

# Uganda

1– 31 May 2022

By the end of May, Uganda hosted **1,531,593** refugees and asylum seekers (21,470 less than in April). The population decrease is linked to the inactivation of refugees (no shows) as part of the Individual Profiling Exercise (IPE) in the refugee settlements and spontaneous movements to South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

From 28 March, the intensification of the conflict in the DRC triggered an increase of the influx of refugees from North Kivu and Ituri provinces entering Uganda.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Cumulatively, as of 31 May 2022, **165,700 COVID-19 cases** were confirmed. Of these, 6,191 were refugees and 1,371 humanitarian workers.

Countrywide, **3,600 deaths** were reported since March 2020, including **61 refugees** and **four humanitarian workers**. A total of 21,634,800 doses of covid-19 vaccines have been administered to date. Of these, **249,697 refugees** received the first dose while **56,552 refugees** have so far received the second dose.

## KEY FIGURES:

**1,531,593\***

Number of **refugees** and **asylum seekers** as of 31 March 2022.

**1,490,861**

Total **refugees** in Uganda as of 31 May 2022

**40,732** Total **asylum-seekers** in Uganda as of 31

May 2022.

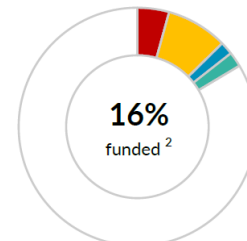
*\*Increase in number is attributed to the registration of the backlog of asylum seekers and new-born babies.*

## UNHCR'S 2022 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS:

**USD 343.4 million**

UNHCR Funding (as of 31 May 2022)

