Cash and Voucher Assistance Dashboard

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2026-2030

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Overview

Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) remains a key modality in Uganda's refugee response, enabling dignified, timely, and cost-efficient assistance in a funding-constrained environment while promoting financial inclusion and local markets.

Result Analysis;

In Q1 2026, 176,464 vulnerable refugee and host community households were reached through multi-purpose (MPC) and sectoral CVA, delivered by 13 partners (compared to 18 in Q4 2025). Cash for food amounted to UGX 29.4 billion, followed by MPC (UGX 4.9 billion), education (UGX 1.3 billion), and livelihoods (UGX 0.4 billion). Digital delivery remains a shared priority but declined in 2026. Only 23% of total transfers were delivered through mobile money (compared to 47% in 2025) and 20% through bank accounts (compared to 30%), while cash-in-hand increased from 22% to 57%. This shift is largely driven by fluctuations in WFP funding across delivery mechanisms, despite commitment to digital delivery. For MPC, 76% was delivered via mobile money (compared to 91% in 2025), 6% via bank accounts (compared to 4%), and 17% as direct cash (compared to 3% in 2025). The Cash Working Group (CWG) will seek to better understand this reduction, particularly for MPC.

A major coordination activity in Q1 was the CWG's support to partners under the US-OCHA funding selection process. Six partners are now implementing cash (food, CRIs, MPC, protection, and shelter). The CWG supported the proposal phase to ensure harmonized approaches in targeting, transfer values, monitoring, and reporting, and co-chairs participated in the technical review.

Key challenges/ Opportunities

Funding constraints continue to limit CVA volumes, despite its potential to deliver assistance more efficiently in a resource-constrained context. Inconsistent beneficiary reporting across cash actors further constrains coordination. While the expiry of asylum seeker certificates after three months leads to SIM deactivation, it risks disrupting cash assistance delivery and may create a barrier (perceived or real) to otherwise efficient mobile money delivery for cash actors.

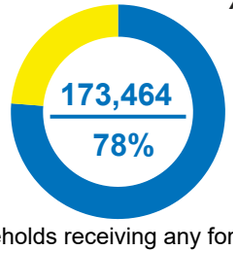
At the same time, US-OCHA-funded interventions present an opportunity: strict reporting requirements, time-bound implementation, and the need for a more joined-up approach have led to the reactivation of a CWG sub-group to better align partners and strengthen harmonization in beneficiary and assistance reporting.

Sector priorities

- Technical & Tools: Focus on addressing the decline in digital delivery, updating the MEB, strengthening beneficiary and assistance reporting, and mitigating SIM expiry risks linked to certificate validity.
- Strategic: Review a new multi-year strategy aligned with funding realities, optimize roles across CVA actors, strengthen coordination between emergency cash and livelihoods, enhance FSP engagement, and advance localization and sub-national coordination.

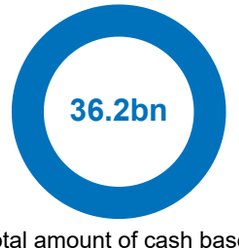
Key Indicators

Actual *Gap*

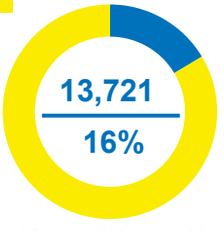


Households receiving any form of cash-based assistance*

Target: *221,000*

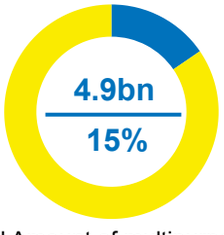


Total amount of cash based transfers provided to beneficiaries



Households receiving multipurpose cash-based assistance

Target: *83,000*



Total Amount of multipurpose cash and voucher assistance provided

Target: *31.6 billion UGX*

It is important to note that the figures presented on the dashboard reflect beneficiaries from Phases 2 and 3 of the Uganda Cash Consortium (UCC) programme cycles as they do not align with the calendar years.

