



Western Region Kamwenge District



Rwamwanja

Total refugee population: 75,852* registered refugees **201**** pending registration

With **414,790** nationals and **77,053** 15% of the district population.

Settlement first established: 1964

Registered refugee population*

Female	Age	Male
8,307	0-4	8,145
9,522	5-11	9,213
4,534	12-17	4,649

919 | 60+ | 842

Data collected through¹:









sector lead

Rwamwanja settlement was established in 1964 to host refugees from Rwanda, but closed in 1995 when many repatriated. The settlement was reopened in 2012 to host refugees fleeing the Democratic Republic of Congo due to violence in North and South Kivu. The settlement, currently hosting almost 76,000 refugees, is at full capacity and no longer receives new arrivals.

Gaps & Challenges



Health facilities lack the medicine and equipment necessary to effectively assist the large number of patients seeking treatment. There is only one health centre in the settlement that provides in-patient services contributing to overcrowding and long wait times. Refugees often suffer from curable diseases such as malaria and upper respiratory tract infection.



Many children and youth are not enroled in school, especially secondary school-aged refugees. Refugee families that have limited livelihoods opportunities cannot afford school fees and related costs, such as uniforms and school materials. Additionally, only one secondary school serves the population and it is located far away from some of the residential zones.



Refugees lack adequate materials to construct and reinforce semi-permanent houses. In particular, plastic sheeting and other roofing materials are needed. Because of the lack of materials, refugees attempt to gather wood and grass from surrounding areas to reinforce their homes, which contradicts existing laws about environmental use. Refugees also reported that there are not enough persons with specific needs (PSN) shelters, especially for disabled and elderly refugees.



There is a lack of materials to construct household latrines, including slabs, poles, and roofing materials. Residents resort to sharing latrines with neighbours or open defecation in the absence of these facilities.



Reductions in food assistance in place since August 2016 for refugees who arrived prior to July 2015 have led many refugees, including children, to cope by eating one meal a day and foregoing essential nutrients. Some refugees noted issues with plot demarcation that impedes access to farming land, making it more difficult to supplement small rations with agricultural production.



Poor road conditions make it difficult for partner organizations to assist and provide services to refugees living in villages far from the base camp. As a result, some refugees living in these areas cannot access assistance that is more readily available to others.

Strengths & Opportunities



Implementing and operational partners closely collaborate and ensure that activities are complementary. If refugees seek assistance from an organization that is unable to provide the specific services requested, such as livelihoods support or psychosocial counseling, partners refer them to other organizations so their needs can be addressed.



There is a demand for French language instruction for children. Many refugees are from the Democratic Republic of Congo and some are hopeful that they will return home some day, so they want the younger generation that has grown up in Uganda to learn the language. There is also a strong demand for English language instruction for refugees that only speak local languages and French.

Partner organizations

ADRA, AHA, AIRD, FCA, Feed the Hungry, LWF, SCI, SP, Tutapona, UNHCR, UNICEF, URCS, WFP, WIU







Refugee statistics source: Refugee Information Management System (RIMS) - Office of the Prime Minister

^{**} Source of refugee pending registration figure: Office of the Prime Minister

1. Indicator standards to measure gaps were determined by global humanitarian standards, Ugandan national standards, or sector experts for each settlement. Data was collected from implementing partners from the 6th to the 21st December 2017.





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Protection



5,373 new arrivals reported in the past three months received biometric registration, but have not received identification

7 partners:

AHA, LWF, SCI, Tutapona, UNHCR, UNICEF, URCS

790

live births reported in the past three months have vet to receive official documentation



No birth certificates issued

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)

Percentage of SGBV survivors from reported cases receiving multi-sectorial support in:

disabled PSNs need

to receive services for their specific

disabled PSNs have

received services

needs

228



Livelihoods



21% Health services



74 community-based committees or groups working on SGBV prevention and response

No additional groups needed



788 reproductive-age women provided with dignity kits or sanitary materials

18,425 reproductive-age women not provided with dignity kits or sanitary materials

People with specific needs (PSNs)





1.395 elderly PSNs need to receive services for their specific needs

366 elderly PSNs have received services

Child protection



11.831 cases of adolescent participation in targeted trainings or programming



241 community-based committees or groups working on child protection

additional groups needed



11 child friendly spaces

additional child friendly spaces needed

Water, sanitation and hygiene



16.6 litres of w/p/d provided



of water needs met through water trucking



6 motorized boreholes operational or planned

additional motorized boreholes needed



7,206 household latrines completed 7.964 additional household



4 partners:

AIRD. Feed the Hungry, LWF, UNICEF

196

latrines needed

active village health team members additional village health team members needed

Education

5 partners: ADRA, LWF, SCI, UNICEF, **Gross enrolment rates**

75 permanent classrooms constructed



135 additional classrooms needed

13,404

refugees are attending school in or around the settlement, with gross enrolment

286 teachers are working in schools, but more are needed to reach teacher-student ratio standards:

10,535 refugees aged 3-5

3.320 refugees enroled

14,712 refugees aged 6-13

9.683 refugees enroled

additional teachers

needed for number

of students enroled



7,218 refugees aged 14-17

148 refugees enroled



Pre-primary

133 additional teachers needed for number of students enroled 71 teachers

Primary

80 29%

Secondary

additional teachers needed for number of students enroled 23 teachers









192

teachers





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Food assistance



26,432³ eligible beneficiaries received in-kind food assistance in the last distribution



52,809⁴ eligible beneficiaries received cash assistance for food in the last distribution



agency conducting unconditional cash for food distributions

2 partners: SP.WFP

Livelihoods and environment

4 partners: ADRA, FCA, LWF, SP

8.803 households have to yet to receive technology support for production



16,000 households have received technology support for production

11.194 cases of livelihoods support through:



trainings

3,796 2,560

1,018

organizations conducting livelihoods trainings do not monitor participation of **PSNs**



vocational

Livelihoods/ Village savings and loan associations

generating activities

Savings and cooperative societies

Health and nutrition



primary facilities

additional facilities needed

1 out of 2 healthcare nutrition programmes

not meeting UNHCR/ WFP acceptable standards, with average rates of:



1 supplementary feeding programme:



1 outpatient therapeutic programme:



3 partners: AHA, UNICEF, WFP

34 women delivered without skilled healthcare staff in the past three months

1,038 women delivered with skilled healthcare staff in the past three months

Shelter, site, and non-food items (NFIs)

2 partners: AIRD, LWF

No additional reception centre needed

No

additional

emergency

shelter kits

needed



reception centre is sufficient for the settlement

emergency shelter

kits distributed,

meeting the need

1,783



108.5 sq km

Total surface area of the settlement



9.8 sq km

Total surface area for residential use



87.9 sa km

Total surface area for farming use



Total surface area of wetlands, which is



new arrivals still need to receive household NFI kits

2,189

1,319

additional PSN

shelters needed



647 **PSN** shelters have been constructed

No agencies conducting unconditional cash for NEIs distributions



Average plot size information not provided

3,321 new arrivals were provided with household NFI kits in the past three months

- 3. Figures from the eleventh general food distribution cycle.
- 4. Figures from the eleventh cash based transfer distribution cycle





