

# Uganda Refugee Emergency

17-23 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. There continues to be reports of fighting in the Bunagana area. Congolese nationals are still camped within Bunagana and surrounding areas. New arrivals received since 28 March are in addition to nearly 20,00 individuals who arrived from DRC and South Sudan since

January 2022. Out of the 33,225 new arrivals received in Kisoro since 28 March, 9,460 individuals remain at the holding area and transit centre as of 23 June 2022. A total of 433 (182 households) individuals have been registered and are ready for relocation from Kisoro to Nakivale refugee settlement. The reception centre receiving new arrivals in Nakivale is over capacity by 100 percent, with 2,352 individuals.

Biometric registration of all individuals at the holding area started on 17 June and is expected to be completed by 01 July 2022. This will allow for easy identification of the individuals staying there, support planning as well as management of assistance distribution. A total of 3,901 (2,294 females; 1,607 males) individuals (838 households) have so far been registered.

## KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

 **71,016 ind (+3,400)**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (change since last reporting period)  
Data as of 23 June 2022

 **17,950 ind (+123)**

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (3,892 in West Nile a& 14,058 in the South-West)  
Data as of 23 June 2022

## KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

 **97,000**

Liters of water supplied to the transit centre  
Data as of 23 June 2022

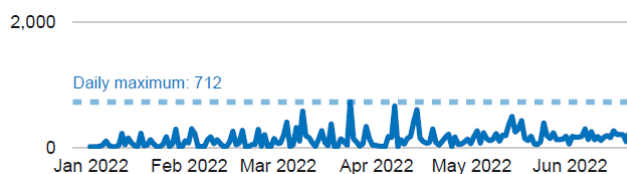
 **114 COVID-19 cases**

In isolation as of 23 June 2022

## ARRIVAL TRENDS

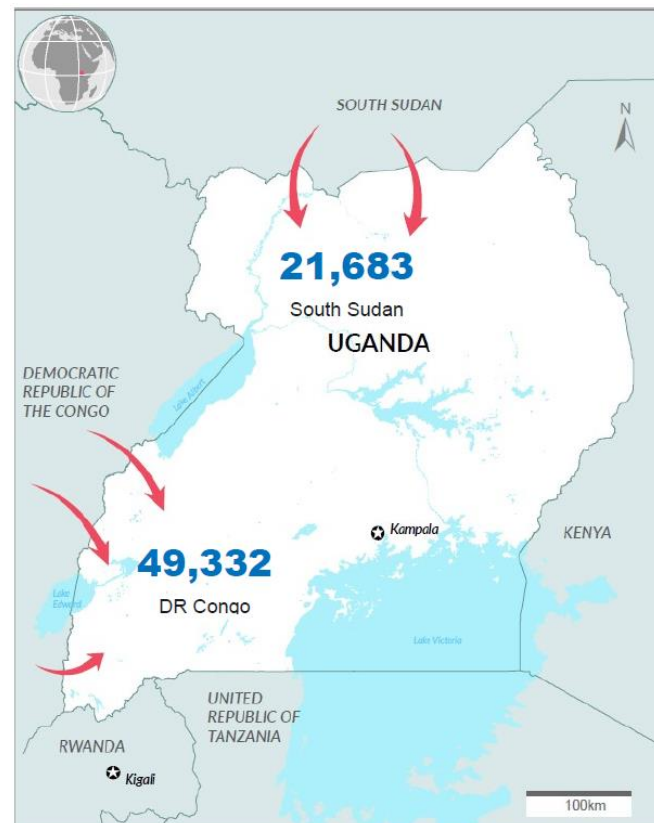
### Uganda | New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January-23 June 2022



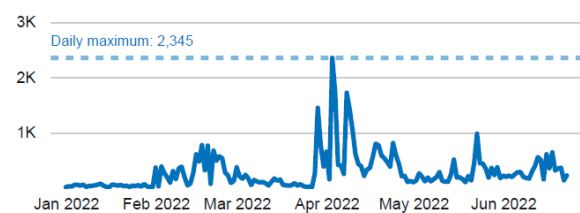
SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

## INFLUX MAP



### Uganda | New arrivals from DRC

1 January-23 June 2022



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## Operational Context – Kisoro District

