



Child Protection Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024-2025

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Overview



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 labor, while ensuring access to quality child protection services. To support the UCRRP, 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. Child Protection (CP) programming is severely affected by funding cuts, impacting over **89,202** children with Child Protection-related specific needs and **55,153** needing case management. Staff reductions have compromised service quality, with the average caseworker-to-caseload ratio at **1:155**. These figures far exceed the global standard of **1:25**, highlighting critical capacity gaps.

Results Analysis and Achievements in 2025:

During the reporting period, **23,893 (11,578 girls and 12,315 boys)** children received child protection case management services such as alternative care arrangements, family tracing and reunification, psychosocial support, referrals among others. Additionally, a total of **12,913 (5,538 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) and 7,375 Child at Risk (CR))** child protection cases were successfully closed after resolving the protection concerns. The active CP cases stood at **10,980**, **9,281** cases were newly identified in 2025 majorly from Sudan and DRC. Furthermore, family tracing was initiated for **421 UASC**, with **226 (54% successfully reunified with family members)**. Lastly, **27,446 (8,636 Men and 18,810 Female)** parents (**representing 128% of the annual target**) participated in positive parenting sessions under the family strengthening program.

By the end of Q4, **150,584 (73,974 girls and 76,610 boys)** children (**representing 56% of the annual target**) aged 5–17 participated in community-based support activities such as play and recreation activities, reflecting funding-driven reprioritization. Meanwhile, **45,815 (25,344 girls and 20,471 boys)** adolescents (**representing 75% of the annual target**) engaged in targeted programs aimed at skill development. Currently, **18** Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) centers remain operational, offering basic services; this represents a **48%** reduction compared to the same period last year-2024.

The Key Challenges/ Opportunities in 2025:

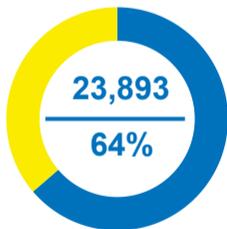
- Limited resources both financial and human, which constrained the ability of child protection actors to provide adequate case management, psychosocial support, family tracing, and follow-up for children at risk. This challenge is compounded by high caseloads, particularly in refugee-hosting districts, where social service workforces are overstretched and lack sufficient training, transportation, and tools to respond effectively.
- Poverty and household vulnerability also remain key drivers of child protection risks. Economic pressures increase the likelihood of child labour, early marriage, and school dropout. Additionally, limited access to education and child-friendly services exposes children to heightened protection risks. Cultural norms, stigma around reporting abuse, and community silence further hinder early identification and response to cases of violence or exploitation.
- Operational challenges include inadequate coordination among government, humanitarian, and development actors, as well as gaps in referral pathways, legal and policy enforcement remains uneven and emerging risks such as climate related displacement, digital safety concerns, and insecurity also exacerbate children's exposure to harm.
- Despite these challenges, the prospects for improvement remain strong. Continued investment in strengthening national child protection systems, including social service workforce development and case management digitalization, offers a pathway for sustained progress. The government's commitment to child protection reforms, alongside the expansion of community-based protection mechanisms, presents opportunities to improve early reporting and prevention. Stronger multisector collaboration linking education, health, justice, and protection can create a more integrated safety net for children. Expanding livelihood and resilience programmes for vulnerable households will also reduce economic drivers of child abuse.

The Sector Priorities for 2026:

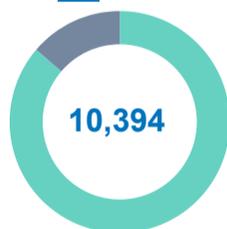
- Aligned with the Inter-Agency child protection strategy and CP Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) workplan for 2026, the sector will continue to prioritize the strengthening of an inclusive child protection system, localization of case management services through triaging, leveraging on existing community structures including parasocial workers to enhance early case identification and referral.
- Continue with alternative care arrangements for Unaccompanied and separated children, and support for children, families, as well as communities in preventing and responding to child protection risks. Additionally, build on integrating MHPSS services in child protection and GBV.

