



Uganda Refugee Response Monitoring

Settlement Fact Sheet: Oruchinga June 2018

Western Region Isingiro District	Oruchinga	Registered refugee population <sup>*1</sup> Female Age Male	Data collected through <sup>2</sup> :
RACEA	Total refugee population: 6,852 registered refugees	<b>580</b> • 0-4 • 613	<b>9</b> beneficiary focus group discussions
		<b>831</b> 5-11 <b>869</b>	🗥 🎽 discussions
	With <b>492,721</b> nationals and <b>113,444</b> refugees in Isingiro District, refugees in Oruchinga account for <b>1%</b> of the district population.	<b>537</b> 12-17 <b>523</b>	2 key informant interviews
		<b>1,467</b> 18-59 <b>1,261</b>	<b>10</b> partner interviews
		<b>89  </b> <sup>60+</sup> <b>  82</b>	
	Settlement first established: 1961		7 sector lead interviews

Oruchinga settlement, which opened as a transit center in 1959 and was officially established as a settlement in 1961, hosts more than 6,800 refugees from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. The settlement is not receiving new arrivals, aside from family reunifications, referrals, and protection cases. Although shelter and infrastructure are developed, and the refugees seem to be well integrated with the host community, protection concerns and conflict over land and resources remain a challenge.

## Gaps & Challenges<sup>3</sup>

Refugees reported having to walk long distances to the health centers that are overcrowded and lack available equipment. Pregnant mothers and persons with disabilities struggle in overcoming this challenge due to their decreased capacity to travel. Furthermore, the limited stock of medication in the health centers combined with the poor referral systems present increase refugees' inability to access health services.

Both refugees and the host community emphasized the long distances they have to walk to reach the water points that are severely overcrowded, often leading to tensions between the two groups. The quality of the water was reported to be poor with the water containing high levels of iron. The lack of provision of water purification tablets thus means the population is accessing unsafe water. Refugees also requested support with the construction of community latrines to support families who do not have latrines as well as support with latrine construction materials.

Insufficient vocational training institutions has prohibited refugees and nationals to acquire relevant skills to access employment or start small scale businesses. Though several groups were supported this year with access to capital and cash grants by livelihoods partners, FGD participants reported still needing further access to capital. Refugees requested an increase in the implementation of income-generating activities to enable them to earn a living, which has been particularly hard due to the unfavorable climate damaging agricultural practices.



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High dropout rates have resulted from high tuition fees, early pregnancies and marriages, overcrowding in the classrooms, a lack in school materials and an inability of education partners to translate refugee children's certificates from their original countries to the Ugandan educational system. Refugees as well as the host community struggle to further their education after primary school due to the limited scholarships available and few secondary schools in and around the settlement.

Refugees participating in the FGDs reported several cases of rape and assault of young girls where women are attacked in and around the settlement. This has meant that families restrict young girls' movements especially at night.

## Strengths & Opportunities

The coordinated and close communication between humanitarian actors, the host community and refugees has improved information sharing on the needs of both nationals and refugees. This has led to a shift in the response where reducing the development gap has become a priority aiming to improve the living conditions of nationals and refugees. This has increased the presence of development partners in the settlement, which is expected to streamline service delivery and infrastructure development.

The presence of refugees was reported to have increased production capacity. Maize and banana production were boosted due to the availability of cheap labor from refugees. Furthermore, the growth in production has led to the establishment of grain mills both at the settlement and community level.

- \* Refugee statistics source: Refugee Information Management System (RIMS) Office of the Prime Minister
- 1. Demographic data used is valid as of June 2018 2. Indicator standards to measure gaps were determined by global humanitarian standards, Ugandan national standards, or sector experts for each settlement. Data was from collected from 25 June to 30 July,

2018. 3. The gaps and challenges were collected through Focus Group Discussions with both refugees and host communities separately undertaken on 19 and 20 March 2018 with the host community and on 03 July 2018 with the refugees.

## **Partner organizations**

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AIRD, ARC, CAFOMI, HIJRA, MTI, Nsamizi, Tutapona, UNHCR, URCS, UWESO, WFP, WIU

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100%

months

0%

of SGBV survivors

receiving multi-

sectoral support

in the past three

of SGBV survivors

sectoral support

in the past three

not receiving multi-

No<sup>1</sup> new arrivals reported in the past three months are yet to be biometrically registered in the RIMS

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)



1.846

83

reproductive-age

women provided

with dignity kits or

sanitary materials

reproductive-age

with dignity kits or

sanitary materials

women not provided

No refugees are yet to be registered in the RIMS

**Psychosocial** 

27

three months

1,395

support

No<sup>2</sup>

psychosocial awareness

activities conducted in the past

refugees receiving psychosocial

children registered to access

psychosocial support

6,852 total refugees are

**4** partners:

ARC, CAFOMI, Tutapona, URCS

registered in the RIMS

### Persons with specific needs (PSNs)

#### 413

PSNs have received services for their specific needs 635

PSNs need to receive services for their specific needs

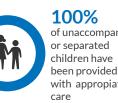


0% of child PSNs need to be provided with individual case management

350



0% of unaccompanied or separated children have not been provided with appropiate care



of cases in of unaccompanied with appropiate

the past three months of child abuse or exploitation have not received age and gender services

0%

**3** partners:

teachers

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100% of cases in the past three months of child abuse or exploitation received age and gender services

AIRD, Nsamizi.

