

REBUiLD

Boosting Livelihoods

Refugees in East Africa: Boosting Urban Innovations for Livelihoods Development (Re:BUiLD)

Quarter 1 Report:
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In partnership with:



IKEA Foundation



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About Re:BUiLD Program

The Re:BUiLD Program is funded by the **IKEA Foundation** and is currently under implementation in **Kampala** and **Nairobi** cities. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is the lead partner and has been coordinating a consortium of local and international partners to deliver the program interventions.

The program delivers livelihood interventions for **urban refugees** and **vulnerable host residents** to achieve **economic self-reliance** and benefit from strengthened urban economic, regulatory, and social environments and service delivery by national, regional, and global actors.

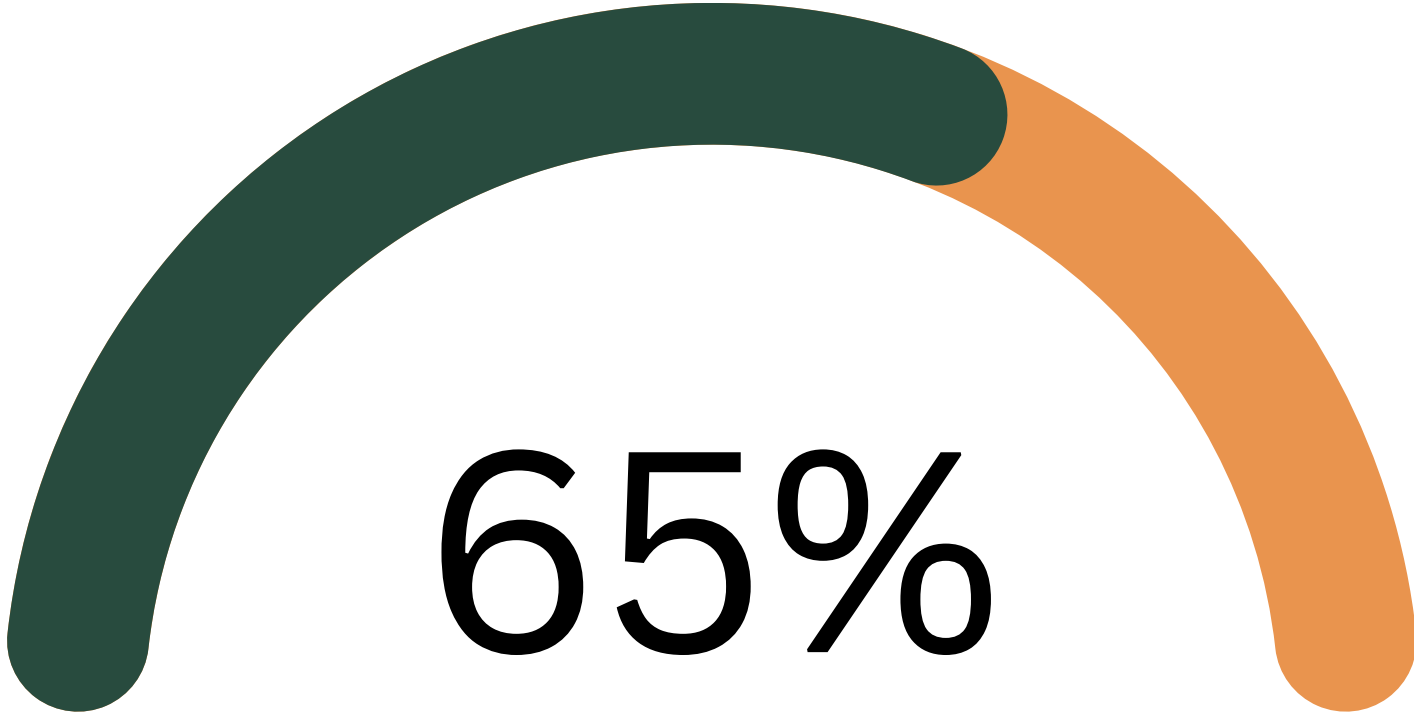


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Program progress as of end Q1 of Year 3

