



Country card

Uganda





HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Uganda program consists of 110 staff. HI Uganda is part of the EAR Programme (East African Region) : Kenya-Rwanda-Uganda





General data of the country

a. General Data

Country	Uganda	Kenya	Belgium
Population	44.3	52.6	11.5
Population under UNHCR mandate	1,431,777	421,248	42,168
HDI	0.528	0.57	0.91
IHDI	0.38	0.42	0.84
Gender development Index	0.86	0.93	0.97
Maternal mortality ratio per 100,000 births	432	362	
GINI Index	42.8	40.8	27.4
INFORM Risk	6.5	6.1	1.9
Fragile State Index	92.8	90.3	27.1
Development aid (in millions USD)	1940.8	2488.39	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 population is



expected to reach 100 million by 2050, while the annual urban growth rate of 5.2% is among the highest in the world and is expected to grow from 6.4 million (2014) to 22 million by 2040.

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.

Political context

In 1967, a new constitution proclaimed Uganda a republic and abolished the traditional kingdoms. The latest general elections were held in Uganda on 18 February 2016 to elect the President and Parliament. The European Union and United States have since criticized the election for lack of transparency and detentions of opposition candidates.

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.

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 and physical rehabilitation for victims of war. HI was also active in the inclusive employment and livelihoods sectors. When Uganda was declared landmine free in 2012, HI closed the operation.

In February 2017 HI re-opened our Uganda programme in order to contribute to the South Sudanese and Congolese refugee response. Currently, we work across 8 refugee settlements, providing mental health and psycho-social support, physical rehabilitation and inclusive education and health services to vulnerable populations from host and refugee communities.

HI has also piloted an innovative 3D printing project which provides 3D printed orthoses to refugees in Arua District.



Across the country, HI is now active in 13 Districts providing a mixture of humanitarian and development services.



Overview on ongoing projects

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

Main sectors of intervention and Project title	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final Beneficiaries	Partner	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and Donors funding it
Rehabilitation (Project Title : Comprehensive Refugee Health Services)	To improve access to life-saving quality primary health care, including mental health services and rehabilitation services, among refugees and host populations.	Physiotherapy care fixed point and home base Assistive Devices Caregivers capacity building PSS care for beneficiaries and caregivers PSS follow-up and counselling	4,180 persons with disabilities, 4,150 caregivers 30 Community-based Volunteers 3 Organization of Persons with Disabilities	4,180 persons with disabilities, 4,150 caregivers 30 Community-based Volunteers 3 Organization of Persons with Disabilities	Medical Teams International	Arua District	01 August 2018 to 31 July 2021 (3 years) Donor: BPRM



Rehabilitation (Project Title : 3D	Use of digital innovative technology for provision of orthopedic devices for acute trauma injury	beneficiaries have received complete rehabilitation services adapted to their needs At least 50 orthoses are delivered A proper written protocol is produced for the defined devices At least one rehabilitation professional by center is trained about the rehabilitation	Up to 50 clients 3 Orthopedic technicians	Up to 50 clients 3 Orthopedic technicians	CORSU Hospital, Arua Regional Referral Hospital	Arua District	1 st October 2018 to 30 th September 2021 Donor: UKAID via GDIH
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<p>Economical Services</p>	<p>To contribute to the reduction of SDG 1 and 10 through the expansion of socio-economic empowerment and social protection for some of most marginalised and vulnerable communities in Uganda</p>	<p>inclusive market assessment, income generating asset (IGA) packages; technical skills training; personal business plans and; bi-monthly home coaching;</p> <p>six-month consumption stipend, healthcare subsidy, PWD rehabilitation, physiotherapy and psychosocial support and improving access to government and NGO safety nets and services</p> <p>financial literacy training and creating inclusive village savings and loans (VSLA) groups to improve financial management skills and positive savings behaviour –</p> <p>home coaching to provide individual counselling and life-skills, establishing Village Poverty Reduction Committees (VPRCs) and advocacy/social cohesion activities;</p>	<p>2,700 people aged 15 - 64 living in ultra-poverty in rural areas (15%) will be people with disabilities</p>	<p>2,700 people aged 15 - 64 living in ultra-poverty in rural areas (15%) will be people with disabilities</p>	<p>BRAC Uganda, NUWODU</p>	<p>Gulu, Kiryandongo, Oyam and Nwoya</p>	<p>01 August 2019 to 31 July 2022</p> <p>Donor: National Lottery Commission & Cartier Foundation</p>
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<p>Prevention and Health Services</p>	<p>To Improve Resilience, Psychosocial wellbeing and positive coping mechanisms of refugees, persons with special needs and vulnerable host communities</p>	<p>Comprehensive services for people with disabilities, people with injuries, people with chronic illness, older people as well as children with specific pathologies</p> <p>Psychological individual sessions; Group psychosocial sessions; Family psychosocial intervention;</p> <p>Occupational therapy; Physiotherapy and provision of assistive devices mhGAP training and supervision Inclusion training and technical support</p>	<p>10,668 persons in need of psychological care</p>	<p>10,668 persons in need of psychological care</p>	<p>CARE Uganda, Save the Children, IRC, War Child Holland,</p>	<p>Kyegegwa, Kikuube</p>	<p>01 May 2020 to 30 April 2021</p> <p>Donor: ECHO & MAE Lux</p>
<p>Prevention and Health Services</p>	<p>Women are able to safely plan their pregnancies and improve their sexual and reproductive health, particularly the young and marginalised</p>	<p>HI will support the other consortium members to ensure that interventions are inclusive of people with disability, focusing on awareness-raising and training of consortium operational staff, providing technical monitoring and advice, and advocacy.</p>	<p>1,365,549 (total population served by the project)</p>	<p>1,365,549 (total population served by the project)</p>	<p>Reproductive Health Uganda, IRC, Marie Stopes Uganda, Options, Development Media Initiatives</p>	<p>Arua, Yumbe, Mbale</p>	<p>01 January 2019 to 31 December 2021</p> <p>Donor: UKAID</p>



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