



Overview

The WASH sector aims at ensuring that refugees and hosting populations have improved equitable and sustainable access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services. People's needs and the environment remains at the center of all interventions through inclusion of services to National systems and innovative approaches to prepare new arrivals as well as established populations to achieve self-reliance. This is being achieved through implementation of the broader water and environment sector refugee response plan (WESRRP) that was launched in 2020 and has since expired in June 2023. The approach is to transition all services to national systems (district local government, catchment committees and water supply utilities). Uganda refugee response developed a new WASH strategy covering 2024-2026 based on the country strategic direction, global public health strategy and regional WASH strategy. The strategy is inline with the WESRRP as well as the Ugandan National Development Plan III all contributing to the SDG 6 (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all). Heavy in the Uganda Country WASH strategy is the transition model and roadmap.

On average, there has been maintenance of WASH service levels since quarter three. This is attributed to a balance in the commissioning of WASH infrastructures with high rate of new arrivals during the period. However, in some settlements receiving new arrivals, WASH access levels remain critically low, just above emergency survival threshold. Rwamwanja and Nakivale continued to post the lowest access levels with water access as low as 11 litres per person per day. While sanitation coverage improved in Nakivale from 44% in the third quarter to 52% after commissioning of over 1,500 household latrines. In Palorinya, some few latrines were completed and resulted into a 2% improvement in sanitation coverage at household level (47% to 49%). On average, latrine coverage improved from 67% to 68% in Uganda refugee settlements during the fourth quarter of the year.

The process of transition to national utility was delayed by the National Water and Sewerage Corporation's decision not to take over the three settlements of Nakivale, Oruchinga, and Kiryandongo in July 2023, as stipulated in the joint roadmap. This has triggered a revision to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the last quarter of the year. The revised MoU, that is under review by the parties now include Ministry of Water and Environment as a party. On the other hand, there has been agreement with the Northern Umbrella for Water and Sanitation to proceed with area based transition as opposed to systems based takeover of management of water systems. An MoU was drafted and now under review by the parties. The detailed road map for systematic handover is being developed through the support of a consultant with funding from GIZ, a development partner. During the fourth quarter of the year, WASH partners have responded to emergencies in Southwest, Northern and West Nile regions. Water access was maintained at an average of 10 liters per person per day in areas where new arrivals were settled within the emergency threshold of 7.5-15lpd. While latrine per person ration was kept at 1:49 meeting the target of 1:50 through construction of 150 emergency latrines.

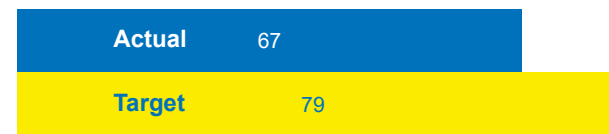
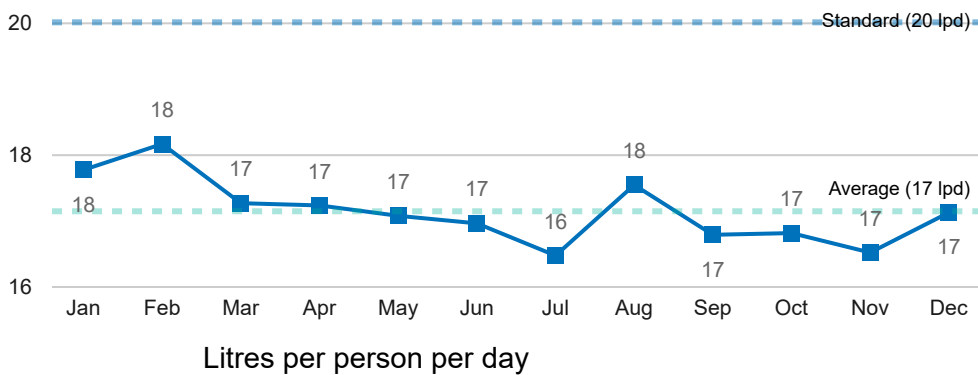
To promote personal hygiene and environmental sanitation amongst the newly arrived, WASH partners deployed community hygiene promoters (Village Health Teams) at a ratio of 522 persons per hygiene promoter an increase from 1:504 (target is 1:500). Despite the emergency response that diverted funds, the sector still managed to maintain an average daily water per capita of 17lpd. Similarly, sanitation coverage at HH level has slightly increased from 67% to 68% on average. The sector organized a joint monitoring and review mission to all the settlements, led by the Ministry of water and environment, this resulted into the development of the country WASH strategy alluded to above.

