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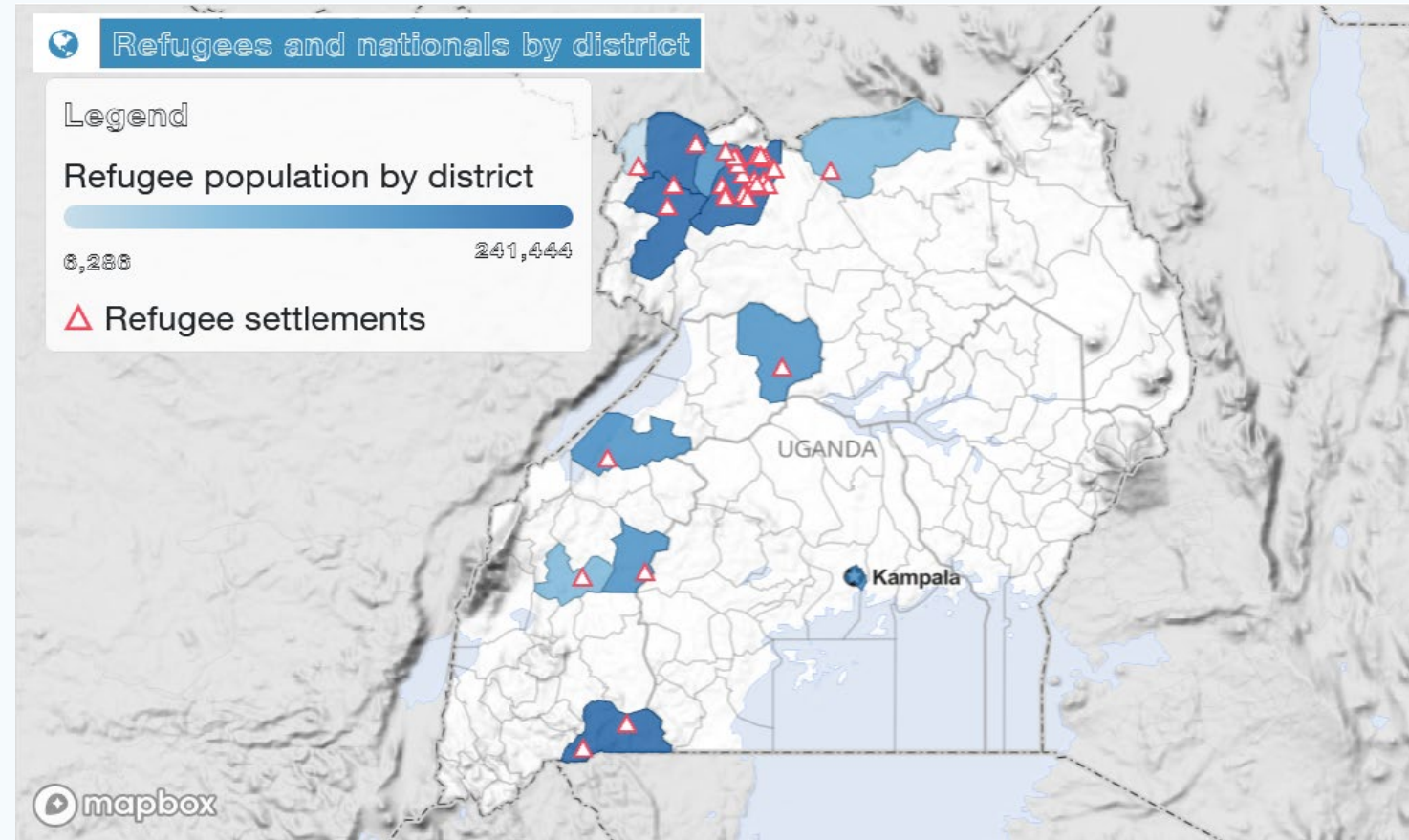
Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Landscape in Displaced Populations

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Organization's Role and Activities

- ❖ **Mission** is to provide the highest possible level of health services to all people in Uganda through delivery of promotive, preventive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative health services at all levels".
- ❖ The Ministry of Health (MoH) in Uganda is responsible for the health sector, including planning, delivering, and maintaining healthcare services. The MoH's mandate also includes policy development, resource mobilization, quality assurance, Regulation, capacity development, epidemic control and Health Research.
- ❖ The Ministry of health through its partners provide integrated health services that include cervical cancer screening and HP vaccination to the hard-to-reach girls, refugees, migrants, internally displaced persons (IDPs). The Ministry ensures free services are provided within all the government facilities and partners with UNHCR to provide the services within the camps.

