

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Uganda

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

18 years of conflict between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army have exacerbated the already strained humanitarian situation of children and women particularly in the 8 worst affected districts, with more violence, displacement and poverty. Access to basic healthcare, water, primary education, protection and shelter has been constantly denied. Out of 1.5 million IDPs, 80% are women and children.

Security and humanitarian access remain a constraint. Only 20% of the IDP camps are accessible on a regular basis without heavily armed escorts. It is also estimated that 44,000 child night commuters leave their homes to sleep in urban centres each night, and some 12,000 children have been abducted by the LRA to be forcibly recruited as child combatants and sex slaves.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF's emergency interventions are part of the CAP for Uganda. UNICEF participates in the humanitarian action teams together with UN agencies, NGO partners and line ministries, and continues to be the lead agency in water and sanitation, health, nutrition, protection, HIV/AIDS and education.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will immunize 90% of infants and pregnant women in IDP camps, treat 80% of under-5 children against malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea, provide adequate support for therapeutic and supplementary feeding programmes, and enable proper HIV/AIDS and gender based violence counselling.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will reach IDP populations through constructing additional water supply systems and sanitation facilities, rehabilitating existing boreholes, and distributing information materials on best hygiene practises.

Education: UNICEF will develop catch-up education programme for out-of-school children, procure and distribute education and school equipment in IDP camps, support establish child friendly spaces, and provide mobilization, advocacy and leadership skills to young girls and boys.

Protection: UNICEF will enhance child protection activities at all levels, strengthen district capacities to register, monitor and report on night commuters, review existing practises on care, family tracing, reunification and reintegration of formerly abducted children, and provide additional training on protection.

Family shelter and Non Food Items: UNICEF will respond to urgent shelter and household items needs of public facilities, IDPs and other affected households, night commuters and also provide resettlement kits to formerly abducted children.

<b>Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005</b>	
<b>Sector</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Health and nutrition	7,869,317
Water and environmental sanitation	5,352,273
Education	6,477,272
Child protection	3,715,909
Family shelter and non-food items	4,403,409
Coordination and support services	675,000
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>28,493,180</b>

<sup>1</sup> The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12 per cent. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.