



Uganda Refugee Response Monitoring

Settlement Fact Sheet: Rwamwanja January 2018



Rwamwanja settlement was established in 1964 to host refugees from Rwanda, but closed in 1995 when many repatriated. The settlement was reopened in 2012 to host refugees fleeing the Democratic Republic of Congo due to violence in North and South Kivu. The settlement, currently hosting almost 76,000 refugees, is at full capacity and no longer receives new arrivals.

Gaps & Challenges

Health facilities lack the medicine and equipment necessary to effectively assist the large number of patients seeking treatment.
There is only one health centre in the settlement that provides in-patient services contributing to overcrowding and long wait times.
Refugees often suffer from curable diseases such as malaria and upper respiratory tract infection.



Many **children and youth are not enroled in school**, especially secondary school-aged refugees. Refugee families that have limited livelihoods opportunities cannot afford school fees and related costs, such as uniforms and school materials. Additionally, only one secondary school serves the population and it is located far away from some of the residential zones.

Refugees **lack adequate materials to construct and reinforce semi-permanent houses.** In particular, plastic sheeting and other roofing materials are needed. Because of the lack of materials, refugees attempt to gather wood and grass from surrounding areas to reinforce their homes, which contradicts existing laws about environmental use. Refugees also reported that there are not enough persons with specific needs (PSN) shelters, especially for disabled and elderly refugees.



There is a **lack of materials to construct household latrines**, including slabs, poles, and roofing materials. Residents resort to sharing latrines with neighbours or open defecation in the absence of these facilities.



Reductions in food assistance in place since August 2016 for refugees who arrived prior to July 2015 have led many refugees, including children, to cope by eating one meal a day and foregoing essential nutrients. Some refugees noted issues with plot demarcation that impedes access to farming land, making it more difficult to supplement small rations with agricultural production.



Strengths & Opportunities

Implementing and operational partners closely collaborate and ensure that activities are complementary. If refugees seek assistance from an organization that is unable to provide the specific services requested, such as livelihoods support or psychosocial counseling, partners refer them to other organizations so their needs can be addressed.



There is a demand for French language instruction for children. Many refugees are from the Democratic Republic of Congo and some are hopeful that they will return home some day, so they want the younger generation that has grown up in Uganda to learn the language. There is also a strong demand for English language instruction for refugees that only speak local languages and French.

* Refugee statistics source: Refugee Information Management System (RIMS) - Office of the Prime Minister

** Source of refugee pending registration figure: Office of the Prime Minister 1. Indicator standards to measure gaps were determined by global humanitarian standards, Ugandan national standards, or sector experts for each settlement. Data was collected in December 2017.

Partner organizations

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Food assistance

2 partners: SP.WFP



26,432² eligible beneficiaries received in-kind food assistance in the last distribution



52,809³ eligible beneficiaries received cash assistance for food in

the last distribution

1 agency conducting

unconditional cash for food distributions

4 partners: ADRA, FCA, LWF, SP

Livelihoods and environment



16,000 households have received technology support for production

11.194 cases of livelihoods support through:



trainings

Livelihoods/ Village savings vocational and loan

associations

3,796 Income

generating

activities

1,018

Savings and cooperative societies

organizations conducting livelihoods trainings do not monitor participation of **PSNs**

5

Health and nutrition



1 out of 2 healthcare nutrition programmes not meeting UNHCR/ WFP acceptable standards, with average rates of: Rate Standard



1 outpatient therapeutic programme: Recovery rate Defaulter rate 20% 15%

Death rate

0%

women delivered without skilled healthcare staff in the past three months

34

NFI

3 partners: AHA, UNICEF, WFP

2 partners: AIRD, LWF

1.038 women delivered with skilled healthcare staff in the past three months

Shelter, site, and non-food items (NFIs)

No additional reception centre needed

No

additional

emergency

shelter kits

needed

1 reception centre is sufficient for the settlement

1,783 emergency shelter kits distributed, meeting the need

> No agencies conducting unconditional cash for NFIs distributions

108.5 sq km Total surface area of the settlement



87.9 sa km Total surface area for farming use



10.9 sq km Total surface area of wetlands, which is unusable land

Average plot size information not provided

2,189 additional PSN shelters needed

1.319

kits

new arrivals still

need to receive

household NFI

647 **PSN** shelters have been constructed

3,321

new arrivals were provided with household NFI kits in the past three months

2. Figures from the eleventh general food distribution cycle. 3. Figures from the eleventh cash based transfer distribution cycle

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