

Health and Nutrition highlights – January 2020

Key updates & activities

UNHCR, in collaboration with Food and Nutrition Solutions (FONUS), OPM, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), UNICEF, WFP, DLGs, and partners, supported the implementation of primary data collection of the Refugee Food Security and Nutrition Assessment. The annual periodic survey is carried out in refugee settlements and their hosting districts to estimate the situation of Food Security, Nutrition, WASH and Health. This survey helps identify priority areas and inform programming by all stakeholders for the benefit of refugees, their host communities, and the population in Kampala. The 2019 FSNA round was funded by UNICEF.

Immunization campaign was carried out in Nakivale refugee settlement following an outbreak of measles in the settlement which affected 52 persons by end of January 2020. A total of 4,475 were vaccinated to this effect.

A total of 195,729 consultations were made in all the refugee serving health facilities in the refugee settlements in Uganda of which 78% of the consultations were Refugees and 22% were the host populations. Top morbidity causes were Malaria at 41%, skin diseases at 6.9%, watery diarrhoea at 4%, URTI at 10.3%, LRTI at 9.4%, eye disease at 2% and intestinal worms at 3%.

9,231 were admitted in January in the patient wards in the health clinics in IPD out of which 70% were refugees and 30% were the host population. The main causes for admissions were malaria at 55%, LRTI at 11% and watery diarrhea at 4%

4,966 (70% Refugees) children under 5 years were vaccinated against measles and 4,081 (71% Refugees) completed the polio vaccination.

A total of 3,522 deliveries were registered in January 71% were refugees and 29% were nationals 14,149 people were tested for HIV of which 60% were refugees and 40% host population. All those who tested positive for HIV were enrolled into HIV care and treatment. The total number of patients on ART by end of January is at 18,058 of which (35%) are refugees and (65%) are host population.

Gaps and Needs

Inadequate staff accommodation in the health facilities with 2-3 health workers sharing one room of accommodation