Key Indicators

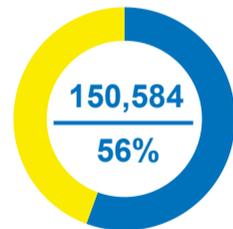
Actual Achievements ■ Gap ■



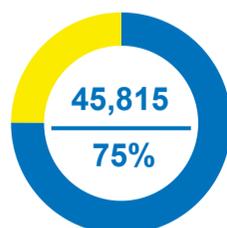
No of Children at Heightened Risks who Received Quality Case Management Services, Target: 37,500



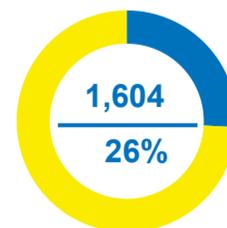
Best Interests Procedure(BIP)
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs):8,970
Best Interests Determinations (BIDs):1,424



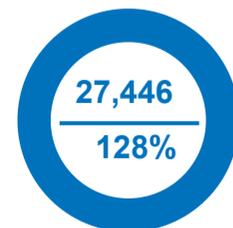
Children Participating in Community-based Support Activities
Target: 271,000



Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs
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

Achievements data: ActivityInfo Author: UNHCR Representation in Uganda Feedback: ugakaimug@unhcr.org For more info: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/uga>

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

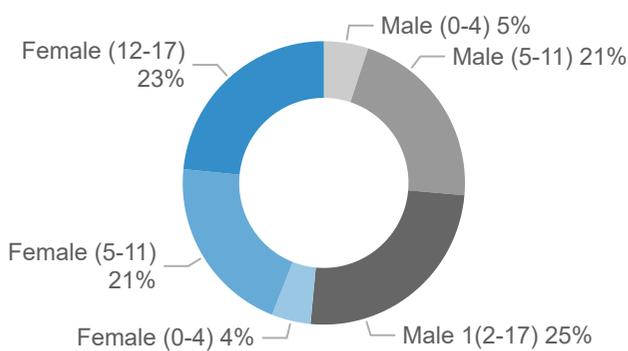


Indicator	Actual	Target	Actual	Gap
Children at Risk Including UASC who Received Quality Case Management Services (supported through BIP)				
- Congolese Refugees	6,287	10,000	42%	58%
- South Sudanese Refugees	16,321	20,000	44%	56%
- Sudanese refugees	1,248	2,500	42%	58%
- Other refugees	0	5,000		100%
- Host Community	37	0		
Total	23,893	37,500		

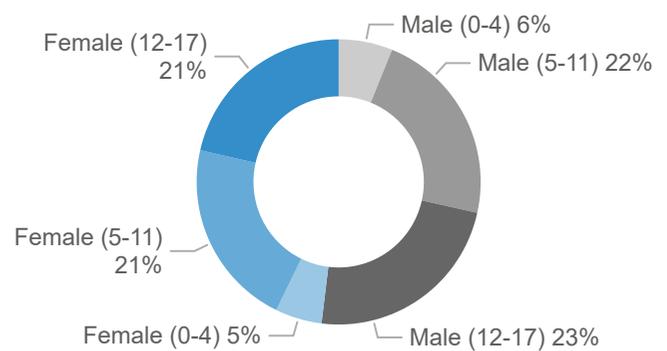
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Unaccompanied Children who are Placed in Appropriate Interim or Long-Term Alternative Care				
- Congolese Refugees	831	1,900	44%	56%
- South Sudanese Refugees	768	3,500	22%	78%
- Sudanese Refugees	5	500		99%
- Other refugees	0	300		100%
Total	1,604	6,200		

Indicator	Actual	Target	Actual	Gap
Parents Participating in Positive Parenting Sessions				
- Congolese Refugees	13,713	8,300	100%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	12,339	11,000	100%	
- Sudanese Refugees	603	1,500	40%	60%
- Other refugees	340	540	63%	37%
- Host Community	451	100	100%	
Total	27,446	21,440		

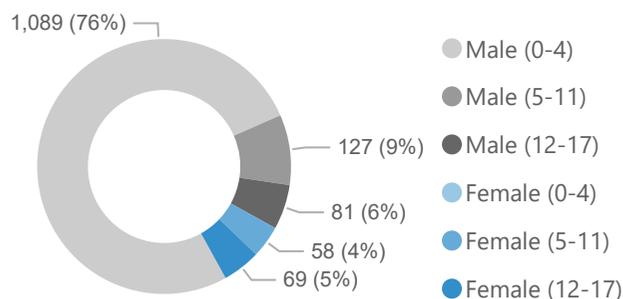
Open Child Protection Cases Age, Gender Breakdown