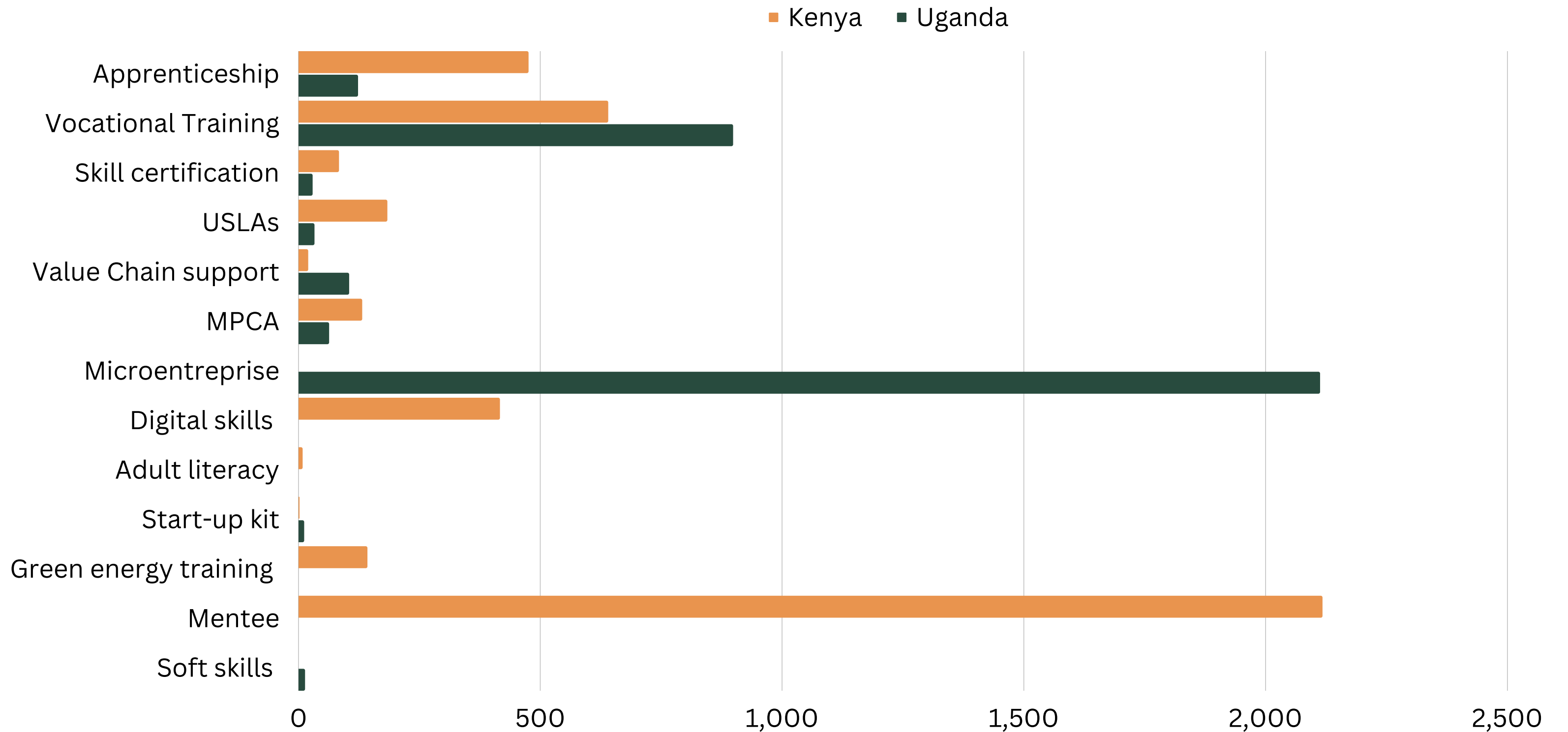
The quarter began with the refinement of work plans and budgets jointly with the Re:BUiLD partners. The onboarding of the Catalytic fund awardees was completed in this quarter. The Catalytic Fund aims to drive innovations and create employment opportunities. Implementation will start in April 2023.

The program will conduct a formal evaluation of all clients trained and supported by the project in April 2023 to verify their employment status and aid in the design of bridging services.



*As of Q1, Re:BUiLD Program has offered services to 7,529 clients, representing **65%** of our cumulative targets as of Year 3.*





No. of clients provided service under the Re:BUiLD Program as at March 31, 2023



Employment status assessment

- **In Nairobi:** 222 clients reported an increase in income, 88 reported the same income, and 5 reported reduced income.
- **In Kampala:** Follow up on 320 clients in Kampala found that beauty and cosmetics, food and beverage, and construction sectors provided the most self-employment avenues for clients.

