



NAKIVALE REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

PHASE FOUR DISTRIBUTION REPORT

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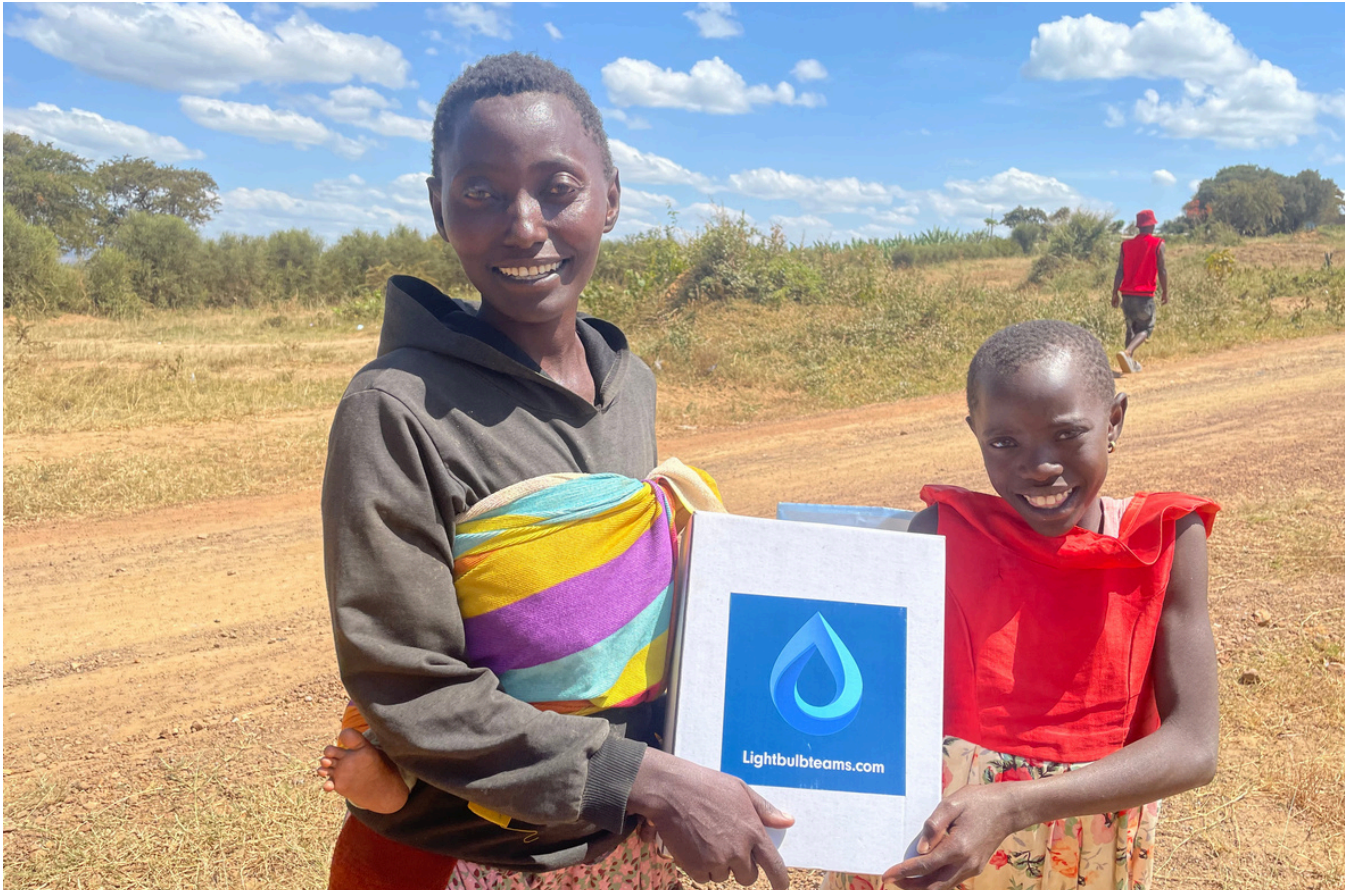
Introduction

Nakivale Refugee Settlement, located in Isingiro District in southwestern Uganda, continues to receive new arrivals, primarily from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Due to ongoing instability in the region, the settlement has experienced an increase in vulnerable households requiring urgent humanitarian support.

From 28th to 29th May 2026, Lifewater conducted an emergency distribution of household water filtration kits in Kituaza Zone, targeting newly arrived refugees.

The distribution was led by the Lifewater core team and supported by Nsamizi, UNHCR, and Village Health Teams (VHTs), who played a key role in mobilization and beneficiary verification.

This intervention aimed to improve access to safe drinking water at the household level for highly vulnerable populations.





THE NEED

Nakivale is currently experiencing the onset of a dry spell due to changing weather patterns. This has significantly affected access to safe and clean drinking water within the settlement. Water supply systems are under strain, leading to water rationing across many zones.

