



Country Sheet

Uganda





HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Uganda program consists of 80 staff members and is part of the EAR Regional Program (East African Region).





General data of the country

a) General Data

DATA	Uganda	Kenya	Belgium
Population	48.6	55.1	11.8
IHDI	0.377	0.438	0.878
SIGI Score	27.4	32.9	7.4
Maternal mortality	284	530	5
GINI Index	42.7	38.7	26.6
Population within UNHCR mandate	1.702.288	777.324	222.589
INFORM Index	6.5	6.2	2.1
Fragile State Index	91.1	86.5	30.3
Population covered by at least one social protection benefit (%)	2.8	7.2	100
Net official development assistance received	2.113,8	2.652	0

b) Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified 03/12/1997
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 30/12/2017
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified 25/09/2008

c) Geopolitical analysis

Social/cultural/demographic elements

Uganda is located in Eastern Africa, in the heart of the Great Lakes region. While much of its border is lakeshore, Uganda is landlocked with no access to the sea. The current population is 48.6 million. Uganda's population growth is one of the highest in the world, and the population is expected to reach 100 million by 2050.



The continuous fighting and systematic violations of international and human rights in South Sudan and DRC, in parallel with deteriorating conditions caused by several seasons of drought in the region, has resulted in a massive increase in primarily South Sudanese and Congolese refugees arriving to Uganda since mid-2016. Uganda has since become the largest refugee-hosting country in Africa, with 1.7 million refugees.

Political context

The latest general elections were held in Uganda on 14 January 2021 to elect the President and Parliament, with the incumbent, President Museveni, retaining power for another 5 years. The next elections will be held in 2026.

Economic elements

Uganda's economy has shown remarkable resilience in the face of global economic crises, with a growth of 6% in the financial year 2023/24 compared to 5.3% in financial year 2022/23, and a global growth of 2.9%. This growth has been driven by manufacturing, construction and mining sectors.

Uganda has substantial natural resources, including fertile soils, regular rainfall, substantial reserves of recoverable oil, and small deposits of copper, gold, and other minerals. Agriculture is one of the most important sectors of the economy, employing 72% of the work force. The country's export market suffered a major slump following the outbreak of conflict in South Sudan, but has recovered lately, largely due to record coffee harvests, which account for 16% of exports, and increasing gold exports, which account for 10% of exports.



Summary of HI presence in the country

HI was initially present in Uganda from 2009-2013, implementing a number of related projects including demining, mine risk education, physical rehabilitation for victims of war, and victims' assistance package. HI was also active in the inclusive employment and livelihoods sectors. When Uganda was declared landmine free in 2012, HI closed the operation.

In September 2017 HI re-opened the Uganda programme in order to contribute to the South Sudanese and Congolese refugee response.

Currently, HI works across 6 Districts and 7 refugee settlements, providing a mixture of humanitarian and development services including mental health and psychosocial support, physical rehabilitation, inclusive education and health services to vulnerable populations from host and refugee communities.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Project title and main sector(s) of intervention	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Partner(s)	Location	Project start and end date	Donors who finance the project
INCLUDE III - INnovative and inCLUusive accelerated eDucation programmE for refugee and host community children Inclusive Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community awareness sessions and teacher training on Inclusive Education • Provision of teaching and learning materials and school supplies including adapted materials for children with disabilities • Provision of personalized specific services to children with disabilities • Provision of accessible reading materials • Training of School Management Committees and Parents Teachers Association members on development of inclusive School Improvement Plans • Provision of continuous mental health and psychosocial support to children 	50 Primary schools Targeting in and out of school children including those with disabilities	Save the Children (Lead), Finn Church Aid, Norwegian Refugee Council, War Child Holland, Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation, Planning for Tomorrow, Cheshire Services Uganda	Nakivale, Rwamwanja & Kyangwali Refugee settlements in Southwestern Uganda	03.2023 – 02.2025	European Union Humanitarian Aid (DG ECHO)
3D PETRA- 3D Printing through Emergency Tele Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and referral of eligible beneficiaries for 3D Project • Assessment of identified beneficiaries for 3D Project 	800 children with disabilities and those at risk of developmental delay,	CoRSU Hospital & Arua Regional Referral Hospital	Omugo/Ofua and Imvepi refugee settlements in West Nile region	03.2024 – 08.2025	Symphasis



