WASH Dashboard

Quarter 4

Uganda Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2022- 2023

January - December 2022

Overview

The WASH sector aims at ensuring that refugees and host community have improved equitable and sustainable access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services. People's needs and the environment remain at the center of all interventions through inclusion of services to National systems and innovative approaches aimed at preparing new arrivals as well as established populations to achieve self-reliance. Refugees are included in national systems to enable them access services, and innovative approaches are used to prepare both new arrivals and the established populations to achieve self-reliance. This is being achieved through implementation of the broader Water and Environment Sector Refugee Response Plan (WERRP), that was launched in 2020. The approach is to transition all services to national systems (district local government, catchment committees and water supply utilities). On average, there has been a reduction in the level of WASH services. This is attributed to two factors; i) increased number of new arrivals at a rate that outstripped the speed of infrastructure development in the affected settlements and ii) flood episode in Northern settlements that led to collapse of close to 1000 family latrines. The process of transition to national utility is ongoing with one settlement (Rwamwanja), fully under its management. Three other settlements (Kiryandongo, Nakivale and Oruchinga) are planned for handover to National Water and Sewerage Corporation by July 2023. An MoU has been signed between NWSC, OPM and UNIHCR. The West Nile settlements of Bidibidi, Rhino and Imvepi have been officially gazetted for management by the Northern Umbrella for Water and Sanitation (NUWS). 26 systems are being upgraded for initial handover, while the MoU is being developed by a consultant.

During the fourth quarter of the year, water access was maintained at an average of 17 litres per person per day (lpd). While sanitation coverage reduced from 69 per cent to 68 per cent on average. This is due to increased number of new arrivals compared to the rate of Household latrine construction and collapsed latrines due to flood in Northern settlements. WASH partners have responded to emergencies in Southwest, Northern and West Nile regions. Water access were maintained at an average of 14 lpd in Southwest and 19lpd in Northern settlements receiving new arrivals. This is within the emergency threshold of 7.5-15lpd. While latrine per persons ratio were kept within the target of 1:50 through construction of additional 298 emergency latrines. To promote personal hygiene and environmental sanitation amongst the newly arrived, WASH partners deployed community hygiene promoters (Village Health Teams) at a ratio of 495 persons per hygiene promoter against a target of 1:500.

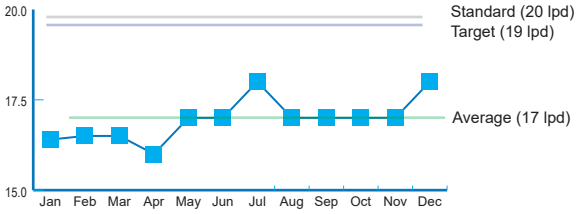
Key priorities for the sector include;

- Emergency response through provision of water and sanitation services to new arrivals and flood affected families in the North.
- Continue with household latrine construction to increase coverage
- Support to transition of water management to utility through immediate improvement works and social marketing
- Environmental sanitation and personal hygiene sensitization using VHT approach (Training new VHTs)
- Specific COVID-19 and Ebola Virus Disease (IPC and Risk communication) interventions

Challenges

The major challenge is the lack of funds to maintain older systems in other settlements not receiving new arrivals, as well as replacement of the collapsed family latrines due to floods. Due to old electro-mechanical equipment (generators, pumps and inverters) the frequency of breakdown has increased hence, high cost of operation and maintenance.

Key indicators



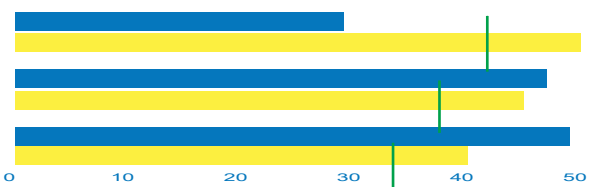
Litres per person per day

Household latrine coverage (as of Dec 2022.)

