



JOINT STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA AND UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

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Acknowledging the challenging global funding environment, the Government of Uganda and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, met on May 23, 2025, to discuss its impact on refugee operations both globally and within Uganda. The current funding constraints have necessitated difficult decisions, including staff reductions, which are being undertaken through close cooperation and consultation between the Government and UNHCR. These measures reflect a broader global response to severe budget limitations. We deeply regret the impact on affected personnel and on the refugees we serve.

We reaffirm our strong and enduring partnership, grounded in a shared commitment to Uganda's refugee response. UNHCR and the Government continue to work hand in hand to ensure transparency, alignment with national priorities, and the continued delivery of essential services to refugees.

We jointly call on the international community to urgently step up support. Uganda continues to play a vital role in hosting refugees, with over **110,000** new arrivals already recorded this year bringing the total number of refugees in Uganda to **1.9 Million**—yet UNHCR Uganda remains only **17% funded for 2025**. Sustained international solidarity is essential to uphold Uganda's exemplary refugee policy and ensure continued protection for those in need.

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