aimed at supporting their development. Furthermore, aiming to address the specific protection needs of adolescents, a total of **6,656 adolescents (3,700 girls and 2,956 boys)** received targeted support, leading to skill development.

Challenges and gaps

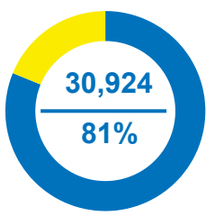
As of March 2024, the case worker-to-children-at-risk ratio is **1:229**, marking a significant increase from 1:97 at the beginning of 2023. This surge results from a significant reduction in the number of caseworkers by partners due to funding shortfalls. The situation challenges response capacity, causing delays in delivering child protection services for children at heightened risk. Furthermore, child protection partners have reported an increasing trend in child protection risks, such as child labor, separation or child neglect, child marriage, reluctance of foster parents to continue care, increased school dropouts, and higher rates of absenteeism linked to food prioritization. While child protection partners are responding within available resources, the situation urgently demands additional resources to ensure effective protection for children at heightened risk.

Upcoming Priorities for 2024:

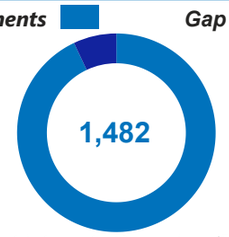
In Q2 of 2024 and beyond, the Child Protection sector's primary priorities will center on strengthening the national child protection system and promoting inclusion. Additionally, there will be a continued commitment to providing supplementary child protection services, including comprehensive case management, alternative care and empowering children, families, and communities to prevent and respond to child abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation. Notably, there will be an increased focus on inclusion, localization, and the strengthening of community-based child protection mechanisms throughout 2024. The Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) shall actively explore mechanisms to address and reduce the high caseworker-to-children-at-risk ratio, seeking effective solutions to enhance response capacities in the year 2024.

Key Indicators

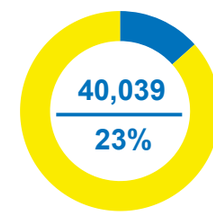
Actual Achievements *Gap*



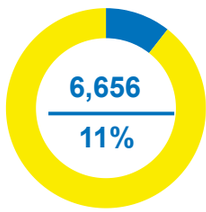
No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services, **Target:** 38,087



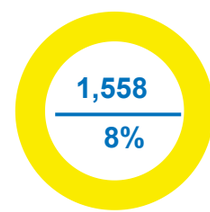
Best Interests Procedure(BIP)
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs): 1,378
Best Interests Determinations (BIDs): 104



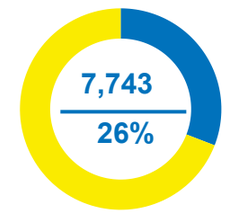
Children Participating in Community-based Support Activities
Target: 173,376



Adolescents Participating in Community-Based Activities
Target: 60,659



Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care
Target: 20,179



Biological/ Foster Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions
Target: 29,872

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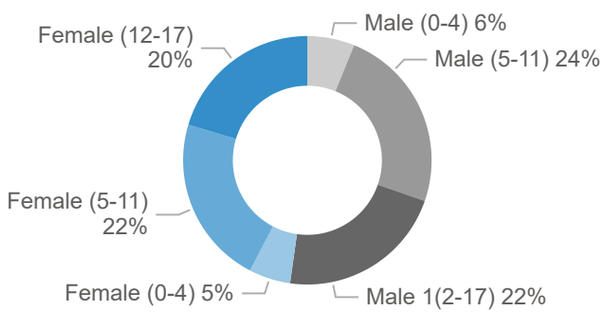
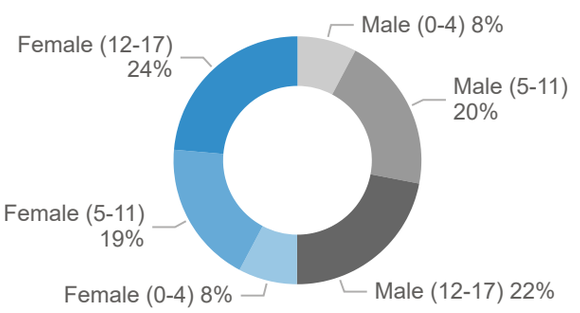
Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Children at Risk Including UASC who Received Quality Case Management Services (supported through BIP)				
- Congolese Refugees	8,934	4,606	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	18,434	21,584	85%	15%
- Other refugees	3,316	471	100%	
- Host Community	240	11,426	98%	
Total	30,924	38,087		
Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care				
- Congolese Refugees	107	4,918	98%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	1,380	37,029	96%	
- Other refugees	71	637	11%	89%
Total	1,558	42,584		
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions				
- Congolese Refugees	595	8,300	93%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	6,784	16,200	42%	58%
- Other refugees	129	540	24%	76%
- Host Community	235	50	100%	
Total	7,743	25,090		

