

Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report

26 August - 8 September

The situation in Kisoro and surrounding areas remains relatively calm and peaceful. However, new arrivals continue to cross into Uganda daily.

Some of the asylum-seekers return to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to check on their homes, farms and pick food, returning to Uganda in the evening (pendular movements).

A total of 5,659 individuals were received at Nyakabande transit centre and holding area during the week, bringing the current population at both locations to 15,108 individuals.

Out of the estimated 50,389 new arrivals (25,765 households) received in Kisoro since 28 March 2022, 17,663 individuals (8,515 households) have been relocated to Nakivale settlement.

The holding capacity at Nyakabande transit centre is overstretched by 110 per cent (capacity of 7,200 holds 15,108 individuals). Lokung collection point (Lamwo district) is overstretched by 563 per cent (capacity of 560 holds 3,715 individuals), Kagoma reception centre (Kikuube district) by 72 per cent.

KEY FIGURES – NATIONAL LEVEL

 **103,541 individuals**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (33,558 from South Sudan and 69,983 from DRC). An increase of 8,013 since last reporting period.

 **24,192 individuals**

Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (5,491 in West Nile and 18,701 in the South-West). An increase of 3,311 since last reporting period.

KEY FIGURES – KISORO DISTRICT

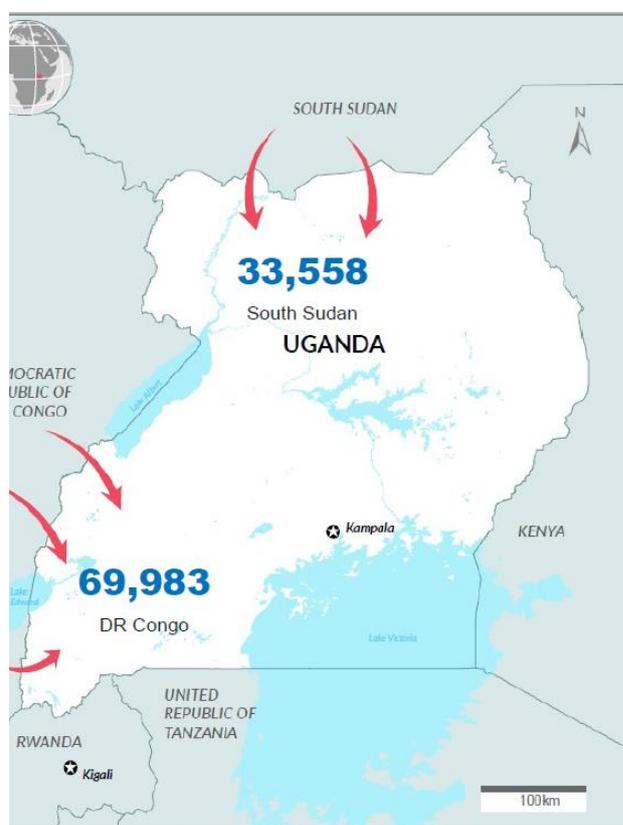
 **12 liters**

Water consumption per capita per day

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Active COVID-19 cases in isolation

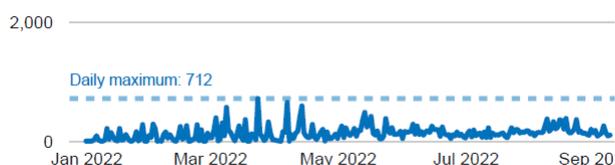
INFLUX MAP



ARRIVAL TRENDS

Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

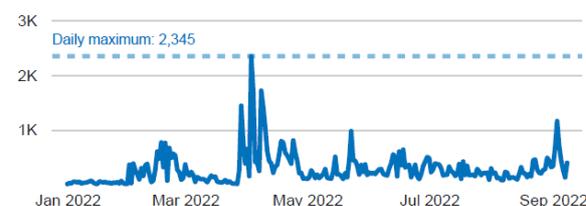
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SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

Uganda - New arrivals from DRC

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Operational Context – Kisoro



Sensitizing new arrivals on common offences, good hygiene practices and peaceful coexistence at the holding center. © CAFOMI/ Charlotte Edith.

