



Overview

Overall objective of the Gender-based Violence (GBV) sector

The GBV sector aims at generating longer-term attitudinal and behavior changes relating to gender roles, norms, and gender-based violence. The sector also ensures that survivors of GBV and those at risk have access to survivor-centered and timely case management services with satisfaction, as well as linking survivors to multi-sectoral support.

Q2 Achievements

By the end of June 2023, members of the GBV Sector Working Group (SWG) managed **3,003** incidents, reported in the GBVIMS from all thirteen refugee hosting districts in Uganda including Kampala. The main types of GBV disclosed by survivors include psychosocial/ emotional abuse (**33 percent**), denial of resources (**25 percent**), and physical assault (**22 percent**). Forced marriage/ child marriage remains a concern particularly among the South Sudanese population. In addition, by June, a cumulative number of **135,240 persons we serve had been reached** with GBV awareness raising and prevention activities. This represents **21 percent of the annual target (640,000)**.

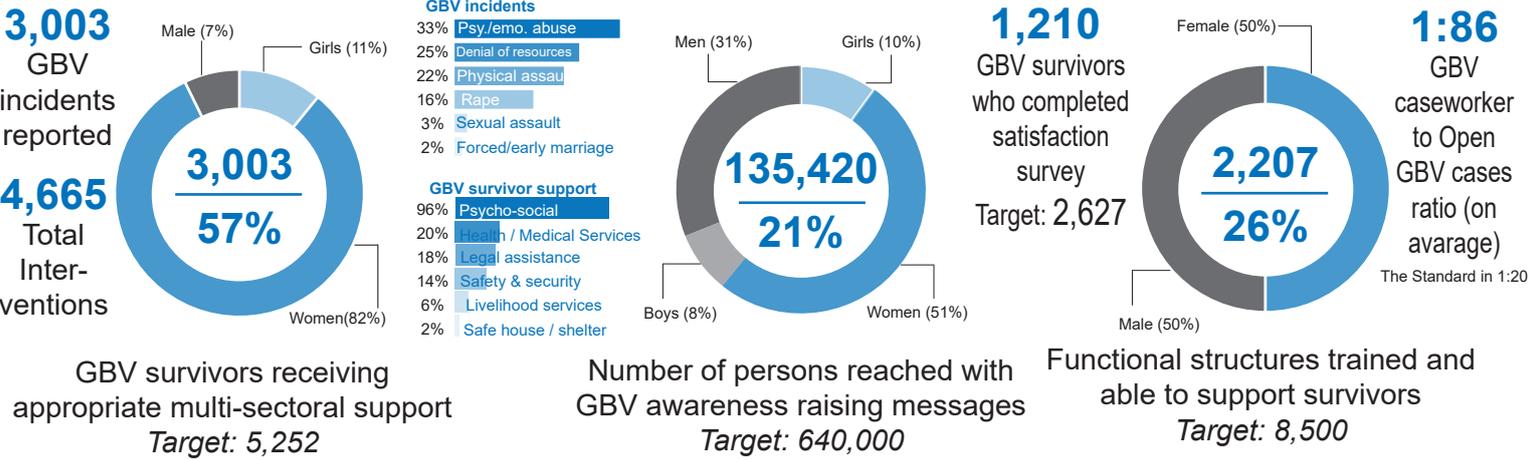
The main GBV contributing factors within the operation are, **reduction** in cash for food and land for farming exposes women and girls to risk of exploitation and abuse, **harmful cultural norms** within the refugee and host communities, patriarchal behaviors that give men power over women, **increased** child neglect and abandonment by parents who go to the host community in search of casual work or elsewhere, **increase in alcoholism and drug abuse**, GBV risks among young children and a spike in cases of teenage pregnancies resulting into family conflicts, economic hardship in refugee settlements and in Kampala among urban refugees all contribute to the GBV incidents.

To see longer-term changes in attitudes towards gender norms, power relationships and gender-based violence, the SASA! Together Methodology is currently rolled out in eight out of thirteen refugee hosting districts and is to be rolled out gradually to all the refugee settlements.

Main challenges and gaps

- Case worker ratio and access to survivor-centered case GBV response services, remain inadequate due to limited resources.
- Limited number of trained case workers attending to GBV survivors due to the high turnover.
- Inadequate women and girls center that allow for confidential counseling and women empowerment.
- Survivors travel over long distances to access services and there are limited results from seeking legal and security services.
- Limited funding is the main impediment to roll-out and implement comprehensive prevention programs in all settlements, including SASA! Together.
- Additional programmatic gaps include inadequate resources for menstrual hygiene kits, limited number of specialized MHPSS partners to address advanced psychological needs, as well as late reporting of cases arising from negative cultural beliefs.
- Limited livelihoods assistance for single women and teenage mothers.