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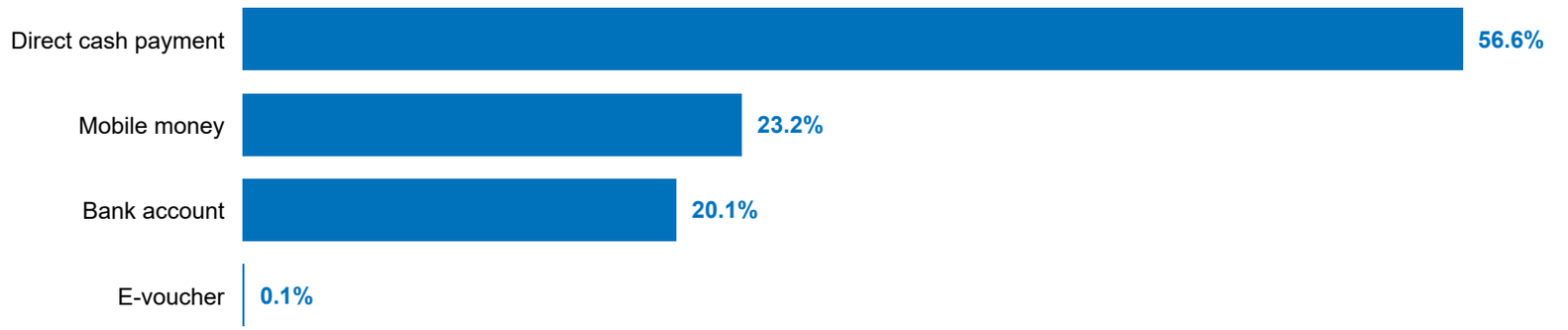
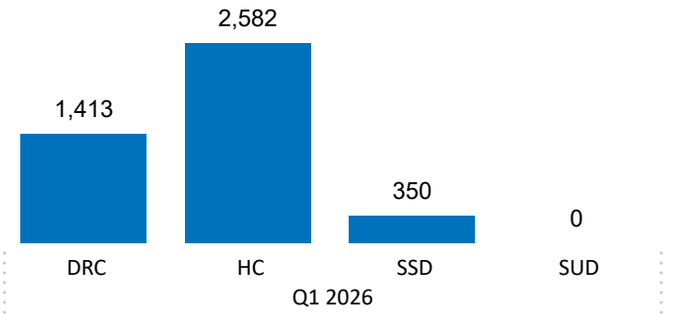
Indicator	*Actual*	*Target/Standard ('26)*	*Actual*	*Gap*
Households receiving any form of cash-based assistance*				
- Congolese Refugees	**87,033**	**116,600**	81%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	**60,607**	**100,400**	67%	
- Sudanese Refugees	**10,486**	**100,400**	21%	
- Other refugees	**10,379**	**4,000**	>100%	
Households receiving multi-purpose cash-based assistance				
- Congolese Refugees	**5,441**	**34,000**	16%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	**5,787**	**47,000**	12%	
- Sudanese refugees	**1,876**	**47,000**	4%	
- Other refugees	**0**	**2,000**	0%	
Amount of multi-purpose cash and voucher assistance				
- Congolese Refugees	**2.36bn**	**21.4bn**	11%	
- South Sudanese Refugees	**2.35bn**	**8.8bn**	27%	
- Sudanese refugees	**0.12bn**	**8.8bn**	1%	
- Other refugees	**0.00bn**	**1.4bn**	0%	

Objective 2: Financial inclusion and access to financial services promoted

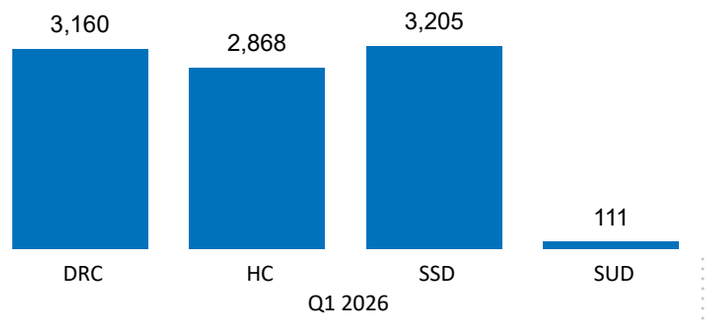
Cross Sectoral Cash Assistance by Delivery Mechanism (UGX)



Number of newly enrolled households in bank account (4,345)



Number of newly enrolled households in mobile money (9,344)



