

# Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report

19 – 25 August 2022

The situation in Kisoro and surrounding areas remains relatively calm and peaceful. However, new arrivals continue to cross into Uganda daily.

Some of the asylum-seekers return to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to check on their homes, farms and pick food, returning to Uganda in the evening (pendular movements).

This week, a total of 1,376 individuals were received at Nyakabande transit centre and holding area, bringing the current population at both locations to 11,113 individuals.

Out of the estimated 44,685 new arrivals (23,095 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March 2022, the number that has been relocated to Nakivale settlement is 15,804 individuals.

Matanda transit centre, Kanungu district, re-opened on 20 July 2022, has received 112 individuals. Bubukwanga transit centre, Bundibugyo district, has 614 individuals (241 households).

The transit/reception centres and collection points in the West Nile region currently have 5,150 individuals.

## KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL



95,528 individuals

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (31,660 from South Sudan and 63,868 from DRC). An increase of 3,190 since last reporting period.



20,681 individuals

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (5,150 in West Nile and 15,531 in the South-West). An increase of 1,487 since the last reporting period.

## KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT



1,416,000

Litres of water supplied to Nyakabande transit/ holding centre

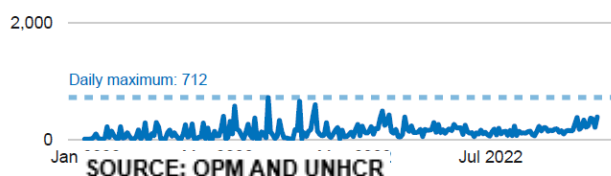
## 3 active COVID-19 Cases

Cases are in isolation at Nyakabande Holding Area and Transit Centre

## ARRIVAL TRENDS

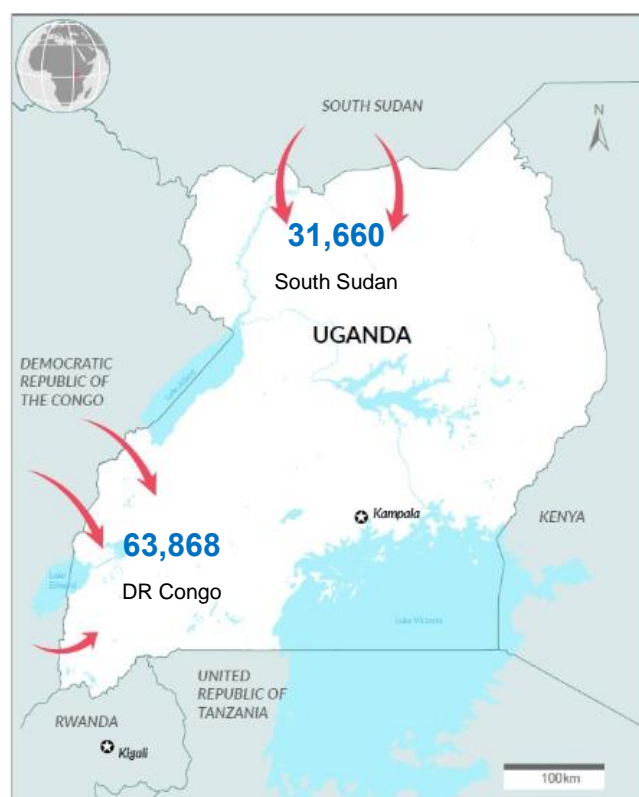
### Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January – 25 August 2022



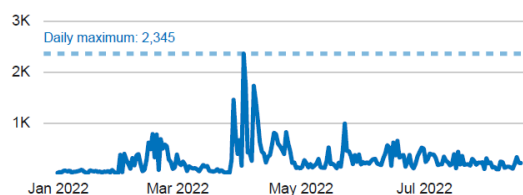
SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

## INFLUX MAP



### Uganda - New arrivals from DRC

1 January – 25 August 2022



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## Operational Context – Kisoro



Repair of leaking roofs at Nyakabande Holding Area. Photo ©CAFOMI

- Total population transported and received at the transit centre in the week was 1,376 individuals, bringing the total number of individuals received at the holding area and transit centre, since 28 March, to 44,685 individuals (23,095 households). As of 25 August, the center hosted 11,113 individuals of whom, 1,267 were at the transit centre and 9,846 at the holding area.
- **New arrivals in Matanda Transit Centre, Kanungu district:** During the week, a total of 73 individuals were received at the transit centre. Since it re-opened on 20 July 2022, the cumulative number received there is 112 individuals.
- A total of 881 (380 households) were relocated to Nakivale settlement, bringing the overall relocation figure to 15,804 individuals, since 28 March 2022.
- During the week, three cases of COVID-19 were registered at Nyakabande transit centre and holding area, out of 2,392 tests conducted. Since 28 March 2022, the cumulative number of tests conducted is 34,850, of whom, 654 had a positive result.

