

UGANDA

<https://doctorswithafrica.org/en/where-we-work/in-africa/our-work-in-uganda/>

IN 2020

In Uganda, 2020 was a year marked by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in restrictions on movement and the closure of the country until September 2020.

However, despite the pandemic, Doctors with Africa CUAMM **continued to operate in the country without interruption**, supplementing existing interventions with activities specifically aimed at responding to Covid-19. Early on we identified the need to set in motion ad hoc activities to contain the epidemic, which were urgently required given the reduced access to health facilities between March and May due to travel restrictions and fear of the virus. Fortunately, thanks also to the prompt action of Doctors with Africa CUAMM in supporting the health system in the areas of intervention, since June 2020 admissions to health facilities have normalised. Overall, Doctors with Africa CUAMM's projects in the country continued along **two main prongs**. The first, in line with the 'Mothers and Children First' programme, aims to improve **child and maternal care and nutrition** services in three districts of the Karamoja region and in Oyam district, with widespread action in villages, health centres and hospitals, including those in Matany and Aber, promoting **community work, prenatal visits, attended births and emergency transfers**. The second is being

developed in Karamoja to tackle **tuberculosis**, with the aim of improving the diagnosis and treatment of multi-resistant **tuberculosis** in particular, starting from the community-level. Thanks to the active involvement of community workers and home-based management of patients, we work at health centres with training and mentorship, and then at hospitals – particularly Matany Hospital, which has become a **regional benchmark** for the treatment of the disease. In 2020, the five-year intervention in partnership with other NGOs continued throughout the Lango Region, with the aim of strengthening a health system that serves over 2,000,000 people, focusing in particular on **nutritional and maternal/child services**, as well as HIV and **malaria**. Lastly, our project in Arua District, West Nile, continued its work to strengthen visual health services in the area.

2020 SNAPSHOT

87
human resources

381
health facilities supported

2,366,967 €
invested in projects

COUNTRY PROFILE

Kampala
Capital



375
per 100,000
live births
Maternal mortality rate

46,855,361
million
Population

199,810 km²
Area



16.7 years
Average age of the population

46.4
per 1,000
live births
Under-five mortality rate

61/65.6 years
Life expectancy (m/f)



4.7
Average number of children per women

33.8
per 1,000
live births
Neonatal mortality rate

159th
out of 189
countries
Human Development Index



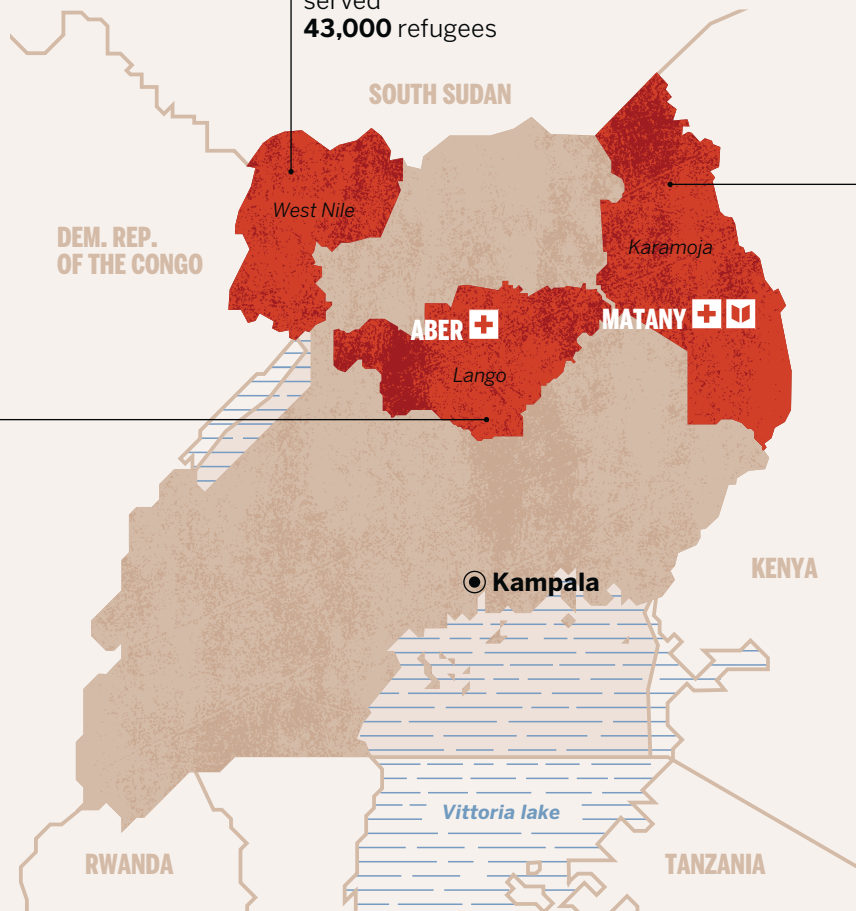
WHERE WE WORK



WEST NILE REGION

2 Districts *Arua, Terego*
 1 Hospital *Arua regional referral hospital*
 1 health centre
 59,546 population served
 43,000 refugees

N.B.: only Aber and Matany fall under the hospitals considered in the Focus on Hospitals.



KARAMOJA REGION





3 Hospitals *Matany, Moroto, Amudat*
 9 Districts *Napak, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, Amudat, Moroto, Abim, Kotido, Kaabong Karenga*
 141 health centres
 1,267,300 population served



LANGO REGION

6 Hospitals *Aber, Lira regional referral, Amai, Apac, Nightingale Hospital, St. Anne*
 9 Districts *Oyam, Apac, Kwania, Kole, Lira, Otuke, Alebtong, Dokolo, Amolatar*
 227 health centres
 2,513,700 population served

RESULTS ACHIEVED

 CHILD AND MATERNAL HEALTH	265,628 prenatal visits	1,019 transfers for obstetric emergencies	97,541 attended births	776,269 visits of children under 5 years of age	82,053 vaccinations
 NUTRITION	1,875 for severe acute malnutrition				
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES	1,653,323 patients treated for malaria	3,354 patients treated for tuberculosis	5,529 patients undergoing antiretroviral treatment		
 ONGOING TRAINING	2,361 community agents	19 nurses	59 midwives	11 doctors	45 other