LEARNING HUB ACTIVITIES

U-RIL's Learning Hub, U-Learn, is an NGO consortium delivered by U-RIL (hosted by Save the Children), International Rescue Committee, and IMPACT Initiatives, and is principally funded by UKAID.

U-Learn acts as a public good supporting a wide range of stakeholders in refugee response to make use of high-quality learning, evidence and insights into refugee voices and preferences to continually improve their programming and maximize their impact.

In 2023, U-Learn published and disseminated several knowledge products as listed below:

- The IMPACT Initiatives-led research piece on "Realities of Self-reliance within the Ugandan Refugee Context: An assessment of livelihood barriers and enablers for refugees and host communities in urban and settlement locations."
- Refugee entrepreneurship in Uganda: Desk review for the Uganda refugee response
- Exploring the challenges faced by formal refugee-owned businesses in Uganda: An evidence brief for the Uganda refugee response
- Mobile TVET programming in the Uganda Refugee Response: A case study
- Productive use of energy in Uganda's refugee response: Desk review
- Uganda refugee response Financial Literacy Training (FLT) minimum standards

OTHER ACTIVITIES

U-RIL collaborated with the Uthabiti Activity and consortium partners on a challenge mapping exercise to identify challenges that are hindering refugee self-reliance.

The Systems Management Information for Labs and Evidence (SMILE) data base platform was developed, launched and disseminated.

With support from Kumwe Hub, U-RIL conducted Innovative Financing Landscape Analysis for innovators and social enterprises in Uganda. U-RIL also had a call for applications for loans. We had 41 applicants out of which 10 were invited to pitch and five (5) were granted funding.