YAREN
Enabling Risky Communities



GENERAL DISTRIBUTION REPORT

Protecting the people on the front line



Face shields and hand rubs against COVID-19 in Nakivale Refugee Settlement



August 2021 – May 2022

In partnership with Field Ready

OVERVIEW

01 Stopping the spread

> Fighting the transmission and spread of COVID-19 in refugee settlements in Uganda.

Mission objective

2,000
face shields
distributed

2,000
hand rub bottles
distributed

18
target groups
most exposed to the public

Who we targeted. Distribution went to the people most exposed to direct contact with large numbers of people, and to those least able to protect themselves:

- Uganda Police, Nakivale
- Boda-boda riders
- Women fish sellers
- Women's craft workshops
- Church pastors
- Medical centres
- Office of the Camp President (RWC III)
- Teachers
- Grieving families
- Office of the Prime Minister
- UNHCR guards
- Pharmacies
- Pregnant women
- Street children
- People with disabilities
- ACBON member NGOs

LOCATION
Nakivale Refugee Settlement

PERIOD
22–31 August 2021 to 3 May 2022

REPORT DATE
4 May 2022

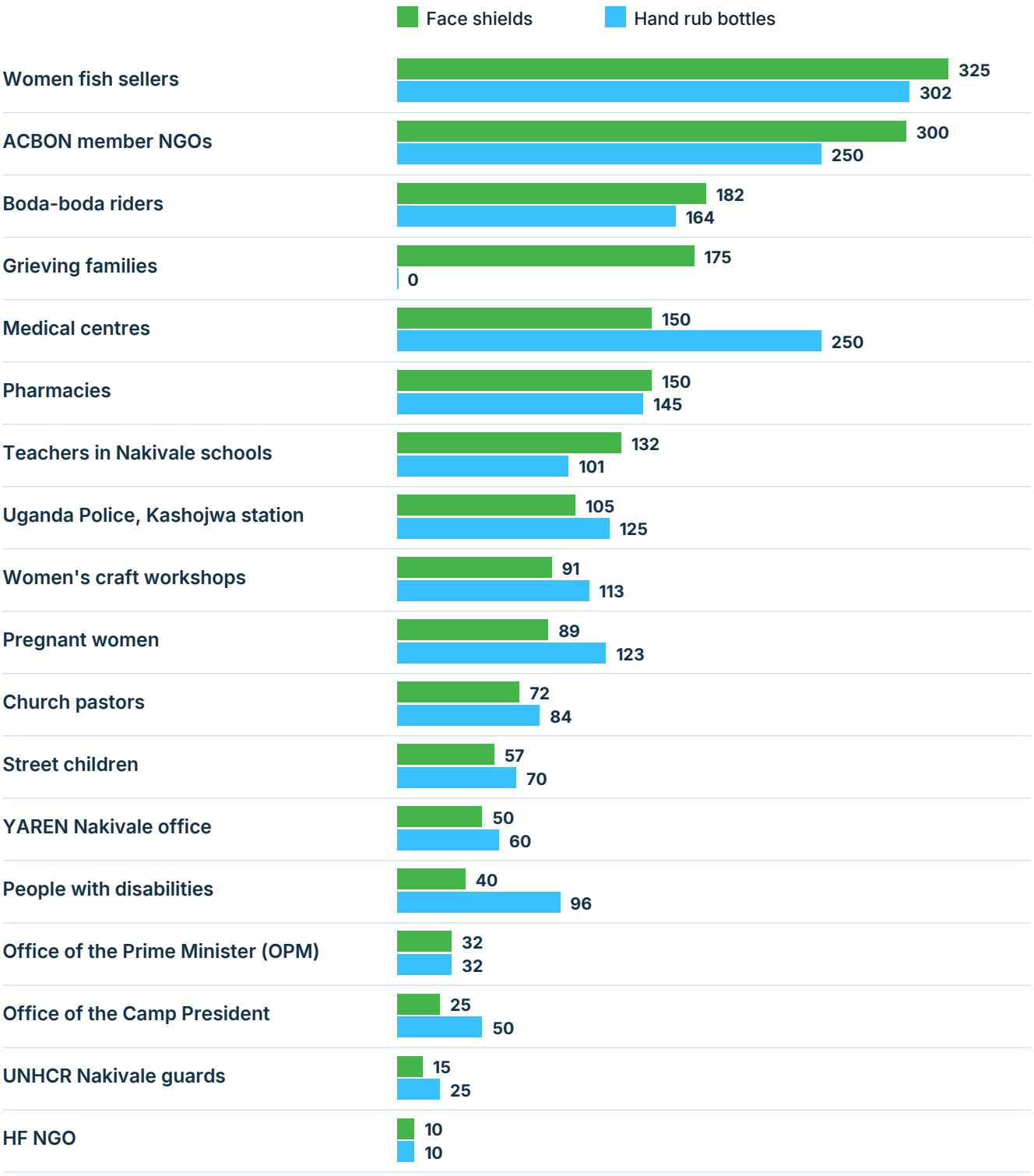
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DISTRIBUTION BY GROUP

02 Who received what



Total distributed	2,000 shields	2,000 rubs

LESSONS & NEXT STEPS

03 What the field told us

Problem identified	Action taken or proposed	Responsible
Beneficiaries liked the face shields, which are less stuffy than other masks, so demand was high	Local production of face shields for refugees and host communities	Field Ready
The face shields available were not enough for a population estimated at more than 140,000 refugees	Provide a batch able to cover a large part of the beneficiaries	Field Ready
Hand rub bottles leaked once carried in a pocket	More suitable, pocket-friendly and sturdier bottles	Via suppliers
Distribution was carried out on YAREN's own means	Funding for distribution to support field movement and reporting	Field Ready

Conclusion

Face shields and hand rubs were of great importance for refugees during the critical period of COVID-19. The needs of refugees and their host communities are real and present, and meeting them is a sure way to fight the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases carried by dirty hands.

WHAT YAREN IS ASKING FOR

Funding to **manufacture hand rubs locally in Nakivale, by refugees**, and a livelihood project to help refugees hit hard by the economic crisis of the pandemic rebuild their income.

IN PICTURES

Officials and frontline services



Distribution at the Police Commander's office, Nakivale.



Police officers and the YAREN team with the new face shields.



ABOVE: Distribution at the police station in Nakivale.



Police officers receive face shields from the YAREN team.



At the office of the President of Nakivale Refugee Settlement.

IN PICTURES

Communities most exposed



Women fish sellers in the street in Nakivale.



A craft workshop of refugee women.



Young people gathered in mourning receive face shields.



Women gathered to mourn receive face shields.



Sensitisation meeting with leaders of the target groups.



The YAREN team planning the distribution.

IN PICTURES

Leaving no one behind



YAREN members fit a face shield for a refugee with a physical disability.



YAREN's Deputy Director fits a face shield for a refugee with a disability.



People living with albinism receive hand rubs.



Deaf refugees from the SEED association receive hand rubs.



Breastfeeding women receive hand rubs, with the LAC association.



YAREN hands a set of hand rubs to the LAC disability association.



YAREN Organisation

YAREN empowers refugees and vulnerable communities in Uganda through skills training, livelihoods, education, health and community-led programmes. Since 2017.

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