

UNHCR Uganda Operational Update: INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION MEETING



Agenda

- 1. Welcome remarks – UNHCR***
- 2. Remarks by OPM /MOLG***
- 3. Operational update – UNHCR and WFP***
- 4. COVID-19 update by UNHCR-Kyangwali***
- 5. COVID-19 update by UNHCR-Kiryandongo***
- 6. Health sector update – COVID-19***
- 7. AoB***

***Presentation by
Operations Unit
UNHCR Uganda
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2020***

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

Uganda:

- All UN critical activities in all settlements were successfully carried out with no significant safety or security incidents reported;
- NRM Party Primary elections for parliamentary flag bearers in 2021 General Elections went

DRC:

CODECO militiamen threatened to interrupt the peace process if they are maintained in harsh living conditions (31 August).

Burundi:

Movement of unidentified armed men and has already claimed some civilian lives, members of the Burundi National Defence Forces (NBDF), the Burundi National Police (GNP) as well as young Imbonerakure militants;

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT (ctnd..)

- **South Sudan:** The security situation in South Sudan remains generally stable however, armed engagements between the army and National Salvation Front (NAS) forces were reported to have continued in Central Equatoria.

Key Developments

- Due to the current COVID-19 situation, UNHCR and partners agreed to update the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) to suit the situation on the ground;
- Urban refugees: the fourth batch of cash assistance was disbursed to 4,725 individuals (1,234 households);
- ‘No mask no food’: OPM/UNHCR/Partners have been informed that refugees who will come to collect their food/cash rations should wear a mask or any cloth in lieu of mask before they can collect their rations;
- On 31 August 2020, a total of 160 Households of 427 Congolese refugees were successfully relocated from Imvepi reception center to Jakisa zone 4 village 1.

COVID-19 EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION AS OF 08 SEPTEMBER:

DRC

Confirmed: 10,233
Recovered: 9,451
Deaths: 260
Active: 522

BURUNDI

Confirmed: 466
Recovered: 374
Deaths: 1
Active: 91

UGANDA

Confirmed : 3,776
Recovered: 1,741
Deaths: 44
Active: 1,991

SOUTH SUDAN

Confirmed: 2,545
Recovered: 1,290
Deaths: 48
Active: 1,207

RWANDA

Confirmed: 4,409
Recovered: 2,271
Deaths: 19
Active: 2,119

KENYA

Confirmed: 35,205
Recovered: 21,310
Deaths: 599
Active: 13,296

TANZANIA

Confirmed: 509
Recovered: 183
Deaths: 21
Active: 305

Issues of concern

- Suspension of NGOs for noncompliance;
- Rising number of COVID-19 cases including humanitarian workers and refugees;
- Closure of some offices in operational areas due to COVID-19;
- Pendular movements: refugees/hosts crossing borders against the MoH's directives on covid-19;
- 21 Asylum Seekers were reportedly intercepted by Security Agencies as they attempted to cross Lake Albert into Uganda from DRC on 1 September 2020

Key Challenges

- Inadequate resources to support COVID-19 response: for example:
 1. Testing and surveillance
 2. Transport (ambulance)
 3. Medicine
 4. Institutional quarantine centers
 5. Staff allowances
- Delays in replenishment of sanitary pads and lady's underwear;
- Non-adherence to MOH COVID-19 prevention measures
- Poor state of roads making it difficult to access some locations for assistance.

Way forward

- Adherence to Covid-19 SOPS from MOH and WHO to be maintained;
- Stakeholders to maintain vigilance and ensure timely reporting of Covid-19 cases;
- Procurement of 4th quarter CRI/NFI requirements;
- Finalization of SOPs in view of Covid-19 context;
- Roll out of GDT across the entire operation by October 2020;
- Plans to conduct PDM in the entire operation in the last quarter of 2020.

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