***DRC** = Congolese refugees, **SSD** = South Sudanese refugees, **OTH** = Other refugees, **HC** = Host Community*

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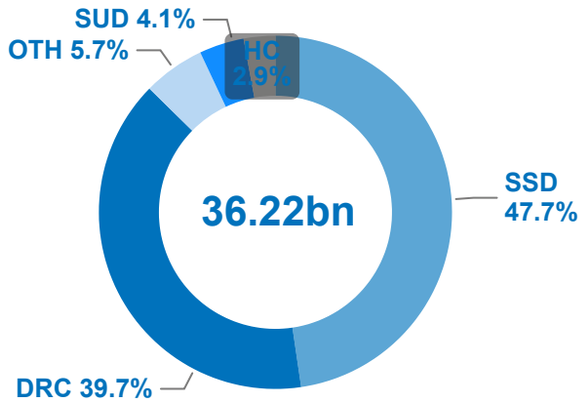
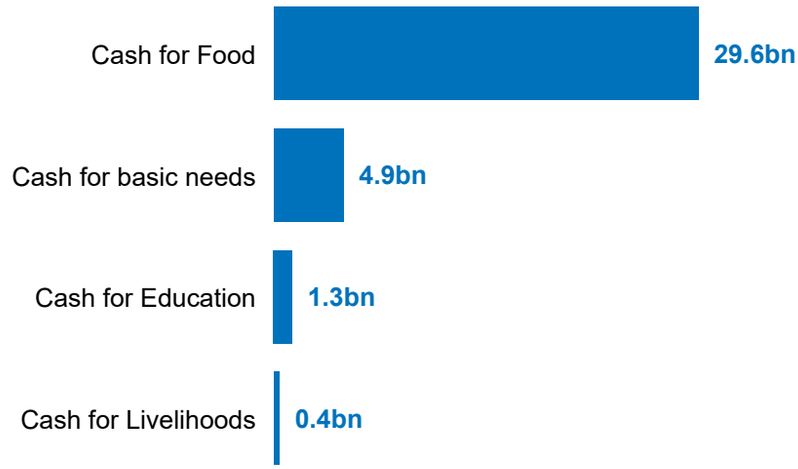
Cross-sectoral analysis of all cash-based interventions including cash for Genal Food Assistance (amounts in UGX)

Cash transfers by beneficiary type



Amount of cash transfers by sector (in billions)



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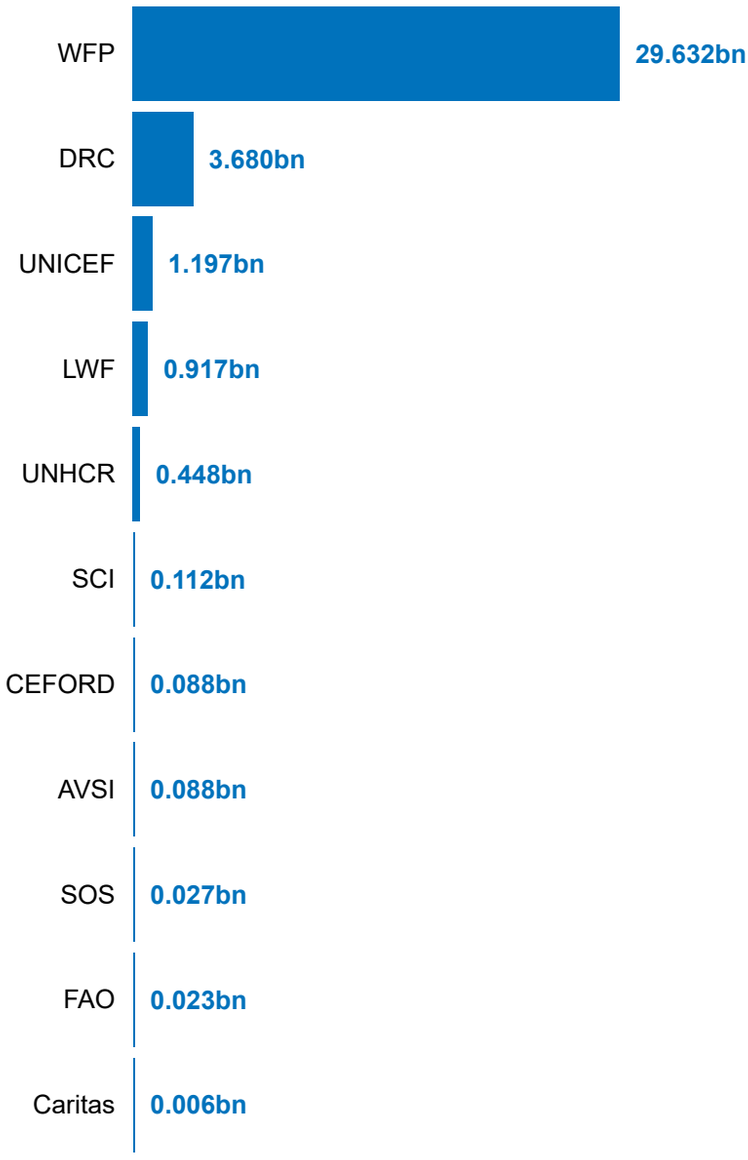

