Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report **1 - 7 July 2022**

The conflict in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues. The situation remains unpredictable along the Kisoro border. There are reports of continued fighting near the Bunagana area, across the border on the DRC side. Congolese nationals are still camped within Bunagana and surrounding areas on the Ugandan side of the border.

Out of the estimated 37,327 new arrivals (19,070 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March, 9,616 have been relocated to settlements, 10,477 are spontaneous departures from the holding area and transit centre, while 17,234 are still in the two locations.

The holding capacity at Nyakabande transit centre, Kisoro district, is overstretched by 139.4 per cent. Its capacity is 7,200 but currently has 17,234 individuals.

Other locations that are overstretched include, Lokung collection point in Lamwo district (279.5 per cent), Kagoma reception centre in Kikuube district (109.3 per cent), and Kabazana reception centre in Isingiro district (seven per cent).

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

76,888 individuals

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (23,129 from South Sudan and 53,759 from DRC). An increase of 3,187 since last reporting period.

25,125 individuals

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (4,045 in West Nile and 21,080 in the South-West). An increase of 4,717 since last reporting period.

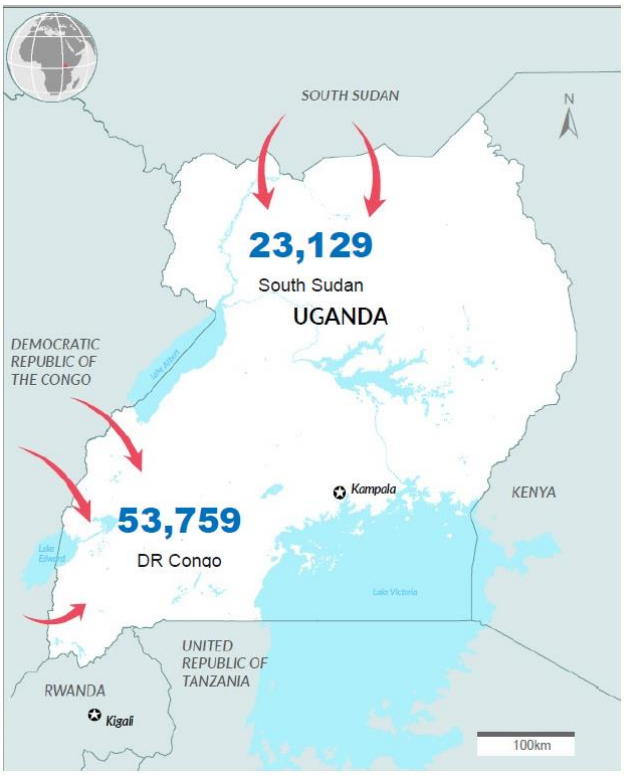
KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

1,046,000

Litres of water supplied to Nyakabande transit and holding centre

85 new COVID-19 cases

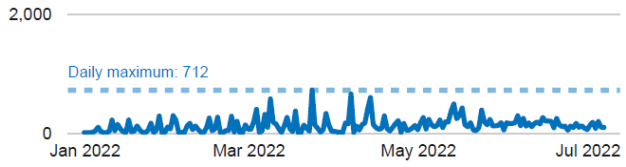
INFLUX MAP



ARRIVAL TRENDS

Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January - 7 July 2022



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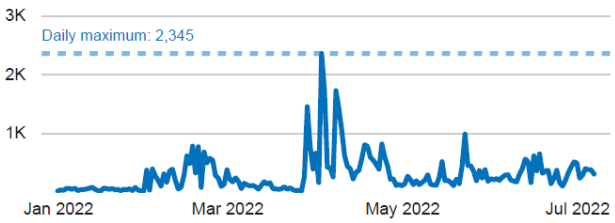

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Operational Context – Kisoro District

Engaging children on their rights and responsibilities while in the country of asylum. © CAFOMI/Derrick Turinayo

- Although the security situation at Bunagana town in DRC is calm, fresh fighting was reported in the areas of Ntamugenga, and around the localities of Kanyabusoro and Kazuba in Rutshuru territory, pushing residents to flee their homes.
- Total population transported and received at the transit centre during the reporting period was 2,198 individuals. Total population at Nyakabande holding and transit centre is estimated at 17,234 individuals (4,667at transit centre and 12,567 at holding area) as of 7 July 2022.
- The cumulative population at Nyakabande holding area registered through biometric enrolment is 9,770 individuals (2,526 households). This represents 91.6 per cent of the revised target of 10,666 new arrivals residing at the holding area, following the head count conducted on 29 June 2022.
- The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) continues with Level 2 registration at the transit centre. During the week, 877 (374 households) were registered.
- A total of 760 individuals (407 households) were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 9,616 individuals (4,861 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.
- There was routine awareness-raising at the holding area and transit center about the rights and obligations of asylum seekers, as well as common offenses and peaceful co-existence with the host community.

Impact and Achievements

- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program served 2,200 clients as of 7 July 2022. Of these, 1,829 were children (963 male and 866 female) under five years and 371 were pregnant and lactating mothers (161 pregnant and 210 lactating).

- **CHILD PROTECTION:** A total of 90 children at risk were identified by CAFOMI, Save the Children and ALIGHT during the reporting period. Cumulatively, there are 1,728 children at risk receiving a range of support including, temporary foster care,

contact tracing and family reunification. Save the Children and War Child Holland are providing psychosocial support services to children and youth through, structured play and games in the child friendly spaces. This helps children establish a routine, provides continuity of culture, as well as basic numeracy and literacy skills.

- **PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS (PSNs):** Partners identified, documented, and supported 79 PSNs. Humanity & Inclusion provided rehabilitation (physiotherapy and occupational therapy) services to 49 individuals (26 males, 23 females). Prevailing factors leading to the injuries suffered by the individuals were assault by rebels, congenital disorders, and motor accidents, among others.

- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems, as well as to enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners reached 36 individuals (3 males and 33 females), through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues.

- **WASH:** A total of 1,046,000 litres were supplied at the transit centre and holding area (426,000 litres from National Water and Sewerage Corporation and 620,000 litres through water trucking). CAFOMI and Uganda Red Cross continued with routine water treatment using chlorine in the water storage tanks.

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.
- Site leveling and opening of access roads is needed.
- Difficult topography and rock surface is hindering construction activities.
- Theft and cutting of already installed plastic sheets on the structures at night.
- Vandalizing of mobilets (toilets) where, the metallic parts are stolen and sold as scrap.
- Low water supply due to maintenance works on the water system.

Operational Context – Kasese and Bubukwanga

- Bwera holding centre was decommissioned last month. A mid-collection center for potential new arrivals was set up in the compound of the town council, located about 1.5 kms away. One new arrival was received and relocated to Bubukwanga transit centre for support.
- A total of 17 individuals (10 households were received at Bubukwanga transit centre during the week. The cumulative population at the transit centre is 62 individuals (23 households).
- There are three active COVID-19 cases in isolation at Bubukwanga transit centre.
- Twenty-eight individuals (nine households) have been registered through biometric enrolment.

New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 779 new arrivals from South Sudan and 2,408 from DRC since the last reporting period.
- There are 25,125 individuals in the transit and reception centres. Of these, 4,045 are in West Nile (a decrease by 106 individuals compared to last reporting period) and 21,080 are in South-West (an increase of 4,823 compared to last reporting period).

Working in partnership – National level

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

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