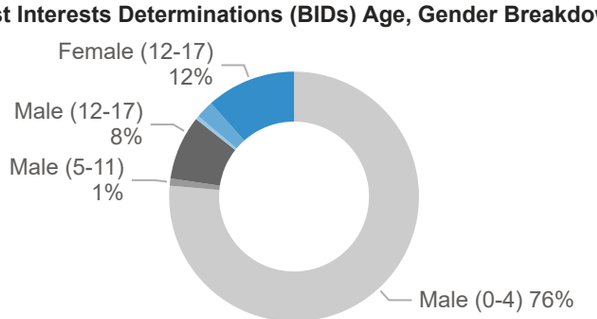
Open Child Protectiuon Cases Age, Gender Breakdown



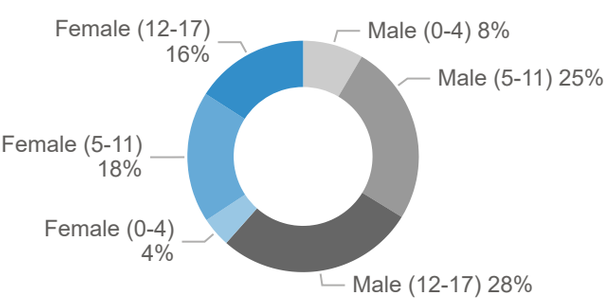
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) Age, Gender Breakdown



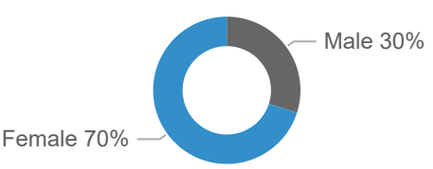
Best Interests Determinations (BIDs) Age, Gender Breakdown



UASC Placed in Adequate Alternative Care By Age and Gender Breakdown



Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions By Gender Breakdown



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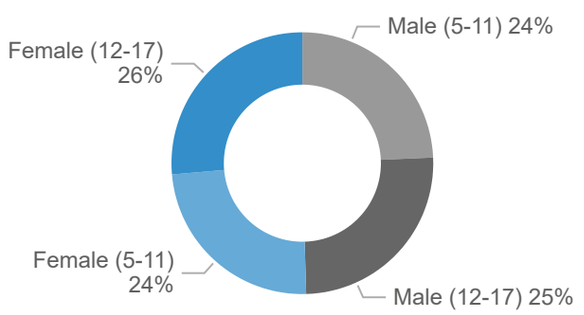
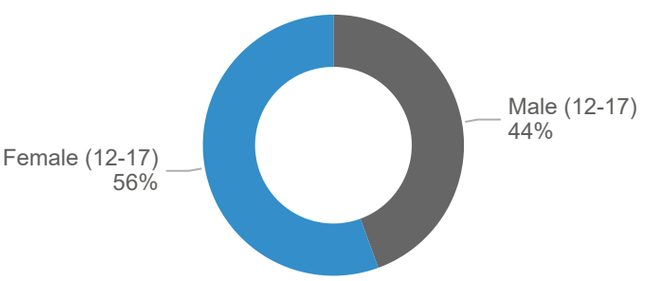
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities				
- Congolese Refugees	12,100	140,000	9%	91%
- South Sudanese Refugees	19,147	105,000	18%	82%
- Other refugees	6,622	11,000	60%	40%
- Host Community	2,170	42,870		95%
Total	40,039	298,870		
Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs				
- Congolese Refugees	2,483	25,000	10%	90%
- South Sudanese Refugees	3,194	25,000	13%	87%
- Other refugees	0	6,000		100%
- Host Community	979	7,000	14%	86%
Total	6,656	63,000		
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	19	1,944		100%
- South Sudanese Refugees	44	8,421		100%
- Other refugees	1	66		100%
- Host Community	84	270		100%
Total	148	10,701		