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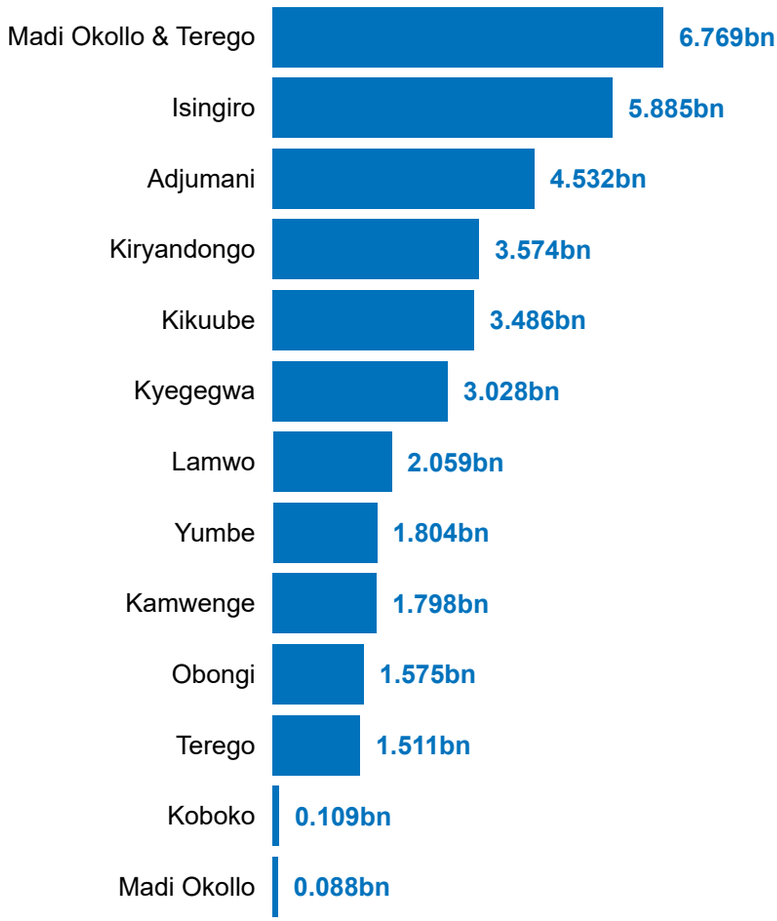

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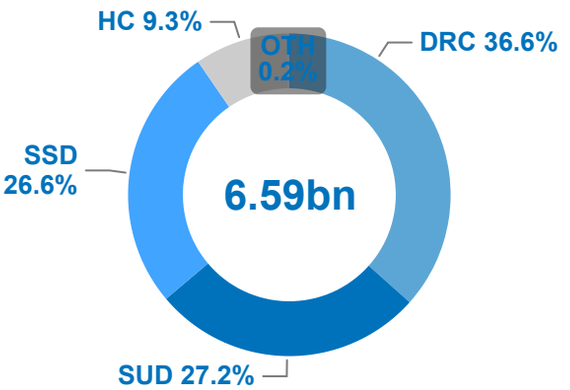

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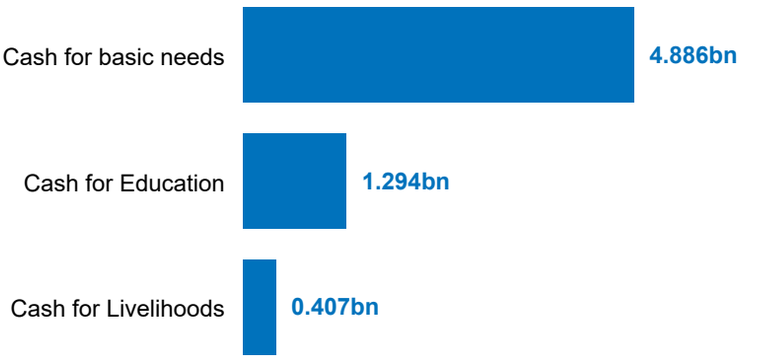

