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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, including GBV, child labour, while ensuring access to quality child protection services.

Child Protection (CP) programming is severely affected by funding cuts, impacting over 116,147 children with Child Protection-related specific needs and **57,15** needing case management. Staff reductions have compromised service quality, with the average caseworker-to-child-at-risk ratio at **1:275**. These figures far exceed the global standard of **1:25**, highlighting critical capacity gaps.

The Result Analysis:

35,965 number of children receiving child protection case management services, including **1,462** who benefited from alternative care (538 supported in Q3). In Q3, **2,472 CP cases were successfully closed** after resolving protection concerns, bringing the cumulative CP cases closed in 2025 to **6,507**. By the end of Q3, the **active CP cases stood at 29,458**, which is slightly higher than those at the beginning of the year. **7,628 CP cases were newly identified** in 2025 (2,817 identified in Q3), representing **30% higher compared to Q3 2024**, mainly due to new arrivals from Sudan and the DRC.

10,553 parents (49% of the annual target) participated in positive parenting sessions under the family strengthening program. Family tracing was initiated for **77 Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC)**, with **68** (88% successfully reunified with family members).

In Q3, **33,515** children (**reaching 50% of the annual target**) aged 5–17 joined community-based play and recreation activities, reflecting funding-driven reprioritization. **12,106** adolescents (reaching **65%** of the annual target) engaged in targeted programs aimed at skill development. Currently, **44** Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) centers remain operational, offering basic services; this represents a **45% reduction** compared to the same period last year.

The Key Challenges/Opportunities:

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

To strengthen national systems and integrate refugee children, the child protection sector has continued collaborating with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD) to develop the E-Directory with its pilot ongoing in Kampala City (Central Division) as well as the establishment of the Child Wellbeing MIS (CWMIS), which is at the system development stage.

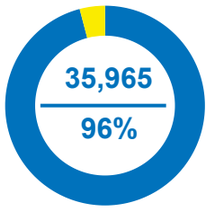
Child-Friendly Space (CFS) activities have been impacted by the current funding gaps and are currently not providing the full spectrum of activities, which will potentially affect the realization of the overall set annual targets. To address the challenge, the Child Protection sector is looking into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

The Sector Priorities:

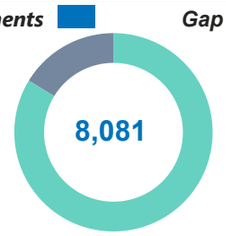
Aligned with the Inter-Agency child protection strategy and CP Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) workplan for 2025, the sector will continue to prioritize the strengthening of an inclusive child protection system, localization of case management services, including alternative care, and support for children,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

Key Indicators

Actual Achievements *Gap*



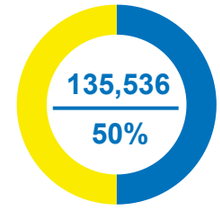
No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services, **Target: 37,500**



Best Interests Procedure(BIP)

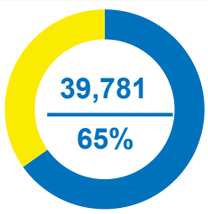
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs): 6,767

Best Interests Determinations (BIDs): 1,314



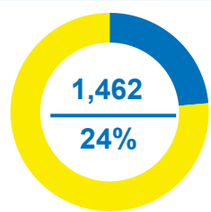
Children Participating in Community-based Support Activities

Target: 271,000



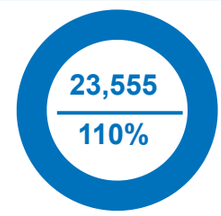
Adolescents Participating in Community-Based Activities

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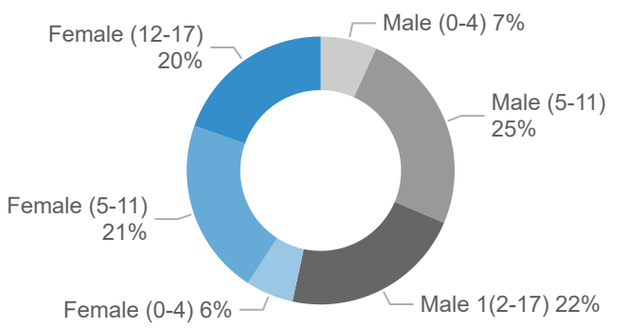
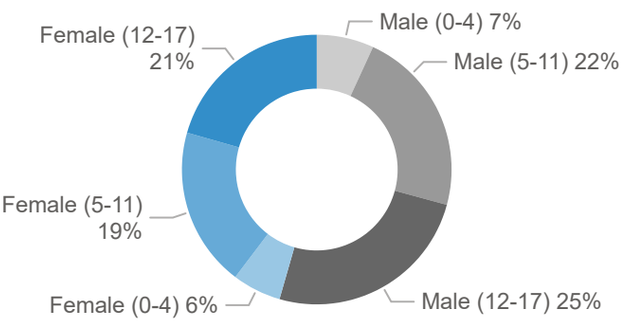
OUTCOME: Children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and are able to develop positively in a nurturing environment