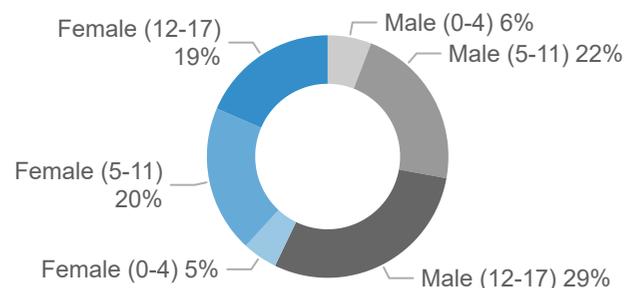
Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) Age, Gender Breakdown



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UASC Placed in Adequate Alternative Care By Age and Gender Breakdown





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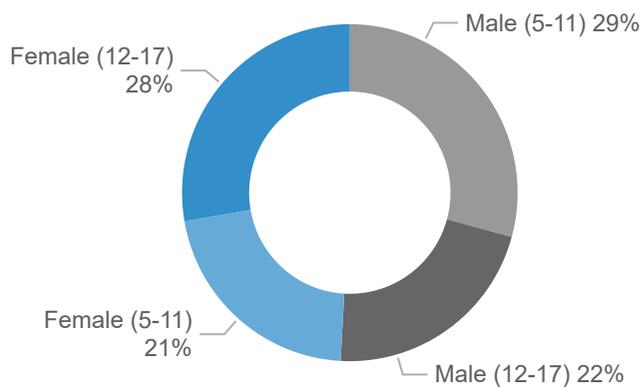
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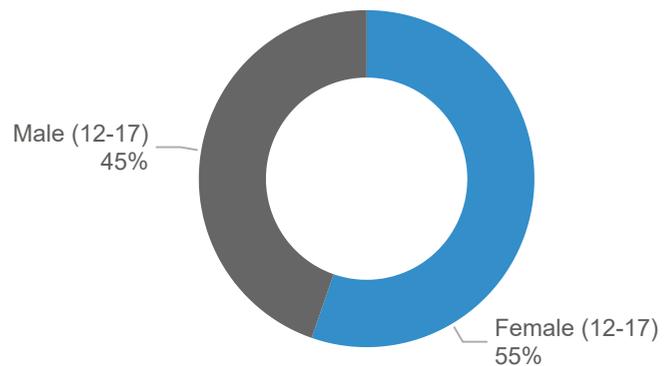
Indicator	Actual	Target	Actual	Gap
Children Participating in Community-Based Support Activities				
- Congolese Refugees	48,917	110,000	44%	56%
- South Sudanese Refugees	88,760	105,000	85%	15%
- Sudanese Refugees	4,050	30,000	14%	87%
- Other refugees	5,003	11,000	45%	55%
- Host Community	3,854	15,000	59%	41%
Total	150,584	271,000		

Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs				
- Congolese Refugees	17,126	26,345	65%	35%
- South Sudanese Refugees	21,026	59,085	36%	64%
- Sudanese Refugees	140	3,000		95%
- Other refugees	0	7,614		100%
- Host Community	7,523	2,000		100%
Total	45,815	98,044		

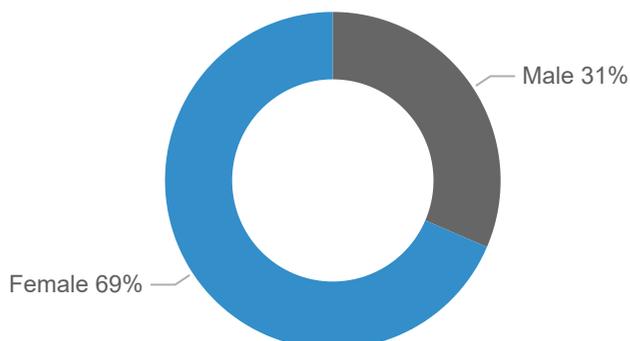
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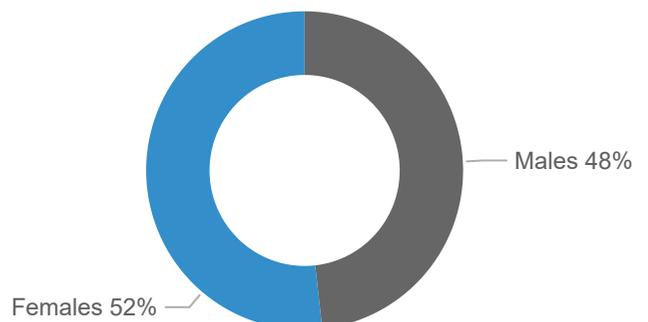
Adolescents Participating in Targeted Programs By Gender Breakdown