Outcome: Improved equitable and sustainable access to water supply for refugees and hosting population

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target/Standard ('22)*
Litres per person per day (Q1-Q3 average)		
- Congolese refugees	14	17
- South Sudanese refugees	19	20
- Other refugees	17	20
Water pumped through renewable energy		
- Congolese refugees	29%	50%
- South Sudanese refugees	47%	45%
- Other refugees	49%	40%

Actual against annual target or standard



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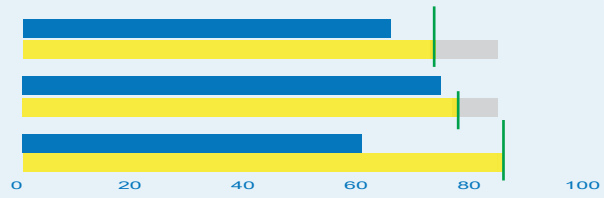
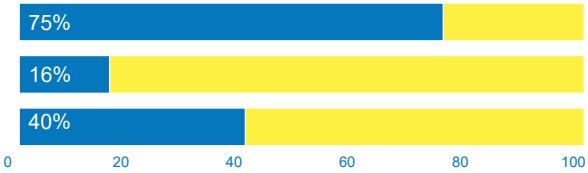
Outcome: Improved equitable and sustainable access to sanitation and hygiene services for refugees and hosting population

Indicator	*Actual*	*Target/Standard ('22)*	*Actual against annual target or standard*
Household latrine coverage (as of Sept 2022)			
- Congolese refugees	65%	73% / ≥85%	
- South Sudanese refugees	74%	77% / ≥85%	
- Other refugees	60%	85% / ≥85%	

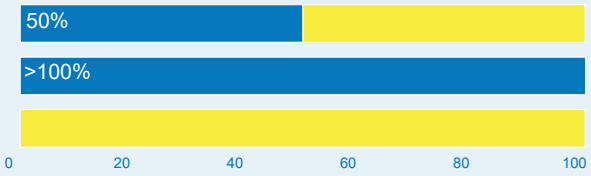


Institutional sanitation facilities constructed			
- Congolese refugees	149	200	
- South Sudanese refugees	32	200	
- Other refugees	16	40	

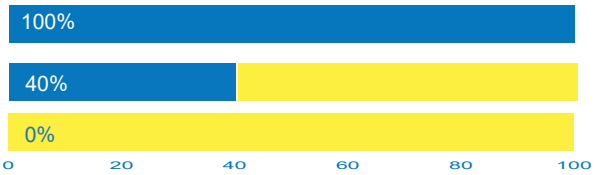


Outcome: Improved equitable and sustainable access to water supply for refugees and hosting population

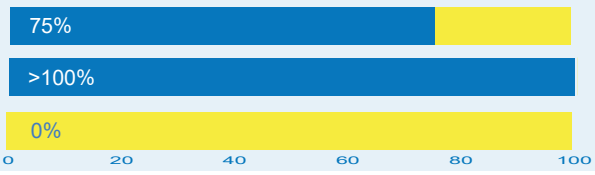
Indicator	*Actual*	*Target/Standard ('22)*	*Actual against annual target or standard*
Water abstraction permits acquired for motorized systems			
- Congolese refugees	3	6	
- South Sudanese refugees	13	10	
- Other refugees	0	4	



Water schemes under management of utilities (e.g. NWSC and Umbrella Authorities)			
- Congolese refugees	6	6	
- South Sudanese refugees	4	10	
- Other refugees	0	2	



Water resource monitoring stations installed and frequently monitored			
- Congolese refugees	9	12	
- South Sudanese refugees	28	10	
- Other refugees	0	8	