The major challenge of the sector is inadequate funding not only for emergency response but also major infrastructure development to improved access levels. In addition, the Water and Environment Sector Refugee Response Plan has expired in June 2023, there is need for funding to conduct the review and development of WESRRP II covering the years 2023/2025.

Key priorities for the sector

- Emergency response through the provision of water and sanitation services to new arrivals
- Review of the Water Environment Sector Refugee Response Plan (WESRP) and develop a new sector response plan
- Continue with HH latrine construction to increase coverage
- Support the transition of water management to the national utility review/development of MoU for the two utilities (NWSC and NUWS) and disseminating the transition model and roadmap therein
- Environmental sanitation and personal hygiene sensitization using Village Health Teams (VHTs) approach (Training new VHTs)
- Maintain flexible mechanism to respond to disease outbreak as well as new influx
- Develop capacity of partners and local government leaders on coordination and transition

Key Indicators



Household latrine coverage

Standard >=85%

Outcome: Improved equitable and sustainable access to water supply for refugees and hosting population

Indicator	Actual	Target/Standard ('23)	Actual	Gap
Litres per person per day (Q4 average)				
- Congolese Refugees	15	20	15	20
- South Sudanese Refugees	19	20	19	20
- Other refugees	17	20	17	20

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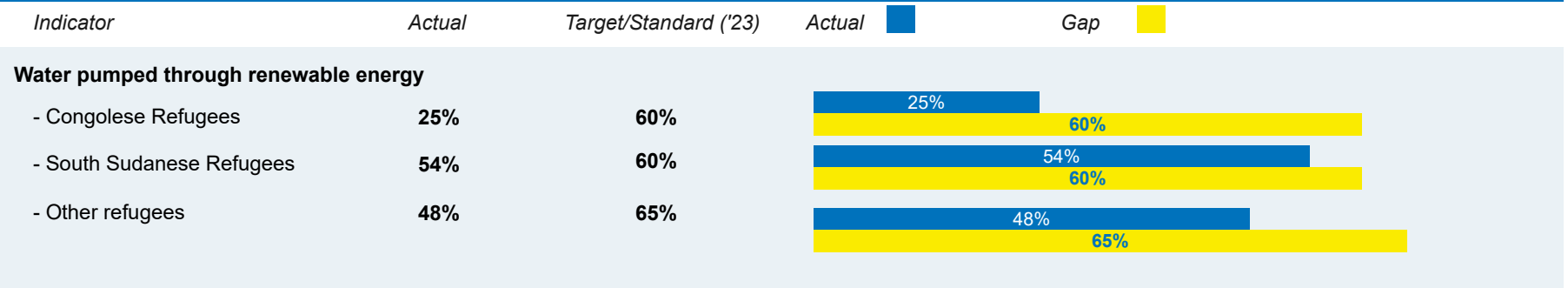
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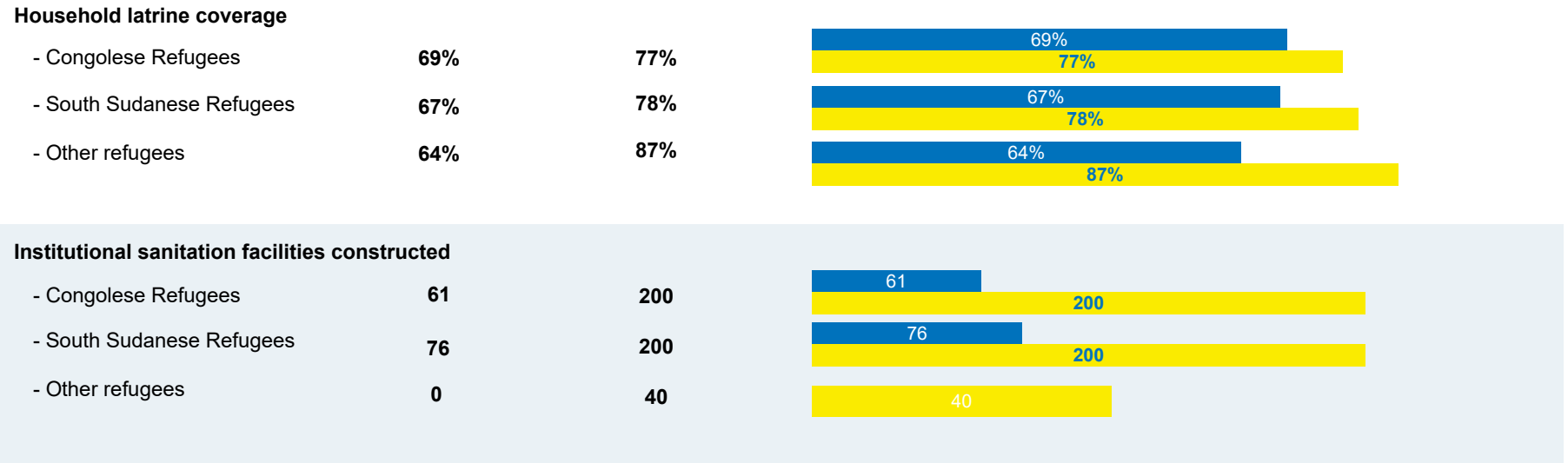
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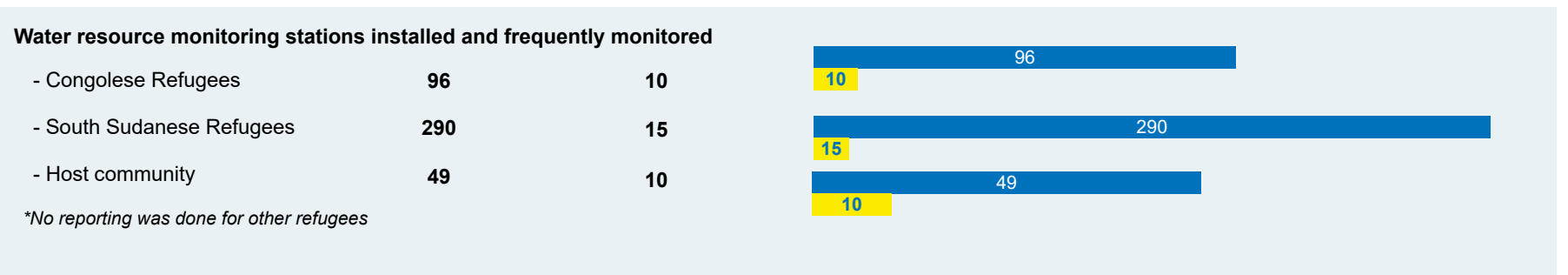
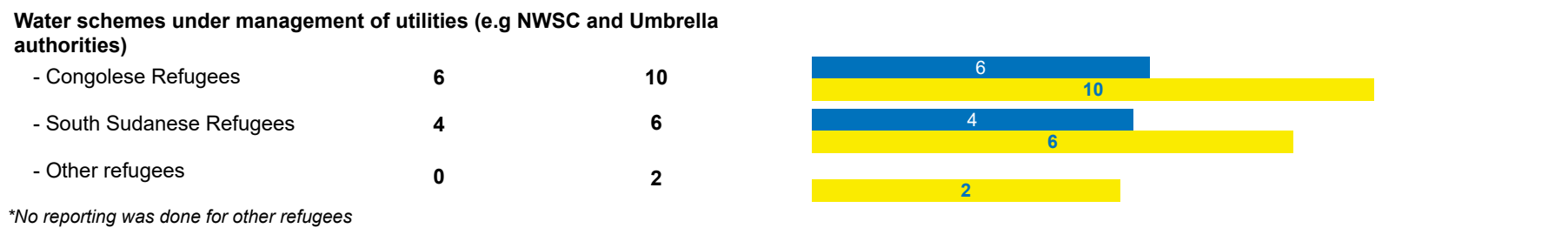
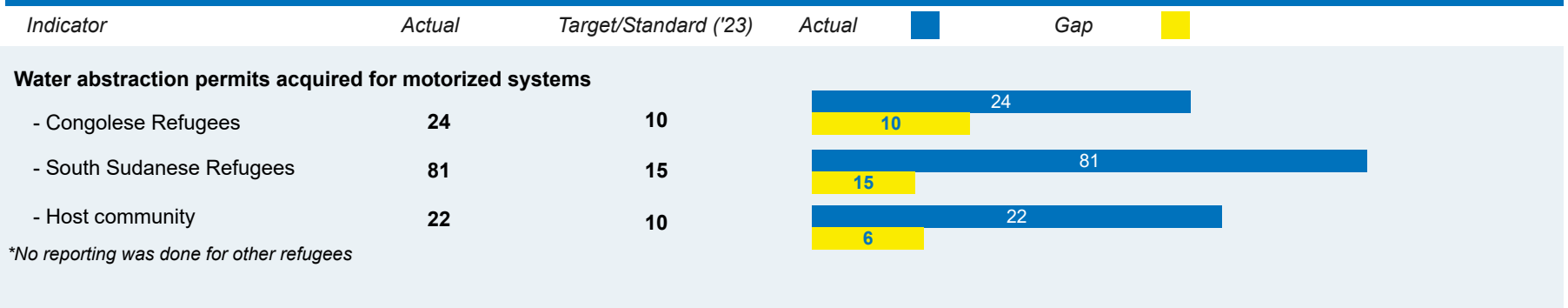
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WASH Dashboard

Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan 2022-2023

Quarter 4

Quarter ▼

January - December

Multiple s... ▼

Funding



34M

Total Requirement



Partner Reporting

Action Agency for Integrated Development (AAID) | Action Against Hunger (ACF) | Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) | Better World | Caritas Uganda (Caritas) | Community Integrated Development Initiatives (CIDI) | Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD) | ForAfrika | District Local Government (DLG) | Humanitarian Initiative Just Relief Aid (HIJRA) | International Aid Services (IAS) | International Rescue Committee (IRC) | IsraAID | Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | Malteser International (MI) | Medical Teams International (MTI) | Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE) | National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) | NSAMIZI | NURI | Oxfam International | Peace Wind Japan (PWJ) | Samaritan's Purse (SP) | UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) | Welthungerhilfe (WHH) | Water Mission Uganda (WMU) | Uganda Red Cross (URC) | Water Aid | World Vision International (WVI)



15

Partners

10

International NGOs

5

National NGOs

Partner Presence by District

ISINGIRO 9	ADJUMANI 4	KIRYANDONGO 4	TEREGO 4
KIKUUBE 5	KYEGEGWA 3	LAMWO 2	MADI OKOLLO & TE... 2
	KAMWENGE 2	OBONGI 2	BUNDIB... 1
YUMBE 5	KISORO 2		KANUN... 1

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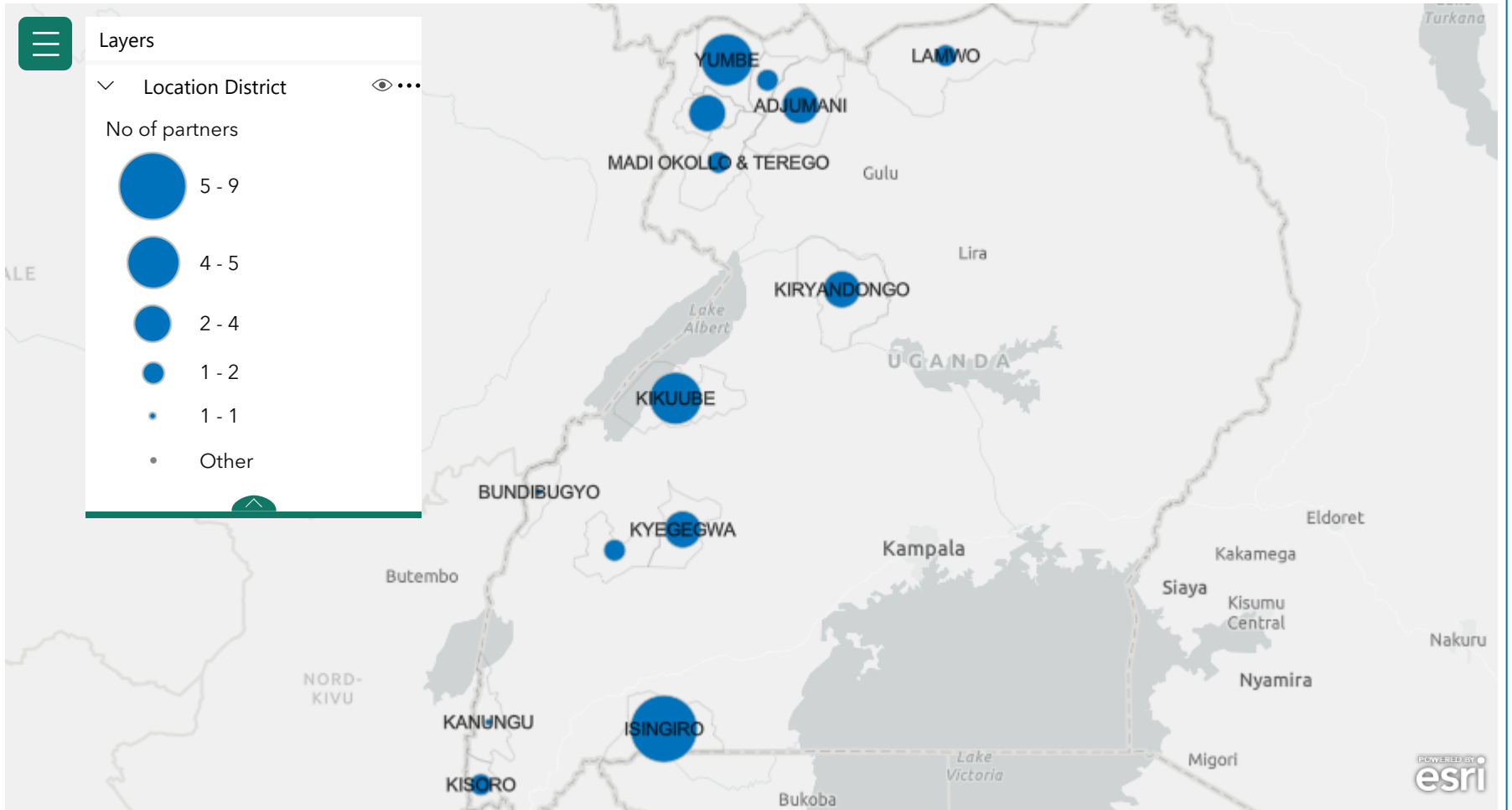
Operational Presence

