

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



UGANDA

By 2019, Uganda had more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers, putting it among the top three refugee-hosting countries in the world. As with other humanitarian crises, refugee emergencies come with a real risk of diseases related to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).

IOM intervenes by providing safe water, supporting building of sanitation facilities, and promoting hygiene best practices such as use of latrines, hand washing and safe handling of food.

In recent years, IOM Uganda's humanitarian work has been supported by the European Commission's Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO) and the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). IOM has provided WASH and protection assistance for Congolese refugees and host communities in Kyangwali and Kyaka II settlements in western Uganda, and South Sudanese refugees and host communities in Yumbe and Moyo districts.

IOM UGANDA'S WASH APPROACH

WATER

To help refugees and host communities access clean and safe water, IOM constructs piped solar powered water systems, rainwater-harvesting systems and other mechanisms.

IOM train refugee communities to maintain and manage the constructed water systems.

SANITATION

Institutional latrines:

IOM constructs latrines for institutions such as schools and health centres.

Households latrines:

IOM trains and provides tools and materials so that refugees can be skilled to build their community's latrines and have ownership.

Waste management:

IOM also builds waste management facilities.

HYGIENE

IOM trains and deploys refugees as hygiene promoters to raise awareness on good hygiene in their communities.

IOM also distributes hygiene items such as soap, sanitary pads, water containers to keep clean and hygienic living.

Refugees are also supported to make items such as soap

IOM works closely with Government of Uganda (Central and local Government authorities), other UN and NGOs, and beneficiary communities including refugees and hosting communities.



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2018 IN NUMBERS

3

Large scale solar powered and hybrid **piped water systems** constructed for refugees and hosting communities.

10,698

Household latrines constructed by refugee households with IOM support to improve sanitation around homesteads.

6,572

Hygiene kits distributed. Kits consists of soap, sanitary pads, water containers, etc, for better household hygiene among refugees.

56

Institutional latrines constructed in schools, health centers, and other public facilities

637

Household latrines constructed for **Persons with Special Needs** including people with disabilities, elderly, and other vulnerable people

145

Hygiene promoters trained and deployed to sensitize refugee and host communities for good hygiene practice



"I joined IOM's hygiene promotion team in January 2018, during the Cholera outbreak. We were a group of 40 assigned to three locations. IOM trained us in community mobilization.

We also worked with a drama group of young people to sensitize communities about the danger of inadequate health habits and how to prevent cholera. We taught them about safe water, management of latrines and handwashing.

At the beginning the area was very dirty. Now, latrines are well maintained and people use clean water and hand-washing facilities."

Simon Tapa Nambala Nambala Nbonzo,

Refugee from Democratic Republic of Congo, IOM Leader of Hygiene Promoters in Kyangwali refugee settlement

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