UWESO

23

hand-

pumps

769

operational



No additional litres additional per person per day hand-(l/p/d) of water 1.4% borehole operational pumps needed needed needed of water needs **26**<sup>4</sup> met through average l/p/d water trucking provided 34 306 No No additional active hygiene additional refugees provided hygiene promoters or with soap

household kilograms household latrines of soap promoters or village health latrines completed distributed 6.852 teams (VHTs) village health needed in 2017 teams needed refugees still needing soap **Education** 1 partner: wiu Gross enrolment rates 2,328 922 1,975 681 refugees are refugees aged 6-13 refugees aged 3-5 refugees aged 14-17 attending school **Refugees attend:** in or around the 21 **956**<sup>5</sup> 2.620<sup>6</sup> **69**<sup>7</sup> settlement, with pre-primary schools gross enrolment refugees enroled refugees enroled refugees enroled refugees enroled rates 9 **ALPs Pre-primary Primary** Secondary primary schools 184 25 51 No teachers are working 1 54% 18% additional teachers additional teachers additional teachers in schools refugees secondary schools needed for number needed for number needed for number of attend, but more of students enroled of students enroled students enroled No are needed to reach 100 teacher-student ratio 23 118 adult learning standards

1. Oruchinga is not taking in new arrivals but allows family reunification 2. Oruchinga has no Child Friendly Spaces

programmes (ALPs)

3. The number PSN children receive case management is higher than the number of PSN children registered as some children receive case management support without being registered.

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4. Water sources are shared between the refugees and 6,168 nationals

5. The gap of pre-primary enrolment could not be calculated here as children above the age of 5 are also enroled in pre-primary education.

6. The gap of primary enrolment could not be calculated here as children above the age of 13 are also enroled in primary education.

7. The gap of secondary enrolment could not be calculated here as children above the age of 17 are also enroled in secondary education

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43 teachers 46%





teachers 82%



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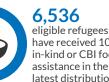
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## **Food** assistance



#### 101 metric tonnes of food were distributed during the latest distribution in the settlement





have received 100% in-kind or CBI food assistance in the latest distribution

## **1** partner: WFP

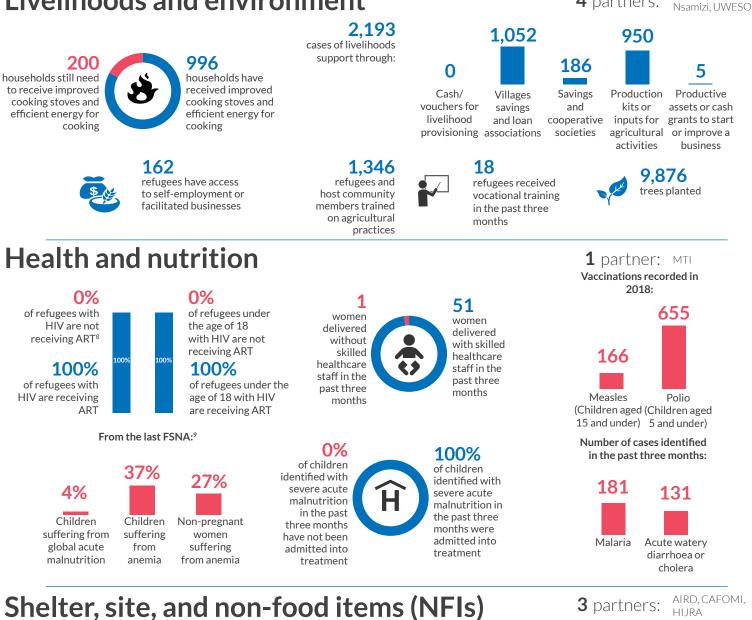


**4** partners:

No cash for food was distributed during the latest distribution for the settlement

ARC. HURA.

# Livelihoods and environment



No<sup>10</sup> arrivals in the past three months provided with household NFI kits



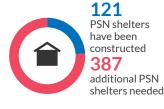
No households in total have been provided with NFI kits



RFA

No<sup>10</sup> arrivals in the past three months received shelter materials and toolkits/cash

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HIJRA

8. Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)

9. Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (FSNA), October 2017, UNHCR 10. Oruchinga is no longer taking in new arrivals, but allows family reunification.

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