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Children at Risk Including UASC who Received Quality Case Management Services (supported through BIP)				
- Congolese Refugees	14,484	10,000	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	21,027	20,000	86%	14%
- Sudanese refugees	397	2,500	10%	90%
- Other refugees	24	5,000		100%
- Host Community	33	0		
Total	35,965	37,500		
Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care				
- Congolese Refugees	763	1,900	40%	60%
- South Sudanese Refugees	694	3,500	20%	80%
- Sudanese Refugees	5	500		99%
- Other refugees	0	300		100%
Total	1,462	6,200		
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions				
- Congolese Refugees	11,072	8,300	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	11,344	11,000	100%	
- Sudanese Refugees	504	1,500	34%	66%
- Other refugees	340	540	63%	37%
- Host Community	295	100	100%	
Total	23,555	21,440		

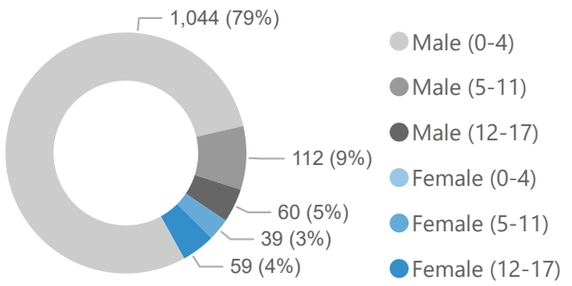
Open Child Protectiuon Cases Age, Gender Breakdown



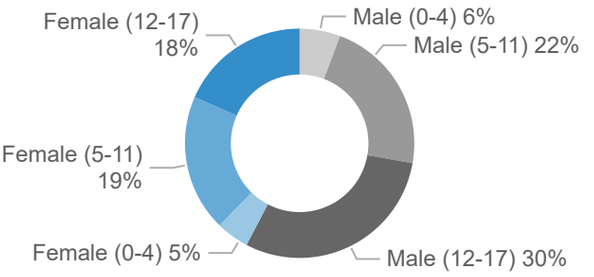
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) Age, Gender Breakdown



Best Interests Determinations (BIDs) Age, Gender Breakdown



UASC Placed in Adequate Alternative Care By Age and Gender Breakdown



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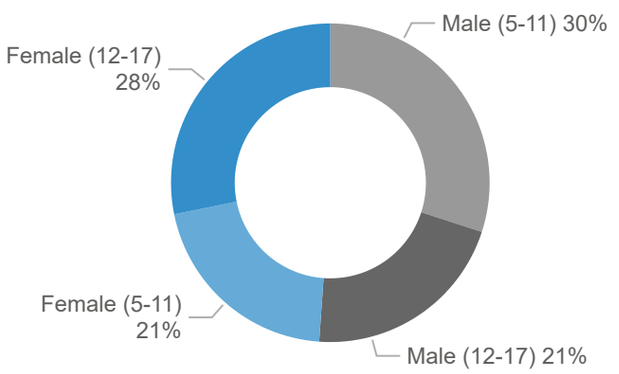
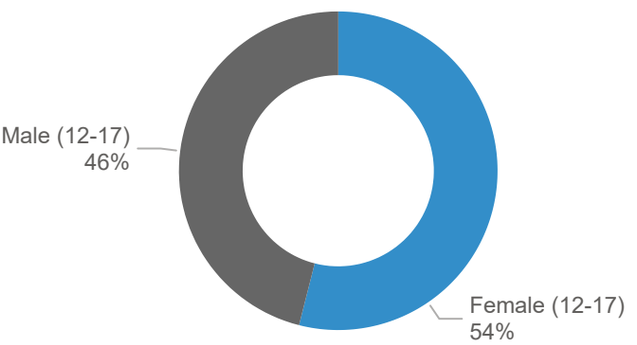
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities				
- Congolese Refugees	47,534	110,000	43%	57%
- South Sudanese Refugees	77,661	105,000	74%	26%
- Sudanese Refugees	4,050	30,000	14%	87%
- Other refugees	2,993	11,000	27%	73%
- Host Community	3,298	15,000	42%	58%
Total	135,536	271,000		

Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs				
- Congolese Refugees	15,329	26,345	58%	42%
- South Sudanese Refugees	17,087	59,085	29%	71%
- Sudanese Refugees	0	3,000		100%
- Other refugees	0	7,614		100%
- Host Community	7,365	2,000	100%	
Total	39,781	98,044		

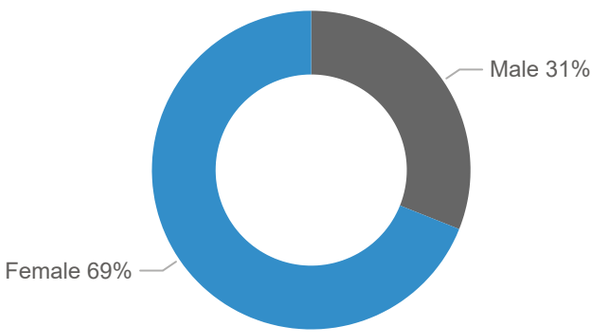
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities Age, Gender Breakdown



