



Country Sheet

Uganda





HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Uganda program consists of 85 staff members and is part of the East African Region Regional Program.





General data of the country

a) General Data

DATA	Uganda	Kenya	Belgium
Population	47.2	54	11.7
IHDI	0.396	0.426	0.874
Gender-related development Index	0.927	0.941	0.978
Maternal mortality	284	530	5
GINI Index	42.7	40.8	26
Population within UNHCR mandate	4.144.589	1.078.815	195.883
INFORM Index	7.1	6.7	1.7
Fragile State Index	91.5	87.8	31.4
Population covered by at least one social protection benefit (%)	2.8	7.2	100
Net official development assistance received	2515.3	3142.9	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. The current population is 48.5 million. Uganda's population growth is one of the highest in the world, around 3%.



The continuous fighting and systematic violations of international and human rights in South Sudan and the Congo, 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. Currently, Uganda hosts 1,578,661 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 economic growth has slowed since 2016, as government spending and public debt has grown. Uganda's budget is dominated by energy and road infrastructure spending, while Uganda relies on donor support for long-term drivers of growth, including agriculture, health, and education. The largest infrastructure projects are externally financed through concessional loans, but at inflated costs. As a result, debt servicing for these loans is expected to rise.

The COVID-19 shock caused a sharp contraction of the economy to its slowest pace in three decades. Household incomes fell when firms closed and jobs were lost, particularly in the urban informal sector. The country's Gross Domestic Product contracted by 1.1 percent in 2020, and is estimated to have recovered to 3.3 percent during the 2021 fiscal year. The economic growth outlook is 4.6 percent in the 2022, and acceleration to 6.4 percent in the 2023 fiscal year, as domestic demand conditions improve, and global recovery continues as COVID-19 vaccines are rolled out.



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 projects. 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 our Uganda programme in order to contribute to the South Sudanese and Congolese refugee response.

Currently, work across 10 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
<p>INCHARGE - Integrated Nutrition, Community Health, and Rehabilitation for Greater Empowerment.</p> <p>Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of mental health and psychosocial support services (peer support sessions for adults and “tree of life” intervention for children) and individual sessions for adults and children. • Provision of rehabilitation services including treatment and provision of adapted assistive devices. 	<p>Persons with mental health and psychosocial support needs and those with mobility challenges, including the elderly.</p>	<p>Medical Teams International -Lead partner and Tutapona</p>	<p>Kyaka II and Kyangwali refugee settlements</p>	<p>08.2022 – 07.2024</p>	<p>United States Department of State – Bureau Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)</p>



<p>APEAL IV MR2- Access to Protection, Empowerment, Accountability and Leadership for Refugees and host communities in Western Uganda</p> <p>Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized therapy and case management for highly specialized mental health and psychosocial support cases • Mental health and psychosocial support Problem Management Plus group sessions • Provision of physical and functional rehabilitation services • Capacity building of key in inclusion of persons with disabilities and gender • Training key settlement level staff and stakeholders on the implementation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities • Provision of integrated rehabilitation and mental health and psychosocial support services to persons with disabilities during influx of refugees. 	<p>Refugees and host communities, focusing on persons at heightened risk who have multiple vulnerabilities, complex issues or concerns that require case management to enable a response tailored to their needs.</p>	<p>Implemented in a consortium with CARE as the lead. The other partners are: War Child Holland, Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation, Save the Children, International Rescue Committee</p>	<p>Nakivale, Kyangwali & Imvepi refugee settlements</p>	<p>05.2022 – 02.2024</p>	<p>European Union Humanitarian Aid (DG ECHO)</p>
<p>INCLUDE III - INnovative and inCLUusive accelerated eDucation programmE for refugee and host community children</p>	<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 	<p>50 Primary schools Targeting in and out of school children including those with disabilities</p>	<p>Save the Children (Lead), Finn Church Aid, Norwegian Refugee Council, War Child Holland, Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation,</p>	<p>Nakivale, Rwamwanja & Kyangwali Refugee settlements in South Western Uganda</p>	<p>03.2023 – 02.2025</p>	<p>European Union Humanitarian Aid (DG ECHO)</p>



