

NAKIVALE REFUGEE CAMP DISTRIBUTION



PHASE ONE DISTRIBUTION REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Nakivale is divided into three zones—Rubondo, Base Camp, and Juru—and hosts over 200,000 refugees. This population is growing daily, particularly due to an influx of refugees arriving from the DR Congo through the Kisoro border as a result of ongoing security tensions in the DRC. In Nakivale Refugee Settlement, which hosts the largest number of Congolese new arrivals, the average water supply is 7.5 liters per person per day, with some zones receiving as little as 4 liters. This is significantly below the recommended minimum standard of 15 liters per person per day.

The shortfall is primarily due to earlier reductions in pumping hours caused by funding constraints that limit a consistent fuel supply for water pumps. Moreso, over 114,000 people have fled violence in eastern DRC to neighboring countries including Uganda which has increased the strain on available water resources since the start of the year. Due to this, the settlement faces significant challenges, including frequent cholera outbreaks and reliance on Lake Nakivale, boreholes, and other surface water sources for water.

OBJECTIVE OF THE DISTRIBUTION

The primary objective of the water filter distribution was to provide safe, point-of-use drinking water systems to new refugee arrivals living in high-risk, water-stressed zones. The initiative was designed to reduce the risk of waterborne diseases, particularly cholera, by enabling households to purify water drawn from surface sources.



DISTRIBUTION

This was Lifewater's first-ever emergency water filter distribution in Nakivale. The distribution was conducted between June 18 and 20, 2025, targeting newly arrived refugees in Rubondo and Juru zones. The activity was led by the Lifewater team, in collaboration with Nsamizi (lead WASH partner) and UNHCR field staff.

The team consisted of Roger London – Director, Lifewater UK and the Lifewater core team members.

A total of 300 household water filtration systems were distributed.

Distribution Summary Table

Date	Zone	Kits Distributed
18 th June 2025	Rubondo	160
19 th June 2025	Juru	140
Total		300

Beneficiary Selection:

The filters were given to new arrivals, especially those who had arrived within the past month and were living in zones identified as having acute water shortages or relying on surface water. Priority was given to families with children under five, pregnant women, and the elderly.

Training Provided:

All beneficiaries received practical training on how to assemble, use, clean, and maintain the filters. The sessions were conducted in local languages (including Kiswahili and Kinyabwisha) to ensure comprehension. Beneficiaries practiced hands-on setup under supervision before taking the filters home.

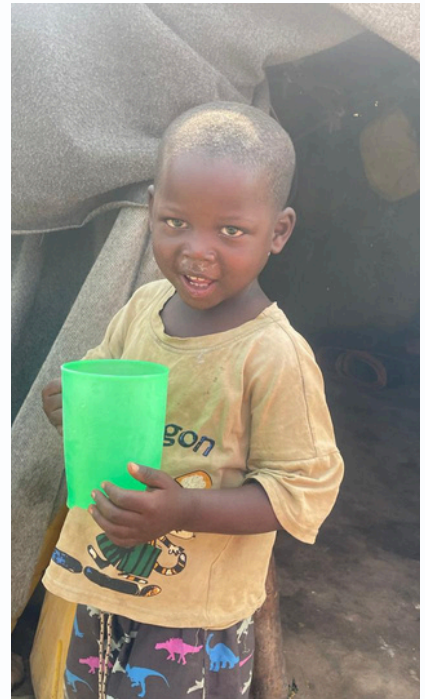


MONITORING

In the days following distribution, the team conducted a Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) exercise. Key observations included:

- Most visited households had installed and were using the filters.
- Beneficiaries reported high satisfaction with the ease of use.

Some households who hadn't set up their systems by the time of the monitoring, were assisted to do so by the field workers.



Challenges Encountered

- Logistics: Some households had relocated by the time the team returned for monitoring, requiring re-tracing.
- Demand exceeded supply: Community leaders requested additional filters for households that did not receive them.

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THE FIELD TEAM

CONCLUSION

The June 2025 water filter distribution addressed a vital need for clean water among newly arrived refugees in Nakivale. With ongoing water shortages and disease risks, the filters are already improving health and resilience in affected communities.

We are grateful to our partners—Nsamizi and UNHCR field staff—for their essential support and coordination on the ground.

A special thank you to our donor, WaterWorks, whose generous contribution made this life-saving intervention possible. Your support is bringing lasting impact to families in need.



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