



ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW

Objective 1: Environment and natural resources protected and restored and green livelihoods promoted using a catchment-based approach

Support for tree growing continued in January to March 2021 with partners focusing on community and household mobilization and sensitization on clearing the land and pitting the sites where the tree seedlings would be planted. NFA continued the nursery activities of raising the seedling to ensure they are ready for distribution for planting when the first season rains commence. By end of March 2021, only 51,192 out of the target of 4.78 million assorted tree seedlings were distributed by NFA for planting. This is because firstly the rainy season had just begun and not stabilized in many of the locations to enable tree planting and secondly, the bulk of the seedlings in the NFA nurseries were expected to mature and be distributed in the period April – June 2021.

The main challenges faced in implementing environmental activities in Q1 2021 included: NFA staff capacity limitations due to proposed mainstreaming of environment by government resulting in temporary non-renewal of staff contracts including field staff managing nurseries; weak coordination among partners and field staff in relation to picking seedlings, logistical challenges related to lack of vehicle to transport seedlings to the beneficiaries in the field, budgetary limitations affected the extent of maintenance activities in the restored area of Central Forest Reserves of Era, Eria and Bugoma, among others.

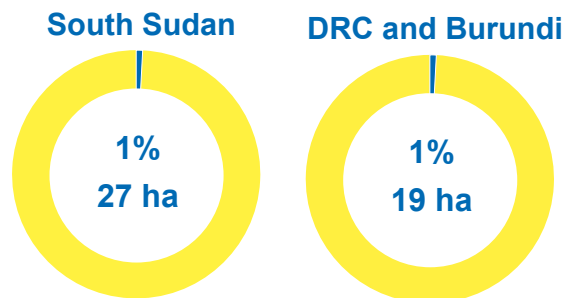
To address the coordination challenge, field staff have been reminded of their role in coordination and oversight role in effective implementation of the NFA PPA and partners also have been reminded of their role on delivering on their respective PPA targets related to tree growing. Government has also put in place a transition period of 2 years up to 2023 to implement the mainstreaming of different agencies to their parent ministries and during this period, all expired NFA staff contracts shall be renewed to last the transition period.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITY OUTPUTS

Extent environmental risks associated with the operation are mitigated

Over **19** environment awareness sessions, **2** Radio Shows & **1** Documentary of “Refugees and Environment” aired
5 Settlements with active Environment Protection Committees

Hectares woodlots established and maintained



Total Target: 4,390 ha

- 51,192** Seedlings distributed (~1,111 trees per hectare)
- 989** Refugees and hosts engaged through cash for work
- 22** Tree nurseries supported
- 471** ha of Central Forest Reserves protected

Multi-year Humanitarian-Development Projects & Relevant Strategies:

- World Bank DRDIP
- FAO/SIDA Climate Resilient Livelihoods for Women Economic Empowerment in West Nile and Karamoja Regions of Uganda (2018 – 2023)
- SIDA/CoS/NRC/ACF/LWF Mutual and Inter-related Resilience Programme (2019 – 2023)
- DANIDA Northern Uganda Resilience Initiative (NURI) – 2018 – 2022



ENERGY OVERVIEW

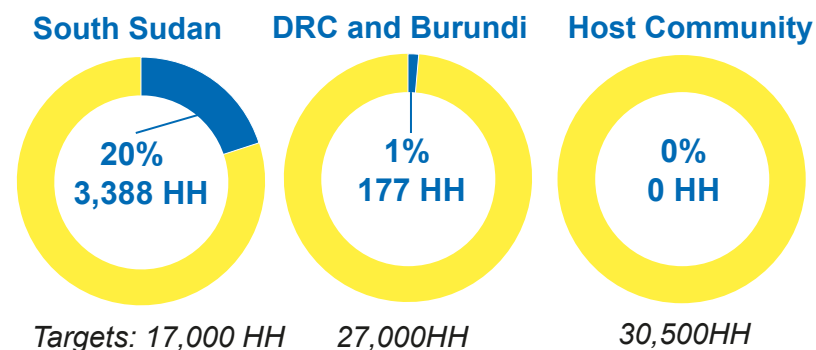
Objective 2: Access to sufficient and sustainable basic energy services for lighting, power and cooking increased and carbon emissions abated

