



Overview

Overall objective of the Child Protection sector

The Child Protection (CP) sector aims at supporting the development of effective and safe child protection systems, that prevent and respond to child protection concerns in refugee settlements and host communities. This is to ensure that children have non-discriminatory access to adequate and quality child protection services.

Analysis of achievements of the sector

In Q3, child protection actors continued supporting children under ongoing case management processes as well as to newly arriving children at risk and unaccompanied or separated children. The additional emergency response stemming from newly arriving asylum-seeking children from DRC and SSD as well as the Ebola outbreak has stretched the already scarce resources of the child protection sector.

During Q3, a total number of **24,240 children, including 14,119 unaccompanied or separated children (58%)** were supported with case management services addressing their specific needs. Since the beginning of the year, a **total of 7,943 newly identified children** have been supported with case management services. The main protection risks for refugee children in Uganda include separation from parents or other family members, exposure to neglect, abuse and violence, child labour as well as GBV, including child marriage and teenage pregnancy. Psychosocial support needs have been an increasing concern mainly caused by lack of access to basic needs, including food, shelter, non-food items, access to education as well as limited care by caregivers. **284,418 children participated in a variety of community-based activities**, such as recreational activities, awareness activities undertaken by trained community-level committees and psychosocial support activities, including peer support groups. Given the specific challenges and risks facing adolescents, including teenage pregnancy amongst others. **66,036 adolescents were engaged in targeted activities** such as teenage peer support groups for pregnant girls or child rights clubs and other activities to build life skills and resilience. Up to the end of Q3, 1,338 UN, NGO and governmental staff were trained through various capacity building activities.

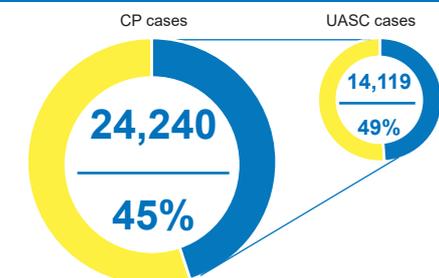
Challenges and gaps

Case worker ratios for children at risk remain high with 97 children managed at an average by one case worker. This impacts negatively on the case processing, i.e. quality of service provision and the follow up and closure of cases. In addition, the lack of support, including material support to foster families has led to frequent drop out of care mechanisms.

Upcoming priorities Q4 2022

In Q4, emergency support to children newly arriving as well as those affected by the Ebola outbreak are a critical priority for sector members. In addition, identifying and assessing suitable foster families is a core activities partners implement in support of the high number of unaccompanied children fleeing to Uganda from neighboring countries.

Key indicators

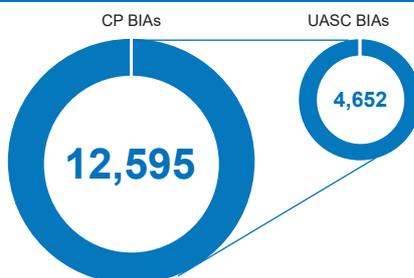


Open cases
CP needs identified: 53,996
UASC needs identified: 28,595



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Caseworker / Child Ratio

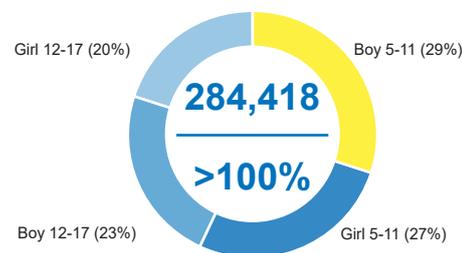


Total BIAs conducted



7,943 | 318

BIAs | BIDs conducted for Child at Risk



Children participating in community-based activities (by gender and age): 173,376



66,036 | 86%

Adolescents participating in targeted programs*

OUTCOME: Children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and are able to develop positively in a nurturing environment

Indicator	Actual	Target (2022)	Actual against annual target or standard
Open CP cases			
- Congolese refugees	4,763	6,573	72%
- South Sudanese refugees	19,470	30,561	64%
- Other refugees	0	663	0%

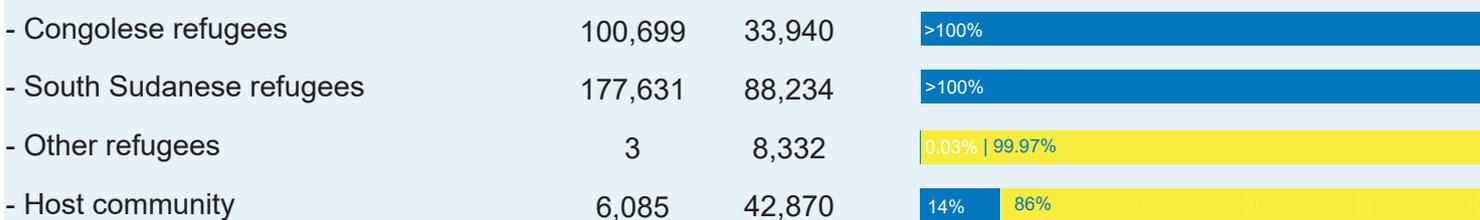
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Parents participating in positive parenting sessions