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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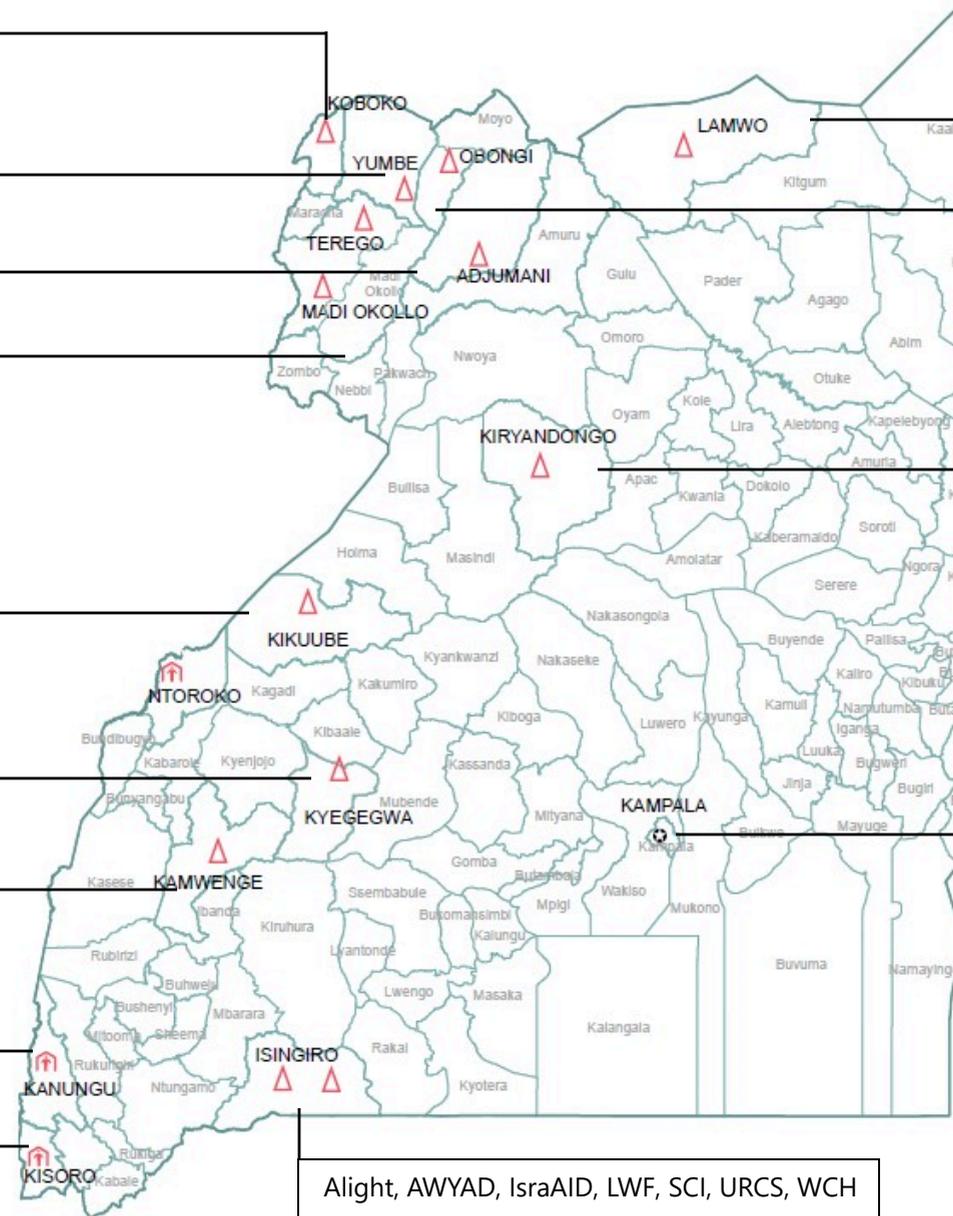
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