Protection Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022-2023

Quarter 1

Jan - Mar 2023

Overview

The overall protection objective is to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers have access to asylum, fair and accelerated asylum procedures as well as full enjoyment of their rights as set forth in international and domestic laws. It remains crucial for UNHCR and Partners to continue to strengthen the capacity of the government institutions to respond to emergencies, support improvements in registration and the asylum system whilst providing life-saving services, as well as monitoring, mitigating protection risks, building resilience of persons of concern and enhancing durable solutions. Efforts will continue to be made in reinforcing comprehensive feedback and response mechanisms to ensure accountability to affected populations. In addition, special focus will be given to the vulnerable groups including persons with specific needs with the objective of ensuring that they have equal access to protection assistance and the opportunity to participate in community self-management and decision-making. Meanwhile, peaceful coexistence among communities as well as provision of mental health and psychosocial support services will remain a priority.

Product Scope

This product covers overview of the sector, key achievements, funding situation including GBV and CP units, Registration, RSD, CBP, MHPSS, Legal and FRRM arms of protection leaving out CP and GBV which have been analyzed in separate dashboards.

Analysis of achievements of the sector

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

In 2023, the Refugee Eligibility Committee plans to conduct 10 sessions. The first session was held in Rwamwanja refugee settlement in March 2023 and the committee adjudicated **277** asylum applications comprising of **699** individuals mainly from DRC Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi. The recognition rate was at 66%. Meanwhile, a significant number of asylum seekers did not show up for the interviews. This was attributed to movement of asylum seekers to urban centers in search of livelihood activities.

Noting the continued increase in the RSD backlog, UNHCR is working closely with OPM and REC to clear the backlog of **29,822 households (39,795 individuals)** through simplified/accelerated procedures pursuant to the RSD guidelines and policies. In line with this, UNHCR facilitated a joint RSD training with OPM from 10-12 May 2023, and participants included the Refugee Eligibility Committee, OPM RSD Officers and UNHCR/OPM RSD focal. In terms of appeals, the Refugee Appeals Board (RAB) is yet to be constituted and UNHCR is advocating with the government to expedite the appointment of the new members of RAB.

It is worth noting that during the period under review, a high number of Somali new arrivals were reported. A total of approximately **10,000** Somali asylum seekers were registered by OPM. The sudden increase in the Somali new arrivals prompted the government to conduct investigations as well as suspend temporarily the registration of Somali asylum seekers.

Access to Justice

A total of 10,541 individuals received legal aid services and were sensitized on the laws of Uganda. Access to justice is impeded by the limited opportunity for legal representation, access to physical infrastructure and limited resources to facilitate community outreaches and mobile court sessions in the settlements among others.

Accountability to Affected Popultaions (AAP)

In Q1 of 2023, a total of 29,331 calls and 6,842 individual queries were received. 3,236 (47%) were handled at the helpline level and 3,606 (53%) were referred to partners and UNHCR. Constant follow-up for urgent protection cases was done. The highest queries were recorded under sectors of Community Based Protection, durable solution (resettlement), health and nutrition, Legal and physical protection, Food assistance, Education, and Registration, and the rest were under the remaining sectors. The referrals with the highest numbers were made to UNHCR, ALIGHT, MTI, WFP, DRC, NRC, IRC, LWF, AHA, and OPM then the other referrals to some of the remaining 68 plus agencies.

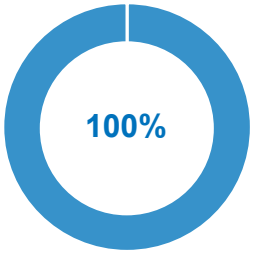
Community-Based Protection (CBP)

The AAP &CwC task team finalized their annual workplan and completed review of the communication strategy for the Prioritization of Food and cash assistance to refugees. Key recommendations including ensuring accessibility of related messages through use of various channels as appropriate per location and translation of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials with emphasis on joint stakeholders' communication, among others were made. The members started discussions regarding preparation for the Global Refugee Forum and how the refugees can be involved.

