

# Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report

24 - 30 June 2022

The conflict in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues. The situation remains unpredictable along the Kisoro border. There are reports of continued fighting in the Bunagana area across the border on the DRC side. Congolese nationals are still camped within Bunagana and surrounding areas on the Ugandan side of the border.

Out of the estimated 35,129 new arrivals (18,045 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March, 12,930 individuals remain at the Nyakabande holding and transit centre.

The holding capacity at Nyakabande Transit centre is overstretched by 76 per cent while Kabazana reception centre in Nakivale refugee settlement is over stretched by 6 per cent.

Other locations under pressure are Lokung collection point in Palabek settlement at 204 per cent and Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali settlement at 97 per cent. Bwera holding centre in Kasese has been closed after relocation of 33 individuals to Rwamwanja refugee settlement.

## KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL



**72,869 individuals**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (22,118 from South Sudan and 50,751 from DRC). An increase of 1,853 since last reporting period.



**20,804 individuals**

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (4,150 in West Nile and 16,654 in the South-West). An increase of 2,754 since last reporting period.

## KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT



**1,062,000**

Litres of water supplied to Nyakabande transit and holding centre

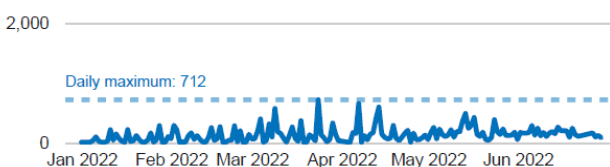


**93 COVID-19 cases**

## ARRIVAL TRENDS

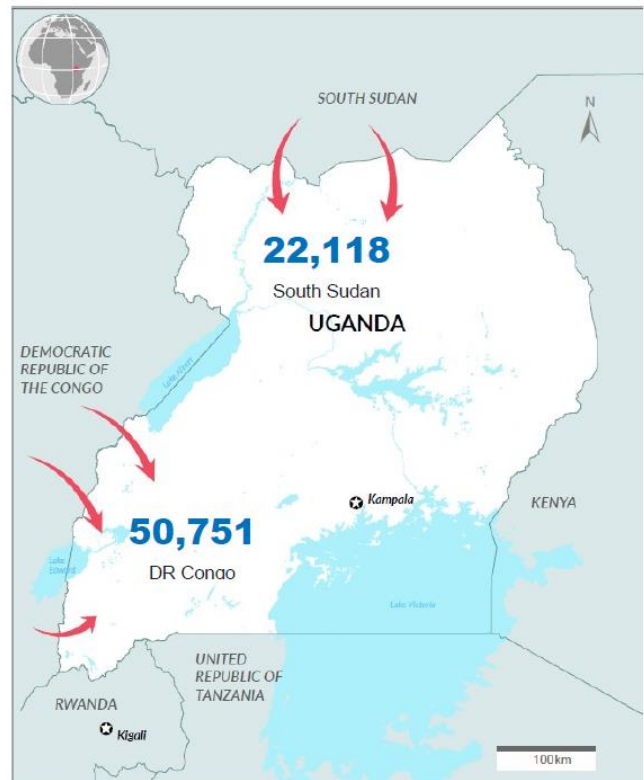
### Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January-30 June 2022



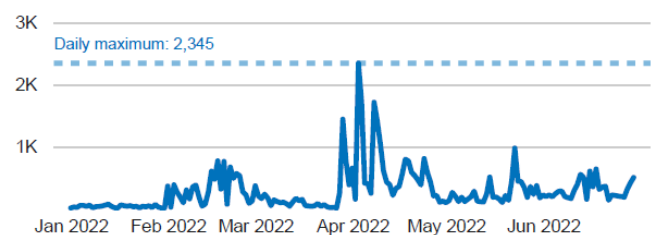
SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

## INFLUX MAP



### Uganda - New arrivals from DRC

1 January-30 June 2022



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## Operational Context – Kisoro District



*A joint assessment team, comprising of Security, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Uganda Red Cross and local leaders at Bunagana border. © OPM/ Daniel Kisaamo.*

