



Overview

The Child Protection sector aims at supporting the development of effective and safe child protection systems that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee and host communities and that ensure refugee children have non-discriminatory access to adequate and quality child protection services.

Child Protection Risks

In Q3, Uganda hosted more than 860,000 children within the refugee population of which 55,929 face specific protection risks including separation from parents or other relatives (40,890 unaccompanied or separated children) or other risks including violence, abuse, neglect and abandonment, child labour, child marriage or teenage pregnancy that require specialized child protection services. Risks included an increase in separation and neglect as well as abandonment in some cases. The prolonged COVID19 measures also posed particular risks to girls where an increase in premature relationships, child marriage and teenage pregnancies were reported that further result in their reduced access to school. Boys have reportedly engaged more in risky behaviours, were exposed to different forms of child labour or have been in contact with the law during COVID19 and as a result of extensive school closures.

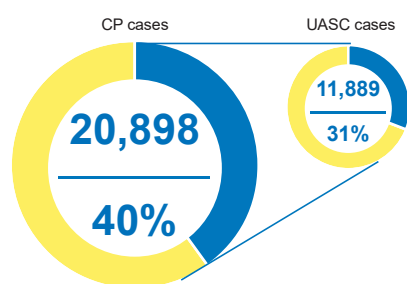
Achievements

In Q3, a total of 20,898 children are receiving case management services addressing their specific risks and needs (including for 11,889 unaccompanied or separated children). Since the beginning of the year, 8,195 new child protection cases were opened, including 3,795 unaccompanied or separated children) and a range of services were provided through direct interventions by CP actors or through referrals to specialized services. A network of over 1,700 trained community members (CPCs) continued to identify child protection cases, provided basic psychosocial support and provided awareness on child protection concerns to children, caregivers and other community members aiming at addressing some negative cultural practices or norms within the community. 89,116 children between 4-17 years and 45,561 adolescents benefitted from a variety of community-based child protection interventions such as mobile PSS and outdoor activities in small groups and door-to-door awareness activities by community members as well as recreational activities or sports.

Challenges

In Q3, the sector continued to face challenges to serve all identified children in need of specialized CP services due to the underfunding of the sector. This results in limited quality of CP programs, shortage of CP staffing and delays in data management aspects. School closures and the hold on recreational activities undertaken in Child Friendly Spaces since March 2020 have further impacted on the reach of the sector members to children and families. Though in Q3, a total of 56 CFS were reported, none of them was opened since March 2020 which negatively impacted on case identification for children at risk and on children's positive development and growth with the absence of critical ECD, PSS and recreational activities.

Key indicators



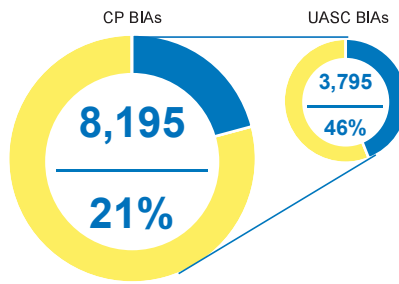
Open cases
CP needs identified: 52,329
UASC needs identified: 38,869



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Caseworker / child ratio

Calculated based on funding received. In addition to caseworkers, community-based volunteers are supporting case management.

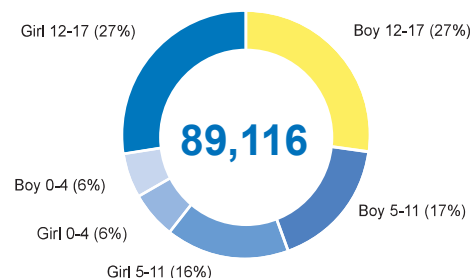


BIAs conducted
CP needs identified: 39,246
UASC needs identified: 29,153



45,561 | 67%

Adolescents participating in targeted programs*



Children participating in community-based activities (by gender and age)