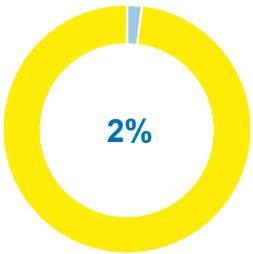
With the support of UNHCR, Impact-Initiatives finalized the Participatory Assessment (PA) report 2022 and it was presented to the NRPWG and further disseminated across the operation for improved protection programming.

Key indicators

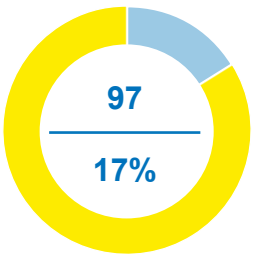
Achievements per quarter *Q1* *annual target*



% of refugees in Uganda who are individually registered in proGres with minimum data set
Target: 98%



% of eligible asylum seekers whose asylum applications have been adjudicated in line with the RSD procedures and standards (*Target: 95%)*



Community-led projects or community empowerment projects, where peaceful coexistence is the primary project purpose
Target: 95

Funding

Inc CP and GBV

$157M

Total Required

$12.4M — Received 8%

$144.6M — Gap 92%

Achievements data: ActivityInfo + proGres v4

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Objective: Access to asylum procedures, including reception, registration, and refugee status determination (RSD)

Indicator	Actual	Target (2023)	Actual against annual target
% of refugees in Uganda who are individually registered in proGres with minimum data set			
- Congolese refugees	100%	100%	100%
- South Sudanese refugees	100%	100%	100%
- Other refugees	100%	100%	100%
Eligible asylum seekers whose asylum applications have been adjudicated in line with the RSD procedures and standards			
- Congolese refugees	1%	95%	1%
- Other refugees	0.4%	95%	0.4%

Target - 100%

Target 95%

Note: South Sudanese refugees are granted refugee status on prima-facie basis.

OUTCOME: Accountability to all persons of concern is strengthened through meaningful engagement and participation of communities

Indicator	Actual	Target (2023)	Actual against annual target
Complaints addressed through effective feedback mechanisms			
- Congolese refugees	6,947	32,000	
- South Sudanese refugees	3,186	15000	
- Other refugees	1,044	19,000	
- Host community	123	1,800	

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OUTCOME: Persons with specific needs have timely access to appropriate services and participate in community activities and decision-making on an equal basis with others

Indicator	Actual	Target (2023)	Actual against annual target
Persons with specific needs provided with support			
- Congolese refugees	5,909	40,000	
- South Sudanese refugees	4,072	80,000	
- Other refugees	0	3,000	
- Host community	113	300	

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Interventions to address barriers			
- Congolese refugees	53	50	>100%
- South Sudanese refugees	276	75	>100%
- Other refugees	0	25	0%
- Host community	1	10	10%

OUTCOME: Refugee and host communities populations have improved well being and functioning including very vulnerable people

Indicator	Actual	Target (2023)	Actual against annual target
Individuals receiving psychosocial support			
- Congolese refugees	43,794	96,522	45%
- South Sudanese refugees	35,000	180,831	19%
- Other refugees	379	35,664	1%
- Host community	8,570	79,689	11%

OUTCOME: Physical safety and access to justice by Persons of Concern strengthened

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target (2023)*	*Actual* ■ *against annual target* ■
Refugees receiving legal assistance and legal aid services			
- Congolese refugees	1,964	30,000	7%
- South Sudanese refugees	8,105	40,000	20%
- Other refugees	0	15,000	0%
- Host Community	472	1,000	47%

