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Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024-2025

2025 Quarters

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Overview

Overall Objective of the Child Protection Sector

The Uganda Inter-Agency Child Protection Strategy (2023-2025) focuses on three key objectives: strengthening the national child protection system; providing essential services such as case management and alternative care; and supporting children, families, and communities in safeguarding children. In support of this strategy, the Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan (UCRRP) involves partners in a coordinated effort to protect refugee children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, violence, and separation while ensuring access to quality child protection services.

Child Protection programming is severely affected by funding cuts, impacting over **114,687 children** with specific needs and **57,004 needing case management**. Staff reductions have compromised service quality, with the average caseworker-to-child-at-risk ratio at **1:199**, reaching **1:295** in West Nile. These figures far exceed the global standard of **1:25**, highlighting critical capacity gaps.

The Result Analysis:

Comprehensive case management services are supporting **26,810** active child protection cases, including **15,795** at-risk children and **11,015** unaccompanied and separated children.A total of **2,369** cases were successfully closed after resolving protection concerns.However, open cases have increased since the end of 2024, mainly due to new arrivals from Sudan and the DRC.

In Q1, **367** unaccompanied and separated children (**42% of new UASC cases**) were placed in alternative care. **7,324** parents (**34% of the annual target**) participated in positive parenting sessions under the family strengthening program. Tracing was initiated for **139** UASC, with 56 (**40%**) successfully traced.

In Q1, **28,829** children (**11% of the annual target**) aged 5–17 joined community-based play and recreation activities, reflecting funding-driven reprioritization. **13,121** adolescents (**22% of the target**) engaged in targeted programs aimed at skill development. Currently, **45** Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) centers remain operational, offering basic services.

Four out of 49 child-friendly spaces are currently inactive due to funding cuts, and additionally, Regardless of the reduced tracing services by ICRC, child protection actors have continued to provide on-spot tracing and reunification services.

The Key Challenges/Opportunities:

The ongoing aid funding crisis is reducing humanitarian support, worsening socio-economic vulnerabilities and increasing protection risks among refugees, especially for children, who face heightened threats of neglect, labor, and separation.

Despite these challenges, Uganda's strong legal and policy framework for refugee child protection has enabled continued collaboration between the child protection sector and key ministries, notably the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development (MGLSD), to strengthen national systems and integrate refugee children.

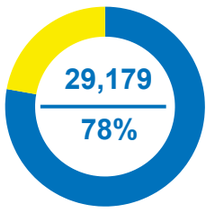
Child-Friendly Space (CFS) activities have been impacted by the current funding gaps and currently are not providing the full spectrum of activities, which will potentially affect the realization of the overall set annual targets. To address the challenge, the Child Protection sector is looking into enhancing community engagement in the management of CFSs, and a task force has been established to guide the process.

The Sector Priorities:

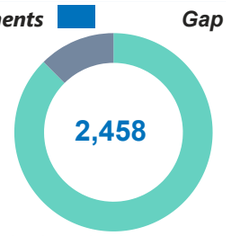
Aligned with the Inter-Agency child protection strategy and CPSWG workplan for 2025, the sector will continue to prioritize the strengthening of an inclusive child protection system, localization of case management services, including alternative care, and support for children, families, and communities in preventing child protection risks, among others.

Key Indicators

Actual Achievements *Gap*



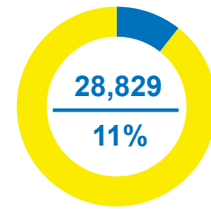
No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services, **Target: 37,500**



Best Interests Procedure(BIP)

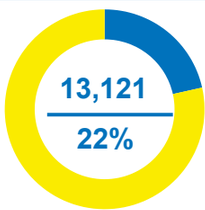
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs): 2,152

Best Interests Determinations (BIDs): 306



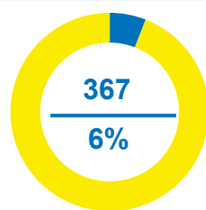
Children Participating in Community-based Support Activities