- The total population transported and received at the Nyakabande transit centre during the reporting period was 5,659 individuals. This brings to an estimated 50,389 individuals/25,765 households, received at both the holding and transit centre since 28 March 2022. By 8 September, there were 15,108 individuals at Nyakabande (727 individuals at transit centre and 14,381 at holding area). The Office of the Prime Minister continues with Level 2 registration.
- Since the beginning of the influx the Ugandan Government has requested all Congolese national staying in satellite camps to report to the designated transit center and holding area at Nyakabande where all asylum seekers can be registered as refugees and benefit from protection services and humanitarian assistance prior to relocation to receiving settlements. This message was repeatedly communicated by the authorities at both ministerial and local level and a three-month ultimatum was given to unregistered Congolese at the end of May to regularize their stay in Uganda. On Thursday 1 September 2022, all the tents in Bunagana and Kibaya camps had been removed. Kisoro District Local Government and UNHCR logistic partner facilitated the transport of those interested in moving to Nyakabande Transit Center and Holding Area, while private trucks were transporting those choosing to move back to DRC. As of 06 September 2022, a total of 13,649 Congolese had crossed back to DRC according to RDC Kisoro report and 5,558 moved to Nyakabande transit center and holding area. By the end of the reporting period, the general security situation in Kisoro and around the borders remains peaceful and calm. OPM and UNHCR are working on scaling up the number of convoys per week and/or to increase the size of convoys to decongest the transit center and holding area. During the week, a total of 1,201 individuals (517 households) were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 17,663 individuals (8,515 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.
- There are 83 new arrivals in Matanda Transit Centre, Kanungu district. The cumulative number of new arrivals received since 20 July 2022 when the transit centre was reactivated is 112 individuals.

- The cumulative number of COVID-19 tests for the new arrivals and positive cases since 28 March 2022 are 39,453 and 661 respectively. There are two active cases in isolation.
- Routine awareness continues at Nyakabande transit centre about the rights and obligations of asylum seekers, common offenses and peaceful co-existence with the host community.

Operational Context – Bundibugyo

The population at Bubukwanga transit centre is 748 individuals/299 households. Of the current population, 64 per cent (478 individuals) are children while 36 per cent (270 individuals) are adults. Cumulatively, 619 individuals (219 households) registered on BIMS are ready for relocation.

Operational Context – Kyangwali, North and West Nile

- In Kyangwali, we received 109 new arrivals/ 52 households (Approx. 15 pers/day). A total of 811 individuals/785 households at the reception centre are awaiting relocation into the community.
- Eleven new arrivals (seven households) were received at Kerwa collection centre and relocated to Goboro transit centre in Yumbe district. A total of seven individuals await relocation to Imvepi settlement.
- In Arua, the population at the transit and reception centers awaiting relocation to the settlements and community stood at 1,144 individuals/341 households by the end of the reporting period. Of these, 742 individuals/138 households were in Ocea, 254 individuals/147 households in Kuluba, and 148 individuals/56 households in Imvepi. A total of 441 individuals/83 households were relocated from Ocea reception center to Enden Zone on their individual household plots of land in the community.

Impact and Achievements in Kisoro

- **CHILD PROTECTION:** CAFOMI and Save the Children identified 1,103 children at risk at the transit centre and holding area. Cumulatively 3,841 children at risk (2,150 male and 1,691 females) have been identified since 28 March 2022.

Save the Children and War Child Holland continued providing psychosocial support services to children and youth through structured play and games in the child friendly spaces. This helps children establish a routine, provides continuity of culture, as well as basic numeracy and literacy skills.

- **EDUCATION:** Through the *Return to Learning* programme, Save the Children continued providing short term transitional learning to children at the transit and holding centre in Nyakabande. The programme is designed to support out-of-school children through quick access to education opportunities, focusing on

emotional learning and children's wellbeing. The cumulative enrollment, for a session on counting is 1,044 children (496 boys / 548 girls).

- **PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS (PSNs):** Identification and documentation of PSNs continued. Routine shelter visits were conducted to identify new protection concerns for the PSNs and intensify information sharing with new arrivals. Cumulatively, 2,634 PSNs (680 males and 1,954 females) have been identified, documented and under continuous follow-up.
- **HOT MEALS:** CAFOMI prepared and provided hot meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper) to all individuals in both the holding area and transit centre.
- **WASH:** UNHCR, CAFOMI and Uganda Red Cross continued with routine water treatment using chlorine in the water storage tanks. The water consumption per capita is 12 litres per day.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps-Kisoro

- Fencing is needed to protect the children, refugees, and other resources in the holding area.
- Flooding of the holding area compound due to the heavy rains and many children lack warm clothes.
- Vandalism of water facilities by the refugees remains a big challenge.
- Inadequate classrooms and instructional materials like markers and pencils for the *Return to Learning* education programme. There is also a need to provide more tents to increase class space and repair of shelters.
- Alcoholism among new arrivals on the pretext of keeping themselves warm due to lack of warm clothes. Others claim that, while taking alcohol, they socialize and resolve issues among themselves. However, some individuals abuse the alcohol leading to violence towards their families and community in the shelters.

National Level

- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

Working in partnership (Kisoro): OPM, UNHCR, ACORD, ACT, AIRD, ALIGHT, CAFOMI, CARE, ChildFund International, Friends of Kisoro, Humanity & Inclusion, ICRC, JAM, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Malteser International, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Medical Teams International (MTI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), REACH, Save the Children International, The Netherlands Red Cross, Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), Uganda 2040, Uganda Red Cross Society, UN Women, UNFPA, War Child and WFP.

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