

UTHABITI

Building Resilience Through Market-Led Livelihood Opportunities

In April 2022, Save the Children (SCI) launched Uthabiti, a three-year Activity funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



PARTNERS: Response Innovation Lab (RIL), Swisscontact, and Grameen Foundation



OBJECTIVES

GOAL

For refugee and refugee-hosting households, particularly youth and women in Isingiro and Lamwo districts, to have diversified livelihood opportunities to meet their basic needs and participate in economic growth.

To build resilience through market-led livelihood opportunities by diversifying available resilient livelihood opportunities for youth and women from refugee and host communities in the Isingiro and Lamwo districts of Uganda.

To promote opportunities in primarily off-farm activities within selected value chains that offer inclusive economic growth potential, while concurrently addressing the market constraints on equitable participation in the market.

To strengthen market systems and enable access to reliable, cost-effective sources of clean energy and financial services for refugee and host communities.

To test, generate, and disseminate new evidence on scalable business models that are appropriate for humanitarian-development nexus programs in Uganda, and where applicable, globally.

To reach 22,460 refugee and host community members, particularly youth and women; over 250 saving groups, cooperatives, and community-based organizations; and at least 30 micro, small, and medium enterprises in the targeted project areas.

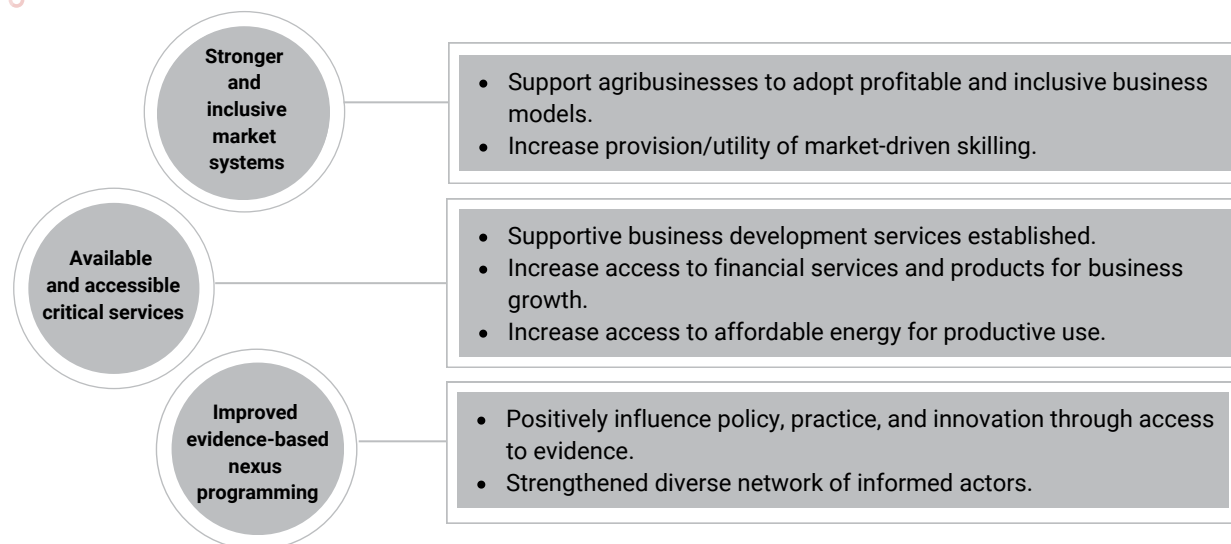
ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

LAMWO DISTRICT: Northern Uganda Sub-counties of Palabek Gem, Palabek Ogili, and Palabek Kal; refugee settlement zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A & B.

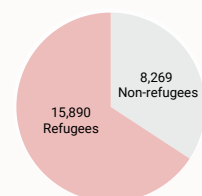
ISINGIRO DISTRICT: Southern Uganda Sub-counties of Ngarama, Kashumba, and Rugaaga; Base Camp and Juru in Nakivale refugee settlement.



ACTIVITY PURPOSE AND APPROACHES



ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



27,429 Individuals reached directly by the Activity by September 2024.

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USD 152,657

One Microfinance Institution (MFI) incentivized to expand into Palabek Refugee Settlement thus enabling 75,344 people to access appropriate financial services. USD 152,657 worth of savings and loans.

862

Full-time equivalent off-farm employment opportunities for refugees and host community members.

321 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and 13,492 beneficiaries (69.6% refugees; 69% women and 33.8% youth) accessing services from Financial Service Providers (banks and Microfinance Institutions).

3,883

Individuals gained foundational life-skills that improved their competencies, behaviors, attitudes, and overall agency to harness opportunities created by the private sector partners.

9 Learning packages that benefit the wider refugee response work developed, including on Skilling, Entrepreneurship, Energy, Agriculture Value Chains, and Self-reliance.

USD 3,885,759

Worth of new transactions leveraged from Uthabiti's USD 242,948 investment in the private sector across the two targeted settlements.

59%

Of enterprises and groups applied improved organizational or business-level technologies against a target of 47%.

63%

Of targeted market actors (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise, MSME's), adopted new business practices facilitated by the Activity, against a target of 80%.

4,897 Metric Tons of grain worth USD 3,885,759 aggregated between Oct 2023 and Sept 2024.

24 Established formal relationships with private sector partners.



Watch this short video to learn more about Uthabiti!



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