The core elements of the ReHoPE response include:

- Multi-year and multi-sectoral area-based interventions to support both host communities and refugees; and coordinated delivery under government leadership, with local government and communities as key partners;
- Enhanced resilience and sustainability at three levels: household, community and systems level.

The strategy will focus on districts and communities that host refugees, with investments meant to benefit both the host and refugee communities.

A Secretariat, consisting of representatives of the Government of Uganda, humanitarian and development partners and other key stakeholders, will coordinate the implementation of the strategy and provide technical support.

A comprehensive approach is needed that mobilises different sources of funding, including domestic and international private and public sector funds, and ensures that the mobilised funds are used effectively and efficiently.

REHOPE PRINCIPLES

1. Government is in the lead.
2. Follow a rights-based approach that prioritises equity, human rights, gender responsiveness, & women’s empowerment.
3. Engage and empower the community.
4. Leverage comparative advantage.
5. Build programmes on existing programme blocks.
6. Promote a harmonised, area-based approach.
7. Harmonise the programme tools.
8. Build on and strengthen existing coordination structures.
Uganda has a long history of providing asylum, which dates back to the Second World War, when the country opened its doors to some 10,000 refugees from Poland. Since then, Uganda has maintained its borders open, providing sanctuary to people escaping conflicts and major political crises in neighbouring countries. By April-end 2017, Uganda was home to 1.25 million refugees, mainly from South Sudan. Refugees live in settlements within host communities and have access to services on par with Ugandan nationals. The high rate of poverty among refugees and limited economic opportunities contribute to higher poverty levels in refugee-hosting areas, which are often remote and less developed. These factors provide a justification for investing in the socio-economic development of these areas for the benefit of both refugees and host communities.

In line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in recognition of Uganda’s firm commitment to peace and security in the region and the protracted nature of displacement, the Government of Uganda took a bold decision to include refugee management and protection within its own domestic mid-term planning framework, namely the second National Development Plan (2015-20).

**Context**

**Refugee and Host Population Empowerment (ReHoPE)**

The ReHoPE strategy seeks to explore opportunities that benefit both refugees and the communities that host them, by bridging the gap between humanitarian and development interventions. ReHoPE represents a key building block of a comprehensive response to displacement in Uganda and a critical component in the application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, as stipulated in the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants (19 September 2016). Initiated by UNHCR and championed by the UN and the World Bank, the ReHoPE initiative is designed as a collective

**Vision 2040 & Agenda 2030**

*Vision 2040 is the Government of Uganda’s Vision and plan to move the country to a middle-income status. Agenda 2030 in the new global development agenda with 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

ReHoPE aims to serve as a bridge for the humanitarian and development approaches and actors and provides the basis to develop common programming, principles, framework and tools among a wide array of stakeholders, including the Government of Uganda, UN agencies, World Bank and other multilateral development banks, humanitarian and development actors, and the private sector.

**ReHoPE Strategy Outcome**

The overall outcome that ReHoPE will contribute towards, is to have in place strong and resilient institutions that can deliver appropriate, accessible, cost-effective, and affordable services to all people in the refugee-hosting districts in ways that build resilience and self-reliance among both refugee and host communities and that maintains and promotes the asylum space.

**Overall Objective**

Under the leadership of the Government of Uganda, ReHoPE seeks to strengthen collaboration between government institutions, humanitarian actors, development actors, donors, academia, and the private sector to the benefit of refugees and host communities, including by:

- Building and strengthening ownership and capacity among local governments and community institutions;
- Improving basic social service delivery in terms of access, quality, and efficiency;
- Expanding economic opportunities and sustainable livelihoods with a focus on women and youth; and
- Addressing environmental degradation in refugee-hosting areas.