Target: 271,000



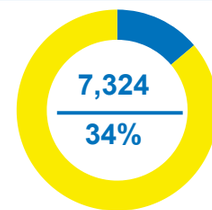
Adolescents Participating in Community-Based Activities

Target: 61,000



Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care

Target: 6,200



Biological/ Foster Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions

Target:21,440

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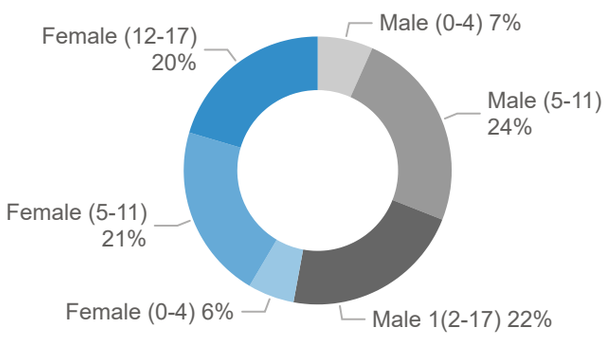
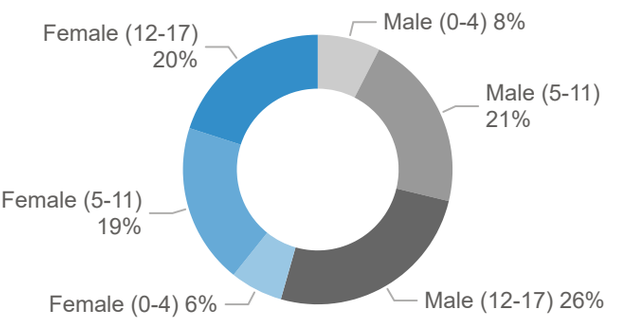
OUTCOME: Children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and are able to develop positively in a nurturing environment

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Children at Risk Including UASC who Received Quality Case Management Services (supported through BIP)				
- Congolese Refugees	10,930	10,000	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	17,989	20,000	90%	10%
- Sudanese refugees	174	2,500	7%	93%
- Other refugees	3	5,000		100%
- Host Community	83	0		
Total	29,179	37,500		
Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care				
- Congolese Refugees	136	1,900	7%	93%
- South Sudanese Refugees	230	3,500		93%
- Sudanese Refugees	1	500		100%
- Other refugees	0	300		100%
Total	367	6,200		
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions				
- Congolese Refugees	1,165	8,300	14%	86%
- South Sudanese Refugees	5,525	11,000	61%	39%
- Sudanese Refugees	113	1,500	8%	92%
- Other refugees	340	540	63%	37%
- Host Community	181	100	100%	
Total	7,324	21,440		

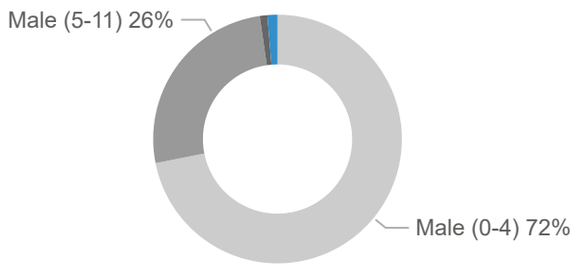
Open Child Protectiuon Cases Age, Gender Breakdown



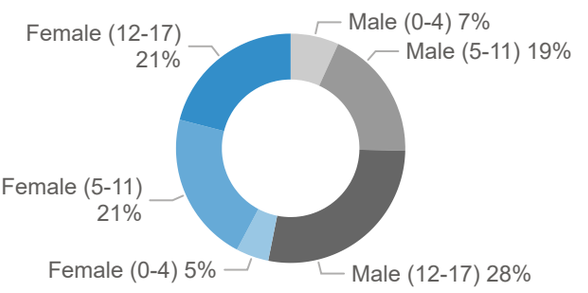
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) Age, Gender Breakdown



