

### Update

Over 11,435 Congolese new refugees have arrived in Uganda since 18/12/2017. Majority of these are children and women.

New arrivals from the Democratic Republic of Congo are crossing to Uganda via the western border through districts like; Kisoro, Kanungu, Kasese, Bundibugyo and Lake Albert. Majority of the new arrivals are from DRC's North Kivu and Ituri region.

They are being received by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and UNHCR at Nyakabande, Matanda and Bubukwanga transit centres and hosted at Kyaka II and Kyangwale settlements.

The influx follows fresh violence and heavy fighting between government forces and armed opposition. New arrivals describe a new cycle of inter-communal violence in the area, including torching of houses by armed groups, arbitrary killings, rape, abductions and looting.

#### Numbers at a Glance

**242,406**

Congolese refugees in Uganda

**11,435**

Congolese New Arrivals since 18/12/2017

**65%**

Of the new arrivals are Children and Women

Source: OPM

#### Identified Needs and Gaps

- Need for access to clean water and sanitary facilities
- Need for more health facilities and services as the available ones are overstretched
- Temporary schools and child friendly spaces are needed since majority of the new arrivals are children
- Psychosocial support to new arrivals especially SGBV survivors is urgently needed
- Urgent need for shelter for all especially for persons with special needs like; unaccompanied minors and separated, people with disabilities children
- New arrivals need core relief items like blankets, utensils, jerry cans, basins, etc
- Follow-up with persons with specific needs remains a gap due to the lack of a tracking mechanism
- Delays in plot demarcation have slowed down the execution of groundwork relating to the establishment and delivery of key services such as water and sanitation.

#### Refugee Relocations

4,466 refugees have been relocated from Lake Albert's shores to Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali settlement, Hoima district since 19/12/2018. 4,090 have been settled in Malembo C, with 376 others remaining at the reception centre and awaiting land allocation.

5,089 Congolese refugees have been transferred from Nyakabande transit centre to Kyaka II settlement, Kyegegwa district since 21st December by UNHCR.

27 new arrivals were transferred to Isingiro district's Nakivale settlement and 19 to Kamwenge district's Rwamwanja settlement for family reunification.

1,857 remain at the transit centre awaiting relocation.

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