56

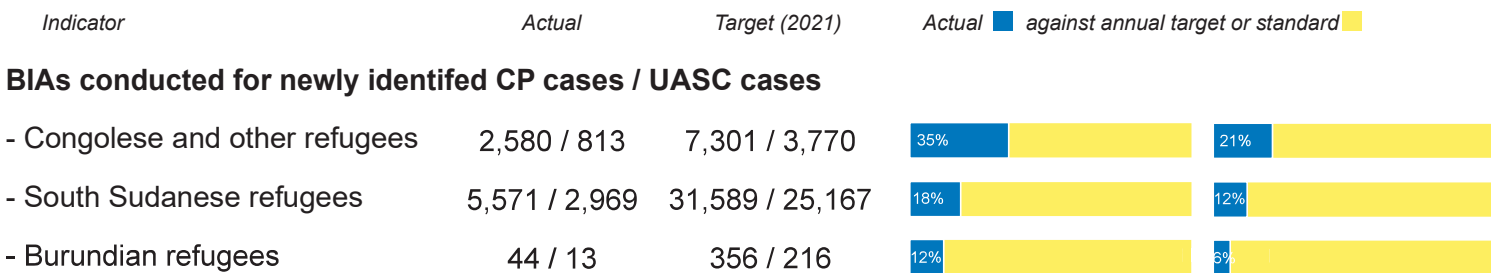
Child-friendly spaces

Based on funded activities, CFSs have been closed in Uganda since March 2020

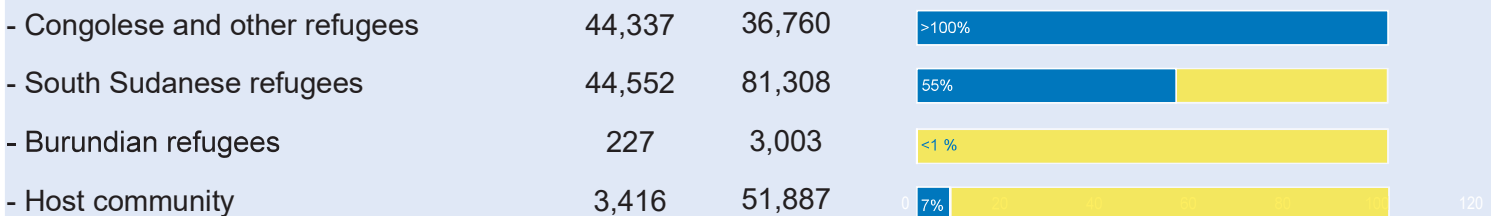
Objective: Adequate and quality child protection services for children, including case management services, are provided in refugee and host communities

Indicator	Actual	Target (2021)	Actual against annual target or standard
Open CP cases / UASC cases			
- Congolese and other refugees	2,956 / 933	9,735 / 5,027	31% (19%)
- South Sudanese refugees	17,942 / 10,956	42,119 / 33,556	43% (33%)
- Burundian refugees	0 / 0	475 / 286	0% (0%)