Best Interests Determinations (BIDs) Age, Gender Breakdown



UASC Placed in Adequate Alternative Care By Age and Gender Breakdown



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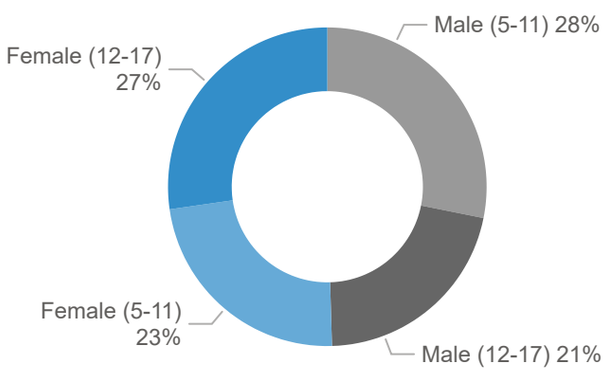
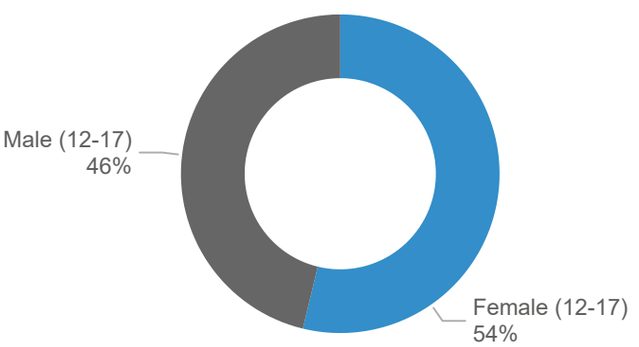
Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities				
- Congolese Refugees	15,182	110,000	14%	86%
- South Sudanese Refugees	11,871	105,000	11%	89%
- Sudanese Refugees	512	30,000		98%
- Other refugees	0	11,000		100%
- Host Community	1,264	15,000	8%	92%
Total	28,829	271,000		

Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs				
- Congolese Refugees	5,415	26,345	21%	79%
- South Sudanese Refugees	5,400	59,085	9%	91%
- Sudanese Refugees	0	3,000		100%
- Other refugees	0	7,614		100%
- Host Community	2,306	2,000		100%
Total	13,121	98,044		

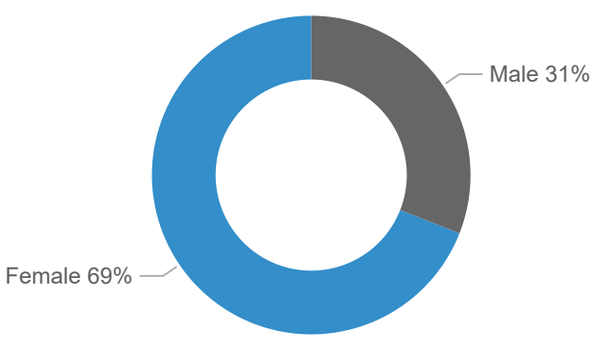
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities Age, Gender Breakdown



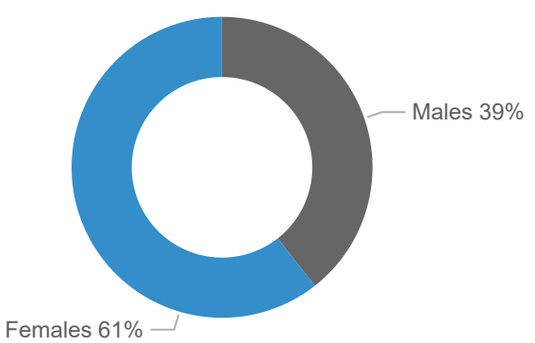
Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs By Gender Breakdown



Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions By Gender Breakdown



Staff trained on CP, children's rights and related aspects such as alternative care, CP information management and CP mainstreaming by Gender Breakdown