As a result, persons of concern are often required to wait in long queues for limited water supplies. This situation disproportionately affects women and children, who are primarily responsible for water collection.



Due to these challenges, some households have resorted to using open and unsafe water sources such as ponds and surface runoff.

These sources expose communities to a high risk of waterborne diseases, including diarrhea and other gastrointestinal infections.





PROJECT OVERVIEW

In response to the urgent need, Lifewater, in partnership with WaterWorks, distributed 200 emergency household water filtration kits to 200 homesteads in Kituaza Zone.

These kits are designed to provide safe, clean drinking water at the point of use, significantly reducing dependence on unsafe sources and minimizing the need for boiling water.

The intervention directly benefits vulnerable new arrivals, many of whom lack basic household resources and are still adjusting to life within the settlement.

KEY ACTIVITIES

The distribution took place over two days, from 28th to 29th May 2026, and followed a structured process to ensure efficiency and transparency:

- Mobilization of beneficiaries by VHTs and partners
- Verification of households in collaboration with UNHCR systems
- Orientation of beneficiaries on the purpose of the intervention
- Hands-on training on installation, use, and maintenance of the water filtration kits
- Issuance of water filters to verified households

A total of 200 households received Lifewater emergency kits, increasing access to safe drinking water at the household level and reducing exposure to contaminated water sources.





STORIES FROM THE FIELD

A STORY OF RESILIENCE – SARAH (NAME CHANGED FOR PRIVACY)

Sarah is a recent arrival from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her journey to safety was marked by profound loss and trauma. She witnessed the killing of her brother and husband by rebels, an experience that forced her to flee for her life.

She arrived in Uganda carrying not only her own children but also two of her late brother's children. At the time of arrival, she was also pregnant. Despite her trauma, Sarah now shoulders the responsibility of caring for all the children under her protection.

Sarah attended the distribution on the first day but was unable to receive a kit due to the high turnout. Determined, she returned on the second day and was successfully able to receive a Lifewater emergency filtration system.

During a follow-up visit to her home, the team found one of the children suffering from diarrhea—likely linked to unsafe water consumption.

Receiving the Lifewater system brought her immense relief. She expressed deep gratitude, knowing that she could now provide safe drinking water for her children and reduce the risk of further illness.

Her story is a powerful reminder of both the vulnerability and resilience of the communities we serve.

We look forward to sharing updates in the next distribution report on how the emergency water treatment system has impacted Sarah's life and improved her household's health and well-being.





CONCLUSION

The May 2026 distribution in Kituaza Zone marks another important step in addressing critical water access challenges among new arrivals in Nakivale Refugee Settlement.

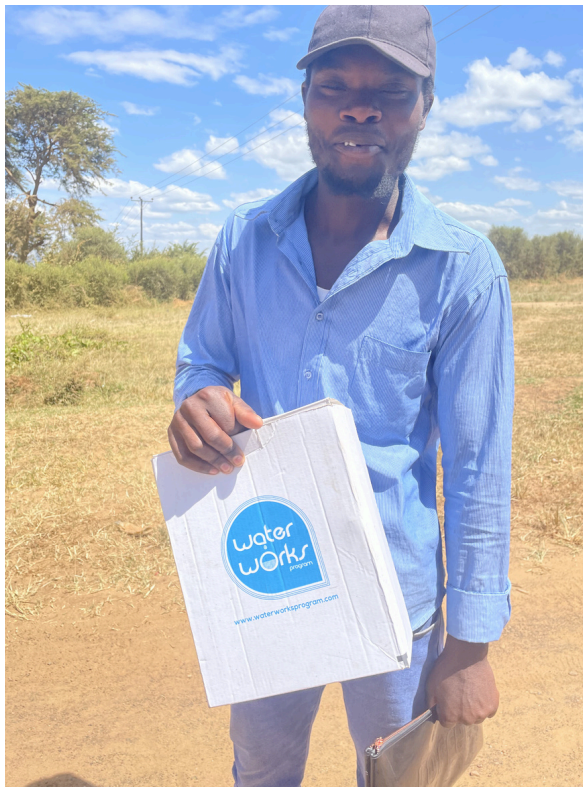
By providing 200 households with emergency water filtration systems, Lifewater and its partners have helped reduce reliance on unsafe water sources and improved access to safe drinking water at the household level.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We extend our sincere gratitude to WaterWorks and all its partners for your generous donation of the water filtration kits that made this intervention possible.

We also recognize and appreciate the continued collaboration and support of Nsamizi, UNHCR, the Africa youth Award members and the Village Health Teams (VHTs), whose dedication ensured the successful implementation of this distribution.

This collective effort highlights the power of partnership in responding to urgent humanitarian needs and improving the lives of vulnerable communities.





Happy Beneficiaries

