

Uganda

12 January 2018

242,406

Congolese refugees as of 31 December 2017

46,600

Congolese new arrivals from January to December 2017

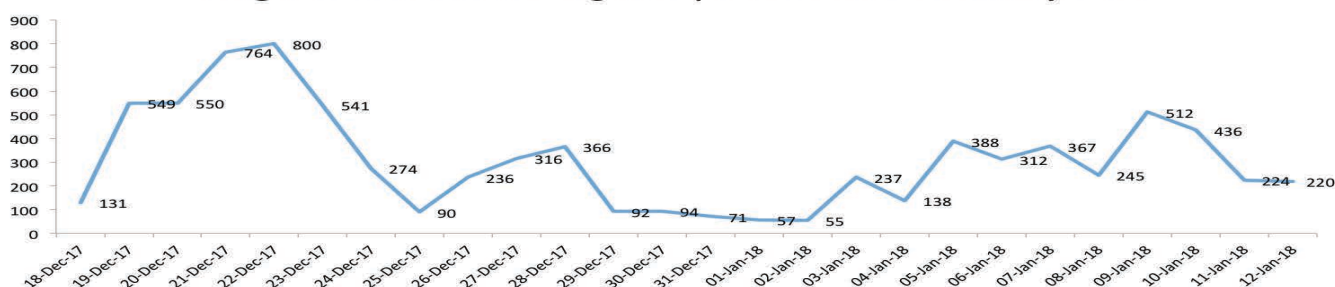
9,995

Congolese new arrivals since 1 December 2017

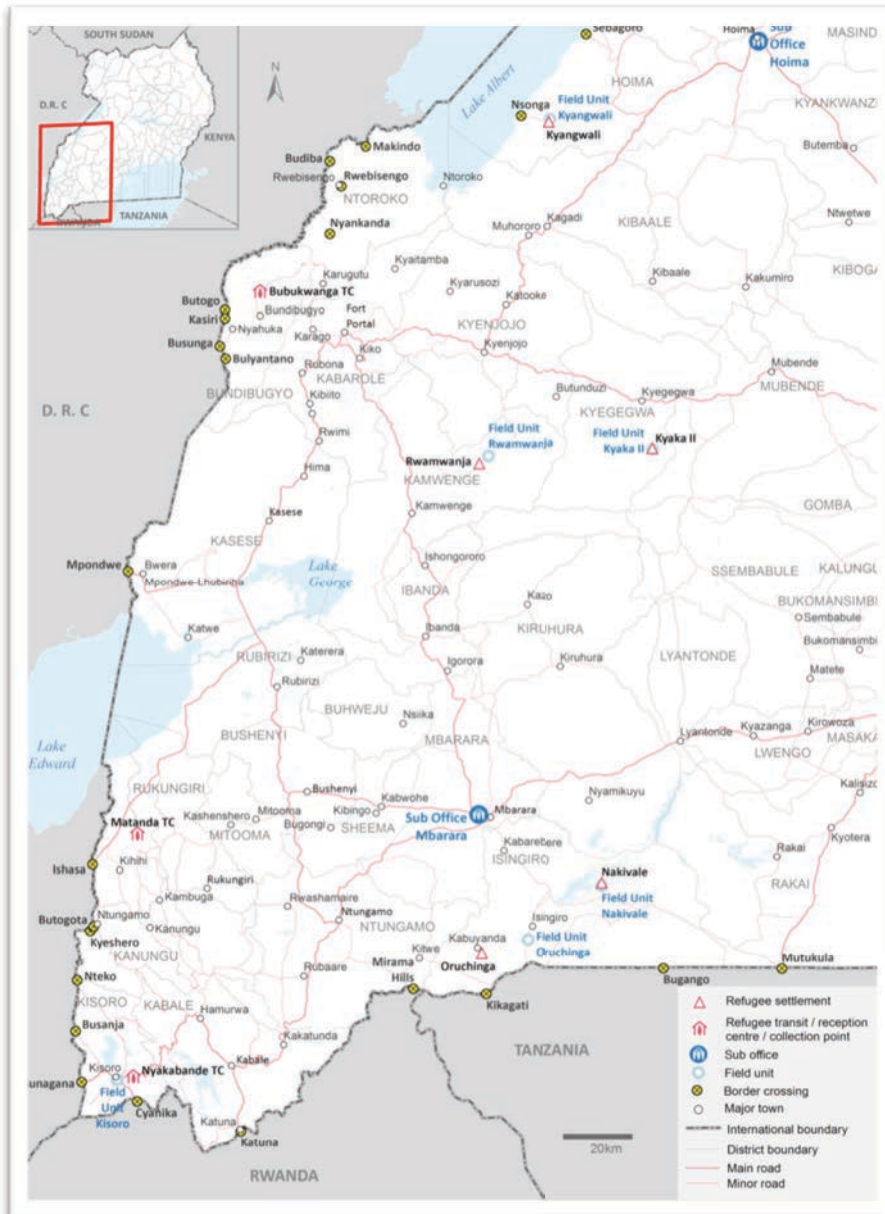
HIGHLIGHTS

- Between 10th and 12th January 2018, 880 new refugee arrivals from the Democratic of the Congo (DRC) crossed to Uganda via Kisoro and Kanungu (864), and Lake Albert (16), bringing the total number of new arrivals since 18th December to 8,065. More than 55 per cent (4,412) entered Uganda crossing Lake Albert aboard fishing boats, with others (3,653) coming in through Uganda’s southwestern borders with the DRC. The largest majority entered through Nteko and Bunagana border points in Kisoro, with smaller numbers crossing through Ishasha, Kyeshero and Butogta border points in Kanungu.
- The number of daily arrivals through Kisoro entry points continued to be high during the reporting, with a daily average of 288 people. At Nyakabande transit centre in Kisoro district, refugees continued to report increased attacks against civilians by Mai-Mai militia and other armed groups in DRC’s North Kivu region as reasons of flight, including arbitrary killings, rape, abductions and looting.
- Since 19th December, UNHCR has relocated 4,412 refugees from Lake Albert to Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali settlement, Hoima district. Some 4,090 have been already allocated a plot of land in Malembo C, with 322 others remaining at the reception centre and awaiting land allocation. Malembo C poses several challenges for the settlement of new arrivals due to its rocky soil and remoteness, poor access roads and lack of infrastructure. Two new settlement areas have been identified within Kyangwali and are undergoing a feasibility assessment.
- At Malembo C, children make up 65 per cent of the population. Partners have identified to date 232 persons with specific needs (PSN), including 114 unaccompanied minors and separated children. Some 60 PSNs were found sleeping in the open and are in urgent need of shelter. While water supply has slightly improved to approximately 13 liters per person per day (l/p/d), an additional water bowser of 10,000 liter capacity is needed to provide a minimum of 15 l/p/d. Given the large number of school age children, a temporary school needs to be urgently established for provision of early child development and primary education before schools resume in February.
- On 11th January, UNHCR transferred 720 Congolese refugees from Nyakabande transit centre to Kyaka II settlement (Kyegegwa district), bringing the total number of relocated new arrivals since 21st December to 2,879. The transit centre remains congested, with over 2,043 refugees awaiting biometric registration and relocation to Kyaka II. The next convoy of 1,100 individuals is scheduled to depart for Kyaka II on 15th January.

Congolese new arrivals to Uganda | 18 Dec 2017 - 11 January 2018



Map of southwestern Uganda



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