<p>Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 including children with disabilities 		<p>Planning for Tomorrow, Cheshire Services Uganda</p>			
<p>WISH - Women's Integrated Sexual Reproductive Health Rights</p> <p>Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate community and institutional sensitisation on disability related issues • Train adolescent girls including those with disabilities in menstrual hygiene management • Organize meetings at national and district level for advocacy, accountability and feedback about the project intervention • Train district stakeholders in disability inclusive sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender-based violence • Train staff of institutions of persons with disabilities to provide inclusive sexual and reproductive health and rights information 	<p>Vulnerable groups including women, girls, persons with disabilities and youth in hard to reach areas and refugee settlements.</p>	<p>Implemented in a consortium with 6 partners - <i>International Professional Practices Framework</i>, Reproductive Health Uganda, Marie Stopes Uganda, International Rescue Committee, Development Media International, Options</p>	<p>Arua, Yumbe & Mbale</p>	<p>04.2022 – 03.2024</p>	<p>FCDO (Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office)</p>



<p>3D PETRA- 3D Printing through Emergency Tele Rehabilitation Access</p> <p>Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and referral of eligible beneficiaries for 3D Project • Assessment of identified beneficiaries for 3D Project • Clinical prescription of the orthoses, measurements, and scanning of the qualified assessed beneficiaries • 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>200 refugees receiving 3D printed orthoses</p>	<p>CoRSU Hospital & Arua Regional Referral Hospital</p>	<p>Omugo/Ofua and Imvepi refugee settlements in West Nile region</p>	<p>12.2022 – 12.2023</p>	<p>HI Innovation Fund</p>
<p>CHANCE Project- Child-Centred Holistic Approach of a Nurturing Care Enabling Environment.</p> <p>Nurturing Care, 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 • Quality delivery and monitoring of inclusive health and education services 	<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>



	are improved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the implementation of enabling policies for nurturing care in Uganda 					
DiDa Schools project - Disability Data in schools in Emergencies and protracted crises Inclusive Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive testing of the set of questions amongst teachers and amongst youth over 12 years-old. • Knowledge translation phase and uptake • Production of a range of medias to present the research and if findings are positive to present the Child Functioning Module – Teacher Version and promote its use in emergencies 	Children in school (5-12 years old) and possibly young people after 12 years-old		Kyaka II Refugee Settlement	04.2022 – 10.2023	Education Cannot Wait
LNOB-Leave No One Behind Inclusive Humanitarian Action	Operationalisation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities. Involves supporting both international and local 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian actors • International organisations • United Nations agencies • German universities for humanitarian studies / Humanitarian research institutes & initiatives • The umbrella organisation of development and humanitarian NGOs in Germany and other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Blind Mission • Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict 	Multi-country. Uganda - protracted refugee context - Kyaka II Refugee Settlement	01.2022 – 12.2024	Germany Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)



		German initiatives on capacity building				
<p>ECW MYRP II (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, Transformation and Restoration Initiative, Education Local Expertise Centre Uganda, African women and youth Action for Development</p>	<p>West Nile (Imvepi in Terego and Bidbidi in Yumbe)</p> <p>SouthWest in Kyaka II</p>	<p>05.2023 – 12.2023</p>	<p>Education Cannot Wait (ECW)</p>



<p>ECW-FER (First Emergency Response)</p> <p>Inclusive Education</p>	<p>HI provides technical support to Uganda Education Consortium partners to apply a twin-track approach to disability inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstream disability inclusion to all educational interventions from Early Childhood Development to secondary education • To provide targeted services i.e. rehabilitation, provision of assistive technologies, individualized educational support. 	<p>The first emergency response intervention targets 3,130 children with disabilities (14% of the total consortium target of 22,358).</p>	<p>Implemented in a consortium with Save the Children (Lead), Norwegian Refugee Council, War Child Holland/TPO, ZOA/Palm Corps, Right to Play, Young African Refugees for Integral Development, Thrive Gulu, Education Local Expertise Centre Uganda</p>	<p>Rhino camp Terego, Palabek in Lamwo and Nakivale in Isingiro.</p>	<p>07.2023 – 06.2024</p>	<p>Education Cannot Wait (ECW)</p>
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