Between January and March 2021, partners continued to support initiatives geared towards increasing access to energy saving technologies. However, by the end of Quarter 1, only 3,282 energy saving stoves had been constructed among households (3,105 stoves in settlements in West Nile and 177 stoves settlements in South West). This corresponds to 16,410 persons of concern reached. This represents 7% of the planned target (44,000) improved stoves for refugee households across the operation. In addition, there was no stove constructed or disseminated among the host community households. The targets are low because partners noted that most of the energy-related activities in quarter one are focused on mobilizing households, sensitizing them about energy saving practices, training local artisans in construction of improved cookstoves and identifying the ones to benefit from stove construction. Secondly, for the case of fixed lorena stove, beneficiaries are required to mobilise some of the materials including the ant-hill soil, grass and also water to support stove construction. Given that much of Quarter is dry, mobilisation of these materials is difficult hence achievement of targets was lower than expected.

Dissemination of heat-retaining baskets was not possible in Quarter 1 as materials were being mobilised and refugees trained in how to make these baskets. The main challenges to implementation of energy activities included the national political campaigns and elections that covered the whole of January when mobilization and sensitization of communities would have taken place as well as the prolonged dry spell affecting collection of materials required for stove construction. With schools now open, construction of improve institutional cookstoves is expected to also pick up pace. In addition, since households have already been mobilized and it is a rainy season, mobilization of stove construction materials will be easy and feasible

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITY OUTPUTS

Access to Energy-Saving Equipment



4,639 HH sensitized on energy-saving practices
25 groups trained in energy tech
3,282 HH reached with energy-saving stoves

Institutions Using Sustainable Energy

Solar street lights installed

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Multi-year Humanitarian-Development Nexus Projects

- Energy Solutions for Displacement Settings Uganda Project (2019 – 2022).
- I4SD Solar Generation for Diesel Replacement Project in Rubondo, Nakivale Settlement.
- Green Fund Project – Sida/UNHCR (2020 – 2022).
- Green Box Project - UNHCR.



INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OVERVIEW

Objective 3: Energy, environment and climate action programming and coordination strengthened and mainstreamed across all sectors.



Coordination

- 2 WorkGrEEen (E&E Working Group) monthly coordination meetings held at national level
- 3 ECCDPG (Environment & Climate Change Development Partners Group) monthly coordination meeting held
- 3 Task Team Meetings held for the development of the Sustainable Energy Response Plan (SERP).



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

32.9% Water pumped (**7,183,000** L/d) through renewable energy

- 4 Waste Management Facilities established



Shelter, Settlement & NFI

5,810 Individuals trained and engaged in sustainable construction

- 4 Settlement site plans updated with protected areas and woodlots



Livelihoods & Resilience

Promotion of Green Livelihoods (Individuals trained)