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LWF, WVI

AFI, DRC, KRC, PALM Corps

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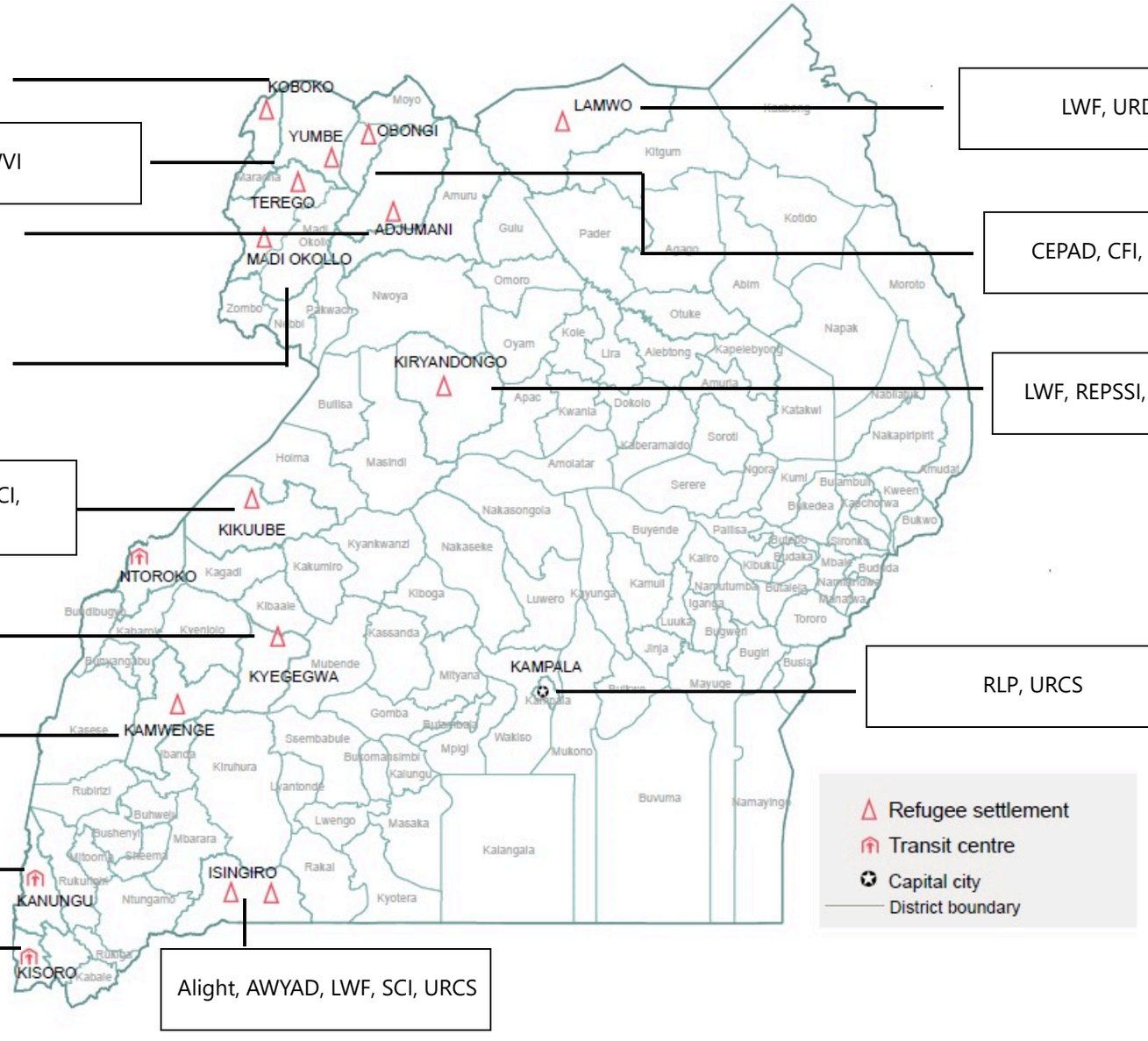

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Operational Presence (Interactive Map)

District	Location Type	Location Name	Partner Name
All	All	All	All

Total Number of Partners **23** | Total Number of Projects **30** | Total Number of Donors **22**

