



## OPM-UNHCR VERIFICATION EXERCISE: update

### HIGHLIGHTS

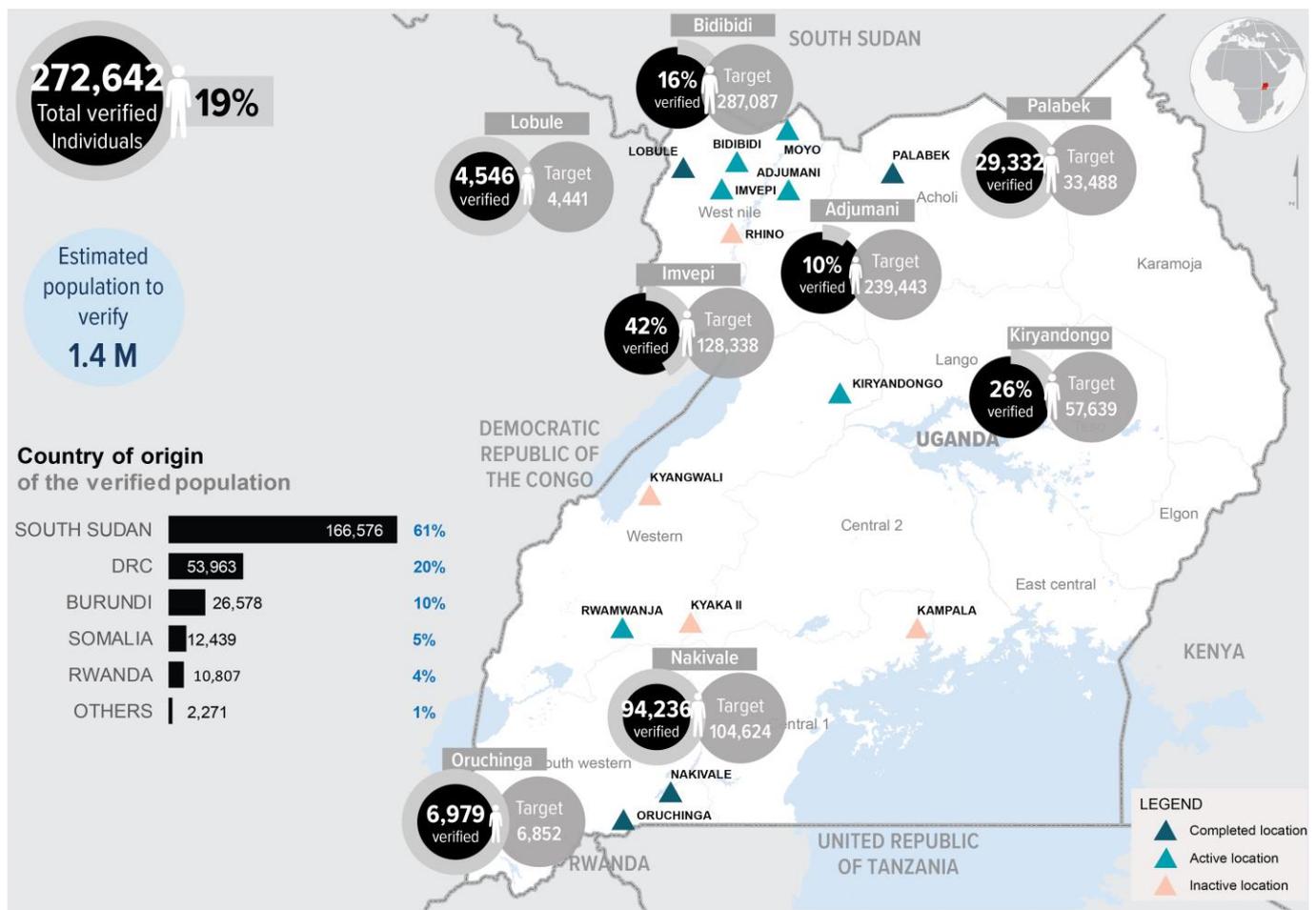
The ongoing verification of refugees in Uganda that started on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**, has verified a total of **272,642** individuals as of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, representing **19%** of the estimated target of 1.4 million registered refugees. The highest daily output was reached with 7,901 individuals verified in a single day last week.

During last week the verification concluded in the three settlements of Impevi, Nakivale and Palabek. The last days of the exercise in these settlements focused on providing grace periods to verify absentees from all sites within a settlement. The turnout varied but was generally high, however there was a marked increase in cases requiring litigation for matters of family reunification, activation and add-on babies all three locations. Verification has so far been concluded in Oruchinga, Lobule, Imvepi, Nakivale and Palabek.

The verification continued in the remaining three settlements of Kiryandongo (Youth Centre FDP), Adjumani (Maaji2 FDP) and Bidibidi where the activities concluded in FDP4 Zone5 and started in FDP2, the last verification site in the Zone. In Maaji2, the enrollment for cash with Postbank using biometrics started successfully during the week. The teams are keeping a flexible approach to scheduling according to capacity and levels of turnout with absentees from previous sites especially in Bidibidi being accommodated.

Prioritization of persons with specific needs (PSN) is done in all sites. Meetings by UNHCR and OPM with various stakeholders were held particularly in locations that were concluded as well as discussions on the way forward for subsequent sites where field visits were also conducted. The week also witnessed a visit by the US Ambassador to Uganda, H.E Deborah R. Malac to the verification site in Impevi and was taken through a comprehensive tour observing each step of the process in detail. With regard to staffing, a new Associate Operation Data Management Officer and a Registration Officer joined the team in Bidibidi.

