



The Association of Refugee Women in Uganda (AORW-U) Relief Aid Project

Providing Lifesaving Support to war-displaced Victims

The AORW-U Relief Aid Project is dedicated to alleviating the suffering of forcibly displaced victims of war from the Eastern Region of the Democratic Republic of Congo by delivering critical food assistance.

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# AORW-U FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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**ASSOCIATION OF  
REFUGEE WOMEN  
IN UGANDA**





## Who we are:

The Association of Refugee Women in Uganda (AORW-U) is a women's lead organization comprised of women refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Sudan, South Sudan and Somalia.

## Our vision:

The Association of Refugee Women in Uganda envisions a society where refugee women and girls live without discrimination and violence.

## Our vision:

Our mission is to facilitate access to necessary resources while also supporting, advocating for, and building the capacity of refugee women and girls to lead fulfilling and meaningful lives.



# AORW-U By The Numbers



empowering 20 garden with vegetable seedlings, planting 1,000 royal palm for schools distribution.

submitted 5 proposals for fund



group of 14 refugee women trained on compost methods.

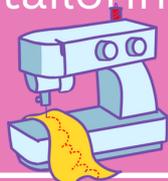


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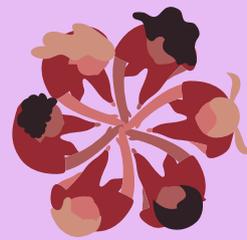


20 women completed their training in tailoring

over 350 identified for the new training



3 saving groups and 29 individuals saving accounts created with total of 12,277,000 UGX saving. gave total of 9,000,000 UGX as loans to 5 individuals.



2 app created: KUGAWANA APP and AORW-U shopping website.

distributed 200 goats to refugees in Nakivale refugee camp in Uganda.



emergency food distribution to 400 refugee households.



# SECTORS UPDATES:

## 1. Economic empowerment and livelihood:

### -Microloans & Savings Groups:

Through our Prosperity Fund, we provided over **9millionUGX** direct loans to **5individuals** from different nationalities and now they are able to starting or grow their small businesses. We also supported the formation of **5community** savings groups(Somalis, Congolese) to encourage collective financial growth and peer support also we were able to create **5village** saving groups in Nakivaly refugee camp and now they are better managing their finance and income.



one of our saving groups in Nakivale refugee camp.



### -Financial Literacy Training:

In collaboration with Centenary Bank, nearly **400 refugees** participated in financial literacy sessions on international woman day festival focused on budgeting, savings, and personal finance and we continued our effort and reach out to **8groups** where over **200** individuals financial literacy workshop and now they are aware of their finance management. Certificates were awarded to participants who completed the training.



goat distribution in nakivale refugee camp



### -Livelihood Support:

In partnership with Lifting Hands International (LHI), we distributed **200 goats** to refugee women in Nakivale Refugee Camp which they can feed from or sell it is milk and produce for them.

provided food assistance to **400 refugees household**, including newly arrived families from the DRC asoure food security for all these families.



emergency food distribution in AORW-U premises



### -Digital Platforms Launched:

We proudly launched the **AORW-U** website to showcase refugee-owned businesses and the **Kuguwana App** a digital tool to streamline food assistance delivery with greater efficiency and transparency. by using digital tools will be able to enlarge our scope of refugee beneficiaiers and deliver assistante where ever it needed.

## 2. Climate change:

**-Green Innovation & Partnerships:** We pursued collaborations with local factories and funding opportunities to advance projects that turn waste into useful resources—such as **biogas, fertilizer, briquettes, and black soldier fly larvae**—to enhancing sustainability and resilience and contribute in cleaner and healthier refugees households and host communities



biogas digester



improved stoves and briquettes



**-Climate Risk Assessment:** To better address **waste and energy** challenges, we conducted a climate risk and resource use survey reaching **100 refugee households** in Kampala. The findings are guiding the development of targeted and effective interventions as the best way to solve the problem is to engage the most affected ones.



seeds nesting in local community garden in lungujja, kampala, Uganda



**-Urban farming:** We planted **1,000 royal palm** tree seedlings to enhance schools green areas and nested **vegetable seeds**(spinach, cabbage, and sukuma wiki) targeting **120 refugee** households in Kampala. These efforts support nutrition, environmental mitigation and the growth of home-based kitchen gardens.

**Compost trainings:** we trained a group of **14 women** who run a community garden in lungujja, Kampala on compost making, with weekly fellow ups and mentoring to check on the compost and the garden growth.



## 3. Education:

**English Language Classes:** Both levels of **57 students** successfully completed their end-of-level exams, so level 1 are moving to level 2 and level 2 are will receive end of course certificate. and ready to successfully communicate with the host community in English.

**Scholarship Support:** All **21 sponsored students** returned to school in February with full tuition coverage, allowing them to continue their education without financial barriers.

**Vocational Training:** **20 refugees successfully** finished their six months training on tailoring and become able to start their own enterprise to generate more income and support their families. **Over350 refugees** were signed for up coming training programs in **tailoring, electrical installation, sports, phone repair, hairdressing, welding, plumbing** and **graphic design**, equipping them with practical skills for future employment and entrepreneurship.



end of level 2 English exam



equip scholars students with stationary tools.



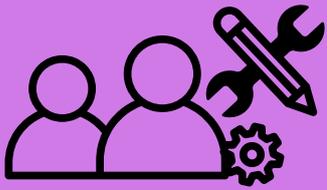
tailoring class

# Second Quarter(April-June)2025 Goals



## Promote access to financial services for refugees:

- Encourage more groups and individual refugee to join the refugee prosperity fund program.
- Provide microloans to refugees with small scale business to grow their enterprises.
- conduct financial literacy trainings with refugees.



## Equip refugees with vocational skills:

- Provide vocational training(tailoring, hair dressing, electric installations, phone repair,plumbing, welding, graphic designing)for refugees in Kampala.



## Enhance food security among refugees:

- Introduce kugowana app to refugee communities.
- focus more on supporting gardening groups to improve their gardens.



## Empowering Nakivale through sustainable agriculture:

- Taring refugee women and girl in Nakivale on sustainable farming methods.
- Equip refugees with tools and seeds to implement sustainable agricultural practices.



# THANK YOU!

We extend our heartfelt thanks our staff for their dedication and a big one to all our donors and supporters for your continued generosity and encouragement. Your engagement empowers our work and fuels lasting change in the lives of refugee communities. We couldn't do it without you!