#### Settlement Factsheet, Arua District, Uganda, August 2018



#### **Background & Methodology**

Due to its proximity to three major humanitarian emergencies in South Sudan, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), its progressive refugee hosting and settlement policies, and the ease of border crossings, Uganda has received a large number of refugees over the past 3 years.

With over 1 million refugees in Uganda<sup>1</sup>, humanitarian needs across the country are significant with little capacity for actors to clearly map the landscape of needs across refugee and host communities alike. UNHCR, with support from REACH, conducted a Multi-Sector Needs Assessment with the aim to address this information gap by providing evidence-based analysis to inform the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for 2019-2020.

A total of 4,313 refugee household (HH) level surveys were conducted across all 30 refugee settlements. Households were randomly sampled with a confidence level of 95% and 10% margin of error and findings are generalisable at the settlement level.

**305** HHs were interviewed in Imvepi Settlement between 9 April and 26 May 2018.

# and 26 May 2018. Demographics

% of assessed HHs by area of origin:



% of HHs that have lived in the settlement for:



#### % of individuals by age group:

Girls (0-17)		33%
Boys (0-17)		35%
Adult females (18-59)		16%
Adult males (18-59)		12%
Elderly females (60+)	I control	3%
Elderly males (60+)	I	2%

Average HH size:<sup>2</sup> 7 members

#### Gender distribution of the head of the HHs:

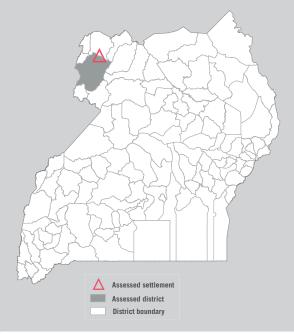


#### Top 3 sectors with most reported HH needs:3

Food	•	82%
Livelihoods		46%
Health and nutrition		39%

- 1) OPM RIMS statistics, June 2018, Uganda Comprehensive Refugee Response Portal.
- 2) The MSNA found the average size of refugee and host community HHs to be larger than previous assessments conducted in Uganda. HH was defined as a group of members who regularly share resources, such as water, food, and living space.
- 3) Respondents could select multiple options.
- 4) Refugees are registered in settlements by Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister (OPM).

Note: For questions asked only to a subset of households, a lower confidence level and a wider margin of error may apply.



### Protection

99% of HHs reported being registered in the settlement.4

#### % of HHs with at least one vulnerable member:

66% Unaccompanied or separated children

34% Individuals with chronic illnesses

22% Individuals with disabilities

**50%** Pregnant and/or lactating women

# % of HHs reporting at least one member with psychological distress:

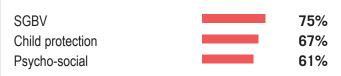


of the HHs with at least one member with psychological distress were unable to receive psychological care.

# % of HHs with at least one unaccompanied or separate child that reported still needing targeted protection services:



# % of HHs that reported being reached by protection awareness campaigns on:



**59%** of HHs with at least one woman or girl of reproductive age reported at least one female member could not access sanitary pads.







### **Livelihoods & Environment**

Top 3 reported income source over the 30 days prior to data collection:<sup>1</sup>

None	40%
Small business	20%
Casual labour	18%

% of HHs that had access to agricultural land in Uganda during the most recent harvest season:



Of the assessed HHs with access to agricultural land, 78% reported that the land did not provide sufficient enough food for the entire HH in the most recent harvest season.

# Top 3 reported ways HHs accessed land for agricultural purposes:

Free through OPM	85%
Free access	6%
Own the land	6%

of the HHs that had access to agricultural land did not cultivate or plant crops in the most recent harvest season.

# Top 3 reported livelihood coping strategies used by HHs over the 30 days prior to data collection:<sup>2</sup>

Sold assistance items received	42%
None	20%
Received humanitarian aid	19%

# % of HHs where at least one member participates in community-based savings/loan/insurance schemes:



16% of the assessed HHs have members that have ever received vocational training.

# % of HHs reporting having access to local markets within walking distance:



51% of the HHs reported that they had faced challenges in accessing a market to sell or buy agricultural products or livestock in the 30 days prior to data collection.

#### % of HHs reporting the following primary fuel sources:



41% of the assessed HHs reported having an improved cooking stove.<sup>3</sup>



### **Shelter & NFIs**

% of HHs with the following shelter types:4



#### % of HHs reporting the following shelter vulnerabilities:

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Leaking when it rains		75%
Flooding in past 1 year		21%

#### Top 3 reported NFI priorities:1

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Bedding (e.g. mats)	73%
Kitchen tools	53%
Water storage items	<b>52%</b>

- 1) Respondents could select up to three options.
- 2) Respondents could select multiple options.
- 3) Improved cooking stove or energy saving stoves are designed to consume less firewood and produce less fumes.
- 4) Permanent shelters includes mudbrick, tukul and concrete brick. Temporary shelters includes emergency tent and makeshift shelter.







