



# FACTSHEET: UGANDA

How Uganda implements the EU Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus

## The situation

With close to **1.3 million refugees**, Uganda is today the largest host country in Africa

**Vulnerable host districts** facing an added strain on water, sanitation, health and education; 1-3 million people food insecure and in need of urgent assistance in 2018

**Uganda dedicated to hosting** refugees and promoting asylum space: piloting the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) roll-out and committing to the IGAD Nairobi Declaration

**EU Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus** operationalised in Uganda, increasing the effectiveness of the EU's contribution to CRRF roll-out

**EU Nexus Action Plan** for Uganda is the basis for a comprehensive and coordinated response across 12 districts, providing over €120 million to target the most vulnerable groups affected by forced displacement and its related impacts

## Support Programme for Refugee Settlements in Northern Uganda

This programme provides €20 million in support for **greater economic employment opportunities** under the EU Emergency Trust Fund Regional Development Support Programme

**Business and technical vocational training** is adapting skills development to the specific needs of refugee communities and market opportunities, alongside other key components in water and sanitation, support to livelihoods, conflict management, education and knowledge

**Experienced implementing partners:** the Belgian Development Agency, Danish Refugee Council and Austrian Development Agency

## Key achievements 2017-2018

**1,374 entrepreneurs** supported with skills development training and start-up kits, with a specific focus on youth, women and girls (40 % from host communities)

**6,455 pupils** between the ages of 12 and 17 accessed basic education in the refugee and host communities (25 % from host communities)

**27,148 people** supported with modern agronomic practices and quality farm inputs

**1,296 Village Savings and Loan Associations** created, supported, and linked to formal financial institutions

**18,828 participants** in improved intercommunity dialogue at the local level, and conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms in the settlements and with host communities

**159 local court structures, traditional leaders and tribal elders** trained on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and legal processes, and supported

## Lessons to build on

**Uganda has shown a strong government ownership in implementing the CRRF.** This is fundamental to catalyse humanitarian and development support

**CRRF** created momentum for renewed ownership and provided a novel common platform for all actors (government, international partners and donors, local NGOs, the private sector, refugees and host communities)

Government leadership in the development of **Sector Response Plans** for refugees and host communities is essential for the sustainability of the model

**Sustained financial support is critical** to avoid collapse or further crises

**The EU is making the difference** in coordination with other development partners and humanitarian organisations, based on its experience, approach and comparative advantage in both humanitarian support and development cooperation