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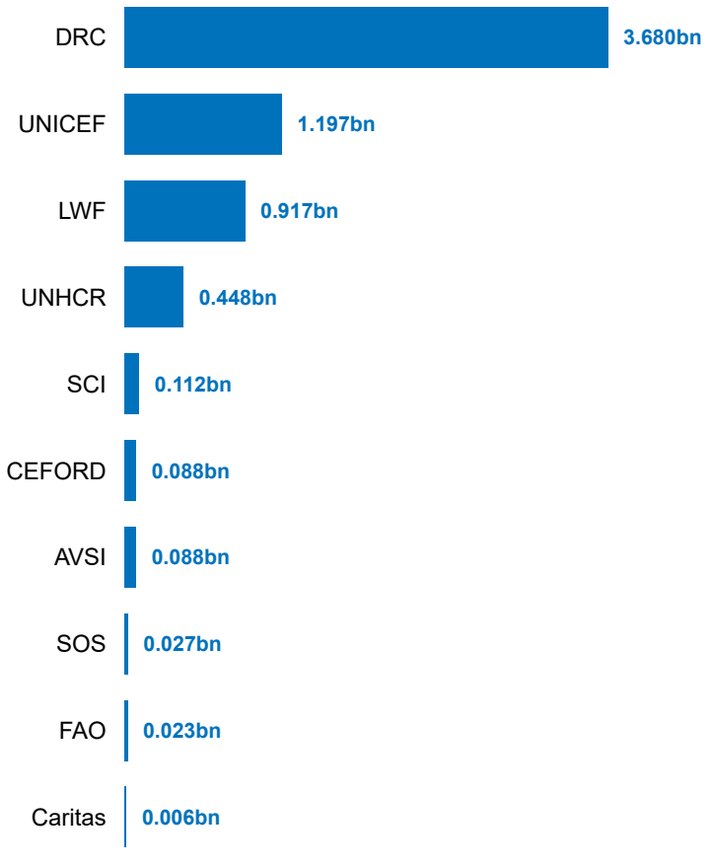

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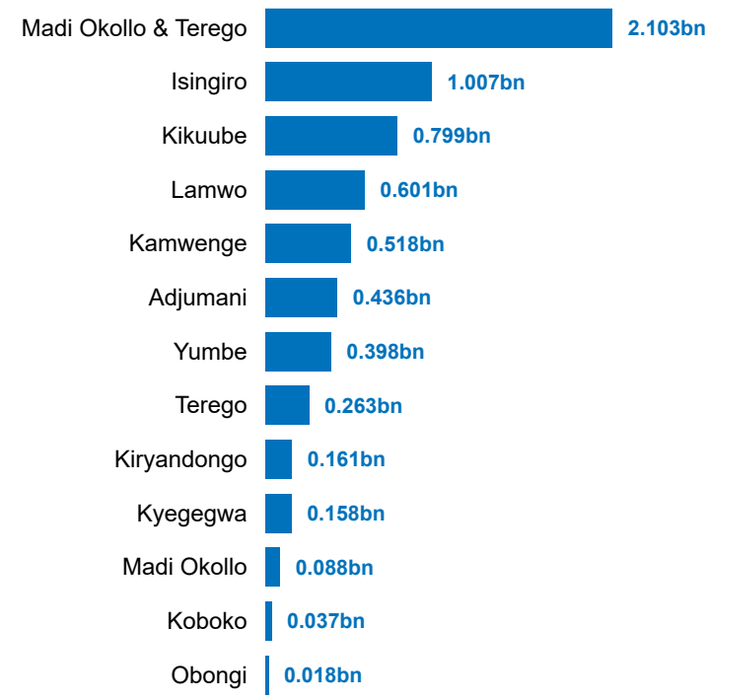

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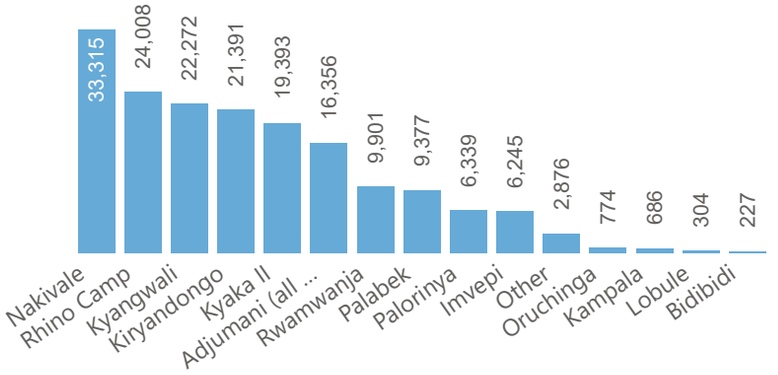
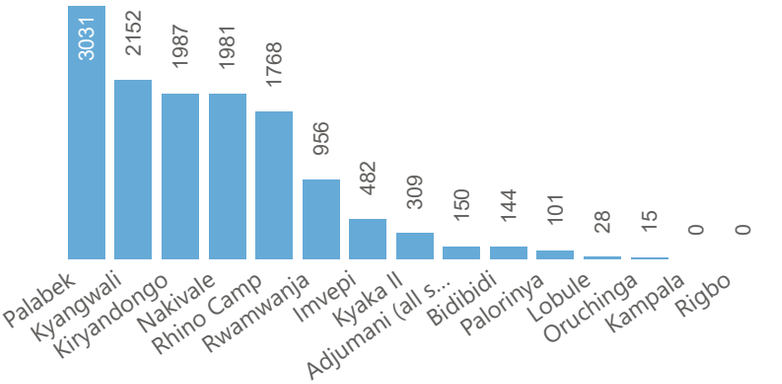
SETTLEMENT COMPARISON & TRENDS ANALYSIS

