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.
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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