



Country card

**Uganda 2021**





# HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Uganda program consists of 130 staff members



## General data of the country

### a. General Data

DATA	Uganda	Kenya	Belgium
Population	45.7	53.7	11.5
IHDI	0.544	0.60	0.93



Gender-related development Index	0.863	0.937	0.974
Maternal mortality	375	342	5
GINI Index	42.8	40.8	27.4
Population within UNHCR mandate	1.503.601	529,854	42,168
INFORM Index	6.5	5.9	1.9
Fragile State Index	92.8	90.32	27.10
Public social protection	2.2	2.3	29.2
Net official development assistance received	2445.2	3244.8	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. 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 14 January 2021 to elect the President and Parliament, with the incumbent, President Museveni, retaining power.

### 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, 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 May 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 psychosocial support, physical rehabilitation, 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, with 8 projects implemented in 2020.



# Overview of ongoing projects

Sectors 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
<b>Rehabilitation Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving access to rehabilitation care for refugees with disabilities through the digitalization of healthcare pathways, combined with additive production (orthotics)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Persons in need of orthotic treatment are identified according to specific criteria in their community, camps or referral hospitals.</li><li>Persons in need of orthotics follow a comprehensive rehabilitation process, receive a 3D printed device and are able to use it properly: A follow-up process is implemented for the persons fitted with orthosis</li><li>Continual on the job training is conducted for the PT, OT and P&amp;O concerning the pathologies targeted by the project</li></ul> <p>Capacity building sessions for the Health professional in identification and follow-up of persons in need of orthosis.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>200 refugees receiving 3D printed orthoses;</li><li>150 additional refugees registered for the service;</li><li>At least 5 health professionals from HI and Arua Hospital and 4 community-based volunteers trained on digital technology</li></ul>	CORSU Hospital, Arua Regional Referral Hospital	Arua District, (Omugo and Imvepi Refugee Settlements)	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022  Funded by: Symphasis Foundation & MAE Luxembourg



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to the development of 3D rehabilitation standards through workshops</li> <li>• Improvement of research knowledge on cost-benefits of 3D assistive technology, development of Technical Standards and recommendations for 3D printing of orthosis and prosthesis and related tele-rehabilitation methods</li> </ul>					
<b>Social &amp; Inclusion/ Education services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Inclusive Education in schools to increase access to quality education for children with disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of school children with disabilities – outreach, working with local leaders and DPOs, partners, sensitization of communities</li> <li>• Conduct barrier facilitator assessments to identify the specific type of support required</li> <li>• Activities to support children with disabilities:</li> <li>• Use of the Washington group to screen children for functional limitations</li> <li>• Provision of comprehensive physical and functional rehabilitation services including Case Management, Psychosocial Support, counselling, physiotherapy, assistive devices and referral to adapted medical services for children with disabilities and their family/caretaker</li> <li>• Specific educational support to children with disabilities regarding</li> </ul>	<p>7,338 children with disabilities</p> <p>2,360 teachers</p> <p>70 primary schools</p>	<p>7,338 children with disabilities</p> <p>2,360 teachers</p> <p>70 primary schools</p>	<p>Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council, Plan International, Finn Church Aid,</p>	<p>Arua, Obongi, Yumbe Districts (West Nile Region)</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2021</p> <p>Funded by: Education Cannot Wait</p>



		their needs including inclusive remediation classes (open to all), and provision of specific adapted materials					
<b>Social &amp; Inclusion/ Education services</b>	Conflict affected children and adolescents (host and refugee) in Western Uganda and West Nile Uganda have access to quality and inclusive formal and non-formal education. This includes distance learning and opportunities responsive to the COVID -19 situation, which provide protection and improve well-being and learning outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support enrollment (new arrivals) and reenrollment (children enrolled in school prior to school closures) through continuous implementation of Transitional Learning Strategies and the implementation of activities in support of back to school campaigns</li> <li>• Provision of teaching and learning materials and school supplies for Primary, Secondary and AEP including adapted materials for Children with disabilities</li> <li>• Strengthening of Transitional Pathways (school accessibility audit)</li> <li>• Provision of Inclusive Learning Continuity for AEP, Primary and Secondary Learners during School Closures</li> <li>• Continuous Teachers Professional Development for AEP, Primary and Secondary</li> <li>• Capacity Building for DEOs for Enhanced Education Planning and Support/Budgeting and Supervision</li> </ul>	Children with disabilities and adolescents girls are particularly targeted by the project	80,120 final beneficiaries (for all consortium partners)	Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council, War Child Holland, Finn Church Aid	South West Uganda (Kyaka II, Kyanwali and Nakivale settlements) & West Nile (Imvepi, Rhino settlements)	Apr. 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022  Funded by: ECHO