Objective 1: Access to cash and voucher assistance for basic needs

Households that have received any form of cash based assistance in Q1 by location



Multipurpose cash beneficiaries in Q1 by location



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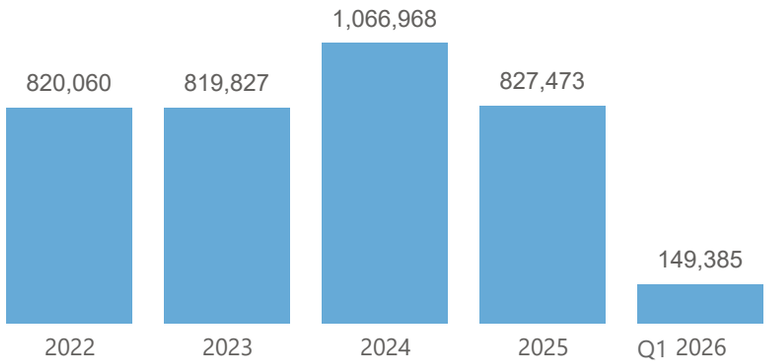
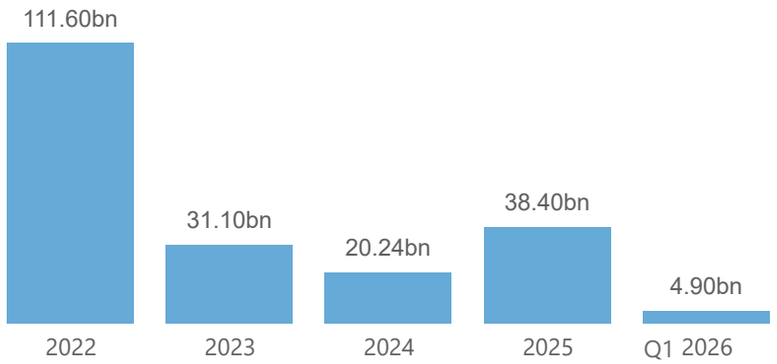


Total amount of multipurpose cash and voucher assistance provided over the years (in billion UGX)



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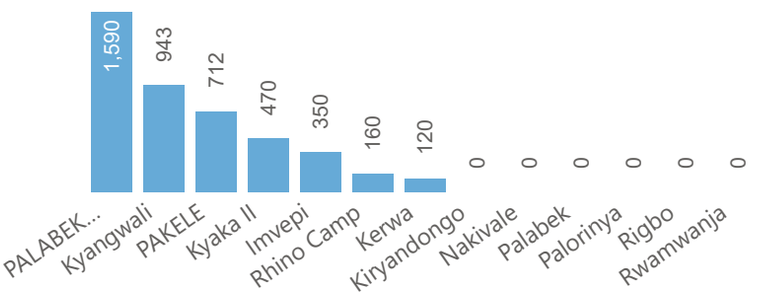
Newly enrolled households in bank account in Q1 by location



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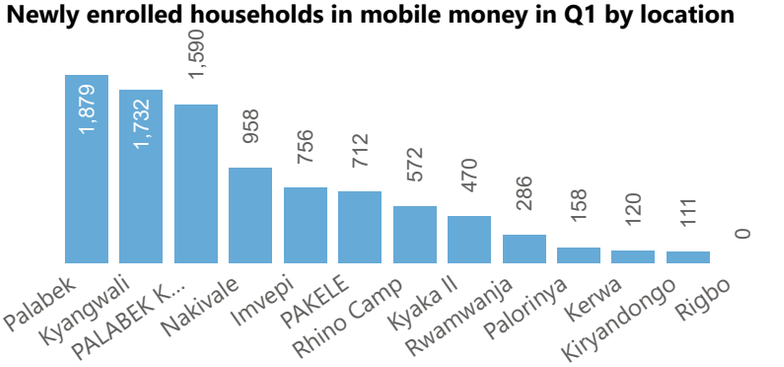