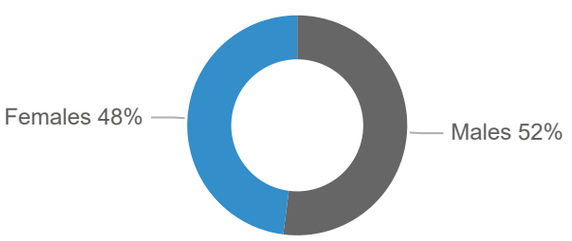
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities Age, Gender Breakdown



Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs By Gender Breakdown



Staff trained on CP, children's rights and related aspects such as alternative care, CP information management and CP mainstreaming by Gender Breakdown



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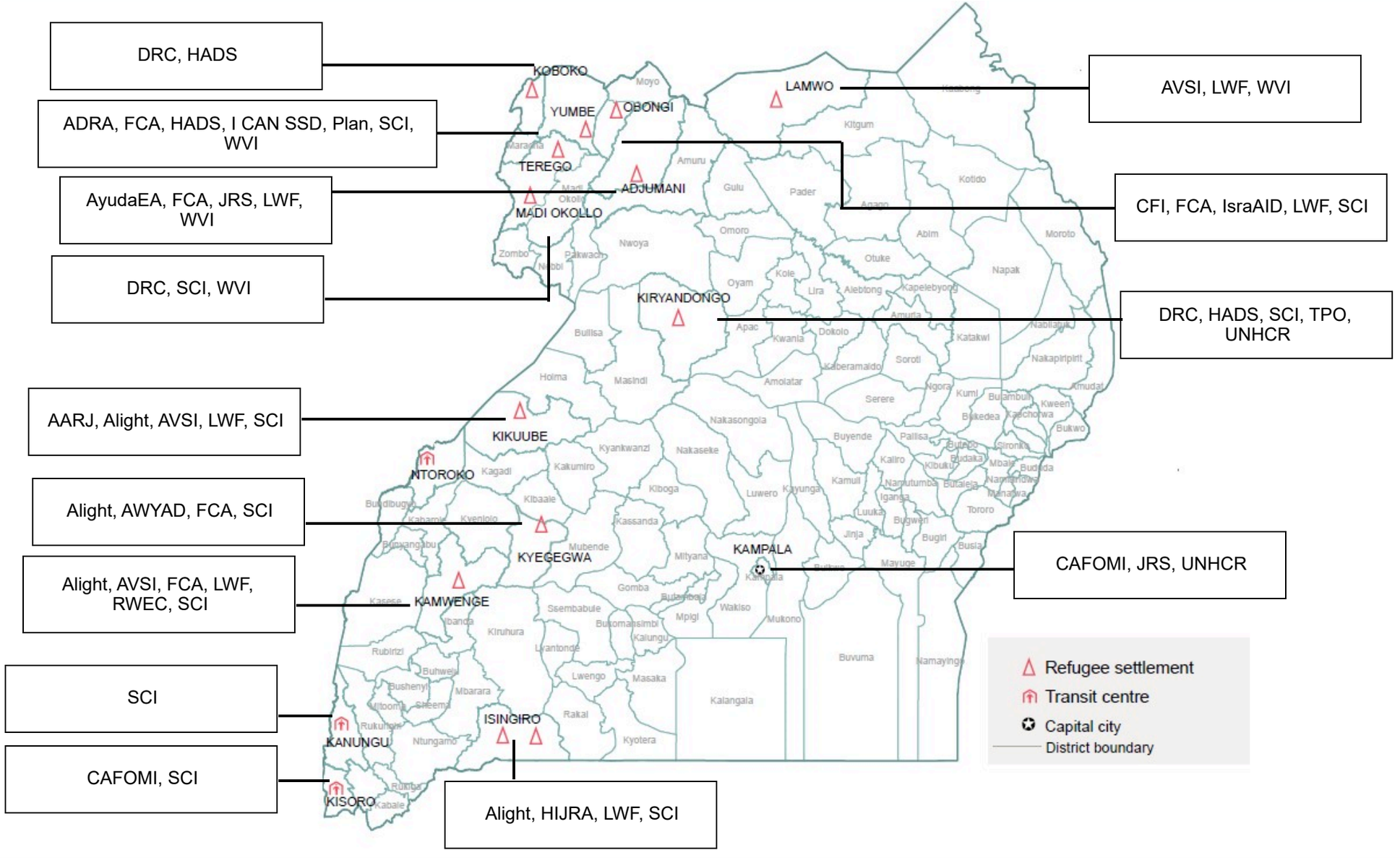