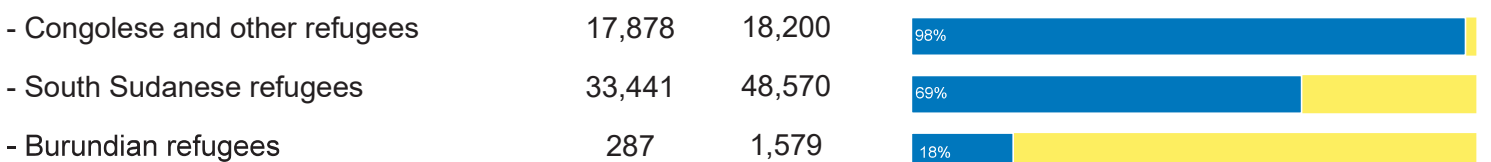
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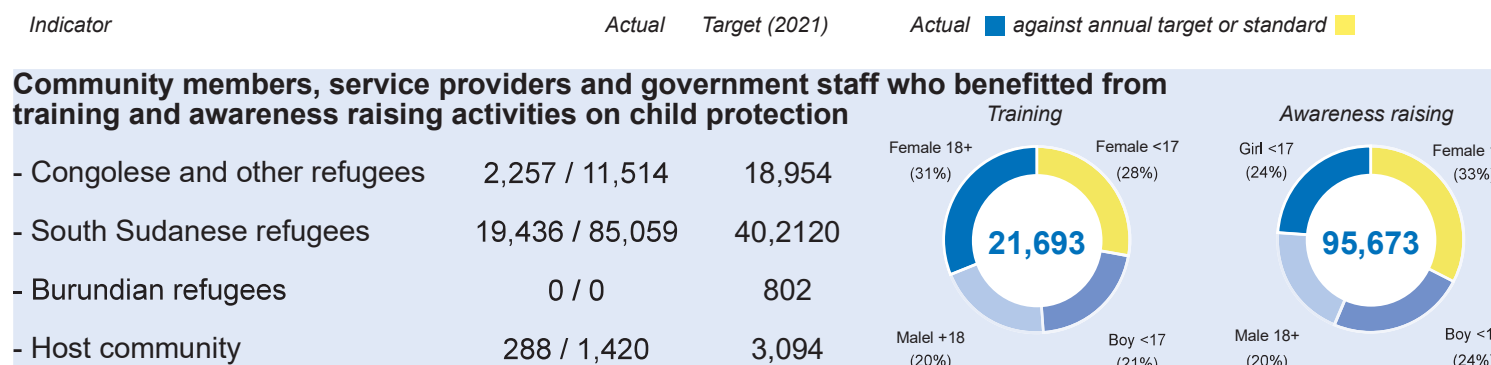
Children participating in community-based support activities



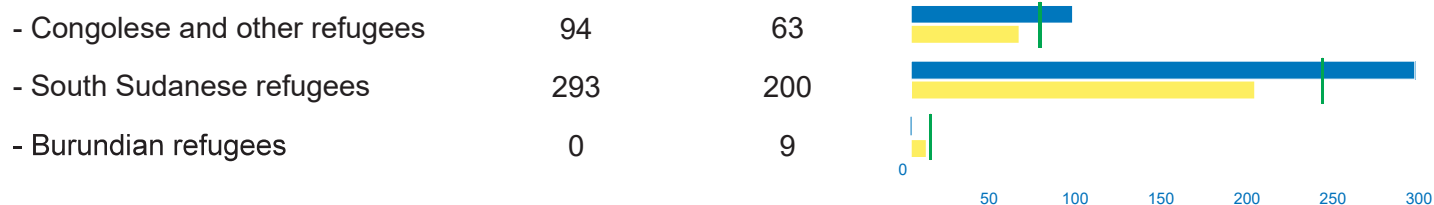
Adolescents participating in targeted programs



Objective: Effective and safe child protection systems that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee and host communities are strengthened



