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### Uganda Cash Consortium receives additional €4 million from the European Union to continue cash support to refugees

The Uganda Cash Consortium (UCC), led by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and being implemented in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), has received an additional €4 million from the European Union to continue cash-based support to vulnerable refugees and members of host communities across the 13 settlements in Uganda.

This brings the EU's total contribution to €17,200,000 million since the project began in 2023. The funding allows UCC to support the most vulnerable meet their basic needs through multi-purpose cash transfers, and to support children at risk of dropping out of school with education cash assistance.

*"The EU's longstanding collaboration with the Uganda Cash Consortium and the DRC has proven extremely effective in improving the lives of the refugees," said Bruno Rotival, who oversees the EU's humanitarian programmes in Uganda. "Providing cash is an efficient and transparent way of supporting people affected by crisis. Moreover, evidence has shown that people often prefer cash over other forms of support because it is more dignified, giving them independence and choice, while at the same time supporting the local economy."*

With this support, UCC aims to reach 36,394 individual beneficiaries across 13 refugee settlements in 2025. They will receive monthly cash transfers for a period of six months to help with essentials such as food, rent, and health needs. The cash will be sent digitally using mobile money or bank transfers.

A total of 15,565 beneficiaries who are either out of school or at risk of dropping will be supported with Cash for Education in Emergencies (EiE) until Term 1 in 2026

*"Since 2023, support from the European Union has enabled us to reach 89,580 people of concern with Multipurpose Cash Transfers (MPCT) and 28,625 children with Cash for Education in Emergencies. This renewed support means more than just meeting basic needs. It helps restore dignity, keeps children in school, and gives families an opportunity to rebuild their lives. At a time when many are facing growing hardship, cash assistance remains one of the most effective and dignified ways to support communities," said Samuele Otim Rizzo, Country Director of the Danish Refugee Council in Uganda.*

Uganda continues to host more than 1.8 million refugees, and the demand for assistance remains high. With this additional funding, UCC will continue to support beneficiaries to access essential services. This work is possible thanks to the close coordination with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), UNHCR, and a range of stakeholders, who play an important role in the delivery of UCC activities.

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