

MULTI-SECTOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT (MSNA)

UGANDA BRIEF 2018

CONTEXT

The Joint Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (JMSNA) process in Uganda began in February 2018, with REACH facilitating the research design under the auspices of UNHCR and Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister. Through the inter-agency coordination group and other coordination mechanisms, a collaborative tool was developed with inputs from partners.

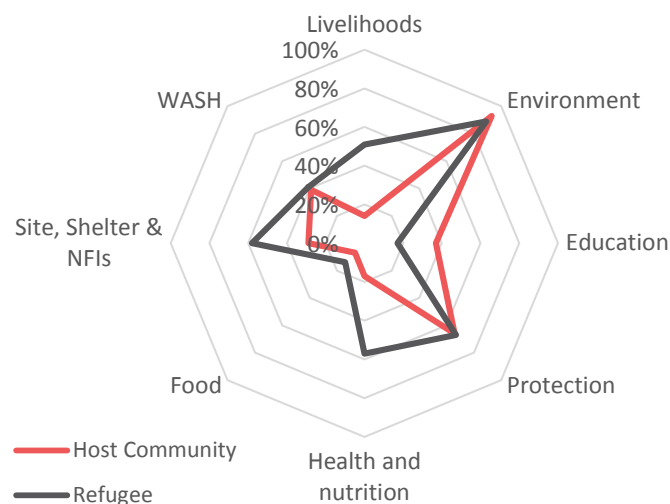
The JMSNA was implemented through a quantitative methods approach using household-level surveys generalisable to refugee and host populations at the settlement and district level with a 95% level of confidence and a 10% margin of error. Primary data collection for the JMSNA took place from April to July 2018. In total, **6,808 household surveys** were conducted among refugees (**4,313 surveys**) and host community members (**2,495 surveys**) in all affected areas.

WHAT IS A MSNA?

Multi-Sector Needs Assessments aim to fill information gaps in order to inform crisis-wide humanitarian planning. MSNAs provide comparable data across all relevant sectors, crisis-affected areas and population groups. Where possible and relevant, the MSNA coverage includes both accessible and hard-to-reach areas, displaced and non-displaced population groups, and any other relevant stratification. MSNAs are implemented in joint, participative and inclusive manner. Furthermore, the MSNAs are time-sensitive with data and findings released prior to consolidated appeal discussion to generate impact. In 2018, eight MSNAs were supported by REACH and carried out thanks notably to the funding support from the global ECHO Enhanced Response Capacity funding mechanism.