Community-based child protection committees functional



Operational Presence

Koboko

DRC, HADS, UNHCR*

Yumbe

ADRA, FCA, Plan, SCI, TPO, UNHCR**, URCS, WCH, WWI, I CAN SSD, UNICEF*

Adjumani

LWF, Plan, UNHCR**, WWI, UNICEF*, URCS

Terego & Madi Okollo

DRC, SCI, TPO, UNHCR*, WCH, WWI, Plan

Kikuube

Alight, LWF, SCI, UNHCR**, UNICEF*, WCH

Notoroko

CAFOMI, UNHCR*

Kyegegwa

Alight, FCA, SCI, UNHCR**, WCH

Kamwenge

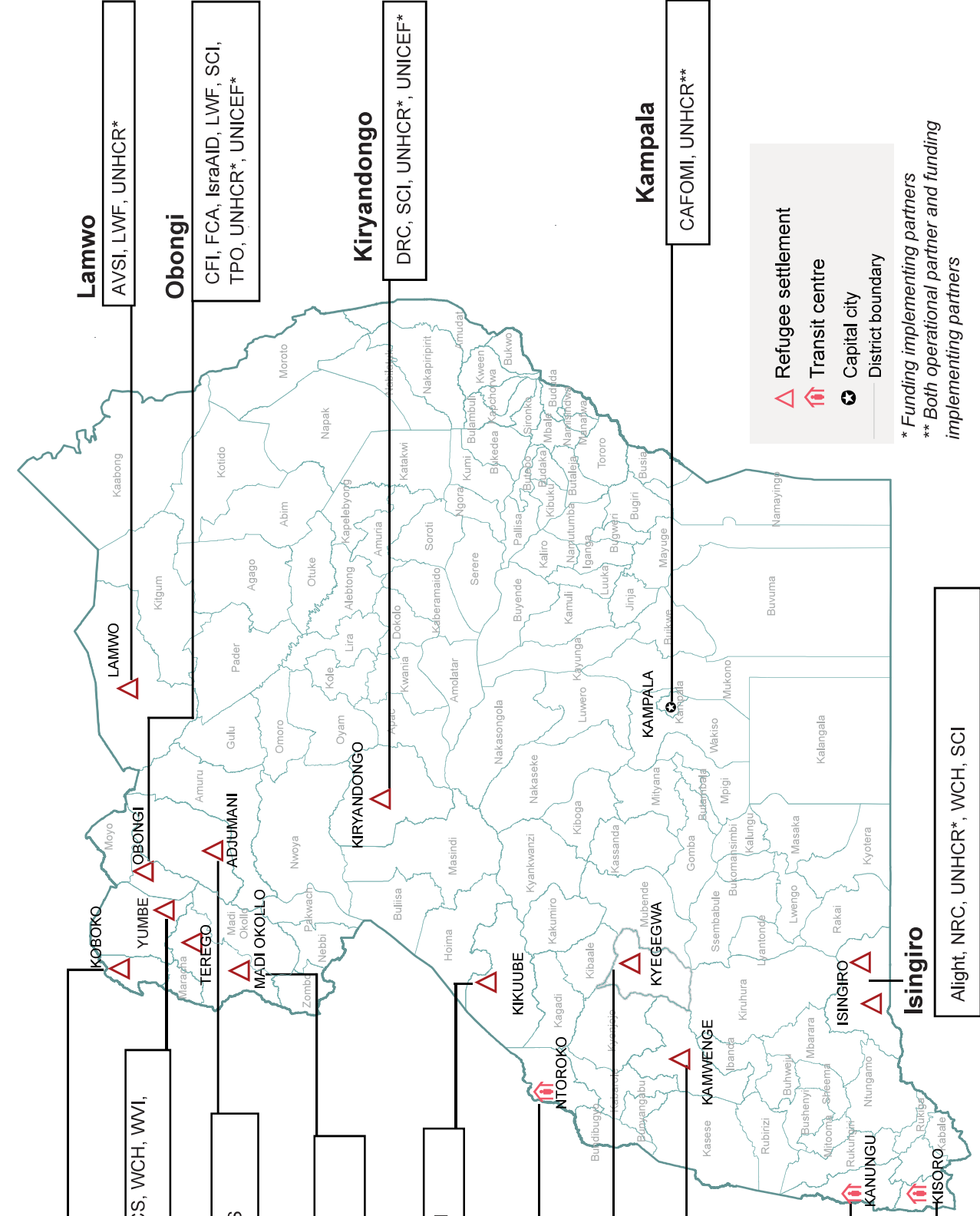
Alight, FCA, SCI, SOS, UNHCR*

Kanungu

CAFOMI, UNHCR*

Kisoro

CAFOMI, UNHCR*



△ Refugee settlement
↑ Transit centre
★ Capital city
 - - - District boundary

* Funding implementing partners
 ** Both operational partner and funding implementing partners

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