Operational Presence

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA),

African Women and Youth Action for Development (AWYAD),

Alight,

Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI),

Brass for Africa (BfA),

Care International (CARE),

Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD),

Danish Refugee Council (DRC),

Humanity&Inclusion (HI),

International Aid Services (IAS),

International Rescue Committee (IRC),

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS),

Lutheran World Federation (LWF),

Office of the Prime Minister (OPM),

Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO),

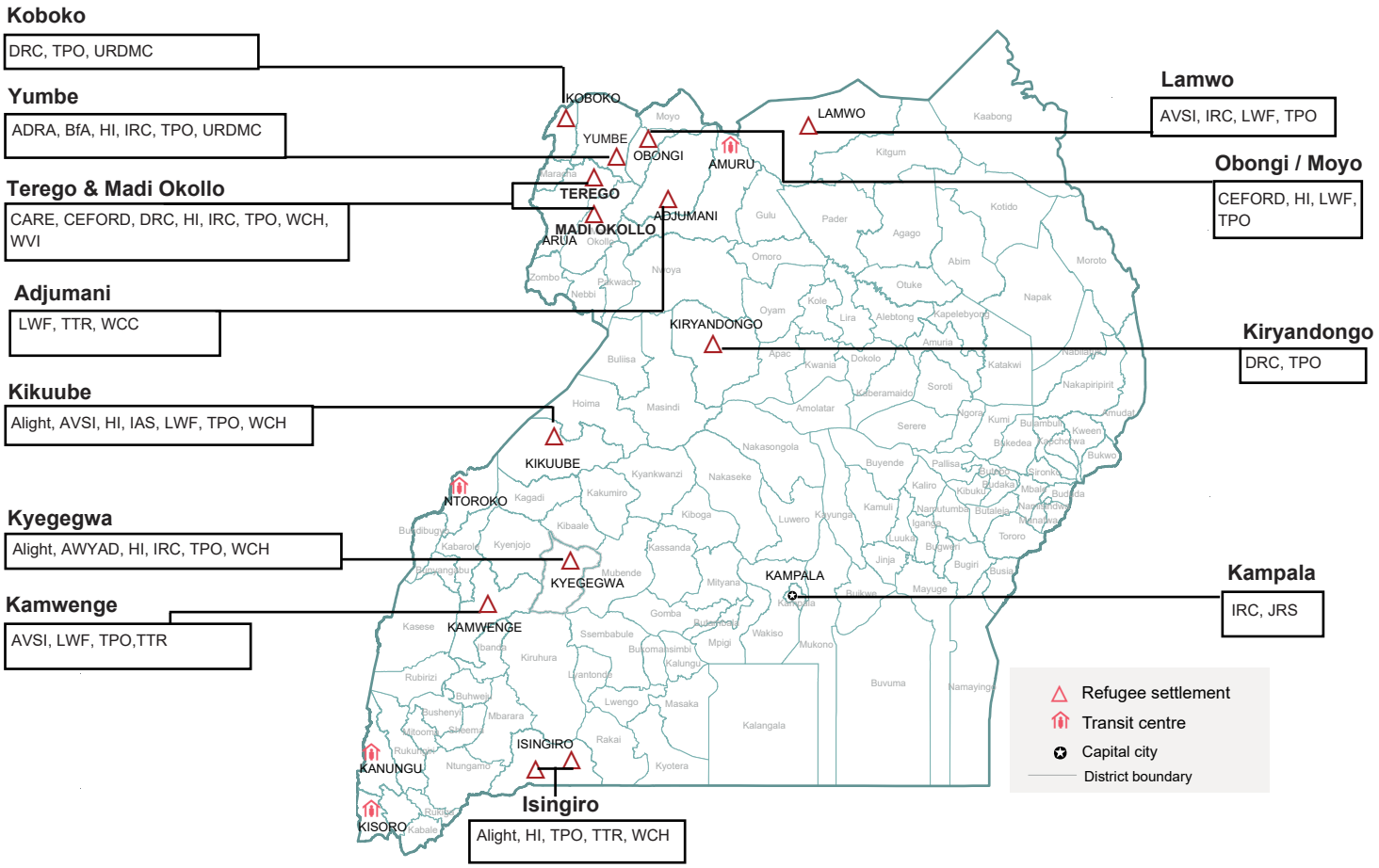
Tutapona Trauma Rehabilitation (TTR),

Uganda Refugee Disaster and Management Council (URDMC)

War Child Canada (WCC),

War Child Holland (WCH)

World Vision International (WVI)



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