### KEY FIGURES



### STAFFING

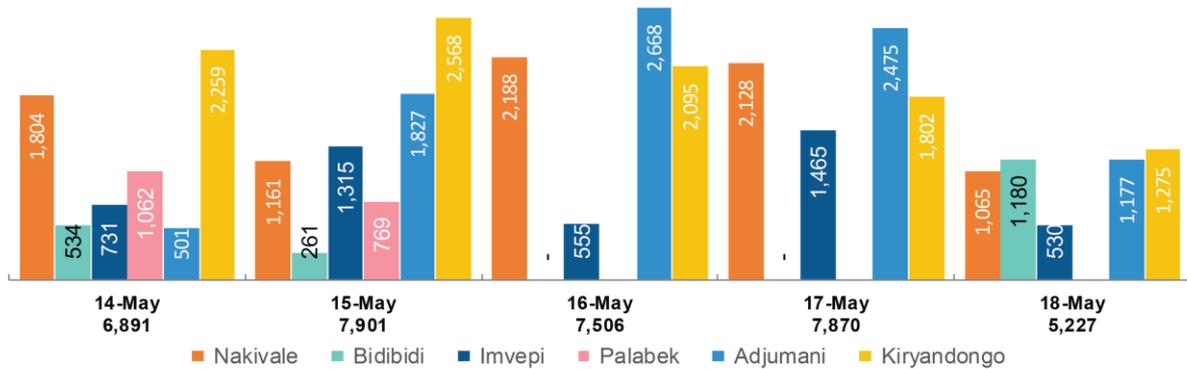
**408** staff: **6** teams of **68** staff each (**96%** are national staff)  
Over **60** Verification sites

**Daily Average All Teams**  
**7,079**  
Reporting period

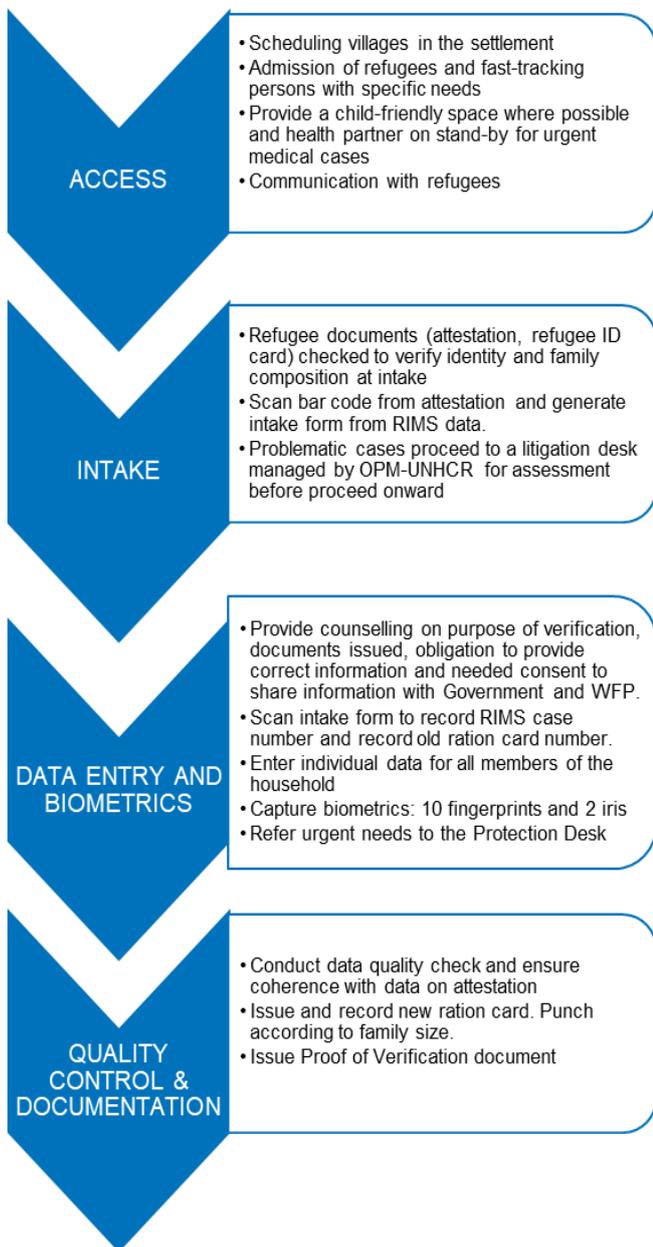
**Highest Daily Verified**  
**7,901**  
Reporting period



Verification exercise | Daily trends (14 May - 18 May)



VERIFICATION EXERCISE: PROCESS FLOW CHART



CHALLENGES

Logistical difficulties with regard to commuting to the verification sites on rainy days is still causing delays.

Litigation is still posing bottlenecks in the process. The week witnessed a marked increase in litigation cases mostly relating to family composition, inactivation and reactivation, in sites where the activity was dedicated to absentees before concluding the process in the respective settlements. In Kiryandongo, bottlenecks in litigation cases are resulting to reviews of the cases, forcing families to return to verification sites and the team is considering revising the daily schedules.

Recyclers continue to be detected in different sites with the use of biometrics. The identification is straightforward and not causing delays. Some technical problems were faced but were duly fixed and did not hinder the daily activities.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

The coming week will witness the start of the verification activities in several new sites and settlements as below.

Rwamwanja Settlement (Ntenungi FDP) to start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Rhino Settlement (Ariwa FDP) to start on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Moyo Settlement (Ibakwe FDP) to start on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Verification in FDP1, the first in Zone4 in Bidibidi, is planned to start on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

\*Where Individuals or families present issues that need resolving such as a new family composition, a case that has been closed in RIMS and needs to be re-activated, they proceed to the Litigation desk.