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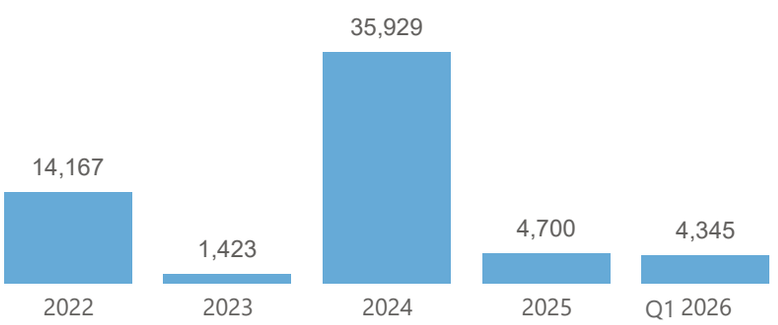

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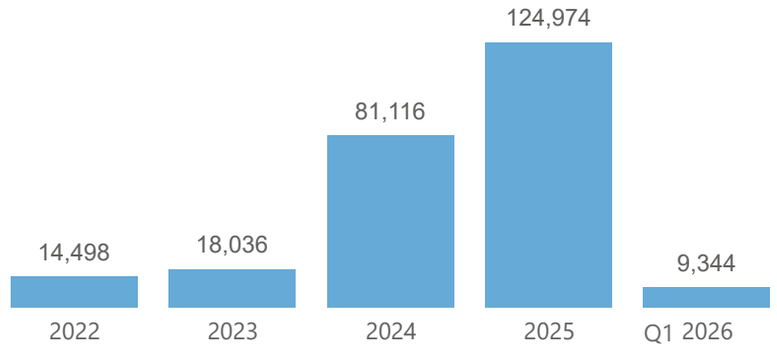

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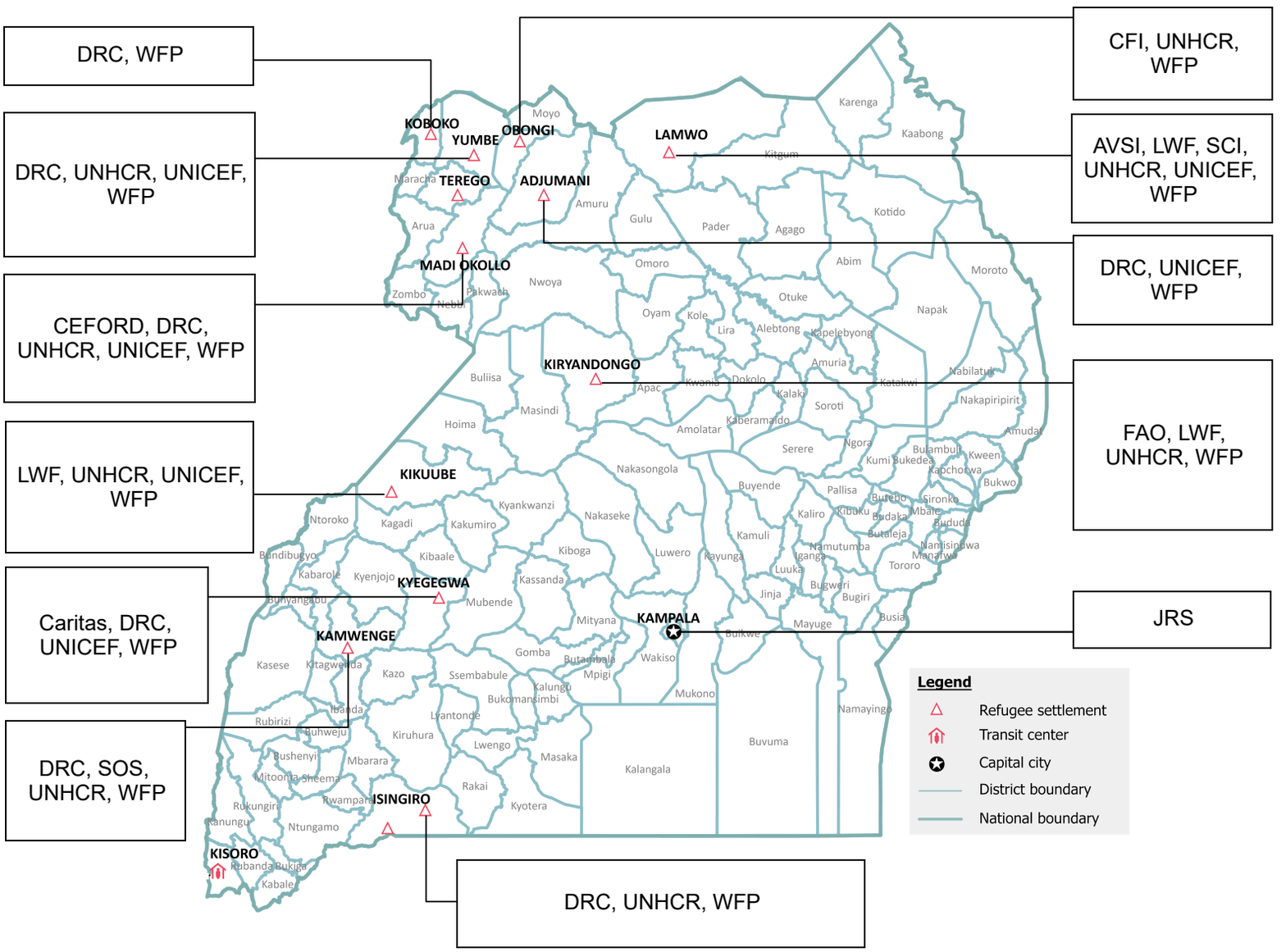
Operational Presence based on activities reported during January - March 2026



