



With the struggle to shelter her children out of the way, thanks to the Hope to Home project, Sifa is now focused on starting up a business which will cater for the family's other needs like food, clothes and scholastic materials. Photo by Lanyero Flavia/CRS.

# Hope to Home

## OVERVIEW

With over 1.5 million refugees with the majority originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, Uganda is faced with a challenge of accommodating and integrating these diverse populations while ensuring their basic needs are met. These flee conflict and instability in search of safety. Despite the country's progressive policies that grant refugees the right to work, own property, and access social services, gaps about providing essential resources such as shelter, clean water, and livelihood support still exist.

In a bid towards addressing the complex shelter and livelihood needs of refugees and host communities, CRS in partnership with Caritas Hoima are implementing a three-year Hope to Home project in Kyangwali refugee settlement. The project goal is to reduce the vulnerability of refugees and host community families by supporting them to establish safe, dignified, healthy and durable homes and productive livelihoods, while engaging in collective actions that foster healthy, resilient relationships. This shall be through nurturing the foundations of vibrant and cohesive societies approaches.

## QUICK FACTS

<b>Sector</b>	■ Emergency Preparedness and Management
<b>Funding/Funder</b>	■ \$3,000,000/ Brian and Janice Soukup
<b>Partners</b>	■ Caritas Hoima Diocese
<b>Project Location</b>	■ Kyangwali Refugee Settlement ■ Host Communities in Kyangwali
<b>Target Participants</b>	■ 1,071 vulnerable families including: ■ Unaccompanied minors, pregnant and lactating mothers, the elderly
<b>Timeframe</b>	■ Oct 2023 – Sept 2026



Lydia Kyakwa entered her house in March 2024. She is grateful for a home for her and her children. Photo by Lanyero Flavia/CRS.

## PROJECT COMPONENTS

### 1. Shelter Programming

Using an owner-driven approach, the project intends to build homes for 1,071 families (5,355 individuals) who are extremely vulnerable including unaccompanied children, child headed households, teenage mothers, pregnant and lactating mothers, elderly people, and people with chronic illness.

### 2. Livelihood Support

Project intends to establish 80 Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) groups with 25 members each on average totaling to 2,000 individuals. Through the SILC methodology, the project will prioritize participants in the shelter programming component. Beside facilitating their saving and loans systems, these group's members will undergo a business-skills training to learn how to better manage their resources through business and financial management skills.

### 3. Social Cohesion

The project brings conflicting parties together to work for the common good by raising awareness, engaging the community on specific issues, developing, and implementing connecting activities. Social Cohesion will be integrated in this project activities to enhance the outcomes of the program by building the capacity of the project team to enhance their

understanding of CRS's social cohesion methodology and conceptual framework.

## ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- 114 houses have been constructed
- Accommodating 315 people
- 80 percent of whom are women and girls
- 136 houses are due for completion verification
- While 100 households have been assessed and are pending enrollment.
- However, with an increase in new arrivals, the need remains huge.

## ABOUT CRS

CRS has been working in Uganda since 1965 in partnership with the local Catholic Church and the Caritas network in support of CRS Uganda's vision that "Empowered families reach their full potential and are resilient to external shocks in safe, just and inclusive communities, supported by effective local systems." Strategic Priority Areas include Health and Social Services Systems Strengthening, Resilient Food Systems, Emergency Preparedness and Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Local Leadership. Between October 2022 and September 2023, CRS supported over 1.6 million Ugandans and refugees residing across the country.