Key indicators



Outcome: Reduced Incidence of GBV and satisfaction with multi-sectoral services provided

Indicator	Actual	Target (2022)	Actual against annual target
Women, men, boys and girls reached with GBV awareness raising messages			
- Congolese refugees	35,127	200,000	18% (82% remaining)
- South Sudanese refugees	88,258	350,000	25% (75% remaining)
- Other refugees	12,017	90,000	13% (87% remaining)
GBV survivors receiving appropriate multi-sectoral support			
- Congolese refugees	1,548	2,061	75% (63% remaining)
- South Sudanese refugees	1,098	2,791	39% (81% remaining)
- Other refugees	143	400	36% (84% remaining)
Community and functional structures (duty bearers) trained on GBV prevention and response			
- Congolese refugees	981	4,000	25% (75% remaining)
- South Sudanese refugees	1,218	3,500	35% (65% remaining)
- Other refugees	8	1,000	1% (99% remaining)

Operational Presence (GBV)

Koboko

DRC, HADS, UNHCR*

Yumbe

CARE, FIDA/FMU, IRC, UNHCR*

Terego & Madi Okollo

CARE, CEFORD, DRC., UNHCR*

Adjumani

LWF, WVI, UNHCR*

Kikuube

Alight, CARE, LWF, UNHCR*

Kyegegwa

Alight, IRC, LWF, UNHCR*, UNFPA*

Kamwenge

Alight, LWF, UNHCR*

Kisoro

CARE

Lamwo

LWF, ThriveGulu, UNFPA*, UNHCR*, UNWOMEN*

Obongi

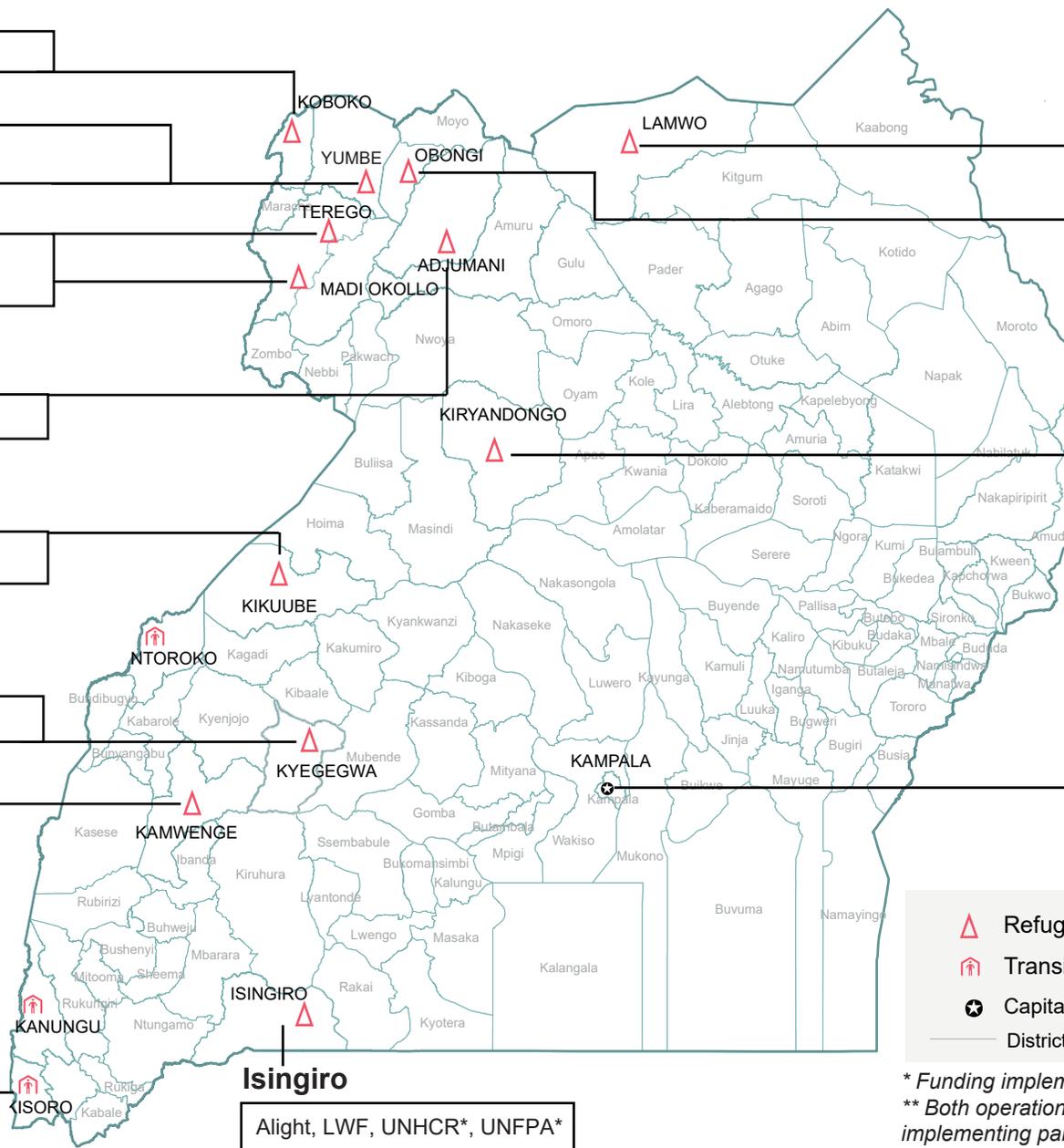
CFI, LWF, UNHCR*

Kiryandongo

AFI, AWYAD, CESVI, DRC, HADS, UNHCR*, WFP*

Kampala

CAFOMI, UNHCR*



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