

# Uganda Refugee Emergency

## Situation Report

Uganda continues to receive new arrivals from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan, through the Southwestern and Northern borders. The security situation in all operational areas is unpredictable as armed conflicts are still active in DRC and South Sudan.

Heavy rains are causing delays and postponement of service delivery, flooding of settlement areas and damage to shelters as well as latrines.

The new arrival trends from South Sudan and DRC are high, putting pressure on available facilities at collection points and transit centres across the operation. The average latrine coverage ratio is 1:20 individuals. Due to the high numbers, it is now 1:434 individuals.

The holding capacity at Nyakabande transit centre (Kisoro district) is overstretched by 87 per cent (capacity of 7,200 with 13,465 individuals currently).

9-15 September 2022

Lokung collection point in Lamwo district, is over stretched by 261 per cent (capacity of 560 with 2,019 individuals currently), while Kagoma reception centre (Kikuube district) by 97 per cent (capacity of 1,000 holds 1966 individuals). The pressure is partly attributed to lack of core relief items (CRIs) affecting relocation to settlements. There is need for additional funds to cater for procurement of CRIs.

## KEY FIGURES



**105,893 individuals**

Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (34,172 from South Sudan and 71,721 from DRC). An increase of 2,382 since last reporting period.



**20,227 individuals**

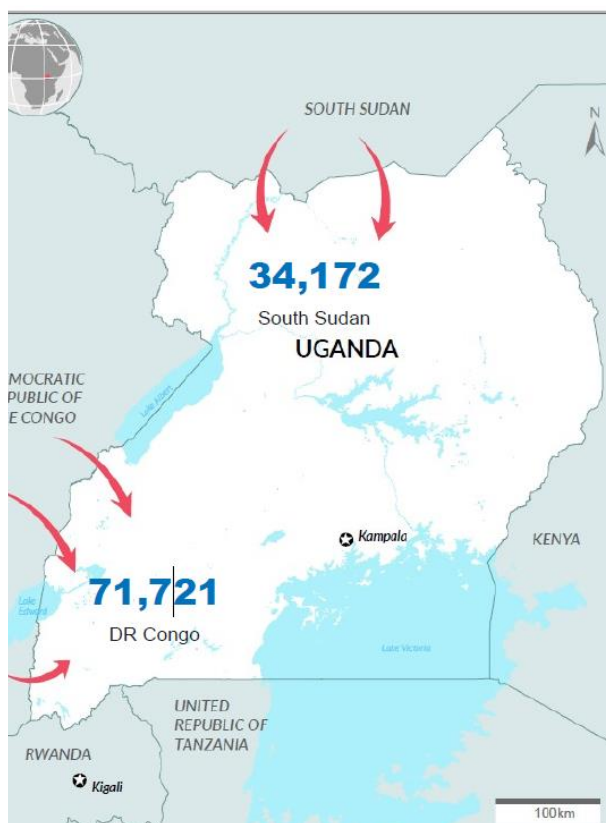
Current population at transit and reception centers in Uganda (3,211 in West Nile and 17,066 in the South & Mid-west). A decrease of 3,915 since last reporting period.



**1 latrine to 434 individuals**

Ratio of latrine coverage in Nyakabande holding area, Kisoro district.

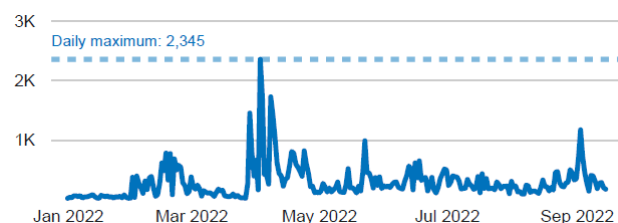
## INFLUX MAP



## ARRIVAL TRENDS

### Uganda - New arrivals from DRC

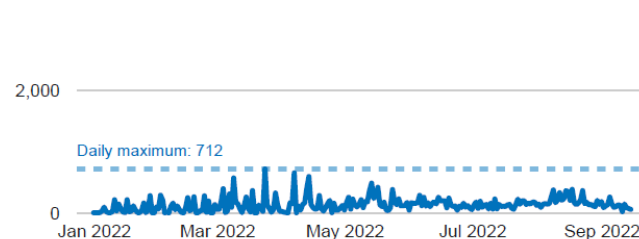
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SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

### Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January- 15 September 2022



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## Operational Context



*An awareness session at the Nyakabande holding area, being conducted by International Rescue Committee.  
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### Key Gaps in the Emergency Refugee Response

- There is a general lack of sleeping mats to distribute. This is the rainy season and sites have been flooded. Protection from the ground is essential for new arrivals in order to reduce incidents of fever, malaria and upper respiratory tract infections and without protection from the ground these illnesses can be exacerbated.
- More funding is required to address gaps, including ensuring adequate accommodation at the collection points, improvement of WASH facilities given high numbers and timely relocation with an uninterrupted the pipe-line for core relief items.

