

Integrated Health Systems and Livelihoods in Refugee Settlement in Kyaka-Uganda

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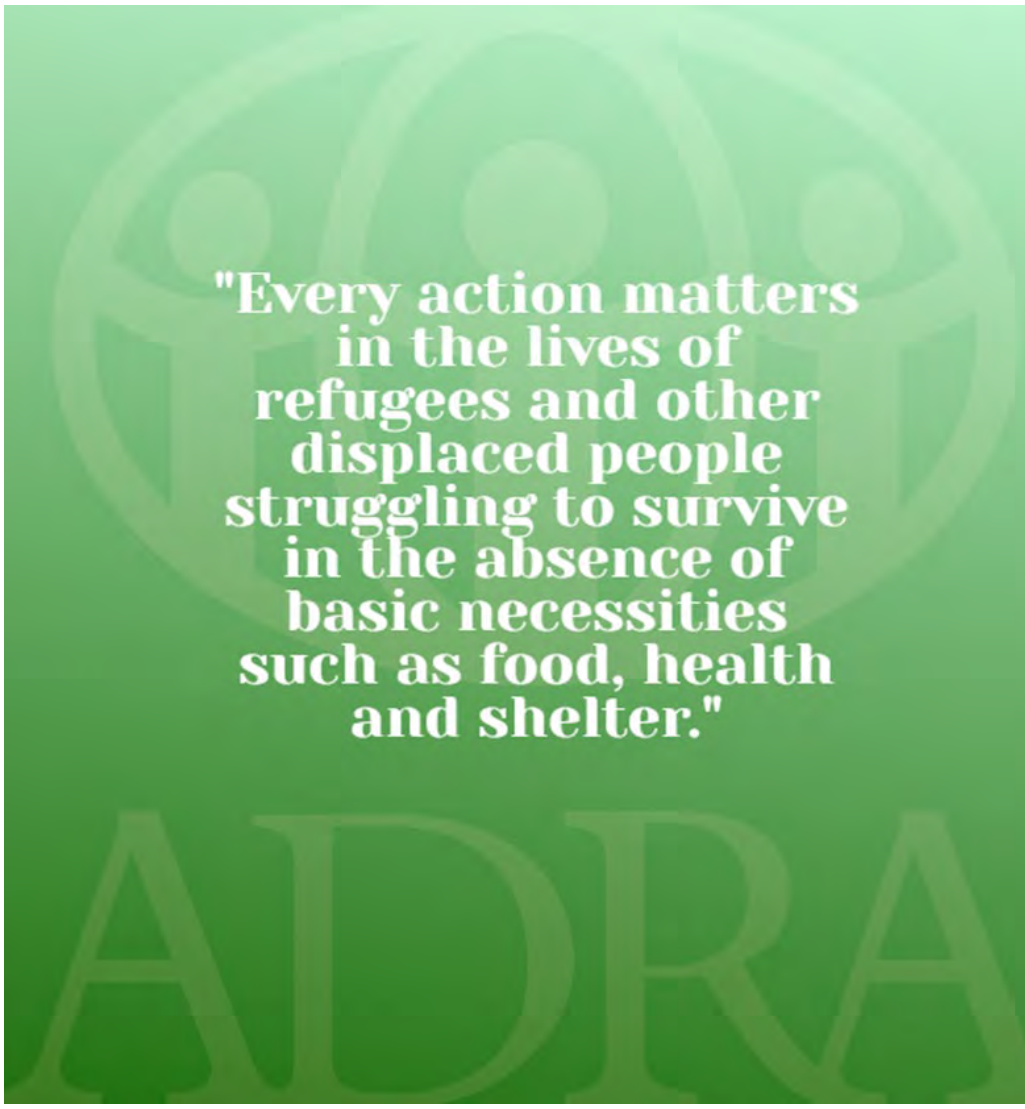
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Introduction