## Operational Context – Bundibugyo

- The population at the Bubukwanga transit center is 614 individuals (241 households).
- A total of 379 individuals (126 households) had been registered in BIMS and ready for relocation. They are being relocated to Rwamwanja refugee settlement.
- Awareness sessions were conducted to new arrivals at the transit centres to inform them about the different services offered by the partner agencies; emphasize personal hygiene; peaceful co-existence with other refugees and host community; and relocations.

## Operational Context – Kyangwali, North and West Nile

- Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali district, had a total population of 1,550 individuals (53 households) as of 25 August 2022.
- Goboro transit centre in Yumbe district, received 40 individuals (13 households) during the week. The total number of new arrivals at the transit centre is currently four individuals (four households).
- Lokung Collection Point in Lamwo district, is overstretched. Its capacity is 560 individuals but, has a population of 3,114 persons. Of these, 805 refugees (107 households) were relocated to Palabek refugee settlement in Lamwo district. The delay in relocation was caused by a lack of core relief items (CRIs), and heavy rains that slowed down the process of plot demarcation.
- Reception and Transit Centres under Arua had a total of 5,145 individuals

## Impact and Achievements in Kisoro

- **CHILD PROTECTION:** CAFOMI and Save the Children identified 147 children at risk broken down as: 74 unaccompanied minors; 53 separated children; and 13 other categories of children at risk; at both the transit centre and holding area. A total of 45 children was placed under temporary foster care arrangements. Since 28 March 2022, the total number of children placed under temporary foster care arrangement is 449 (278 male and 171 female).
- Save the Children and War Child Holland are providing psychosocial support services to children and youth through structured play and games at both sites. This is intended to reduce on the stressful and psychological distress experienced due to effects of violence from their country of origin. The approach also helps them with a routine, continuity of culture and they are provided with basic numeracy and literacy skills.
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems and enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners (CAFOMI, Friends of Kisoro, Lutheran World Federation and Humanity and Inclusion) reached 111 individuals (23 male and 88 female), through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues.
- **PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:** Humanity and Inclusion provided rehabilitation (physiotherapy and occupational therapy) to individuals who presented with conditions such as spina bifida, Osteoarthritis, cerebral palsy, fracture and spinal cord injury.
- **HOT MEALS:** CAFOMI prepared and provided hot meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper) to all individuals in both the holding area and transit centre.
- **WASH:** A total of about 1,416,000 liters of water were supplied at the holding area and transit centre during the week, with an average of 18 litres per person per day.
- There is continuous sensitization on proper use of the sanitary facilities, handwashing at critical moments, causes of epidemic outbreaks and waste management, by the hygiene promoters to ensure improved sanitation and

hygiene practices by the refugees. This is in addition to daily and routine general cleaning.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps - Kisoro

- Fencing is needed to protect the children, refugees, and other resources in the holding area.
- Flooding of the holding area compound.
- Internal access roads need to be constructed and graveled at new extension area to be used for accommodation.
- Difficult topography and bed rock surface hindering construction activities
- Vandalism of water facilities by the refugees remains a big challenge.
- Wastage of water due to the vandalization of the Bib taps at the holding area.
- There is a need for more tarpaulins, as the current stock will only be able to cover the repair of three shelters.

### National level

- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

**Working in Partnership:** OPM, UNHCR, ACORD, ACT, AIRD, ALIGHT, CAFOMI, CARE, Child Fund International, Friends of Kisoro, Humanity and Inclusion, ICRC, JAM, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Malteser International, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Medical Teams International (MTI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Reach Initiative of Impact, Save the Children International, The Netherlands Red Cross, Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), Uganda 2040, Uganda Red Cross Society, UN Women, UNFPA, War Child and WFP.

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