

Uganda Refugee Emergency

Situation Report

7 – 13 October 2022

The Ebola Virus Disease outbreak is in five districts, one of which is Kyegegwa, that hosts Kyaka II refugee settlement. None of the refugees have tested positive to date.

The Uganda Refugee Ebola Preparedness and Response Plan (UREPRP) is in place to support coordination of the response.

Uganda continues to receive new arrivals from the DRC and South Sudan, through the Southwestern and Northern borders.

Nyakabande transit centre has 5,496 individuals and Lokung collection point has 1,377, exceeding each facility's capacity. Relocation of 217 individuals (90 households) is being planned.

De-commissioning of Nyakabande holding centre is ongoing in a phased manner, to meet the 31 October deadline. Most of the refugees at the centre prefer to return to the DRC, with only 13 per cent choosing to relocate to Nakivale refugee settlement.

KEY FIGURES

 **112,079 individuals**

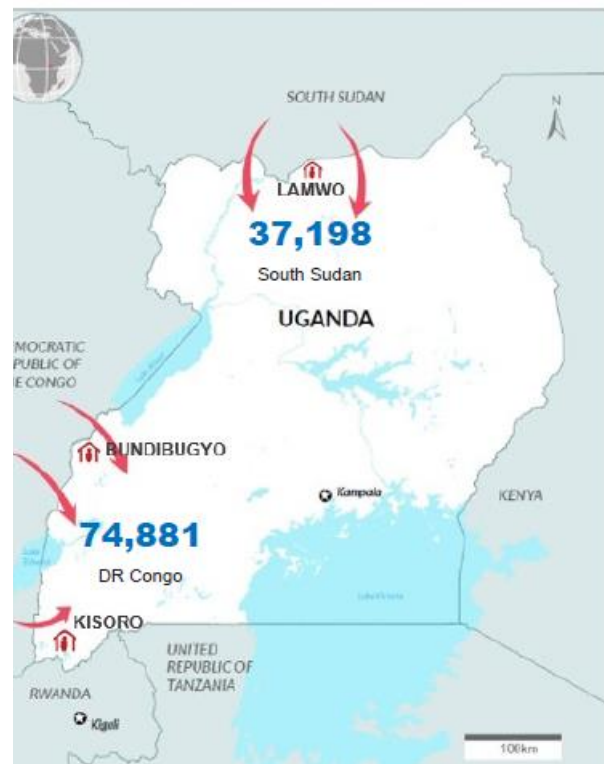
Total number of new arrivals in Uganda since the start of 2022 (37,198 from South Sudan and 74,881 from DRC). An increase of 1,454 individuals since the last reporting period.

 **4,566 individuals**

A total of 4,566 individuals (1,479 households) have returned to DRC since 1 October 2022, from the holding centre.

 **1,155,000 litres** Water supplied to Nyakabande transit/ holding centre

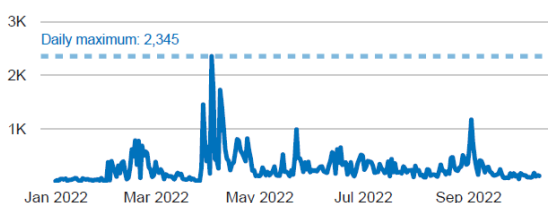
INFLUX MAP



ARRIVAL TRENDS

Uganda - New arrivals from DRC

1 January – 13 October 2022

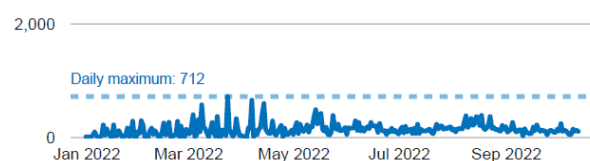


SOURCE: OPM AND UNHCR

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Uganda - New arrivals from South Sudan

1 January - 13 October 2022



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Refugees loading a truck that will take them back to DRC. Photo ©CAFOMI

Operational Context

Key Gaps in the Emergency Refugee Response

- USD 14.8 million is needed to support Ebola interventions in the refugee response. The funding is needed for coordination, surveillance and early detection, case management, infection and prevention control, risk communication and social mobilization.
- The Uganda operation does not have funds to cover priority and lifesaving interventions as well as the Ebola outbreak. Funding is needed by the operation until the end of the year, to provide hygiene kits, Core Relief Items, relocate new arrivals, ensure access to health care for the refugees and teachers' salaries for those in settlement schools.