Funding

$ 40M
Total Recquired

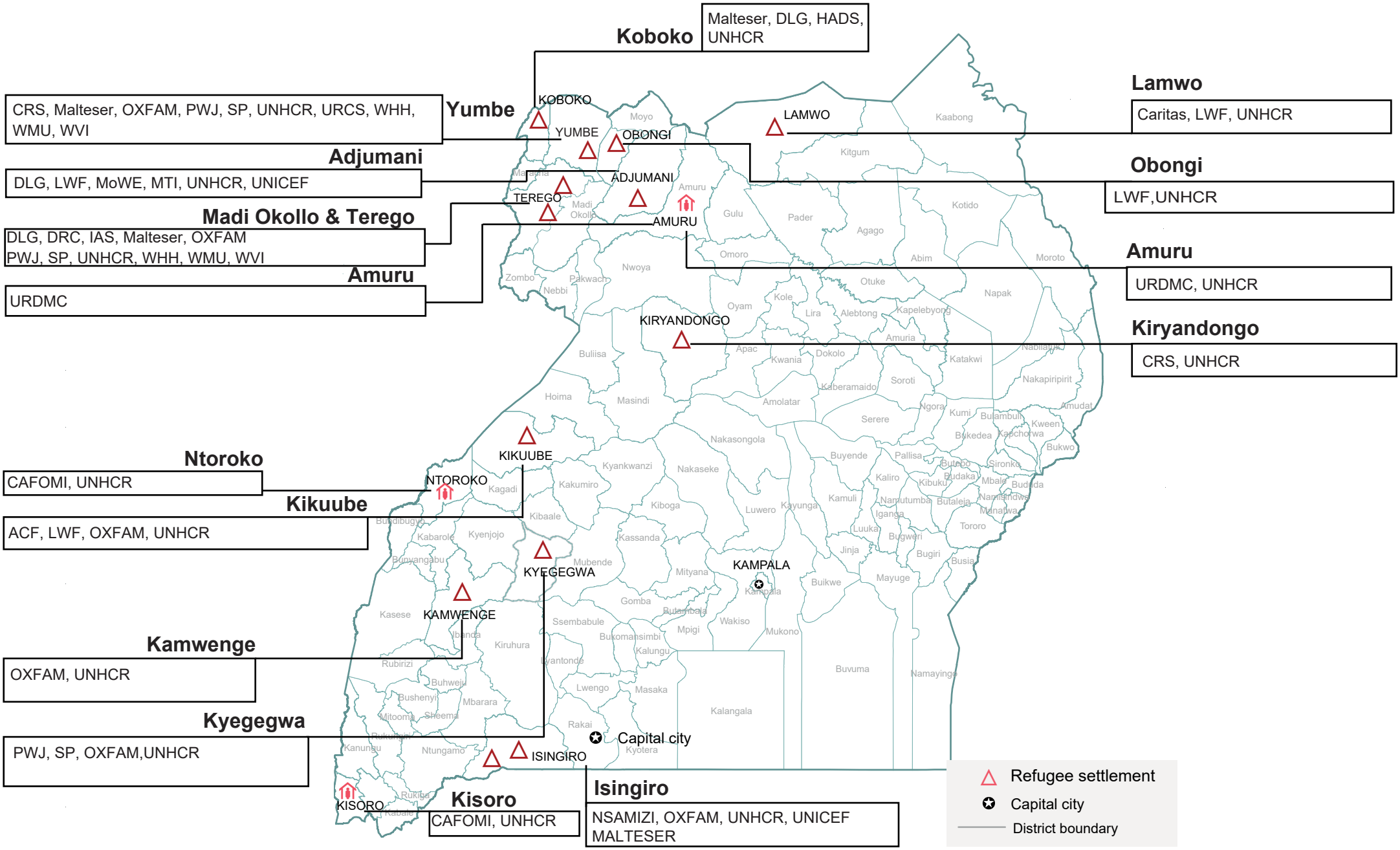
$6.4M
Received (16%)

$33.6M
Gap (84%)

Partners

Action Against Hunger (ACF) | Caritas Uganda (Caritas) | Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD)| Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development Aid (CORDAID) | Catholic Relief Services (CRS) | District Local Government (DLG) | International Aid Services (IAS) | Joint Aid Management (JAM) | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | Malteser International (Malteser) | Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE) | National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | NSAMIZI | Oxfam International | Peace Winds Japan (PCW) | Samaritan's Purse (SP) | UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) | Welhungerhilfe (WHH) | Water Mission uganda (WMU)

Operational Presence



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