ReHoPE Strategic Framework

The transformative programme towards community led development and sustainable refugee protection which will strengthen public service delivery and stimulate economic empowerment for refugee and host communities in Uganda.

Refugee and Host Population Empowerment (ReHoPE)

A People-Centred Approach to Sustainable Economic Empowerment

ReHoPE is a self-reliance and resilience strategic framework targeting refugees and host communities in Uganda’s nine refugee hosting districts. It is a five year commitment which recognises the need for creative durable solutions. It is in line with humanitarian principles, but also, has a special focus on self-reliance and resilience of refugees and host communities alike. Through a holistic approach, ReHoPE addresses the sustainable development of the host country on a district level and enhances refugee protection.

The ReHoPE strategy provides the basis for proposed joint programming of up to $350 million over five years, involving UN agencies, the World Bank, the Government of Uganda, development partners and the private sector. Through a multi-sectorial partnership, new development programming focused on improving social services and enhanced livelihoods will enable refugees and host communities to meet their immediate needs and prepare them for future shocks. It is also envisaged that support for self-reliance and resilience will serve refugees equally in the event of a prolonged stay in Uganda, as well as upon their eventual return to their countries of origin.

ReHoPE is Expected to Deliver:

1. **Sustainable livelihoods** based on:
   - modernized agricultural practices and improved market linkages
   - market-driven technical skills and small-scale enterprise.

2. **Integrated and Sustainable Social Service Delivery** with District Local Government systems focused particularly on the health and education sectors.

3. **Community and system resilience** based on dialogue and peaceful co-existence.

4. **Protection including emergency response** Preserve equal and unhindered access to territory and protection space and promote the full enjoyment of rights, while maintaining the civilian character of asylum

5. **Preparing refugees for solutions** such as building knowledge, skills, and capacities for refugees when they return home

Why Uganda is Different

Uganda demonstrates how a progressive refugee policy is economically and socially advantageous for both refugees and the host communities. When communities recognize that refugees are agents of development and that they positively contribute to the sustainable development of their districts, the refugee asylum space is not only protected, but strengthened.

Uganda’s refugee asylum policy and refugee settlement approach is widely regarded as an exemplary model where refugees are integrated within the host communities and have access to the same services as nationals. They have the right to work and establish businesses, the right to go to school, freedom of movement, access to documentation, and are allocated land for agricultural use. These laws provide a pathway for refugees to become self-reliant.

Innovations under ReHoPE

- ReHoPE is an innovative approach to humanitarian interventions: multi-sectorial, multi-year and development oriented
- The ReHoPE interventions build on existing initiatives and programmes
- Uganda provides a generous policy environment that creates linkages between refugees and national populations
- ReHoPE is an example of how to enhance the protection of the asylum space – in Uganda and elsewhere
- ReHoPE fosters development through integrated service delivery and socio-economic development to refugee hosting areas, recognized by the Government of Uganda as a vulnerability criteria in the National Development Plan II
- ReHoPE promotes a shift from dependency on humanitarian assistance towards self-reliance for refugees
- ReHoPE improves social cohesion and supports peace-building efforts
- ReHoPE enhances environmental protection and conservation of refugee hosting areas
Resource Mobilisation Strategy and Linkages

ReHoPE has three distinct components, which are jointly coordinated to ensure maximum outreach and quality of programme delivery. These three components are:

- **Settlement Transformative Project** - $50M
  Soft loan requested from World Bank

- **United Nations – World Bank Joint Programme** - $170M

- **Linking and Leveraging Development Programmes** - $130M

Aside from resource mobilisation and programme implementation, ReHoPE is also a forum for advocating for refugees to be included in development planning; helping to identify the needs and gaps in the various sectors. Overall, the success of ReHoPE depends on an integrated, joint, coordinated and multi-sectorial approach owned by all partners.