

# UTHABITI

## Building Resilience Through Market-Led Livelihood Opportunities



In April 2022, Save the Children (SCI) launched Uthabiti, a three-year Humanitarian Development Nexus Activity funded by United States Agency for International Development, (USAID)'s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).



**PARTNERS:** Response Innovation Lab (RIL), Swisscontact, and Grameen Foundation



### OBJECTIVES

#### GOAL

**For Refugee and refugee hosting households, particularly youth and women, to have diversified livelihood opportunities to meet their basic needs and participate in economic growth" in Isingiro and Lamwo districts.**

To build resilience through market - led livelihoods opportunities by diversifying available resilient livelihood opportunities for youth and women from refugee and host communities in the Isingiro and Lamwo districts of Uganda.

To promote opportunities in primarily off - farm activities within selected value chains that offer inclusive economic growth potential, while concurrently addressing the market constraints on equitable participation in the market.

To strengthen market systems and enable access to reliable, cost - effective sources of clean energy and financial services for refugee and host communities.

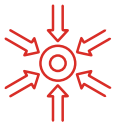
To test, generate, and disseminate new evidence on scalable business models that are appropriate for humanitarian - development nexus programs in Uganda, and where applicable, globally.

To reach 22,460 refugee and host community members, particularly youth and women; over 250 saving groups, cooperatives, and community - based organizations; and at least 30 micro, small, and medium enterprises in the targeted project areas.

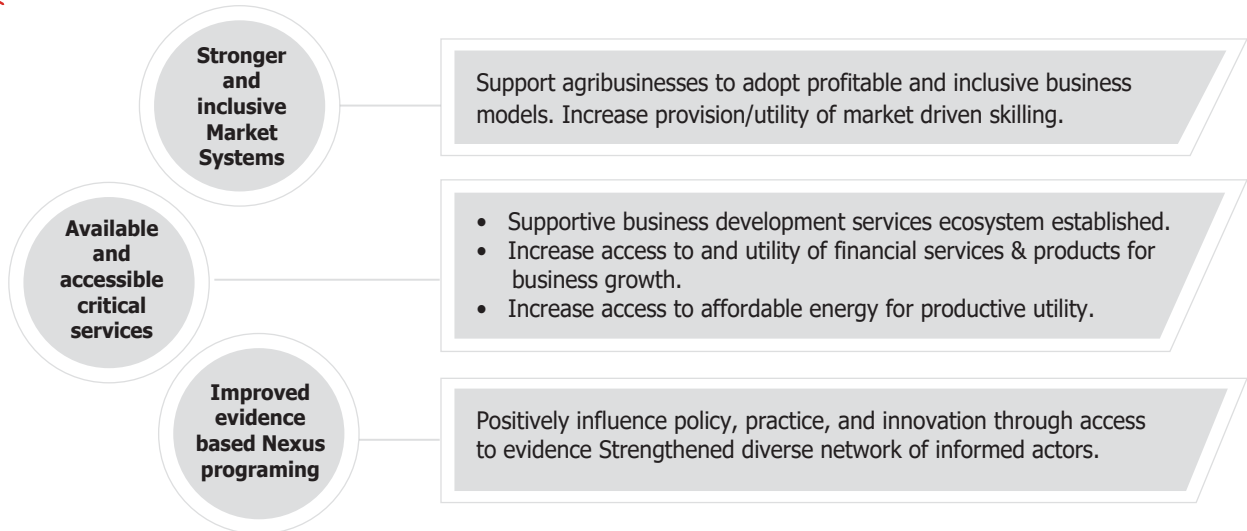
## ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

**LAMWO DISTRICT:** Northern Uganda Sub-counties of Palabek Gem, Palabek Ogili, and Palabek Kal; refugee settlement zones 1,2, 3, 4, 5A & B.

**ISINGIRO DISTRICT:** Sub-counties of Ngarama , Kashumba, and Rugaaga; Base Camp and Juru in Nakivale refugee settlement



## ACTIVITY PURPOSES & APPROACHES



## HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS

**56.8%**

of targeted market actors (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise, MSME's), adopted new business practices facilitated by the Activity, against a target of 40%.

**USD 40,569.75**

One MFI incentivized to expand into Palabek Refugee Settlement thus enabling 75,344 people to have access to appropriate financial services. USD 40,569.75 worth of new loans disbursed to 202 borrowers.

**360**

full-time equivalent off-farm employment opportunities for refugees and host community members.

Financial Service Providers, FSPs (banks and micro-finance institutions), expanded their financial services offerings to **298** Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) with 8,043 members (67% refugees/33% host communities; 73% women/27% men; and 31% youth).

**1557**

youth gained in life-skills training and mentorship, which develops foundational skills, competencies, behaviors, attitudes, and personal qualities for individuals to harness opportunities created by the private sector partners.

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learning packages that benefit the wider refugee response work developed including The Digital Savings Groups, Agriculture Private Sector Engagement and Agriculture Value Chains learning packages.

**USD 139,454**

Uthabiti leveraged USD 139,454 additional private sector investment which resulted in USD398,659 worth of transactions value into the two targeted settlements.

**74%**

of enterprises and groups applied improved organizational or business-level technologies.

**15,452**

individuals reached directly by the Activity by 30th September 2023.

- 10,581 F;
- 4871 M;
- 9169 Refugees

**3,810**

Metric Tones of grain worth USD394,909 aggregated.

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Established formal relationships with 9 private sector partners.