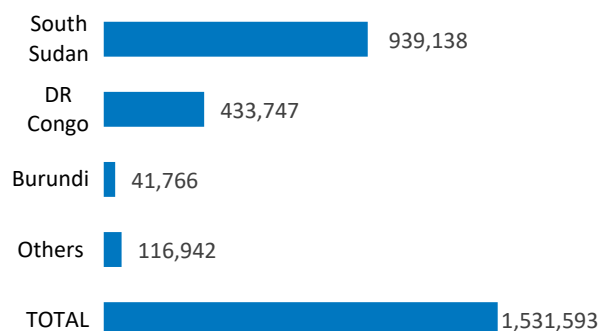
**Unfunded: 84% - USD 287M**

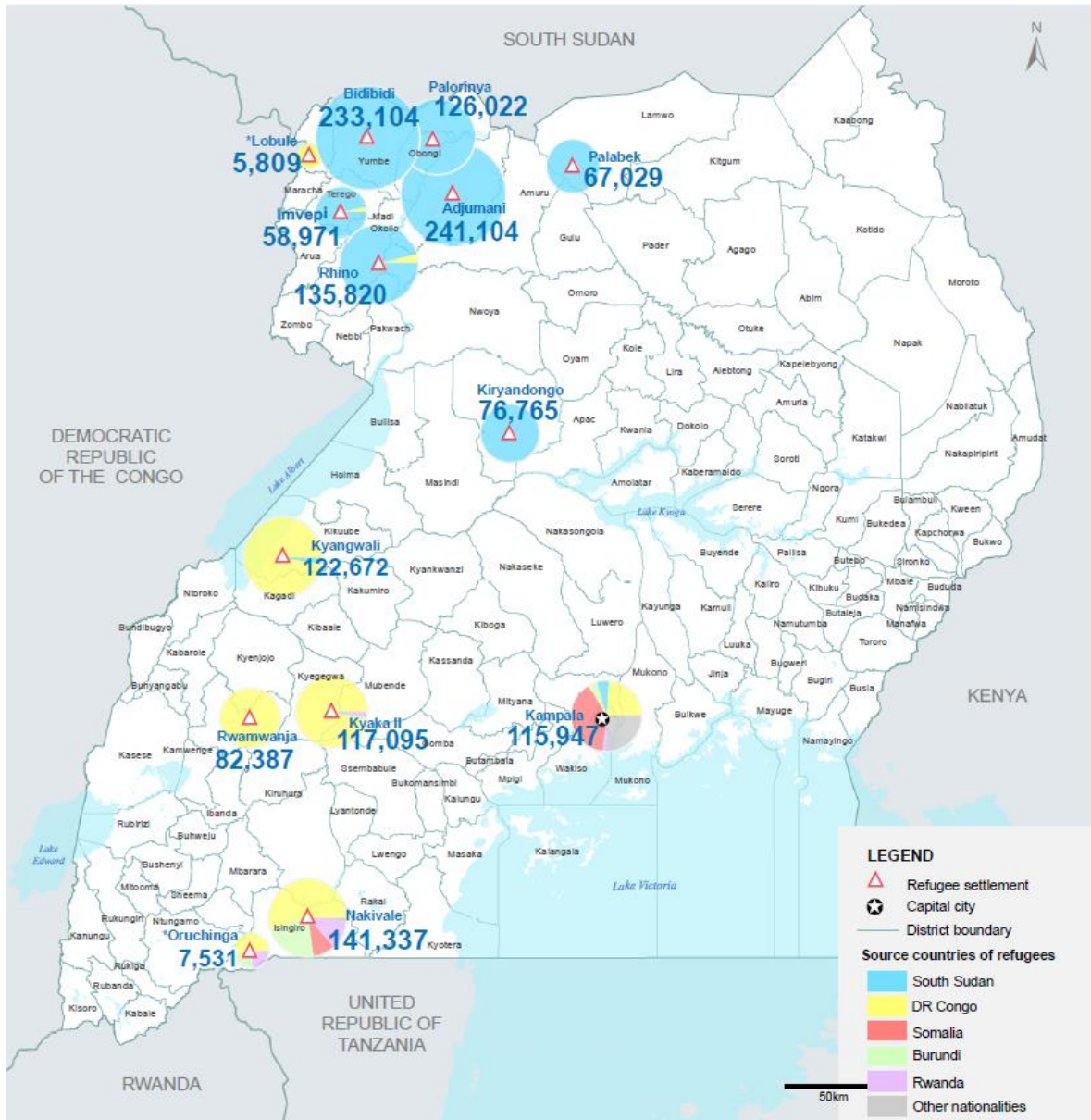


- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

## POPULATIONS OF CONCERN

### Refugees and Asylum-Seekers by Nationality





**Contextual and operational highlights**

**COVID-19:** Since March 2020, a total of 6,191 refugees have tested positive for COVID-19, with 61 deaths. Countrywide 165,700 cases COVID-19 positive cases were recorded, with 100,378 recoveries and 3,600 deaths. In total, 1,371 humanitarian workers have tested positive for COVID-19 while four have succumbed across the country. The Ministry of Health continues to carry out COVID-19 vaccination for both citizens and refugees. A total of 21,634,800 vaccine doses have so far been administered in Uganda. In the refugee response, 249,697 refugees; 3,996 health workers; 7,412 teachers; and 9,210 humanitarian workers received the first dose. Those that have received the second dose include 56,552 refugees: 3,199 health workers and 3721 other humanitarian workers.

**Kisoro Emergency:** The security situation in Bunagana, Kisoro district, close to the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) remains tense and unpredictable. New arrivals continue to be received at the transit centre and holding area. As of 31 May 2022, the population at Nyakabande transit centre and holding area was 17,835 individuals (16,481 at holding area and 1,354 in transit centre). The cumulative number received since 28 March 2022 stands at 27,063 with 5,568 individuals (2,788 households) relocated to settlements.

**Verification and Individual Profiling Exercise (IPE):** The verification and IPE process is currently ongoing in four settlements. Since the start of the exercise, 621,400 individuals have been verified, representing 39% of the estimated target population of 1,595,353 registered refugees as at the end of May 2022. An additional 16,167 individuals who were not part of the target population have also been verified because of new births and new arrivals registration attributed to the ongoing reception of new arrivals in Southwest Uganda and Arua among other locations. In Bidibidi settlement, 48,504 individuals (10,198 households) have been verified, representing 20% of the population. The completion rate in Palorinya settlement is at 36%, which is 45,958 individuals (10,302 households), while in Adjumani settlement, 26,327 individuals (3,473 households) have been verified, representing 11% of the population. In Rhino Camp settlement, 10,361 individuals (1,631 households) have been verified, representing 8% of the population.

**Fresh Frozen Plasma in Bidibidi:** UNHCR and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) teams in Bidibidi settlement, Yumbe district, implemented the Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP) approach in their location. The FFP is a blood product that saves lives, like those of pregnant women in hemorrhages, neonates in sepsis and many emergencies. The first 192 doses arrived at the newly built modern referral hospital in Yumbe district. The Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) were developed, staff trained, and the system is now operational.