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy of the finalization and approval of Inclusive Education Policy</li> <li>• Enhance the functionality of Covid 19 Safety Mechanisms and dissemination of education policies and standards related to COVID-19</li> <li>• Continuous provision of MHPSS/PSS for AEP, Primary and Secondary Learners, caregivers/family</li> </ul>					
<b>Social &amp; Inclusion/ Economic services</b>	To contribute to Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 10 through the expansion of socio-economic empowerment and social protection for some of most marginalised and vulnerable communities in Uganda	<p>-Inclusive market assessment, income generating asset (IGA) packages; technical skills training; personal business plans and; bi-monthly home coaching;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six-month consumption stipend, healthcare subsidy, rehabilitation for people with disabilities, physiotherapy, psychosocial support and improving access to government and NGO safety nets and services</li> <li>• Financial literacy training and creating inclusive village savings and loans (VSLA) groups to improve financial management skills and positive savings behaviour</li> </ul>	2,700 people aged 15 - 64 living in ultra-poverty in rural areas (15% will be people with disabilities)	2,700 people aged 15 - 64 living in ultra-poverty in rural areas. (15% will be people with disabilities)	BRAC Uganda, NUWODU	Gulu, Kiryandongo, Oyam and Nwoya	<p>Aug 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2021</p> <p>Funded by: National Lottery Commission, Cartier Foundation</p>





		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home coaching to provide individual counselling and life-skills, establishing Village Poverty Reduction Committees (VPRCs) and advocacy/social cohesion activities;</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Prevention &amp; Health/</b> Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)</p> <p><b>Advocacy/</b> Inclusive development</p>	<p>Congolese and South Sudanese refugees and vulnerable host communities in Kyangwali, Kyaka II and Imvepi settlements have their basic protection, and mental health needs met</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide individualised therapy and case management for highly specialised MHPSS cases and people with high psychological distress</li> <li>• Provide MHPSS self-help groups to persons in psychosocial distress including those with disabilities or caring for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Provide physical and functional rehabilitation services to persons experiencing physical and mobility limitations due to disabilities, injuries, chronic diseases or age</li> <li>• Support the capacity of APEAL staff and stakeholders (partner NGOs, state and non-state actors, volunteers, community structures, leaders) in protection mainstreaming principles,</li> </ul>	<p>77,235 refugees and host community vulnerable people (final beneficiaries of all consortium partners)</p>	<p>77,235 refugees and host community vulnerable people (final beneficiaries of all consortium partners)</p>	<p>Save the Children, CARE Uganda, , IRC, War Child Holland</p>	<p>South West (Kyangwali and Kyaka II refugee settlements) and West Nile (Imvepi refugee settlement)</p>	<p>May 1, 2021 to April 30; 2022</p> <p>Donor: ECHO</p>



		<p>disabilities, inclusion, MHM and gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the implementation of the AGD Policy and promote better inclusion of persons with disabilities in the response through improved identification processes by UNHCR using the Washington Group Short Set of Questions on Disability (WGSSQ)</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Prevention &amp; Health/</b> Sexual and Reproductive Health &amp; Rights</p>	<p>Women are able to safely plan pregnancies and improve their sexual and reproductive health, particularly the young and marginalised</p>	<p>HI supports consortium members to ensure that interventions are inclusive of people with disability, focusing on raising awareness and training 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, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)</p>	<p>Arua, Yumbe, Mbale</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022</p> <p>Funded by: FCDO</p>
<p><b>Prevention &amp; Health/</b> Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)/ Chronic or acute pandemic</p>	<p>Contribute to the preparedness and response to the primary and secondary impacts of COVID-19 on populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID activities:</li> <li>• Mental Health and Psychosocial Support</li> <li>• Support Health Structures in COVID response</li> <li>• Cash transfers to vulnerable households</li> </ul>	<p>60,000 beneficiaries (total population served by the project)</p>	<p>Refugee and host communities living in and around the Imvepi settlement and Rhino Camp Settlement, including Omugo settlement</p>	<p>Plan International</p>	<p>West Nile region: Arua, Terego, Madi Okollo districts</p>	<p>Dec 1, 2020- March 31, 2022</p> <p>Funded by: DGD</p>



<b>Social &amp; Inclusion/</b> Economic services/ Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	identified in the Global Humanitarian Response Plan.						
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# Donors

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