<p>Access</p> <p>Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical prescription of the orthoses, measurements, and scanning • Digital designing of the scans, printing, fitting and delivery of printed orthotics devices to 3D beneficiaries • Capacity building to the team and partners • Quarterly meetings with Ministry of Health and partners to draft technical standards for 3D printing • Conduct research related to a cost-benefit analysis study of 3D printing technology in service delivery 	<p>350 orthotic & Prosthetic devices</p>				
<p>CHANCE Project-Child-Centred Holistic Approach of a Nurturing Care Enabling Environment.</p> <p>Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Early Childhood Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to quality comprehensive services • Caregivers are empowered and provide adequate care to children while improving their quality of life • Communities support children’s development (0-5) and quality of life (6-12), particularly the most vulnerable • Improve quality delivery and monitoring of inclusive health and education services • Support the implementation of enabling policies for nurturing care in Uganda 	<p>Children (0-12) years including children with disabilities or at risk of developmental delay.</p>	<p>National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda</p>	<p>West Nile - Terego District</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2026</p>	<p>Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD)</p>
<p>LNOB-Leave No One Behind</p>	<p>Operationalisation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities. Involves supporting both international and local</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian actors • International organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Blind Mission • Institute for International Law 	<p>Multi-country. Uganda - protracted refugee context -</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2024</p>	<p>Germany Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)</p>



<p>Inclusive Humanitarian Action</p>	<p>humanitarian actors, including Organisations of Persons with Disabilities through capacity and tool development, local technical support and surge capacity mechanisms and an increased evidence base through applied research.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •United Nations agencies •German universities for humanitarian studies •The umbrella organisation of development and humanitarian NGOs in Germany 	<p>of Peace and Armed Conflict</p>	<p>Kyaka II Refugee Settlement</p>		
<p>ECW MYRP II Year 2 (Multi-Year Resilience Programme)</p> <p>Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming disability inclusion and inclusive education to all the activities implemented by partners • Provision of highly technical specialized services, i.e., rehabilitation and provision of Assistive and Mobility Devices 	<p>Children in Refugee settlements and host communities including children with disabilities</p>	<p>Implemented in a consortium with Save the Children (lead), Plan International, Norwegian Refugee Council, Finn Church Aid, War Child Holland/TPO, IRC, Coburwas International Youth Organization To Transform Africa, Young African Refugees for Integral Development, Hopelink Action Foundation,</p>	<p>West Nile (Imvepi in Terego and Bidbidi in Yumbe)</p> <p>SouthWest in Kyaka II</p>	<p>05.2023 – 12.2024</p>	<p>Education Cannot Wait (ECW)</p>



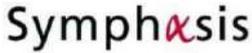
			Transformation and Restoration Initiative, Education Local Expertise Centre Uganda, African women and youth Action for Development			
<p>PRM RECOP Project: Uganda Refugee Comprehensive Health Program</p> <p>Mental health and psychosocial support, Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to comprehensive life-saving primary health care services • Promoting meaningful access to safe rehabilitative and psychosocial support • Strengthen the utilization of preventive, promotive, and curative services for communicable and non-communicable diseases, Mental Health, and Rehabilitation services • Strengthen the integration of humanitarian efforts with long-term sustainability in line with national strategies, nexus, and Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework approach. 	<p>Direct: 1,800 (600 per year*3) persons receive integrated Rehabilitation Services, Indirect: 7,200 (2,400 per year *3</p>	<p>Project is implemented in a consortium of three partners. Medical Teams International - the lead partner together with HI and TPO as sub-grantees.</p>	<p>Kikuube (Kyangwali settlement) and Kyegegwa (Kyaka II settlement)</p>	<p>08.2024 – 07.2027</p>	<p>The U.S. Department of State through Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).</p>
<p>MAE LUX HVP Project: Humanitarian services for very Vulnerable Persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to humanitarian services for very vulnerable persons • Provide physical and functional rehabilitation and psychosocial support 	<p>The project targets recently arrived refugees including women and men, girls</p>	<p>Implemented in collaboration with the Association of Refugees with Disability and</p>	<p>The project is implemented in Nakivale refugee settlement (Isingiro district)</p>	<p>09.2024 – 08.2025</p>	<p>MAE Luxemburg</p>



<p>Mental health and psychosocial support, Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and assess of recently arrived refugees in need of physical rehabilitation and/or psychosocial support • Improve access to integrated rehabilitation services. 	<p>and Boys, with disabilities</p>	<p>Medical Teams International</p>	<p>in South-West Uganda</p>		
<p>CDCS Project INSPIRE (Inclusive Norms, Support, and Promoting Inclusive Reproductive Empowerment) Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives ensuring that all Ugandan refugees, including those with disabilities, have full and equitable access to their rights, including sexual reproductive rights and protection services. • Improve long-term access to rights and inclusive sexual and reproductive health for refugees, particularly of Congolese origin, and neighbouring host communities, with and without disabilities 	<p>The project's main target beneficiaries are refugees especially the Congolese refugees, and host communities with or without disabilities</p>	<p>Implemented in collaboration with the Association of Refugees with Disability and Medical Teams International</p>	<p>Nakivale settlement, Isingiro District, Uganda</p>	<p>09.2024 – 08.2025</p>	<p>CDCS</p>



Donors

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<p>MAE LUX</p>  <p>LUXEMBOURG AID & DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>CDCS</p> <p>Avec la participation de</p>  <p>MINISTÈRE DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES</p> <p><i>Liberté Égalité Fraternité</i></p>	