The conflict in North Kivu and Ituri provinces of the DRC intensified with fighting being reported on 19 May. New arrivals continued to be received through the three main entry points: Bunagana in Kisoro district, Busunga in Bundibugyo district and Mpondwe in Kasese district.

New arrivals received since the 28th of March are in addition to nearly 20,000 individuals who arrived from the DRC and South Sudan since the start of 2022. There are 17,304 new arrivals who remained at the holding area and transit centres as of 19 May 2022 and 617 individuals relocated to Nakivale.

There are 74 children at risk who were relocated to Nakivale on a convoy this week. In total, 918 new arrivals were received at the holding area in Nyakabande. The transit and reception centers across the country are 17% over capacity.
Operational Context – Kisoro District

- The situation remained relatively calm until 19 May when security officials reported fighting in the areas of Karabire and Cheya in Rutchuru territory in North Kivu, about 8-10Km from Bunagana border. It is likely that more new arrivals from DRC will be received in the coming days.
- The cumulative number of individuals who have been received and transported to the holding area and transit center is 23,306. There are 17,304 individuals (761 at transit centre and 16,543 at holding centre) as of 19 May 2022, considering those who have been relocated and departed spontaneously. A total of 146 individuals (68 households) were registered awaiting relocation to Nakivale settlement this week and 4,534 individuals have been relocated since 28th March.
- Partners tested 669 new arrivals this week for COVID-19 with no positive cases identified. Cumulatively, 16,789 COVID-19 tests have been carried out with 16 positive results. There is one active case in isolation.
- A total of 707 individuals were vaccinated against Cholera 13-19 May 2022 which they receive upon arrival.
- During the week, Medical Team International (MTI) hung 107 mosquito nets in two shelters to protect new arrivals from malaria.

Impact and Achievements

- **CHILD PROTECTION**: CAFOMI and Save the Children identified 246 children at risk. Children received a range of support including temporary foster care, support to be in contact with their families or reunified with them and relocation to Nakivale. Sixteen children reportedly returned to DRC while 787 unaccompanied minors previously registered by the Uganda Red Cross were contacted and the majority remain at the holding area.
- **MENTAL HEALTH**: A total of 170 individuals received counseling. There were 56 identified as being depressed, 44 experiencing anxiety, 39 who were traumatized, 18 with acute stress and 8 with PTSD.
- **WASH**: Water is being provided through the National Water & Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) and by water trucking. No significant queuing is being witnessed at the water taps. The team is continuing to work on putting in place saturated soak away pits to enhance drainage at the water points. One soak pit has been completed. Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has completed excavation of 15 blocks of pit latrines. One five-stance latrine block is complete.
- **SHELTER**: Twelve shelters have been fully completed by Catholic Relief Services with 21 shelters still under construction. Gravelling and electrical installation are ongoing in the 12 shelters. New arrivals are now being transferred to the newly completed shelters.
- **Information Sharing**: Information sharing campaigns are continuing to ensure peaceful coexistence, enhance the safety of new arrivals by providing information on the security situation and communicating the need for them to move to the settlements, especially for children who are now out of school.
- **EIE Education Needs Assessment**: An assessment by the Education Working Group in Nakivale was conducted to assert school readiness to receive new arrivals and identify key gaps in education to inform planning and implementation.
There were nine Early Childhood Development and primary schools assessed as well as two secondary schools in the zone of the settlement which is receiving new arrivals. There is space for expansion of all schools. Some schools have inclusive structures but no schools have incinerators for Menstrual Hygiene Management and Child Friendly Spaces were available but needed repairs and landscaping. Students indicated that they lacked scholastic materials. More than 50% reported that food is required in all levels to ensure regular school attendance.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**
- Fencing is needed for the holding area to protect new arrivals, particularly children.
- Construction materials have been stolen for use as firewood.
- More compound lighting is needed to enhance safety of new arrivals.
- Storm water drainage systems need maintenance.
- An internal access road needs to be constructed and graveled.
- There continues to be a gap in shelters.
- There is need for an independent water line to serve the holding area to ensure adequate water supply.

**Operational Context – Kasese and Bubukwanga**
- The current population at the holding center as of 19 May 2022 is 719 individuals (299M: 420F). Cumulatively, 1,232 individuals (515M: 717F) individuals have been received at the holding center since 7 April 2022. Of these, 64% are children and 36% are adults. A total of 1,060 individuals (88% of the cumulatively received population) are women and children.
- There are 25 individuals who were received this week in Bubukwanga.

**New Arrival Trends Across the Country**
- There is an increase of 1,996 new arrivals from South Sudan and 1,073 from DR Congo since the last reporting period.
- In the transit and reception centers, there are 24,657 with 3,130 in West Nile (+409 compared to last reporting period) and 21,091 in South-West (+27 compared to last reporting period)

**Working in partnership – National level**
- 44 partners have appealed for 47.8M USD to respond to the emergency.
- Partners are requested to report on funding received through ActivityInfo.

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**LINKS**
- Uganda Refugee Response – Emergency Appeal (April-June 2022)