**Burundi Voluntary Repatriation:** UNHCR continues supporting the voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees back home. A convoy with 361 individuals left Uganda for Burundi on 25 May 2022. This brings the total number of Burundian refugees voluntarily repatriated to 6,797 since the exercise begun in December 2020.

**Joint mission to Kisoro led by Refugees Minister and UNHCR:** From 4 to 7 May the Hon. Minister Esther Anyakun and UNHCR Representative Joel Boutroue led a joint mission by donors and government colleagues to appreciate emergency conditions in Kisoro district and Nakivale settlement. The objective of this visit was to witness the ongoing refugee influx from DRC, the coordinated emergency response and the additional pressure new arrivals are putting on the receiving settlement. Decongestion of the transit centre is an immediate lifesaving priority, but many prefer to remain close to the border hoping they can return home soon. While sensitization is underway, Hon. Anyakun requested all refugees hosted in the local communities to move to the Nyakabande Transit Centre / Holding area within seven days and to begin movement to the settlement as a life saving measure.

**Launch of UCRRP:** On 4 May 2022, Government of Uganda, with UNHCR and 68 humanitarian partners, launched the Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan appeal (UCRRP) 2022-2025. The UCRRP is a framework aimed at responding to humanitarian challenges in a holistic, comprehensive, and integrated manner. The Plan, which covers the period between 2022 to 2025, is to support the country in maintaining asylum space, providing lifesaving assistance, improving access to public services and strengthening peaceful co-existence and self-reliance of refugees and host communities. The Refugee response plan for Uganda appeals for USD 804 million for 2022 and USD 811 million for 2023, to address critical needs surging in protection, food, shelter, and essential household items.



## PROTECTION

### Achievements and Impact

**Refugee status Determination:** From 23 to 27 May 2022, the Refugee Eligibility Committee (REC) held a session for Kampala and adjudicated 2,664 asylum applications with an overall recognition rate of 90%. Since January, the REC has held four sessions (03 Kampala, 01 Nakivale) and adjudicated 9,247 asylum applications mainly involving Somalis, Eritreans, Ethiopians, Sudanese, Rwandans, Burundians, and other Nationalities (Turkey, Pakistan, CAR, Kenyans). UNHCR participated in the REC sessions as an observer, providing logistical and technical support.

**Voluntary Repatriation:** A Tripartite meeting was held on 23 May 2022 with UNHCR and government officials from Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda to agree on the alternative route via Rwanda and possible convoy modalities and road assessment pending a tentative convoy movement on 8 June 2022. On 5 May 2022, UNHCR facilitated one Rwandan refugee in Uganda to return home and to be re-united with his wife after 16 years of displacement.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and impact

**Health statistics:** In May 2022, 158,936 consultations were registered across the refugee response (22% nationals, 78% refugees). The major disease burdens were malaria (30%), Upper Respiratory Tract Infection-URTI (13%), skin diseases (6.2%), Lower respiratory Tract Infection-LRTI (8%) in the general population. Among children under five years, malaria was leading at 28%, followed by URTI (17.3%), skin diseases (6.8%), LRTI (12%), diarrhoea (8.6%) and skin infection (7.2%).

**Mortality:** Crude Mortality Rate (CMR): 0.08 deaths / 1,000 population / month. Leading causes were malaria (14%), LRTI (7.3%), and neonatal death (14%). Under-five mortality rates was at 0.09/ 1,000 population / month (Public health standards < 1.5 deaths per 1,000 population per month). The major causes were neonatal death (41.5%), LRTI (16.6%), malaria (8.2%), and acute malnutrition (3%).

**Live births:** A total of 3,992 live births were registered in May (96% assisted by skilled health workers at health facilities). Of these, 69% were refugees and 31% nationals. 69% of the deliveries were refugees while 31% were nationals.

**Child immunization:** A total of 5,491 children were vaccinated against measles, and 16,025 received diphtheria and polio.

**HIV prevention, care, and treatment:** In May, 11,801 individuals tested for HIV in the settlements, of whom 140 positives enrolled into HIV care and treatment. A total of 5,937 mothers attended antenatal care clinics for the first time and were tested for HIV to prevent mother-to-child-transmission. Currently, 18,450 individuals are receiving HIV treatment in the settlements (36% are refugees and 64% nationals).



## ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO ENERGY

### Achievements and Impact

**Tree seedlings:** Nearly 66,000 assorted seedlings were distributed in the Southwest (Kyaka II, Nakivale Rwamwanja, Oruchinga). In Kyangwali 42,000 seedlings were distributed, including over 20,000 assorted seedlings received from National Forestry Authority (NFA). Out of the 42,000 seedlings in Arua (Kiryandongo, Rhino Camp, Lobule and Imvepi), 12,000 were for gap-filling in Imvepi, over 20,000 were planted in Kiryandongo and the rest were distributed in Rhino Camp, Lobule and Imvepi. In Adjumani and Lamwo, slightly under 40,000 seedlings were distributed and 1,544 in Palorinya. The seedlings were used in establishment of woodlots and household tree planting, with one to five tree seedlings planted per household.

**Clean and sustainable energy:** A total of 394 households were trained and helped to construct Lorena stoves. Four Virunga energy efficient stoves were shifted from Matanda transit center to Nyakabande holding area. In Palorinya, 941 households received energy saving stoves while 1,340 stoves were constructed in Rhino Camp.

**Environmental sensitization:** Over 2,000 individuals across all operations were sensitized and trained on environmental protection, energy-saving technologies and alternative energy focusing mainly on briquette production at household level.

### Challenges and Gaps:

- Water shortage because of the prolonged dry spell affecting seedling production in the nurseries.
- Although sensitizations are regularly conducted in areas surrounded by wetlands, encroachment is still a challenge especially in the Southwest and Kyangwali.
- In Nyakabande transit centre, 24 more institutional stoves are needed to reduce firewood use.



## SHELTER, SETTLEMENTS AND NFI

### Achievements and Impact

**Overnight structures:** Construction of three permanent overnight structures at Imvepi reception centre is 88% complete. Construction of two semi-permanent structures at Elegu collection point is 90% complete. In Rhino Camp, construction of two permanent overnight shelters at the Ocea reception Centre is at 79%, with roofing work completed for both structures. Construction of two permanent overnight structures at the Kuluba transit center is at 62 %.

**Hospital structures:** Phase I of Koboko hospital construction is completed while phase II is at 92%. In Kyaka, final inspection and handover of the completed permanent health outposts in Itambabiniga and Kakoni was conducted. The facilities have led to an improvement in medical service provision in the two zones. In Kiryandongo, construction of the pharmaceutical warehouse is at 85%.

**School structures:** Construction of three permanent classroom blocks at Palorinya SS is 70% complete. Solarisation of selected health facilities in Bidibidi refugee settlement is complete. In Nakivale, the completed three-classroom block and renovation work at Nakivale Secondary School multipurpose hall and Nakivale vocational training centre were handed over. Upgrading of Valley View Secondary School in Yumbe

**Construction of motor vehicle workshop:** A motor vehicle service shed and paving of the parking yard in Kisoro was completed and handed over to AIRD, a UNHCR partner. This will improve storage and servicing of fleet.

### Challenges and Gaps

- Road rehabilitation remains a major challenge throughout the settlements. Most of the roads are in bad state and need improvement.
- There has remained a gap and challenge in provision of shelter across the operation with no consistent shelter partners except UNHCR since 2019.
- There is still a need for physical planning to guide developments within the settlements.
- Solar power supply for the protection house at Bijo in Bidibidi refugee settlement is needed.

## Working in partnership with:

**Government** - Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), District Local Governments (DLGs), Ministry of Agriculture Animal, Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development (MGLSD), Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Local Government (MoLG), Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC), Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE).

**District authorities in refugee-hosting/receiving districts** – Adjumani, Arua, Isingiro, Kampala, Kamwenge, Kanungu, Kikuube, Kiryandongo, Kisoro, Koboko, Kyegegwa, Lamwo, Madi Okollo, Moyo, Ntoroko, Obongi, Terego and Yumbe

**UN** - United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Migration Agency (IOM), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations World Health Organization (WHO).