Re:Build Catalytic Fund

- **Awardee:** Franky's Foundation
- 50 clients placed in laptop and phone repair courses.
- 14 clients offered on-the-job training at **Tasya Mart Supermarket** in Kenya.
- Clients are provided with working tools as part of facilitation for on-the-job training and employment.



Re:BUiLD ensuring people manage financial risks

We are advancing financial inclusion of refugees and vulnerable host residents through supporting Urban Savings and Loans Associations (**USLAs**). In this quarter:

- 29 USLAs trained by mentors in Nairobi
- 7 USLA groups registered with the Department of Social Services in Nairobi
- 138 USLA members from 13 groups have opened individual bank accounts
- Five USLAs pre-qualified for digital credit in Kampala, **Ensibuuko** to initiate the lending
- Ensibuuko set up payment and funds transfers to individual USLA member accounts.
- **22 financial institutions** in Kampala onboarded for USLA member lending and digital transactions through Ensibuuko platform



Key service delivery highlights

➤ Refugee-inclusive value chain engagements in Kampala and Nairobi

- Re:BUiLD engaged **Castro Mancave** and **Delish Nailbar** to consider their potential in employing refugees with support from Open Capital.
- **Buzigahill** and **Fine Spinners** trained and engaged 36 clients in the cloth and extile sector
- Business cash grants were offered to the tune of **€153,500** in Kampala



Business grant recipients verified to have started businesses upon receipt of cash grants and mentorship provided by the program.



Influence & Adoption

Decent work campaign

Re:BUiLD initiated the Decent Work Campaign in Kampala and Nairobi. The program will advocate for the inclusion of refugees in formal work. Key stakeholders in the humanitarian, civil society and private sectors were contacted for insights. We engaged the **ILO**, **UNHCR**, the **Federation of Employers** in Nairobi and Kampala, the **Federation of Small & Medium-Sized Enterprises**, **KCCA**, **NCCG** and respective labor officers in both cities.

Partnerships for community engagement

Pamoja Trust (our partner in Kenya) mobilized hosts and refugees, to review the **Nairobi County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)**. The program also facilitated the formation of a refugee-led organization (RLO) network, while **Care for Widow** developed a strategic plan. **PLAVU** (a program partner in Uganda) held meetings with the **Civil Society Advocacy Working Group (CSBAG)** to get timelines for the budget development process for the involvement and participation of urban refugees.



Government, city authorities and humanitarian actors

The Re:BUiLD Program's I&A team engaged with the County Team for City of Choice in Kenya, which is supported by the **IKEA Foundation**. In Uganda, Re:Build met with the Kampala Capital City Authorities (**KCCA**) on accessible services for refugees. In Kenya, the team participated in **ReDSS** meetings to focus on durable solutions for refugees, and in a community of practice that focused on the development of the Roadmap Network for Financial Inclusion of FDPs.

In Uganda, we participated in the commemoration of International Women's Day at Old Kampala Senior Secondary School. Follow-ups with participants will be scheduled in April to see how they are doing and to encourage ongoing relationships and connections.



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Client Feedback

The Re:BUiLD Program implementation teams in Nairobi and Kampala continue to use multiple mechanisms to receive and address clients' feedback.

- Nearly all the concerns and feedback (97%) were addressed within 24 hours.
- 474 instances of feedback were responded to immediately,
- Clients were referred for support internally and externally to other NGOs and service providers for assistance.



Plans for Quarter 2



Service Delivery

In Q2, Re:Build will design bridging services for approximately 30% of served clients in Kenya and Uganda. This will target those requiring additional support to access employment. A private sector engagement strategy shall be designed to support program implementation.



Evidence and Learning

Measurements for the Wave 1 RCTs will continue in Q2, specifically the six-month follow-up survey and completion of the 3-month follow-up survey for the second cohort for Uganda; and the six-month follow-up for Kenya. The ideation process for the second wave of the RCTs will be completed.



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The next quarter will focus on engaging and consulting on decent work campaigns, culminating in the hosting of Decent Work Summits in Nairobi and Kampala.

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