77 Apiary and provision of **40** beehives provided



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Partners



E&E Funding required (2021) **\$ 37.2M**

E&E Funding received (2021) **\$ 1.8M**

Operational Presence

Yumbe

CIDI, DCA, UNHCR

Koboko

HADS

Madi Okollo & Terego

Caritas, DCA, DRC, SCI, TVRA, UNHCR, URCS

Kikuube

Nsamizi, UNHCR

Kyegegwa

ADRA, JESE, Nsamizi, UNHCR, WFP

Kamwenge

AVSI, AWYAD, LWF, Nsamizi, UNHCR, WFP

Isingiro

NFA, Nsamizi, UNHCR

Kisoro DLG

Obongi

DRC, LWF, UNHCR

Lamwo

LWF, UNHCR

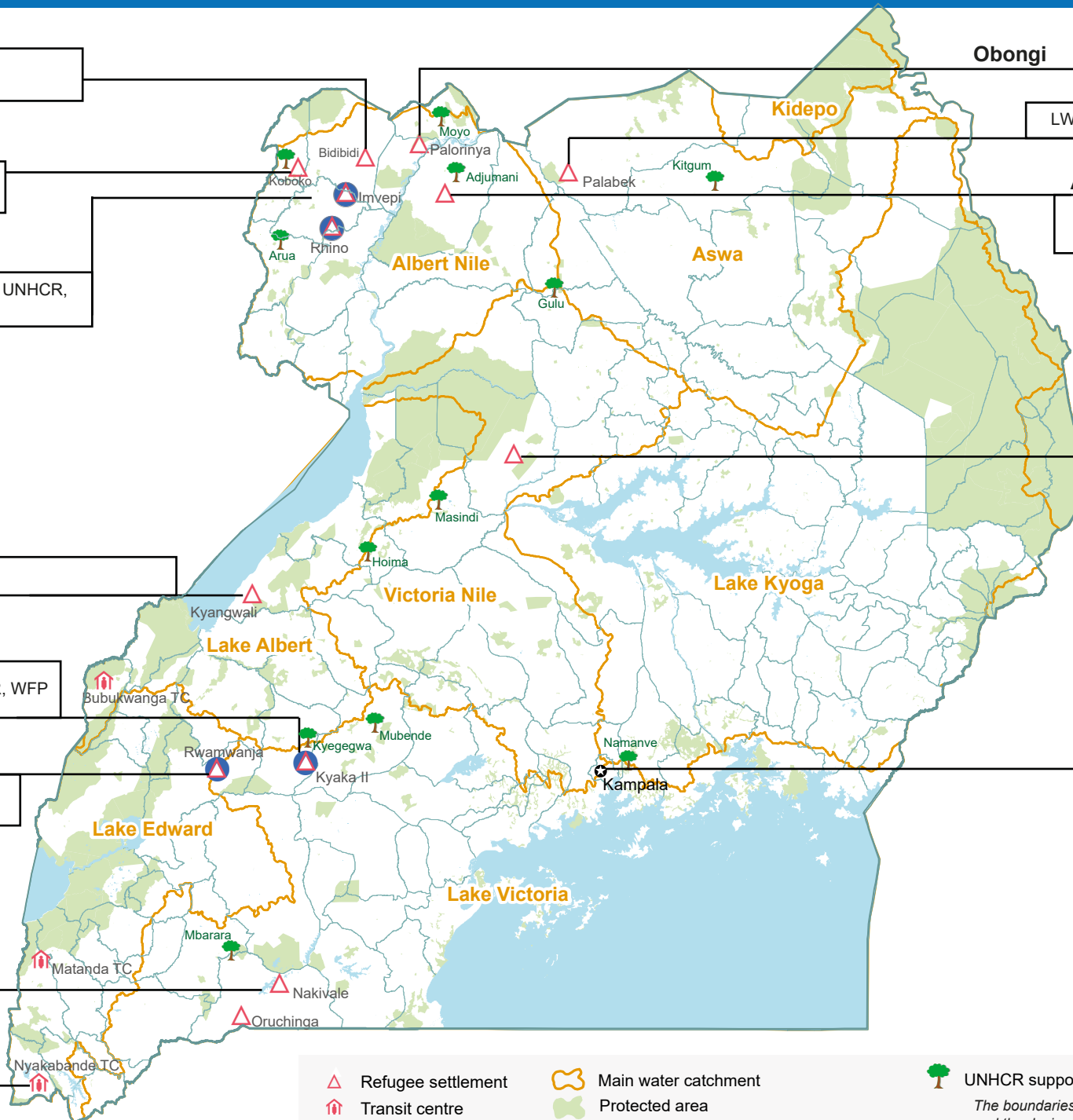
Adjumani

DRC, LWF, SCI, UNHCR

Kiryandongo

DCA, UNHCR

Kampala



Refugee settlement	Main water catchment	UNHCR supported NFA nurseries
Transit centre	Protected area	<i>The boundaries and names shown and the designations on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations</i>
Capital city	Refugee settlement whose site plans are updated with protected areas and Woodlots	
District boundary		