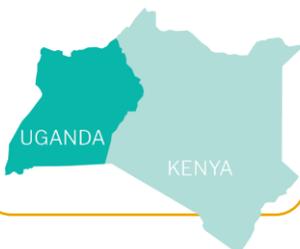




Current Target Settlements

UGANDA

KENYA



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Recognizing the dynamic nature of the economies in contexts of forced displacement, the SCC opens new avenues for private sector solutions to meet essential needs. Efforts focus on energy, connectivity, and digital tools, which serve as lifelines for marginalized populations, and which no single humanitarian organization directly oversees.

To solve these issues, SCC employs an ‘ecosystem’ approach to develop pilot projects and enabling activities. This approach informs action to deploy new technologies and build new public-private models, while integrating existing emergency response frameworks.

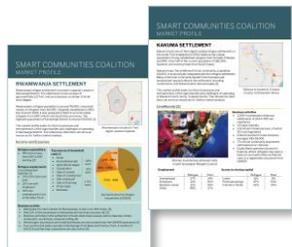
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Market Profiles

Provide key information on the initial target refugee camps / settlements for private sector



Current Activities:

Throughout implementation, activities are continuously monitored and evaluated for scale and replication. New activities are explored on an ongoing basis. Project outcomes will inform future interventions.

- **Digital Agents for Energy+ (Kenya):** Access to renewable energy products in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement is hampered by poor last-mile distribution and low financial inclusion. More effective links between supply and demand will grow the market, strengthen local small businesses, and spur entrepreneurship.
- **MAKE Change for Refugees (Kenya):** Existing mini-grid solutions in Kakuma provide limited coverage. Private sector mini-grid development could expand access, but business models suitable for displacement settings remain unproven. Improved energy fosters connectivity entrepreneurship opportunities as well as new productive uses of energy.
- **Rwamwanja Mini-grids & CE3+ (Uganda):** Market-based energy and internet infrastructure, coupled with market development programs, are mutually reinforcing, and can have greater impact when geographically concentrated. An ICT hub brings new learning and entrepreneurship opportunities to the southern area of the settlement and host community.
- **PAYGO Solar Home System De-risking Grants (Uganda):** Protracted refugee settings present viable markets for pay as you go (PAYGO) energy products but also carry operational risks. USAID has offered small grants to PAYGO companies to off-set these risks and prove the market while maintaining commercially sustainable prices.
- **U.S. Africa Development Foundation Grants (Kenya & Uganda):** Refugees and host community members are best suited to solve the problems they confront. Grants empower local entrepreneurs to scale their solutions focused on at least two of the three SCC pillars to effectively push innovation from the ground up.

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