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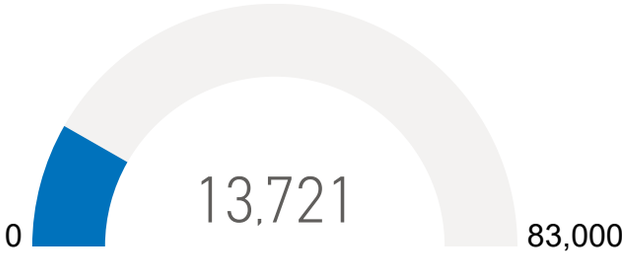
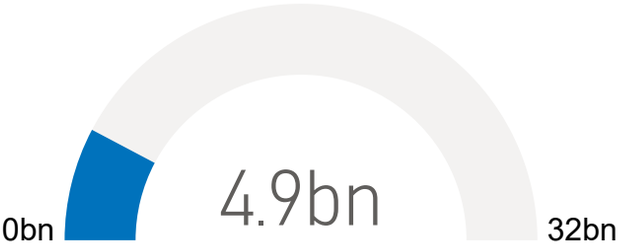
Performance Indicator Summary

OUTCOME 1: Cash Based Interventions

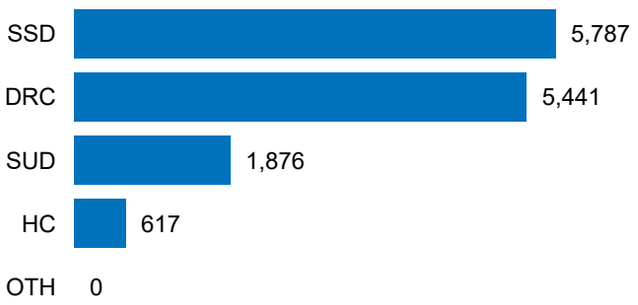
# of households provided with cash and voucher assistance for basic needs



Total amount of cash transfers for basic needs (UGX)



# of households (non PSN) provided with cash and voucher assistance for basic needs



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OUTCOME 2: Financial Inclusion

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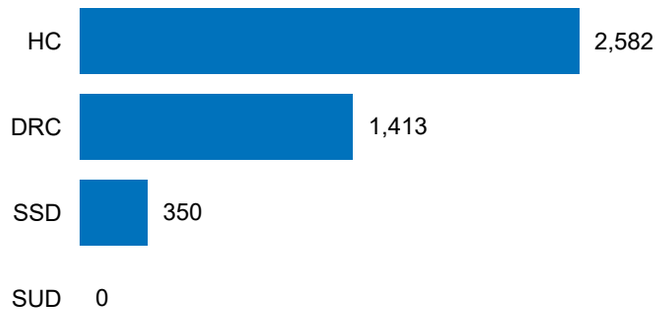

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