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District	Location Type	Location Name	Partner Name	Donor Name
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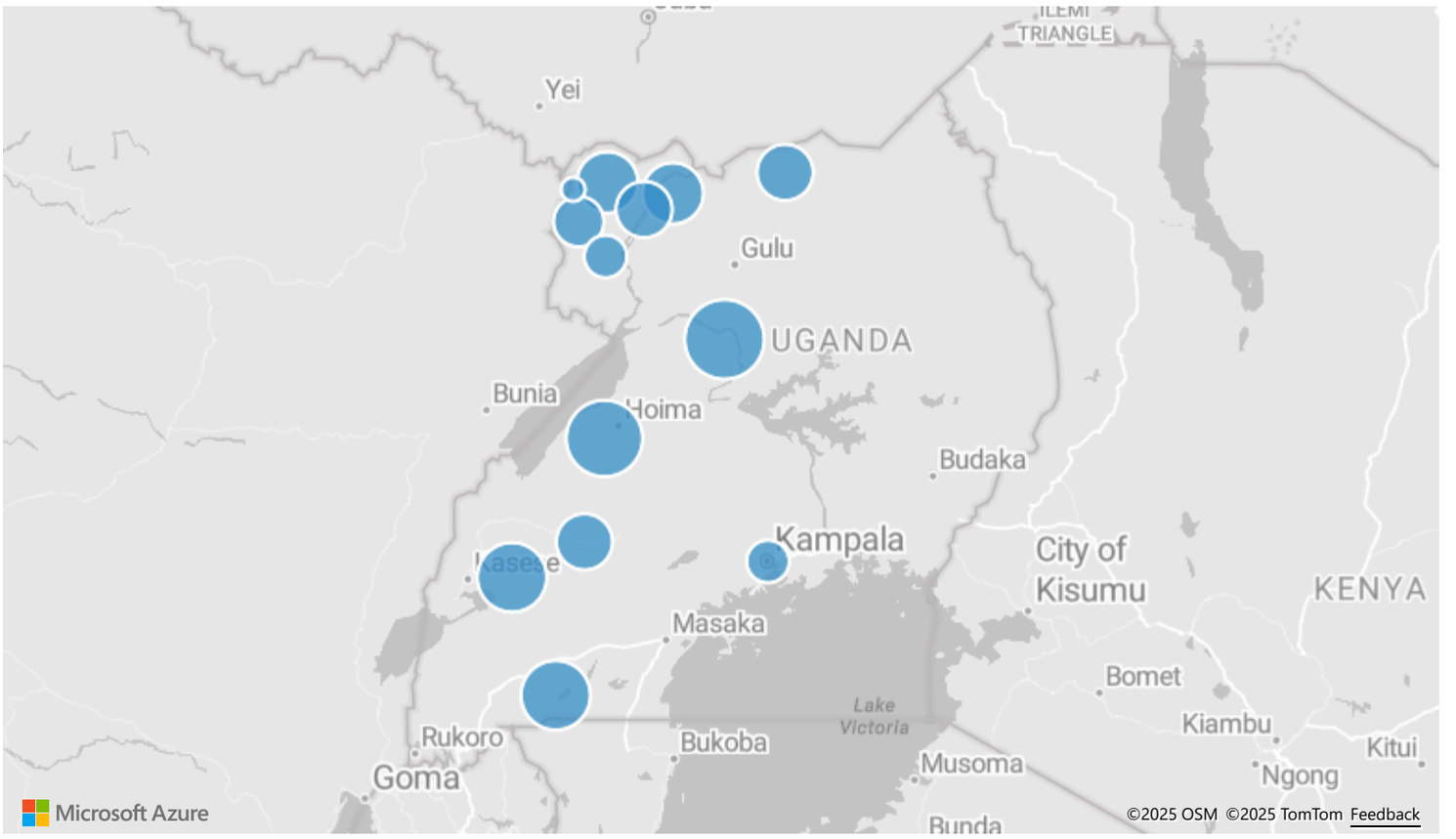
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