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Operational Presence (Interactive Map)

District: All | Location Type: All | Location Name: All | Partner Name: All

Total Number of Partners 23 | **Total Number of Projects** 45 | **Total Number of Donors** 16

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BUNDIBUGYO	Transit centre	Bubukwanga TC	SCI	Internal Funds
ISINGIRO	Settlement	Nakivale	Alight	UNHCR
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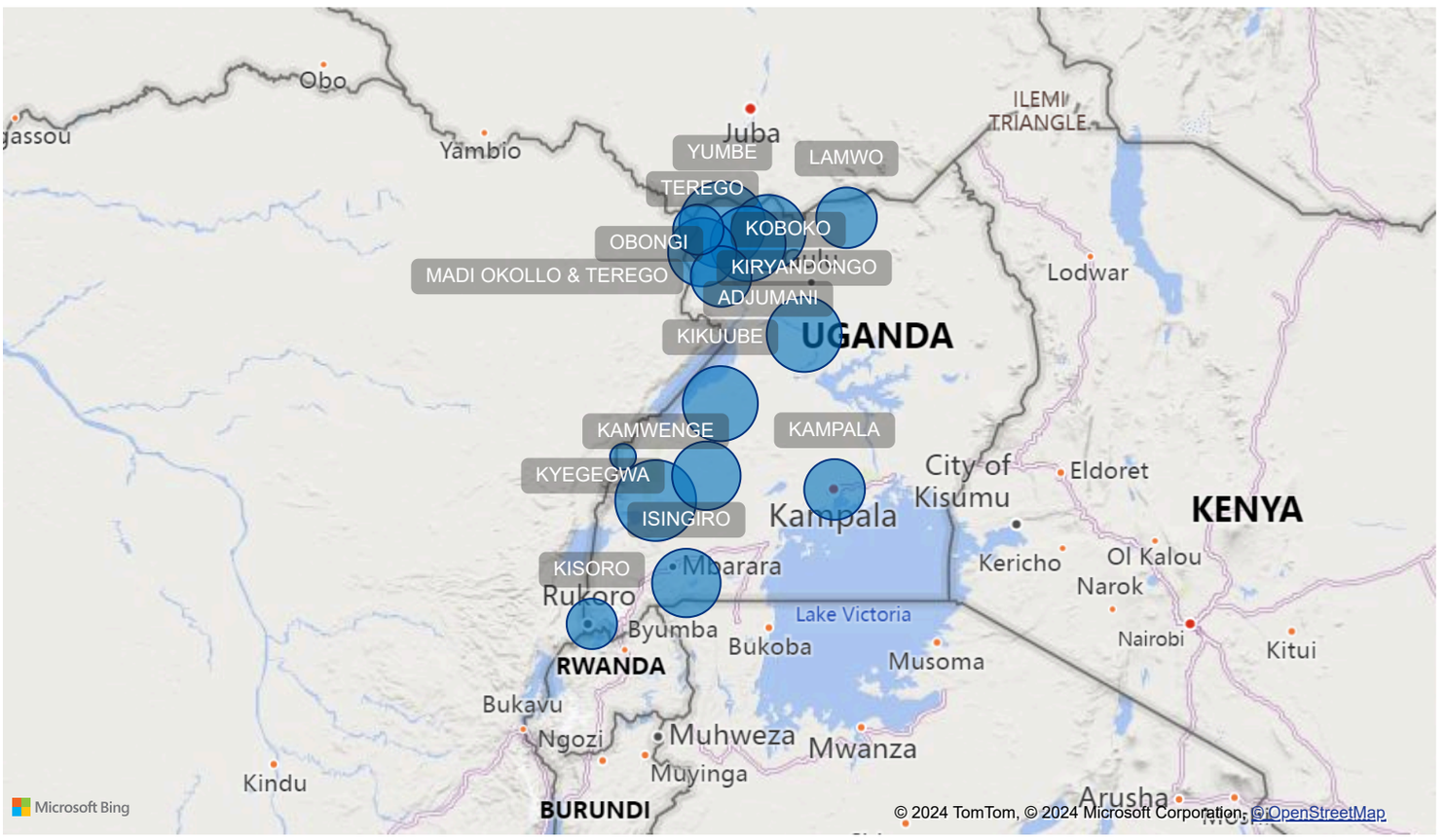
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