### **Health & Nutrition**

Top 3 reported health issues among HH members during the 2 weeks prior to data collection:<sup>1</sup>

Malaria	33%
Diarrhoea	29%
Rapid weight loss	15%

Of the HHs that reported having a member with health issues in the past year, **58%** reported facing challenges when they sought treatment.

#### Top 3 reported challenges in accessing health care:

No medicine available	51%
Treatment was not offered	27%
Pharmacy lacked drugs	24%

#### Of the HHs with children:2

reported they had been vaccinated against polio.

47% reported that they had been vaccinated against measles.

#### % of HHs reporting owning mosquito nets:



Average number of HH members sleeping under nets: 1.5

# % of HHs with pregnant and/or lactating women that had received the following services:

Counselling on infant and young child feeding	88%
Iron and folic acid supplements or micro-	
nutrient supplements	81%
At least 2 doses of fansidar <sup>3</sup>	78%

- 1) Respondents could select multiple options.
- 2) Polio vaccination is given to children between 0-5 years old. Measles vaccination is given to children aged 15 or younger .
- 3) Fansidar is a prescription medication used to prevent and treat malaria. It can be used for pregnant women as the risks to the mother and fetus is small in relation to the benefits of the drug.
- 4) Basic HH needs include having enough water for drinking, cooking, bathing, etc.
- 5) The question was asked to HHs that reported to have inadequate water over the seven days prior to data collection.
- 6) The question was only asked for HHs that reported not having access to soap.

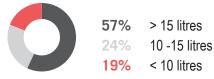
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### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

#### Top 3 reported sources of drinking water:

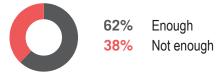
Public tap	45%
Protected rainwater tank	40%
Borehole	7%

#### % of HHs, by litres of water/person/day:



Average litre of water/person/day: 20 litres

% of HHs reporting not having enough water to cover the basic HH needs during the 7 days prior to data collection:<sup>4</sup>



Top 3 reported strategies for coping with insufficient quantity of water during the 7 days prior to data collection:<sup>5</sup>

Use less water for bathing	66%
Fetch from further point	36%
Use less water for drinking	15%

#### % of HHs reporting challenges to collecting water:

Distance	•	6%
Queuing		37%
Queuing and distance		16%
None		41%

18% of the HHs do not have a access to a functioning HH latrine.

65% of the HHs did not have soap in the HH during data collection.

#### Top 3 reported reasons for HHs not to have soap in the HH:6

Prefer a substitute	41%
Soap is too expensive	28%
Waiting for next distribution	25%







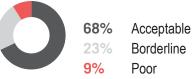
### **Food Assistance**

Top 3 reported primary source of food during the 7 days prior to data collection:<sup>1</sup>

Food distribution		92%
Bought with cash	1	3%
Gifts from family and friends	1	2%

HHs that had been living in the settlement for less than one year relied less on humanitarian aid (91%) than HHs that had lived there from one year or more (96%).

% of HHs with the following Food Consumption Scores (FCS):<sup>2</sup>



HH average Food Consumption Score:

38

% of HHs FCS by time spent in the settlement:

	<6 months	7 - 11 months	1 - 2 years	>2 years
Acceptable	92%	61%	77%	100%
Borderline	8%	27%	18%	0%
Poor	0%	12%	5%	0%

% of HHs who reported having access to sufficient food for all members over the 7 days prior to data collection:



% of HHs reported using food coping strategies during the 7 days prior to the data collection:

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Reduce number of meals / day		58%
Limit meal size		33%
Buy cheaper food		13%
Debt/Borrowing		15%
Skip days of eating		10%
Only children eat		8%
Exchanged food for different food		7%
None	I	3%

### **Education**

14% of households with school-aged children have at least one child not enrolled in school

% of HHs with at least one child not enrolled in school, by age and gender:

Boys	Age	G	irls
5%	3 - 5		11%
3%	6 - 12		4%
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% of HHs with at least one school aged children enrolled in school, by school type:

	Boys		Girls	
ECD		30%		38%
Primary		68%		67%
Secondary		9%		6%
Other <sup>3</sup>		0%		0%
Not enrolled		5%		10%

Of the households with school aged children not attending school, 15% reported their children had been enrolled before displacement but had dropped out at the time of the assessment.

Top 3 reported barriers to education for HHs with at least one school-aged child not enrolled in school:1

No reason provided	36%
High costs	15%
Distance	15%

Of those HHs that reported cost as a barrier to education, the following were reported as the most common costs:

- 1 Uniform
- 2 Transportation costs
- Writing materials
- 4 Bags
- 1) Respondents could select multiple options.
- 2) The FCS is used as proxy for HH food security and is a composite score based on 1) Dietary diversity 2) Food frequency and 3) Relative nutritional importance of the various food groups consumed by HHs. The FCS is recorded from a 7-day recall and is based on 9 weighted food groups. The FCS is used to classify households into three groups: poor, borderline or acceptable food consumption. In the Ugandan context the thresholds used are as follows:  $\geq$  31 Acceptable; 28 30 Borderline;  $\leq$  27 Poor.
- 3) Other types of education include acelerated learning program, non-formal skills training, and vocational training.

