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UNWomen Uganda

**Period**  
Sept 2018 to Mar 2022

**Targeted Districts**  
Adjumani, Yumbe

**Total Budget**  
**\$3,679,823,335**

**Reach**  
**8,765** people

**Direct Reach - 1,473**  
(M 567 • F 906)  
**Indirect Reach - 7292**  
(M 2,807 • F 4,485)

**Partners**  
UN Women

**CMP**  
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**SDG**

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| 1<br>NO<br>POVERTY    | 2<br>ZERO<br>HUNGER           |
| 5<br>GENDER<br>EQUITY | 10<br>REDUCED<br>INEQUALITIES |

### The Central Problem

Gender injustices are propagated by social and gender norms, beliefs, and practices that limit access to Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) for women and girls and ending Gender-Based Violence in emergencies (GBViEs) and host communities.

### Introduction

The Advancing Women's Economic Empowerment and Resilience in the South Sudanese emergency response (AWEAR Project) is a two-year project funded by the UNWomen Uganda. This project is aligned with key policy and strategic frameworks at the national level. These include the 2006 Refugee Act & the 2010 Refugee Regulations, the Protection and Solutions Strategy Uganda 2016-2020, the Government's Refugee and Host Populations Empowerment Strategy (ReHope), the Settlement Transformative Agenda (STA), as prioritized in the Uganda National Development Plan II and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).

### Immediate Objective

### The Major Project Components will Benefit from Three Formative Studies

- A Gender Analysis and a Gender-Based Violence assessment to respond to gender concerns and challenges faced by the target group and recommendations to address GBV and reduce the risk of GBV through economic empowerment
- A review of the Cash for Work (CFW) & the Cash for Community Assets (CFCA) initiatives explore who is doing what and seek linkages to ensure CFW and CFCA initiatives are gender-responsive and women friendly
- A skill and market study to identify options to strengthen AWEAR's target group's access to markets.

To diversify the livelihood options of refugee women and girls, and their host communities through a menu of dignified, viable, and profitable options. CARE targets participants with a focus on women refugees to increase their knowledge of financial management, financial literacy skills and their capacity to engage in productive and viable livelihood options through a set of training and accompaniment measures. This was informed by a baseline assessment of skills and market opportunities, promotion of Village Savings & Loans Associations (VSLAs) and influencing Cash for Work (CFW). Refugee women's agency will increase, including their self-confidence, self-esteem, knowledge of their rights and the capacity to exercise and claim. Men and boys in the direct environment of refugee women will display more power-sharing attitudes towards them. The risk of women and girls engaging in negative coping behaviors such as transactional sex will reduce as a result of having access to more women-friendly livelihood opportunities. Ultimately women's resilience will also improve due to having a more diversified livelihood base.

### Major Project Components

The major interventions of this project focus on immediate income generating opportunities for women in the humanitarian response and to Women's Economic Empowerment through:

- Financial inclusion through Village Savings and Loans Associations (**VSLAs**)
- Livelihood and Income Generating Activities (**LIGAs**)
- Influencing linkages for Cash for Work (**CFW**) and Cash For Community Assets (**CFCA**) so that they are more "women friendly"

### Outputs:

- New sources of income and economic opportunities created through targeted cash for work and development of capacities and skills for SSD refugee and host community women.
- The capacity of South Sudan refugee and host community women to participate in profitable Income generation activities is strengthened