Location District ▼ All ▼	Location Type ▼ All ▼	Location Name ▼ All ▼	Partner Type ▼ All ▼	Reporting Entity ▼ All ▼
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Location District	Location Name	Location Type	Partner Type	Reporting Entity
ADJUMANI	Adjumani (all settlements)	Settlement	International NGO	ACF
ADJUMANI	Adjumani (all settlements)	Settlement	International NGO	LWF
ADJUMANI	Ayilo II	Settlement	International NGO	JRS
ADJUMANI	Nyumanzi	Settlement	International NGO	JRS
BUNDIBUGYO	Bubukwanga TC	Transit centre	National NGO	CAFOMI
ISINGIRO	Nakivale	Settlement	International NGO	ACF
ISINGIRO	Nakivale	Settlement	International NGO	HIJRA
ISINGIRO	Nakivale	Settlement	International NGO	LWF
ISINGIRO	Nakivale	Settlement	International NGO	Malteser
ISINGIRO	Nakivale	Settlement	International NGO	SP
ISINGIRO	Nakivale	Settlement	National NGO	Nsamizi
ISINGIRO	Oruchinga	Settlement	International NGO	HIJRA
ISINGIRO	Oruchinga	Settlement	National NGO	Nsamizi
KAMWENGE	Rwamwanja	Settlement	National NGO	AAID
KAMWENGE	Rwamwanja	Settlement	National NGO	Nsamizi
KANUNGU	Matanda	Transit centre	National NGO	CAFOMI
KIKUUBE	Kyangwali	Settlement	International NGO	ACF
KIKUUBE	Kyangwali	Settlement	International NGO	LWF
KIKUUBE	Kyangwali	Settlement	National NGO	Nsamizi
KIKUUBE	Kyangwali	Subcounty	International NGO	ACF
KIRYANDONGO	BWEYALE TOWN COUNCIL	Subcounty	International NGO	ACF
KIRYANDONGO	Kiryandongo	Settlement	International NGO	ACF
KIRYANDONGO	Kiryandongo	Settlement	International NGO	WMU
KIRYANDONGO	Kiryandongo RS	Subcounty	International NGO	ACF
KISORO	Nyakabande TC	Transit centre	International NGO	ForAfrika
KISORO	Nyakabande TC	Transit centre	National NGO	CAFOMI
KYEGEGWA	Kyaka II	Settlement	International NGO	PWJ
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No of Partners by District

Note that a bigger bubble represents a higher number of partners operating in the district and vice versa



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