

Uganda Refugee Emergency

10-16 June 2022

The conflict in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues. The situation remains unpredictable along the Kisoro border, with recent fighting reported in the DRC. Uganda Security advised that no humanitarian activities be conducted in the border areas due to security and safety measures. Only security or military personnel are allowed in the border areas.

New arrivals received since 28 March is in addition to nearly 20,000 individuals who arrived from the DRC and South Sudan since the start of 2022. Out of the 31,052 new arrivals received in Kisoro since 28 March, 10,708 individuals remain at the holding area and transit centre as of 16 June 2022.

In the reporting period, a total of 830 individuals were relocated from Kisoro to Nakivale refugee settlement. The cumulative number of new arrivals registered and ready for relocation to the settlement is 1,089 (587 households). There is a significant increase in COVID-19 cases with 98 individuals currently in isolation. Biometric registration is being rolled out in the holding area.

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

 **67,616 ind (+5,360)**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (change since last reporting period)
Data as of 16 June 2022

 **17,827 ind (+1,726)**

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (3,997 in West Nile and 13,830 in the South-West)
Data as of 16 June 2022

KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

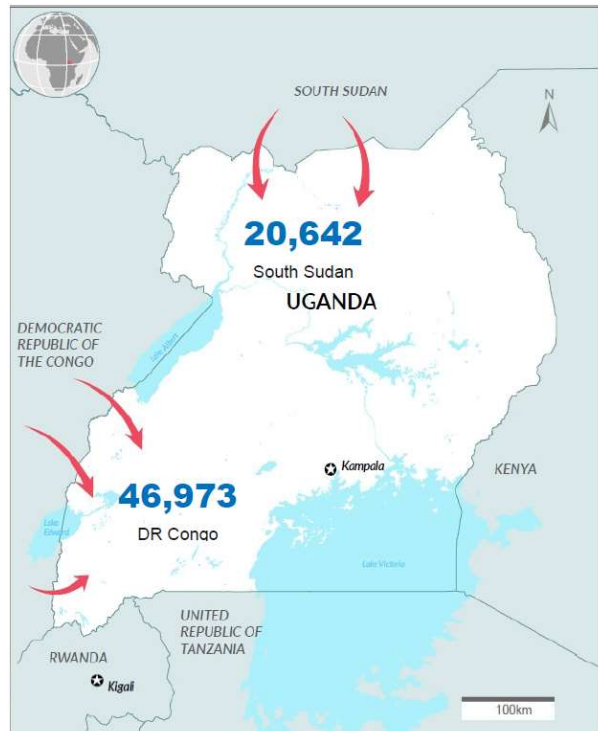
 **18.5 liters**

Liters of water per person per day at the holding area
Data as of 16 June 2022

 **98 COVID-19 cases**

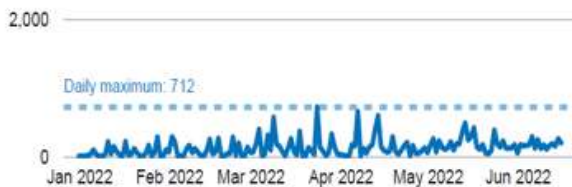
In isolation as of 16 June 2022

INFLUX MAP



ARRIVAL TRENDS

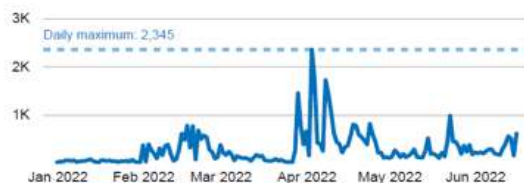
Uganda | New arrivals from South Sudan
1 January - 16 June 2022



Source: OPM and UNHCR

Uganda | New arrivals from DRC

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Operational Context – Kisoro District

- The security situation along Bunagana border remained tense with fighting reported between M23 and DRC forces in the areas of Chengengerero, about 6km from Bunagana and other areas. Many civilians were displaced and camped around Kibaya areas in Uganda near the DRC border. Security officials reported a few bombshells landing on the Ugandan side in the area between Nyarusuzi village and Busanza with no casualties reported. Uganda Security has advised that no humanitarian activities be conducted in the border areas due to security and safety measures. Only security or military personnel are allowed in the border areas.
- Total population transported and received at the transit centre in the week was 2,391 individuals. The current total population at both the holding area and transit centre as of 16 June 2022 was estimated at 10,708 (7,582 at holding area and 3,126 at the transit centre).