- Bunagana remained calm with some of the new arrivals still camping at the border and in the community. More displacement is expected towards Busanza border area with fighting around 35km away from the border.
- Total population transported and received at the transit centre during the reporting period was 1,904 individuals (903 households). Total population at Nyakabande holding and transit centre is estimated at 12,930 individuals (2,469 at transit centre; 10,461 at holding area) as of 30 June 2022.
- The cumulative population at Nyakabande holding area registered through biometric enrolment is 7,979 Individuals (1,957 households). This represents 75 per cent of the revised target of 10,666 new arrivals residing at the holding area, following the head count conducted on 29 June 2022.
- Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) continues with Level 2 registration at the transit centre. During the week, 991 (547 households) were registered. A total of 910 individuals (480 households) were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 8,856 individuals (4,553 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.
- Out of the 1,455 new arrivals and humanitarian workers tested for COVID-19 during the week, 87 were positive. The cumulative number of COVID tests done for the new arrivals since 28 March 2022 is 26,841, with 403 positive cases. A total of 93 positive cases are in isolation.
- Cumulatively 24,677 and 2,964 individuals have received the first and second dose of the oral cholera vaccine respectively, since the start of the campaign.
- There is ongoing sensitization of new arrivals by protection partners on the laws of Uganda, refugee rights and obligations, as well as services available. The new arrivals are also sensitized on peaceful co-existence with the host community.

### Impact and Achievements

- **FOOD SECURITY:** A total of 13,252 new arrivals were served with hot meals. Out of these, 6,961 were at the transit centre and 6,291 in the holding area.
- **HEALTH AND NUTRITION:** The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program served 2,181 clients as of 30 June 2022. Of these, 1,788 were children (839 male and 949 female) under five years and 393 were pregnant and lactating mothers (233

pregnant and 160 lactating). The current proxy global acute malnutrition (GAM) rate is 9.5 per cent among children under five years, and malnutrition level is 11.6 per cent among pregnant and lactating mothers. The GAM rates for children under five years are within level II (alert level), whereas those for the pregnant and lactating mothers are in level III (serious).

- **CHILD PROTECTION:** A total of 101 children at risk were identified by CAFOMI, Save the Children and ALIGHT during the reporting period. Cumulatively, there are 1,522 children at risk receiving a range of support including, temporary foster care, contact tracing and family reunification. Save the Children and War Child Holland are providing psychosocial support services to children and youth through structured play and games in the child friendly places. This helps children establish a routine, provides continuity of culture as well as basic numeracy and literacy skills.
- **PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS (PSNs):** Partners identified, documented, and supported 58 PSNs. Humanity & inclusion provided rehabilitation (physiotherapy and occupational therapy) services to 31 individuals (16 males, 15 females). Prevailing factors leading to the injuries suffered by the individuals were assault by rebels, congenital disorders, and motor accidents, among others.
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** To strengthen community and family support systems, as well as enhance positive coping mechanisms, partners reached 95 females and 30 males, through adult group counselling sessions, focus group discussions and community dialogues.
- **WASH:** A total of 1,062,000 litres were supplied at the transit centre and holding area (622,000 litres from National Water and Sewerage Corporation and 560,000 litres through water trucking). Uganda Red Cross has completed upgrading of the transmission line from a DN 40mm pipe to DN 50mm, and connection of a second T95 pipe. This now awaits National Water and Sewerage Corporation to do the final connection at tap points.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Fencing is needed to boost protection of individuals and resources at the holding area. UNHCR has already procured 180 rolls of chain link. Other materials like poles, tension wires, nails and labor are pending.
- Storm water drainage needs to be improved.
- Site leveling and opening of access roads is needed.
- Difficult topography and rock surface is hindering construction activities.
- Theft and cutting of already installed plastic sheets on the structures is a concern at night.
- There is need for increased and continuous hygiene sensitization and provision of WASH supplies.
- Lighting is needed to speed up the process of shifting the new arrivals to the completed structures that currently are dark.
- High numbers at the transit centre are straining the available water and sanitation facilities.
- Heavy loading on the electricity service line has resulted in the burning of the service wires.

- Vandalizing of mobile toilets. The metallic parts are stolen and sold as scrap.
- Delay by NWSC to connect the water transmission line.

### Operational Context – Kasese and Bubukwanga

- Bwera holding centre has been closed after the relocation of 33 individuals to Rwamwanja refugee settlement. A mid-collection center is being organised in the town council, located about 1.5 kms away.
- A total of 37 individuals (10 households) new arrivals were received at Bubukwanga during the week. The current population at Bubukwanga transit center is 38 individuals (11 households).

### New Arrival Trends Across the Country

- There is an increase of 435 new arrivals from South Sudan and 1,419 from DRC since the last reporting period.
- In the transit and reception centers, there are 20,805 individuals. Of these, 4,151 in West Nile (an increase of 259 compared to last reporting period) and 16,654 in South-West (an increase of 2,596 compared to last reporting period).

### Working in partnership – National level

- 44 partners have appealed for USD 47.8 million to respond to the emergency.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

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