

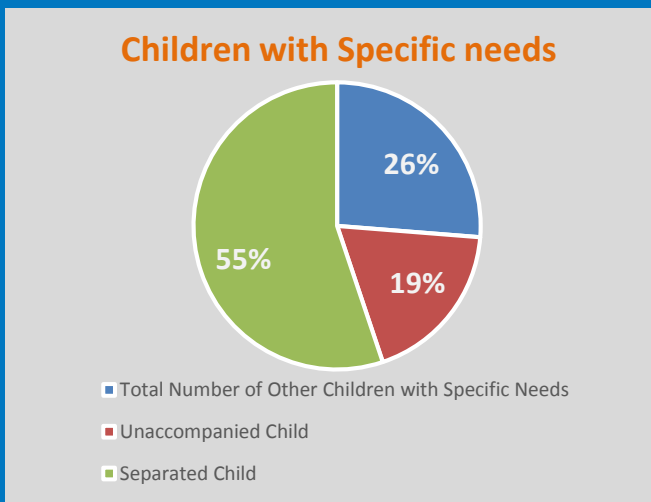
Key Figures

905,810

Registered Refugee children

60%

Percentage of children amongst refugee population



47,796

Number of unaccompanied or separated children (UASC)

71%

Percentage of Children under 12 years

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Child protection prevention and response services were undertaken by various actors in settlements across the Operation. These included strengthening case management of identified children at risk, provision of services including Psychosocial, alternative care arrangement for UASCs etc. Preventive activities included awareness raising through community dialogues; training and supporting community structures; building life-skills of children etc.
- A meeting involving the District Probations Office, UNHCR, OPM and child protection agencies was conveyed in Adjumani aimed at regulating institutional homes for children. The meeting preceded an inter-agency assessment that confirmed 6 unregistered children's homes with both host community and refugee children. The meeting resolved the registration of all homes by mid-October, registration of children at the homes, regular inspections of homes by a joint team, and the tracing of families, and reunification of refugee children with their families.
- A number of targeted activities for youths were conducted in locations in the Operation. In Palorinya, a total of 110 youths from both refugee and host community benefitted from a consultative workshop aimed at promoting youth participation and the development of a Youth Engagement strategy. This was followed by a one-day conference for youths at the Multi-purpose Hall in Moyo on the 26th to present findings of the 4-day consultative workshops.
- In Kampala, Urban refugee 200 adolescents and youths participated in an adolescent behavior health and behavior change interventions facilitated by the health technical personnel at the Naguru Health Centre.
- In Nakivale Settlement in the South West, 340 adolescents and youths benefitted from a training on their rights and responsibilities.
- Child protection actors conducted a series of trainings targeting child protection community support staff including community development workers and

incentive workers in Settlements in both the West Nile and South-west regions in the Operation. A total of 98 community workers from various child protection trainings aimed at strengthening their capacity to deliver preventive and response services for children.

- In preparations for the roll-out of the proGres V4 child protection module in the operation, a ToT was conducted for 12 UNHCR Child protection focal persons on the 18th to 19th in Hoima. The trainers are expected to replicate the training to Child protection partners. A roll-out Action Plan was developed to guide the roll-out of the systems in the operation.
- Community dialogues and sensitization meetings held across several settlements in the operation targeting varied categories of refugees including children, their care givers, community structures etc. In Lamwo, TPO held dialogues sessions on good parenting benefitting 426 parents. Interactive learning sessions were similarly held benefitting a total of 614 host community and refugee children. Community awareness raising sessions were also held in Nakivale, Kyaka II on children's right to education, and a Go back to school campaign in villages in Oruchinga.

Key Achievements:

Children receiving case management services:	25,357
Best Interests Assessments conducted	2,227
Children in foster care:	6,365
Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) reunified with parents or customary caregivers:	181
Total # of functional Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs):	143
Average monthly attendance of children in child-friendly activities:	149,936
Total number of functional Child Protection Coordination Working Group:	13
Number of Adolescents participating in targeted programmes:	6,636

CHILD PROTECTION NEEDS

- Strengthen targeted support for out-of-school adolescents and youth including increasing their access to vocational skills training, livelihood support to assist them develop their potential for their well-being.
- Increase support to foster families by linking them to livelihood/income generating programmes.
- Construction of CFSs and ECDs in new settlements and equipping of existing CFS and ECD facilities in old Settlements. Further strengthen the capacity of Caregivers and facilitators in CFS and ECD facilities
- Increase access to formal education (secondary & tertiary) for children with special needs (including Children with Disabilities (CWDs)) through provision of funds, scholastic materials and assistive devices.
- Material assistance for children at risk and other children in foster families

CHILD PROTECTION CHALLENGES

- Limited or the lack of support for foster parents often leading to neglect of children under their care.
- Inadequate access to education due to inadequate school infrastructure in new settlements.
- Existence of negative social norms amongst refugee communities leading to increased incidences of child marriage, teenage pregnancies and school drop-out rates in settlements.
- Insufficient child protection staff for partners due to high turnover of staff. Current ratio of social workers/ children still stands at an estimated 75:1, which hinders effective monitoring and follow-up of children undergoing case management.
- Lack of support and training /mentoring for community-based child protection groups, undermining their effectiveness in monitoring of children and reporting on cases of abuse against children.
- Inadequate or the lack of standardized incentives for CPCs which affects mobilization and proper

dissemination of CP information in the community.

- Limited targeted support to out-of-school adolescents and youths.

CHILD PROTECTION INTERVENTIONS

- Strengthening of case management services through training and capacity development, enhanced identification, prioritization and referral of children at risk
- Provision of alternative care arrangements (mainly family-based foster care) for unaccompanied children and training of foster parents on positive parenting and providing them with livelihood support
- Strengthening Child protection Coordination through regular meetings of Child Protection Sub-Working Groups in the settlements and at national level.
- Strengthening of child protection community structures through training, mentoring and support to identify, monitor and refer children for case management services

- Family tracing and reunification of unaccompanied and separated children through collaboration with the ICRC and the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS)
- Providing children with spaces for playing, socializing and build resilience, through strengthening CFSS and Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDs) services.
- Strengthening psychosocial and mental health services for children having been identified as having psychosocial distress.
- Awareness raising through dialogue sessions, media campaigns and advocacy on child protect



Youth participants pose for a photo upon receipt of 04 days youth consultative workshop attendance certificates issued after the conference session. UNHCR/Opicara/26th

CHILD PROTECTION PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

Implementing Partners: DRC, LWF, Hijra; WVI, AAH, TPO; SCI; InterAid Uganda, HADS

Operational Partners: UNICEF; SCI, WVI, Plan, ASVI; URCS; War Child Canada; War Child Holland; Tutapona; CAFOMI

Workforce dedicated to child protection: **396**

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