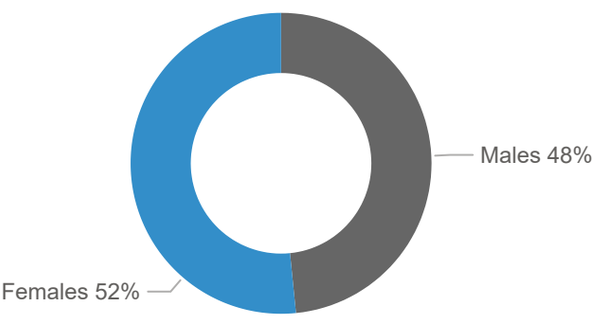
Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs By Gender Breakdown



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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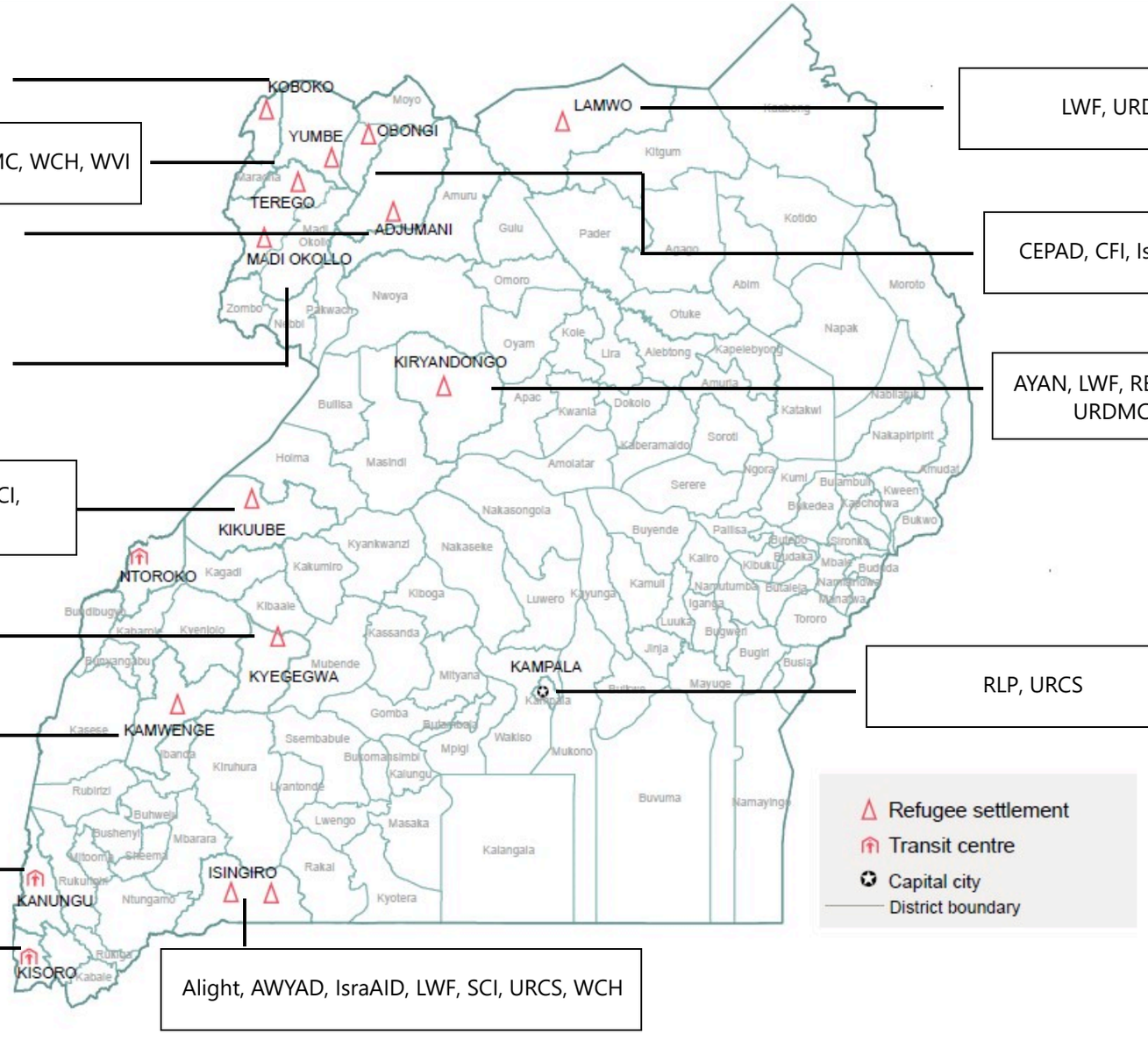

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