New arrivals in Bunagana Town Council. © CAFOMI/ John Ntibiringirwa

- In the reporting period, a total of 830 individuals were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement.
- A total of 730 individuals (355 households) underwent Level 2 registration. Cumulatively, a total of 8,513 individuals (4,194 households) have been registered. The cumulative number of refugees registered and ready for relocation is 1,089 (587 households).
- A total of 3,232 new arrivals and humanitarian workers have tested for COVID-19. The cumulative number of tests for the new arrivals since 28 March 2022 is 23,262 with 160 positive cases. Currently, there are 98 positive cases in isolation.
- Medical Teams International and Médecins Sans Frontières vaccinated 2,427 individuals against cholera during the week. Cumulatively 21,369 and 2,964 individuals have received the first and second dose of the oral cholera vaccine respectively since the start of the campaign.
- Biometric registration has started in the holding area. The main aim of the exercise is to biometrically enroll all new arrivals. This exercise will support in identifying the

populations moving in and out of the holding area. It will also help in planning and management of assistance provided to new arrivals.

Impact and Achievements

- **FOOD SECURITY:** A total of 14,590 new arrivals were served with hot meals. Out of these, 1,888 were at the transit centre and 12,702 at the holding area.
- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** The Blanket supplementary feeding programme is managing 1,782 clients. Out of these, 14,47 (662 males, 785 females) were children under five years while 335 (182 pregnant, 153 lactating) were pregnant and lactating women. The current proxy global acute malnutrition rate is 8.98% and 18.40% among children under five and pregnant & lactating women respectively.
- **CHILD PROTECTION:** A total of 124 children at risk were identified by CAFOMI and Save the Children this week. Cumulatively, there are 1,302 children at risk receiving a range of support, including temporary foster care, contacting, and being reunified with their families. Save the Children and War Child Holland are providing psychosocial support services to children and youths through structured play and games in the child friendly places. This helps children establish a routine, provides continuity of culture and basic numeracy and literacy skills.



A Team up session at the transit center. © War Child Holland/ Naboth Karekora.

- **PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS (PSNs):** Partners identified, documented, and supported 122 PSNs. Humanity & inclusion provided rehabilitation (physiotherapy and occupational therapy) services to 51(25 males, 26 females) individuals.
- **GBV:** A total of 13 awareness sessions were conducted on different GBV topics. The sessions reached 890 (689 females, 201 males) individuals.
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems and enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners reached 26 females and 25 males through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues.
- **WASH:** Cleaning of the storage tanks at the transit centre is ongoing with 8 out of 10 tanks completed. There is routine water treatment with chlorine at water storage tanks for the trucked water. Malteser International is supporting CAFOMI to temporarily hire two persons to support in sensitization around hand washing and

to ensure effective operation of the 5m³ bladder Skyhydrant filter and water taps that was provided in April.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Fencing is needed to boost protection of individuals and resources at the holding area. UNHCR has already procured 180 rolls of chain link. Other materials like poles, tension wires, nails and labor are pending.
- Storm water drainage needs general improvement.
- Internal access road needs construction.
- Difficult topography and rock surface is hindering construction activities.
- Theft and cutting of already installed plastic sheets on the structures at night is an issue.
- There is need for increased and continuous sensitization and provision of WASH supplies.
- Lighting is needed to speed up the process of shifting the new arrivals to the completed structures.

Operational Context – Kasese and Bubukwanga

- The situation in Kasese is calm with no fighting reported in the border areas. Nine individuals (3 households) were received at the holding area. The current population at the holding area is 34 individuals (7 households). Of these, 79% are children and 21% adults.
- During the reporting period, 112 individuals were relocated to Rwamwanja refugee settlement from Bwera holding area in Kasese district.
- Twenty-four individuals (4 households) are currently enrolled in the biometric information management systems (BIMs) in Bubukwanga transit center.

New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 1,875 new arrivals from South Sudan and 3,485 from DR Congo since the last reporting period.
- In the transit and reception centers, there are 17,827 individuals with 3,997 in West Nile (+801 compared to last reporting period) and 13,830 in South-West (+925 compared to last reporting period).

Working in partnership – National level

- 44 partners have appealed for 47.8M USD to respond to the emergency.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

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LINKS

[Uganda Refugee Response – Emergency Appeal \(April-June 2022\)](#)