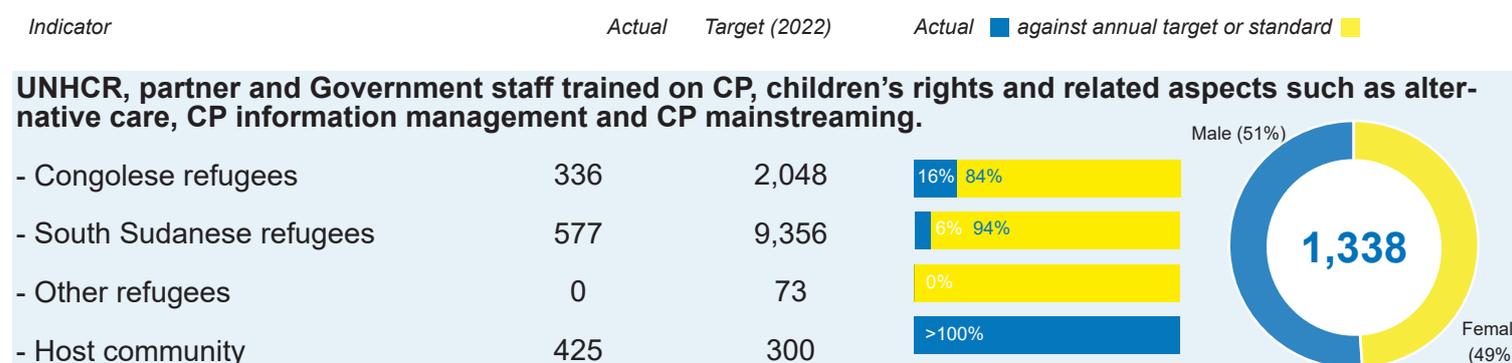
Children participating in community-based support activities



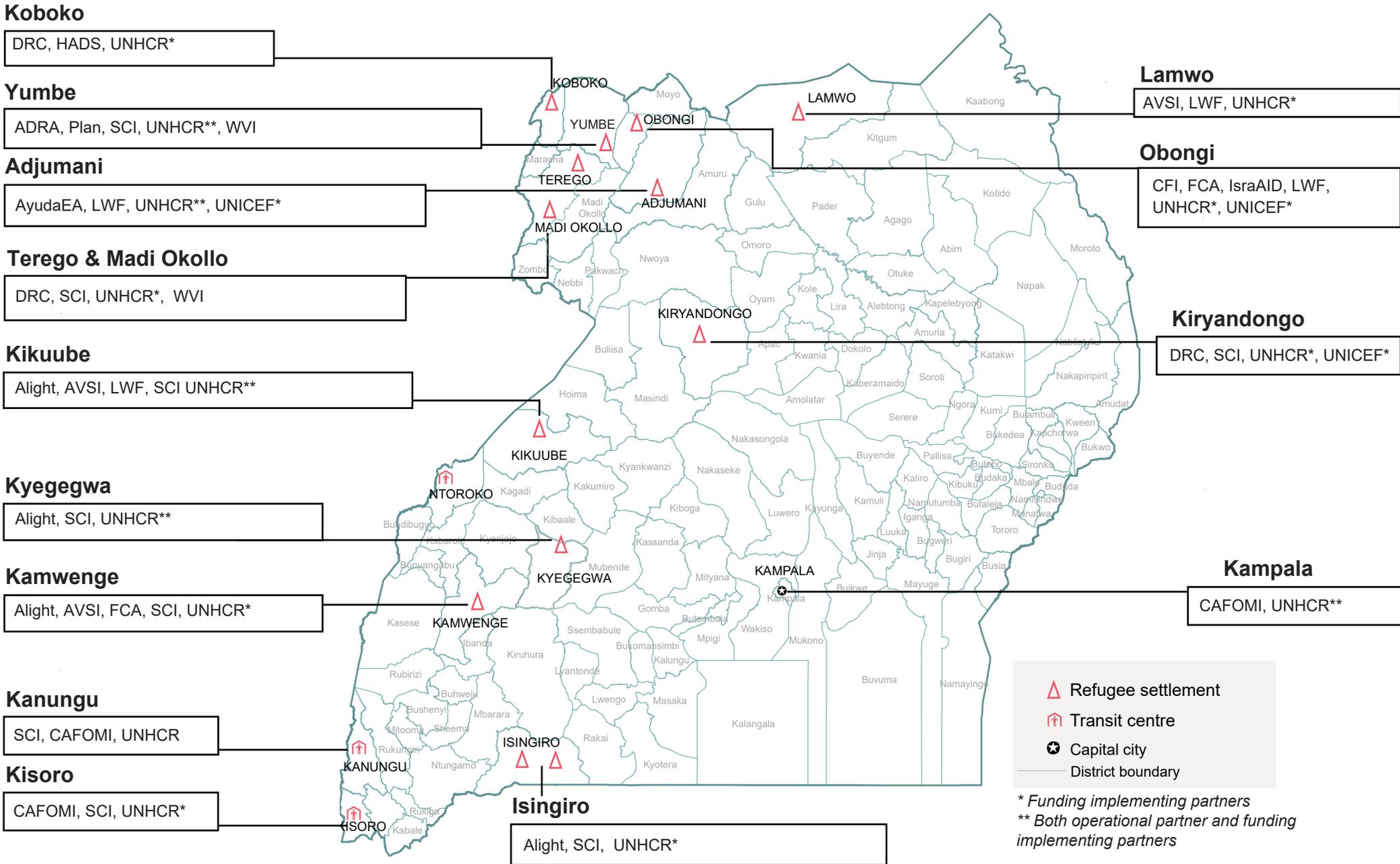
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Operational Presence



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