## South-West

### Kisoro district

- Congolese nationals are no longer observed sleeping on verandas in Bunagana town following the security operation by the Government of Uganda, to move people away from the border. Those that were renting from the host communities have mostly vacated and are moving to the transit centre. During the evening, Congolese nationals come to Uganda for the night, and go back to DRC in the morning, to conduct their businesses or cultivate. Some refugees are also reportedly leaving Nakivale refugee settlement and returning to DRC via Busanza border point.
- The total population transported and received at the Nyakabande transit centre during the reporting period was 1,496 individuals. Cumulatively, an estimated 51,885 individuals (26,448 households), have been received at both the holding and transit centre since 28 March 2022. By 15 September, there were 13,465 individuals at Nyakabande (1,682 individuals at transit centre and 11,783 at holding area).
- During the week, 577 individuals (233 households) were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 19,930 individuals (8,515 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022. A total of 370 individuals are ready for the next

relocation. The slower pace of relocation is a concern considering the directive by the government, to intensify efforts to move all refugees to the settlements before 31 October 2022. The slow pace is partly because of the lack of core relief items, which the refugees need once plots have been allocated to them in the settlements.

- During the week, 76 individuals were received at Matanda Transit Centre, Kanungu district. The cumulative number of new arrivals received since 20 July 2022 when the transit centre was reactivated is 124 individuals. These are transported to Nyakabande transit centre and later relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement.
- The cumulative number of positive COVID-19 cases among the new arrivals is 667, out of 40,787 tests conducted. Currently, there are two active cases who are 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.

### **Bundibugyo district**

The population at Bubukwanga transit centre is 775 individuals (312 households). Cumulatively, 12,355 individuals (4,900 households) have been received at the transit centre since the year begun. These have been relocated to Kyaka II and Rwamwanja refugee settlements.

### **North and West Nile**

- A total of 586 new arrivals were received in Adjumani (97) and Lamwo (489) at Elegu and Lokung collection point respectively. The average daily arrival rate was 84 persons per day. Major reasons for flight included killings by warring factions, floods, child kidnappings, seeking for better education and other services.
- A total of 416 individuals (100 households) were relocated from Lokung collection point to their individual plots within Palabek settlement. However, additional relocation of the new arrivals to the recently identified land located between Zone 6 and 9 in Palabek settlement, is being delayed due to disputes between two entities over the land. In the interim, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) in Lamwo plans to backfill vacant plots in Zone 4 and 8 in the subsequent relocations.
- In Arua, 491 individuals (87 households) were relocated from Ocea reception centre to plots in Imvepi and Rhino Camp refugee settlements. Cumulatively, 13,190 individuals (3,005 households) have been received and relocated from Ocea reception centre.
- A total of 19 individuals (eight households) were received at the border points of Goboro and Kerwa. Seventeen individuals (nine households) were relocated to Imvepi. The new arrivals were supported with non-food items (soap, blankets, mats, basins and mosquito nets). Twenty-two individuals are being accommodated at Goboro transit centre.

## Impact

### Kisoro district



- 4,061 children at risk (2,252 male and 1,809 females) identified
- 607 children (368 male and 239 female) placed under alternative care.



- 2,679 PSNs (700 males and 1,979 females) identified, documented and under continuous follow-up.

### Kyangwali, North and West Nile



- 7,719 outpatient consultations (Kiryandongo -1,600; Imvepi -2,454; Rhino Camp -3,665) were registered during the week.
- Community health interventions maintained to address morbidity burden like malaria, respiratory tract Infections and diarrhea).

## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

### Kisoro district

- Critical relief items like construction poles (for shelters), plastic sheets (4x5m) and sleeping mats. If poles are not found the limited available trees will be further cut for construction purpose.
- Lack of sleeping mats and warm clothing, to protect new arrivals from floods and illness.
- The incinerator at Nyakabande Health Centre III collapsed and needs replacement.
- Fencing is needed to protect the children, refugees, and other resources in the holding area.
- Vandalism of water facilities by the refugees remains a challenge.

### Adjumani/Lamwo

- CRIs at Palabek settlement and Lokung collection point.
- Basic services in the new zone created in Palabek.

## National Level

- The operation is under pressure to continue providing protection and assistance services at the recommended standards. This requires a certain level of resources that is not currently available.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

**Working in Partnership (South West):** OPM, UNHCR, ACORD, ACT, AIRD, ALIGHT, CAFOMI, CARE, ChildFund International, Friends of Kisoro, Humanity & Inclusion, ICRC, International Rescue Committee (IRC), 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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