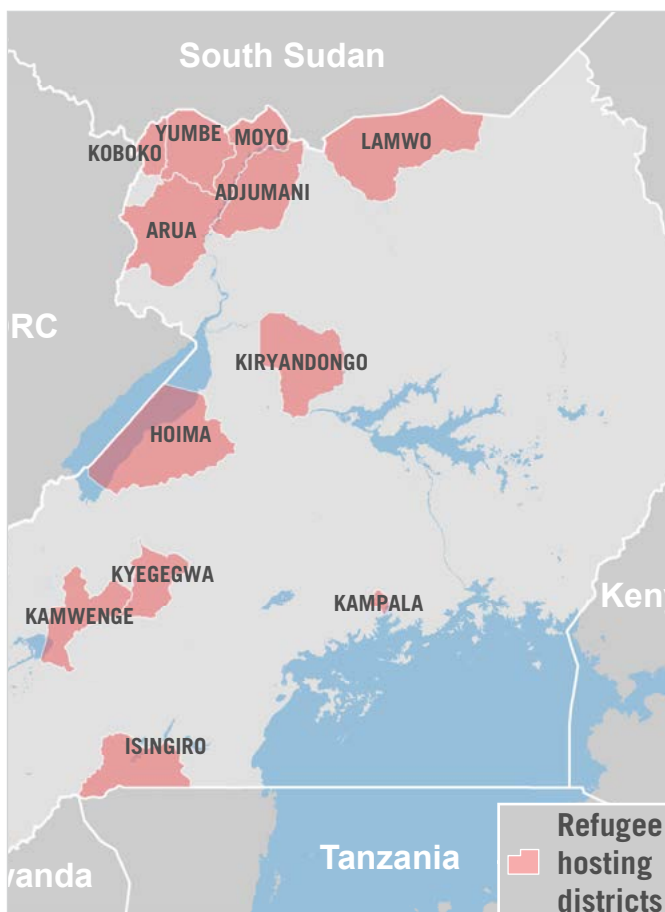
KEY MSNA FINDINGS

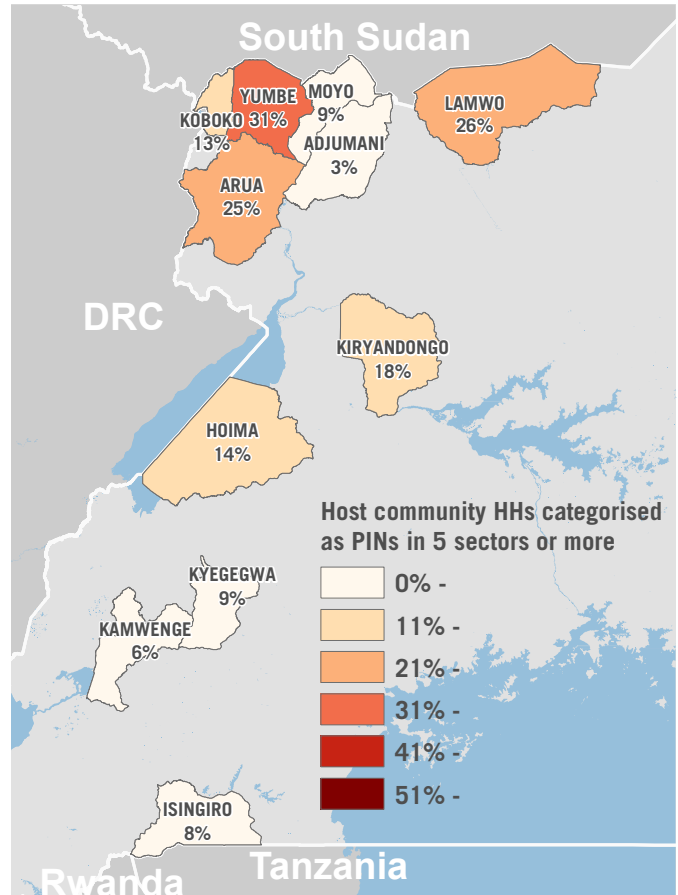
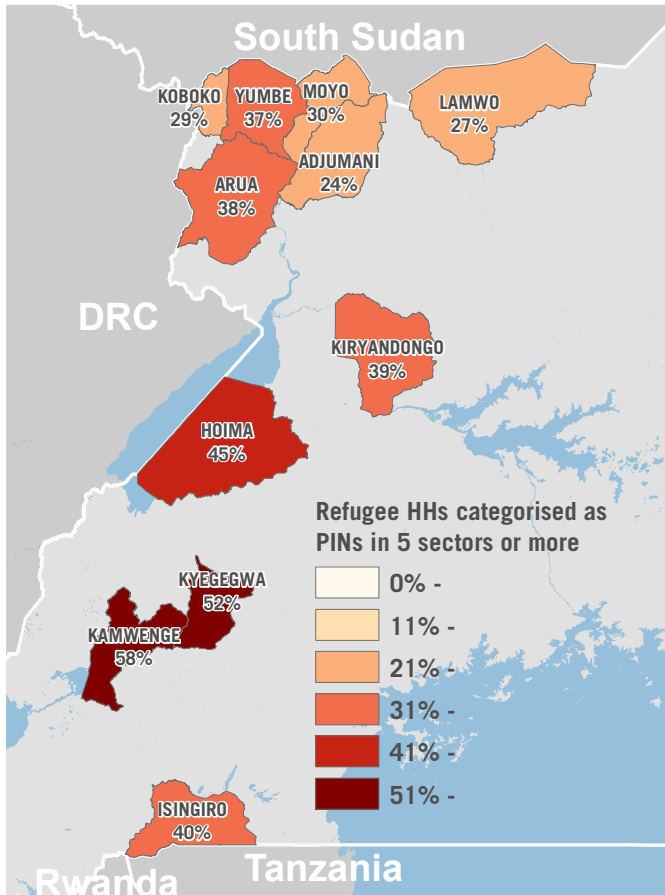
Proportion of crisis-affected households with unmet needs in five or more sectors in refugee hosting districts



Percentage of households categorised as in need by sector.

Areas covered by the MSNA in 2018.





Percentage of refugee and host community households with unmet needs in five or more sectors, by district.

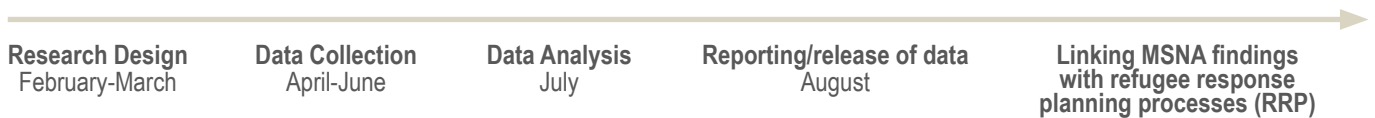
IMPACT OF MSNA FINDINGS

35 References in the Refugee Response Plan 2019

“As far as refugee operations are concerned, this Uganda MSNA is the test case of an innovation.”
 - UNHCR Senior Operations Coordinator



MSNA TIMELINE AND WORKFLOW



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