

Supporting Uganda as a CRRF pilot country

Pillar: Support for host countries and communities

Objectives: (1) to ease pressure on the host countries involved; (2) to enhance refugee self-reliance

Country: Uganda | **Actors involved:** OPM, MoLG, MWE, district administration, UNHCR, WFP, KfW, WHH, DRK, GIZ¹

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) supports Uganda as the largest refugee hosting country in Africa (over 1.4 mio refugees) and as CRRF roll-out country. Uganda is an international role model regarding the policy framework for refugee self-reliance and out-of-camp policy for refugees. At the Solidarity Summit in Kampala, Uganda in June 2017, Germany has pledged over EUR 50 mio which represented the second largest bilateral donor support. The support is based on bilateral German as well as joint German-European funding. Federal Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel and Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Gerd Müller have both visited the main refugee hosting regions in Uganda's northern districts in 2017.

What is the approach of German development cooperation?

Uganda has an extensive legal, political and strategic framework in place in order to protect refugees' rights and to promote refugee self-reliance. This is the basis for German development cooperation's engagement which ranges from national policy advice to local capacity development and community support. BMZ supports the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM, responsible for refugee response and humanitarian coordination) as well as the Ministry of the Local Government (MoLG) on central and district level (e.g. responsible for the local planning regarding service delivery) and respective line ministries such as the Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE). Moreover, BMZ directly supports the CRRF Secretariat through a staff secondment of an international knowledge management specialist. Together with its partners, BMZ addresses the prevalent gap between short-term humanitarian interventions, which support the immediate needs of refugees arriving in Uganda and longer-term oriented development interventions, equally benefitting the host population. A mix of instruments (bilateral financial and technical cooperation, Transitional Development Assistance, Special Initiative Forced Displacement), allows for tailor-made interventions according to the specific needs of the Ugandan partners, host population and refugees alike, and for a multi-sectoral approach, including employment promotion, rural development, education, water and sanitation.

How is the support implemented?

German development cooperation is primarily implemented by KfW, GIZ and German NGOs like Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Malteser and the German Red Cross; in close cooperation with partners like international and national NGOs as well as the private sector. A strong cooperation exists with UN agencies; for example through a close cooperation between KfW and UNHCR. BMZ also financially supports the World Food Programme.

The interventions are funded through different funding instruments, adapted to the specific needs and situations. Bilateral development cooperation strengthens Ugandan institutions in improving local structures to deal with the refugee response (e.g. by strengthening district

¹ Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Water and Environment, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, German Red Cross, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit,

administrations in refugee hosting rural areas to improve local planning, capacities to deliver basic services to refugees and local population, promote employment for both groups). The Special Initiative “Forced Displacement” is a flexible instrument, which targets more immediate needs such as WASH or livelihoods, e.g. by improving water coverage and maintenance systems in refugee hosting areas, which benefit both refugees as well as host communities. In South-Western Uganda, the interventions build on previous projects under the UNHCR-BMZ Partnership Program in the same areas of support.

Core messages:

- BMZ support builds on and strengthens national frameworks and systems which are based on international obligations; hence, **parallel systems are avoided**.
- BMZ applies different funding modalities in order to address the specific needs of Uganda as a host country. BMZ support connects and follows up to humanitarian support (covering humanitarian needs of newly arriving, vulnerable refugees) and always equally addresses refugees’ longer-term needs as well as development needs of the also vulnerable host population. Through its support of both OPM and respective line ministries on all levels, BMZ supports Uganda in **increasing synergies between humanitarian and development approaches**.
- Furthermore, by strengthening national systems, especially on the local level (e.g. district planning mechanisms, strengthening districts’ capacities to deliver basic services), **resilience of host communities is strengthened** (in close cooperation with EU).
- BMZ promotes **partnerships** by working with national and international NGOs, UNHCR, development partners and the private sector.

Project list (BMZ financed)

1. Support of refugees and host communities in North Uganda through UNHCR - <i>ongoing</i>	KfW / UNHCR	15,000,000 EUR
2. Refugee Response Fund: Support of refugees and host communities (especially socio-economic development) - <i>ongoing</i>	KfW	10,000,000 EUR
3. Water and sanitary supply in refugee hosting communities in Northern Uganda – <i>ongoing</i>	KfW	8,000,000 EUR
4. Improvement of livelihoods of refugees and host communities in Uganda - <i>ongoing</i>	KfW /UNHCR	3,000,000 EUR
5. Strengthening refugee hosting districts in Northern Uganda – <i>will start in 2018</i>	GIZ	10,000,000 EUR
6. Improving water and sanitation in Northern Uganda – <i>will start in 2018</i>	GIZ	5,000,000 EUR
7. Supporting temporary livelihoods of South Sudanese refugees in Adjumani - <i>ongoing</i>	NGO	950,000 EUR
8. Strengthening the resilience of South Sudanese refugees and host communities in northern Uganda	NGO	7,000,000 EUR