

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-2023 January - June 2022

Overview

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

Analysis of achievements of the sector

Between Q1 and Q2 no major changes in the population was observed with children making 58 per cent of the total population. However, based on the findings and data of the Uganda verification exercise, an increase in the identified specific protection risks children face can be observed. Out of the over 886,000 children, 75,784 are documented as children at risk of violence, abuse, neglect, other risks or Unaccompanied or Separated Children (UASCs), requiring individual child protection services.

Progress was made in the use of the interagency data and case management proGres v4, with a total of 15,239 being created on the tool. At the end of Q2, partners have achieved 44 per cent of the targeted case load, with 23,933 cases (out of which over 13,000 include (UASCs). These are being managed by the different actors providing specialized CP case management services. In the second quarter of 2022, a massive increase in newly opened cases can be identified, with a total of 8,396 new Best Interests Assessments undertaken by CP partners in all locations, for children at risk. The number includes 3,238 cases of UASCs. The upscale of partner case management staffing, has led to improved case worker/child ratio of about 1:49. While this remains beyond the global standard of 1:25 at a time, it is still a significant improvement from Q1 ratio of 1:116.

Partners have extensively engaged with children through community-based activities, with over 179,000 children participating in them. Adolescent targeted programmes had benefitted 47,966 youth at the end of quarter of 2022. In Q2, the sector finalized a comprehensive child protection assessment throughout all settlements and refugee hosting districts. The full report can be accessed using this link: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/95188

Key priorities and gaps foreseen for Q3 and Q4 2022

Key focus areas for the upcoming quarters include regular provision of technical support to the verification exercise; review of child protection case documentation; support to enhance case management/ Best Interest Determination procedures; the updating of the Best Interests Procedure guidelines; training of Child Protection Caseworkers on the government para-social worker training curriculum; and rollout of the government alternative care framework.





ActivityInfo

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