South-West

Settlement Level Ebola Response:

- The settlements located in the high-risk areas are Kyaka II (Kyegegwa district), Kyangwali (Kikuube district), and Rwamwanja (Kamwenge district), which neighbour the five affected districts. None of the refugee have tested positive to date and surveillance is ongoing.
- The Uganda Operation needs USD 14.8 million to be used in the Ebola interventions within the refugee response.

Kisoro district

- There are only a couple weeks left to meet the government ultimatum of closing Nyakabande holding area by 31 October 2022. Decommissioning of the holding area is taking place in a phased manner, to meet the deadline. Since the start of October, 4,566 individuals (1,479 households) have left the holding centre and returned to DRC.
- Cumulatively, an estimated 54,317 individuals (27,703 households), have been received at both the holding and transit centre since 28 March 2022. By 13 October 2022, there were 5,496 individuals at Nyakabande (383 individuals in the transit centre and 5,113 in the holding area).
- In Matanda, there were 36 individuals at the transit centre. The cumulative number of new arrivals received since July 2022 when the transit centre was reactivated is 160.
- During the reporting period, 613 individuals (277 households) were relocated to Nakivale refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 22,422 individuals (10,643 households) have been relocated to settlements since 28 March 2022.

Bundibugyo district

- The population at Bubukwanga transit centre is 181 individuals (106 households). Since the year began, 12,583 individuals from 5,031 have been received through Bubukwanga transit centre.

North, West Nile and Mid-West

- A total of 860 new arrivals were received at Elegu and Lokung collection points. Hunger, floods, breakdown of social services (health, education, etc.), and inter-tribal conflicts, were mentioned as major reasons for flight.
- Lokung collection point in Lamwo district, has 1,377 individuals, while Nyumanzi transit centre, Adjumani district has 582 new arrivals. No relocations were carried out from both centres. Hunger, Floods, breakdown of social services like health, education, inter-tribal conflicts were mentioned as major reasons for flight.
- In Arua, 54 individuals (20 households), were received during the week. This brings the total number of refugees present at the different reception centres to 1,176 individuals (364 households). No relocations from the reception centres were done during the week.
- In Yumbe, five new arrivals were received through Kerwa collection centre and Goboro transit centre. The current population of new arrivals at Goboro transit centre is five individuals.

Mid-West:

- In Kyangwali, 136 new arrivals (68 households) were received at Sebagoro transit centre, during the week. A physical headcount was conducted at Kagoma reception centre on 13 October 2022 and a total of 1,581 individuals from 582 households was present. The cumulative number of new arrivals in Kyangwali is 5,355 individuals (2,302 households) as of 12 October 2022. The cumulative total of those allocated plots of land in Mukunyu village stands at 3,787 individuals (1,590 households).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

New arrivals

- The unwillingness by persons of concern to relocate to settlements is affecting the decommissioning of Nyakabande holding area.
- The lack of key CRIs needed to settle new arrivals in Nakivale is hindering more permanent relocation to plots in the settlement. This has led to overcrowding at the different facilities.
- The back-and-forth movement of refugees between Uganda and DRC is affecting planning and service delivery.

Adjumani and Moyo

- There are ten settlements in Adjumani districts that have been impacted by flooding. Approximately 10,280 individuals (1,176 households) had houses and latrines destroyed or flooded. Another 381 households in Parlorinya settlement, Moyo district, were also affected by the floods. UNHCR will use The Cash Based Intervention approach to provide support to the affected individuals and households.

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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