- The Bunagana area in DRC remains tense with fighting and shelling reported between the M23 and government forces. M23 are reportedly allowing individuals who are camped within Bunagana and surrounding areas to cross into DRC, however some type of registration is being requested. Partners continue to be advised to limit movements near the border.
- Total population transported and received at the transit centre in the week was 3,494 individuals. The cumulative number of individuals received at the holding area and transit centre is 33,225 individuals (17,142 households) since 28 March 2022.
- Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) continues with Level 2 registration at the transit centre. A total of 433 (182 households) individuals are ready for relocation to the settlement. Cumulatively, 7,945 individuals (4,073 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.
- Biometric registration of all individuals at the holding area started on 17 June and is expected to be completed by 01 July 2022. This will allow for easy identification of the individuals staying there, support planning as well as management of assistance distribution. A total of 3,901 (2,294 females; 1,607 males) individuals (838 households) have so far been registered.
- Out of the 2,052 new arrivals and humanitarian workers tested for COVID-19 during the week, 112 are positive. The cumulative number of tests for the new arrivals since 28 March 2022 is 25,058 with 332 positive cases. Thirty-nine clients were discharged from isolation upon testing negative, leaving 114 positive cases in isolation.
- Medical Teams International and Médecins Sans Frontières vaccinated 1,948 individuals against cholera during the week. Cumulatively 22,920 and 2,964 individuals have received the first and second dose of the oral cholera vaccine respectively since the start of the campaign.
- To commemorate World Refugee day, a tree planting exercise was conducted as a complementary effort to increase forest cover at Nyakabande transit centre. There will be continued environmental conservation efforts by planting more trees and proper waste management.
- Malteser International handed over assorted medical equipment worth USD 43,750 to Kisoro district as part of support towards the emergency.
- There is ongoing sensitization of new arrivals by protection partners on the laws of Uganda, refugee rights and obligations and services available.

### Impact and Achievements

- **FOOD SECURITY:** A total of 13,413 new arrivals were served with hot meals. Out of these, 1,779 were at the transit centre and 11,634 at the holding area.
- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program served 1,974 clients as of June 23, 2022. Of these, 1,696 (788 male, 907 female) were children under five years and 278 (155 pregnant, 122 lactating) were pregnant and lactating women. The current proxy global acute malnutrition rate (malnutrition level) is 8.98% and 18.40% among children under five and pregnant & lactating women respectively.

- **CHILD PROTECTION:** A total of 111 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.
- **PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS (PSNs):** Partners identified, documented, and supported 67 PSNs. Humanity & inclusion provided rehabilitation (physiotherapy and occupational therapy) services to 31 (16 males, 15 females) individuals. Prevailing factors leading to the fractures were: assault by rebels, congenital disorders, and motor accidents among others.
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems and enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners reached 47 females and 63 males through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues.
- **WASH:** A total of 1,252,000 litres were supplied at the holding area (692,000 litres from National Water & Sewerage Corporation; 560,000 litres through water trucking) center and 97,000 litres at the transit centre from National Water & Sewerage Corporation. Laying of a DN50 mm water transmission line has commenced, Uganda Red Cross Society is constructing a tank base for installing a 10,000-liter capacity tank in zone 5. Desludging of four blocks of sanitation facilities at the transit center is ongoing.

#### 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 and graveling.
- 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.
- High numbers at the transit centre are straining the available water and sanitation facilities.
- Heavy loading on the electricity service line, which has resulted in the burning of the service wires.

## Operational Context – Kasese and Bubukwanga

The situation in Kasese is calm with no fighting reported in the border areas. The current population at Bwera holding area is 32 individuals (5 households). During the reporting period, 112 individuals were relocated to Rwamwanja refugee settlement from Bwera. One individual is in COVID-19 isolation. Cumulatively, 145 individuals (85 households) are currently enrolled on BIMS and ready for relocation.

## New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 1,041 new arrivals from South Sudan and 2,359 from DR Congo since the last reporting period.
- In the transit and reception centers, there are 17,950 individuals with 3,892 in West Nile (-105 compared to last reporting period) and 14,058 in South-West (+228 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

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