Faith in Action: Why It Matters To ADRA

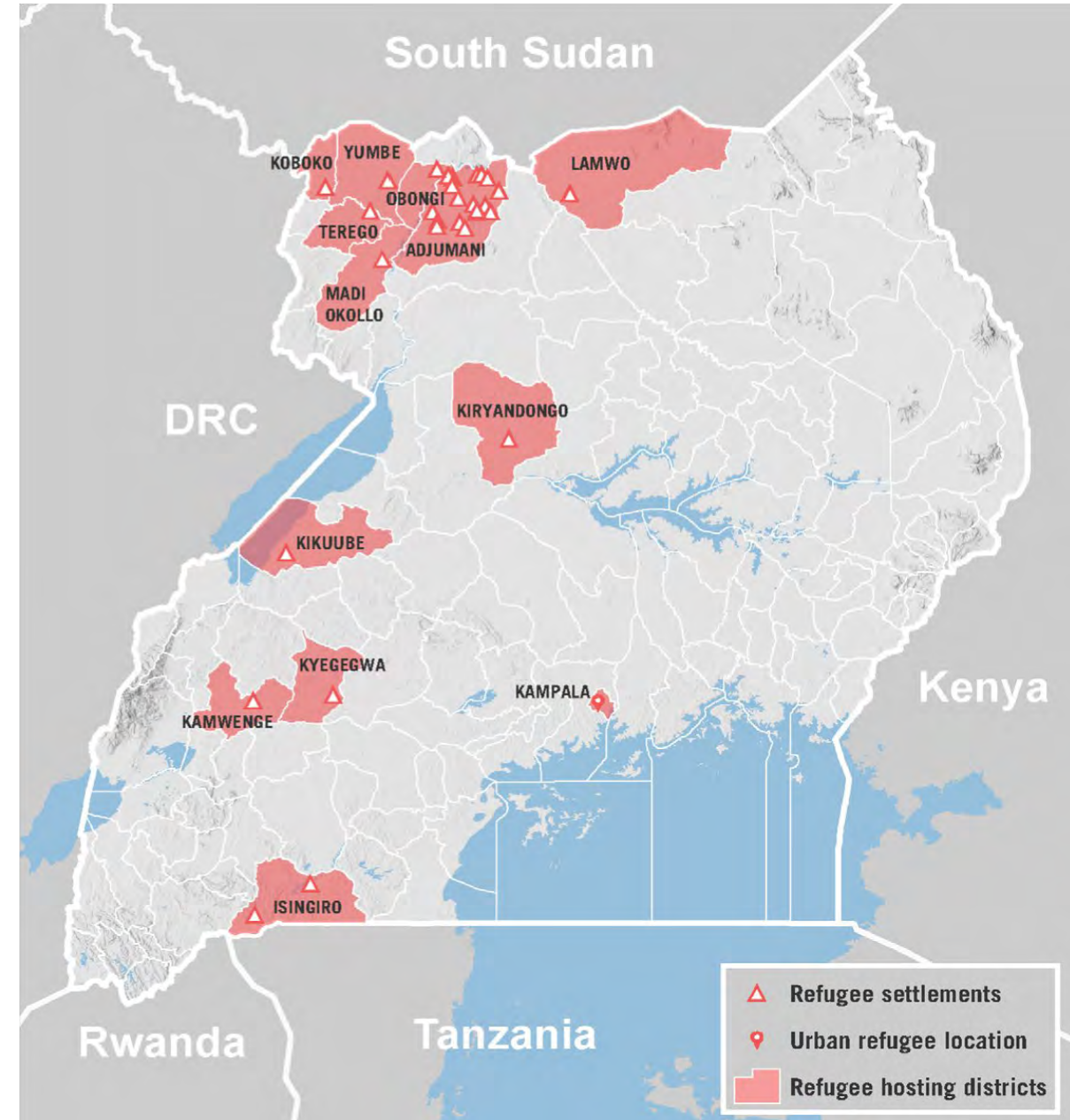
- **Rooted in Justice Compassion and Love.** Our work is driven by the Christian mandate to serve others, especially the vulnerable (Matthew 25:35–40).
- **The Church as a Partner for Change.** Faith leaders help reinforce the message that healing is holistic i.e. spiritual, emotional, and physical.
- **ADRA's Faith-based Approach** emphasizes hope - In crisis settings like refugee settlements, despair is often the biggest enemy.
- **Faith Calls Us to Be Inclusive** - Christ's example compels us to include the marginalized i.e. people with disabilities, refugees, widows, the poor.

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"Every action matters
in the lives of
refugees and other
displaced people
struggling to survive
in the absence of
basic necessities
such as food, health
and shelter."

Background

- Uganda is home to **1.8 million refugees** facing protracted humanitarian needs
- **Women and girls make up 51%** of the registered refugees, while children account for 57% and youths represent 24%.
- Limited attention to health, education, WASH and food insecurity has increased vulnerability to the affected population
- **61.5%** of refugee households are food insecure (FSNU, 2025)
- Kyaka II Refugee Settlement is located in , Kyegegwa District and **hosts 134,000 refugees mostly from DR Congo**



Context – Health Sector in Kyaka



- Few actors are undertaking the health sector in Kyaka (**2 actors**)- Medical Teams International & ADRA
- The Health facility managed by ADRA receives an average of **100—150 patients per day**
- Cases of **malaria and respiratory infections** are the most common consultations with over **35%** of outpatients
- Access to medicine is hampered due to actors supplying **funding cut**
- Patients spend **more than 2 days** to see a doctor or to be attended to (*assessment report in 2024 by ADRA*)
- Patients line up **more than six hours** before being attended to due to staffing capacity

Patient Treatments and Services Provided From January to May 2025



- **Malaria:** 5,086 patients treated
- **Antenatal Services:** 701 patients treated
- **Respiratory Infections:** 4,928 patients treated
- **Total Laboratory Services:** 10,342 patients served
- **HIV/AIDS Testing & Counseling:** 154 patients served
- **Sexual & Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Services:** 41 patients assisted
- **Supplementary Nutrition Services** (Kabarole Research Center & Medical Teams International): 1,867 patients reached

.....Change Agents for All

Psychosocial and Mental Health Services

- Work together with faith-based leaders to provide psychosocial and counseling services to both host communities and refugees.
- Support those reporting trauma and cases of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).



Partnerships Connections As Change Agents

Health Services- collaboration with:
Government, Ishaka Adventist Hospital
Church of Jesus Christ Org, UNHCR &
Medical Teams International



Livelihood Enhancements: Actors

- - Makerere University (research)
- -ADR Slovakia
- - ADRA Denmark
- - Church of Jesus Christ Org



Integrated health & Livelihood Approaches

Absorptive:

- Cash voucher assistance to support refugees and host communities access critical health and food needs
- Community early warning structures (CMDRR)
- Social behavior change approach to promote positive health behaviours and addressing social norms

Adaptive:

- Climate smart agriculture,
- alternative renewable energy use, health education campaigns. Shelter support to the vulnerable (PSN)
- Building capacity of community volunteers & groups

Transformative:

- Established village saving & loaning Association
- Complaint & feedback local system
- Shelter construction to improve quality of life



Challenges and Lessons Learned

- Navigating donor expectations and refugee policy.
- Addressing trauma and systemic poverty.
- Importance of multi-sector partnerships and long-term commitment

Looking Forward

- Plans for scale-up and replication in other refugee contexts in the region of ADRA Operation.
- Strengthening partnerships with faith-based networks like CCIH.
- Advocacy for inclusive health policy in refugee camps.





ADRA Hospital in Uganda Assists Refugees




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