**NGOs** - Action Africa Help (AAH), Action Against Hunger (ACF), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), African Women and Youth Action for Development (AWYAD), Agency for Accelerated Regional Development (AFARD), Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD), Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), American Refugee Committee (ARC), Andre Foods International (AFI), Association for Aid and Relief Japan (AARJ), Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI), Associazione Centro Aiuti Volontari (ACAV), A-Z Children’s Charity, Baylor, Building Resources Across Communities (BRAC), Belgian Development Agency (ENABEL), CARE, Care and Assistance for Forced Migrants (CAFOMI), Caritas Uganda (CU), Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (CORDAID), Catholic Relief Service (CRS), Child Voices International, Communication and Education (PACE), Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD), Community Technology Empowerment Network (CTEN), Concern World Wide (CWW), Cooperazione Sviluppo (CESVI), DanChurchAid (DCA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Doctors with Africa (CUAMM), Drop in the Basket (DiB), Finn Church Aid (FCA), Finnish Refugee Council (FRC), Food for the Hungry (FH), Friends of Kisoro, German International Cooperation (GiZ), Give Directly, Global Aim, Global Refugee International (GRI), Healing Kadi Foundation, Help Age International, Humane Africa Mission (HAM), Humanitarian Assistance and Development Services (HADS), Humanitarian Initiative Just Relief Aid (HIJRA), Humanitarian Open Street Map Team (HOT), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), IMPACT, Infectious Disease Institute (IDI), InterAid, Inter-church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO Cooperation), International Aid Services (IAS), International Center for Research in Agro Forestry (ICRAF), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), IsraAid, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Johanniter, Kabarole Research and Resource Centre (KRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Malteser International (MI), Medical Teams International (MTI), Mercy Corps (MC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Nsamizi Training Institute of Social Development (NSAMIZI), OXFAM, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Peter C. Alderman Foundation (PCAF), Plan International (PI), Programme for Accessible Health, Real Medicine Foundation (RMF), Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services in Eastern Uganda (RHITES), Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU), Right to Play (RtP), Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment in West Nile (RICE-WN), Salvation Army, Samaritan’s Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), Self Help Africa (SHA), The

Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization (Tunado), Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), Trocaire, Tutapona Trauma Rehabilitation (TTR), Uganda Law Society (ULS), Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS), Uganda Refugee Disaster and Management Council (URDMC), War Child Canada (WCC), War Child Holland (WCH), Water Mission Uganda (WMU), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Windle International Uganda (WIU), World Vision International (WVI), Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), ZOA – Uganda (ZOA).

## Financial information

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### Funding received: USD 56,451,746

	■ Unearmarked	■ Softly earmarked	■ Earmarked	■ Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	-	20,500,000	412,582	20,912,582
Netherlands	-	-	4,374,010	2,018,634	6,392,644
Sweden	-	-	2,117,747	-	2,117,747
Industria de Diseño Texti S.A. (Inditex)	-	-	-	1,900,966	1,900,966
Republic of Korea	-	-	-	1,666,667	1,666,667
Remon L Vos	-	-	-	1,361,807	1,361,807
Japan	-	-	-	1,255,500	1,255,500
Qatar	-	-	-	1,208,080	1,208,080
Ireland	-	-	-	1,162,791	1,162,791
Combe Incorporated	-	-	-	940,162	940,162
Spotlight Initiative	-	-	595,711	-	595,711
UNO-Fluechtlingshilfe	-	-	-	372,150	372,150
UN Children Fund	-	-	-	214,505	214,505
Germany	-	-	-	213,320	213,320
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	-	-	14,086	160,500	174,586
Toyota Tsusho Corporation	-	-	10,525	161,920	172,445
Solvatten	-	-	-	163,530	163,530
Hope Health Action	-	-	-	113,270	113,270
Australia for UNHCR	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Canada	-	-	-	52,472	52,472
Other private donors	-	-	22,405	2,631	25,036
<b>Sub-total</b>	-	-	<b>27,634,483</b>	<b>13,481,488</b>	<b>41,115,971</b>
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	6,942,315	6,092,564	989,242	1,311,653	15,335,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,942,315</b>	<b>6,092,564</b>	<b>28,623,725</b>	<b>14,793,141</b>	<b>56,451,746</b>

### Other softly earmarked contributions | USD

**United States of America** 14.5 million | **Private donors Australia** 3.7 million  
 Norway | Private donors

### Unearmarked contributions | USD

**Sweden** 95.2 million | **Norway** 72.5 million | **Netherlands** 37.2 million | **Denmark** 35.6 million | **Germany** 27.6 million | **Private donors Spain** 26.4 million | **France** 18.5 million | **Switzerland** 18.4 million | **Private donors Japan** 14.9 | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 13.2 million | **Belgium** 11.9 million | **Ireland** 11.8 million | **Italy** 10 million

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