Refugee Settlements in Uganda



Total refugees
1,772,707
Last updated 31 Jan 2025

Total Asylum-Seekers
37,939
Last updated 31 Jan 2025

Total refugee and asylum seeker population
1,810,646
Last updated 31 Jan 2025

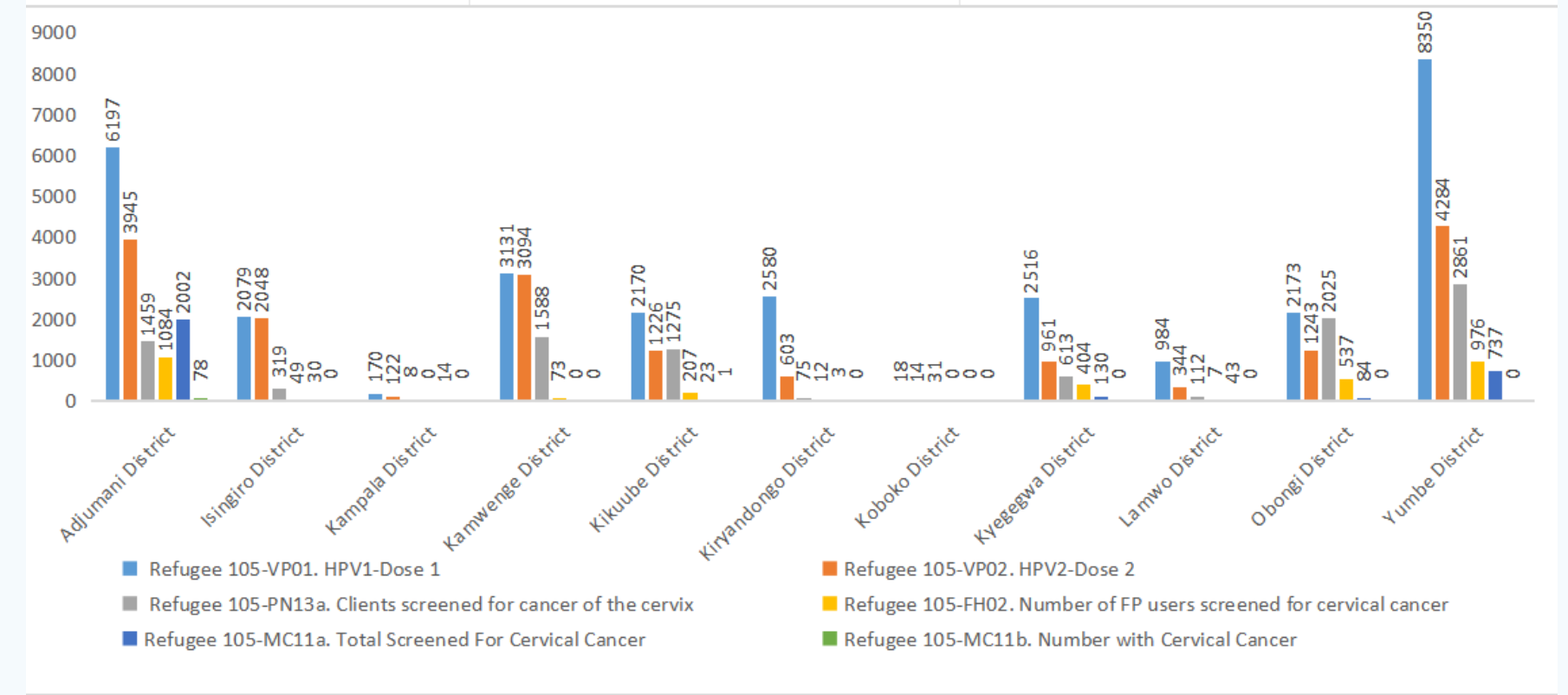
LOCATION NAME	Population
Madi Okollo & Terego	13.4% 241,526
Adjumani	12.6% 228,570
Isingiro	12.4% 224,448
Yumbe	11.4% 205,681
Kampala	8.7% 157,785
Kikuube	8.0% 145,275
Kiryandongo	7.7% 139,881
Obongi	7.6% 137,735
Kyegegwa	7.4% 133,010
Kamwenge	5.6% 100,572
Lamwo	4.9% 88,154
Koboko	0.3% 6,286

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Population
South Sudan	54.2% 981,326
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	31.3% 567,091
Sudan	3.7% 67,605
Eritrea	3.3% 59,622
Somalia	2.8% 50,799
Burundi	2.4% 43,178
Rwanda	1.3% 24,253
Ethiopia	0.8% 14,942
Others	0.1% 1,830

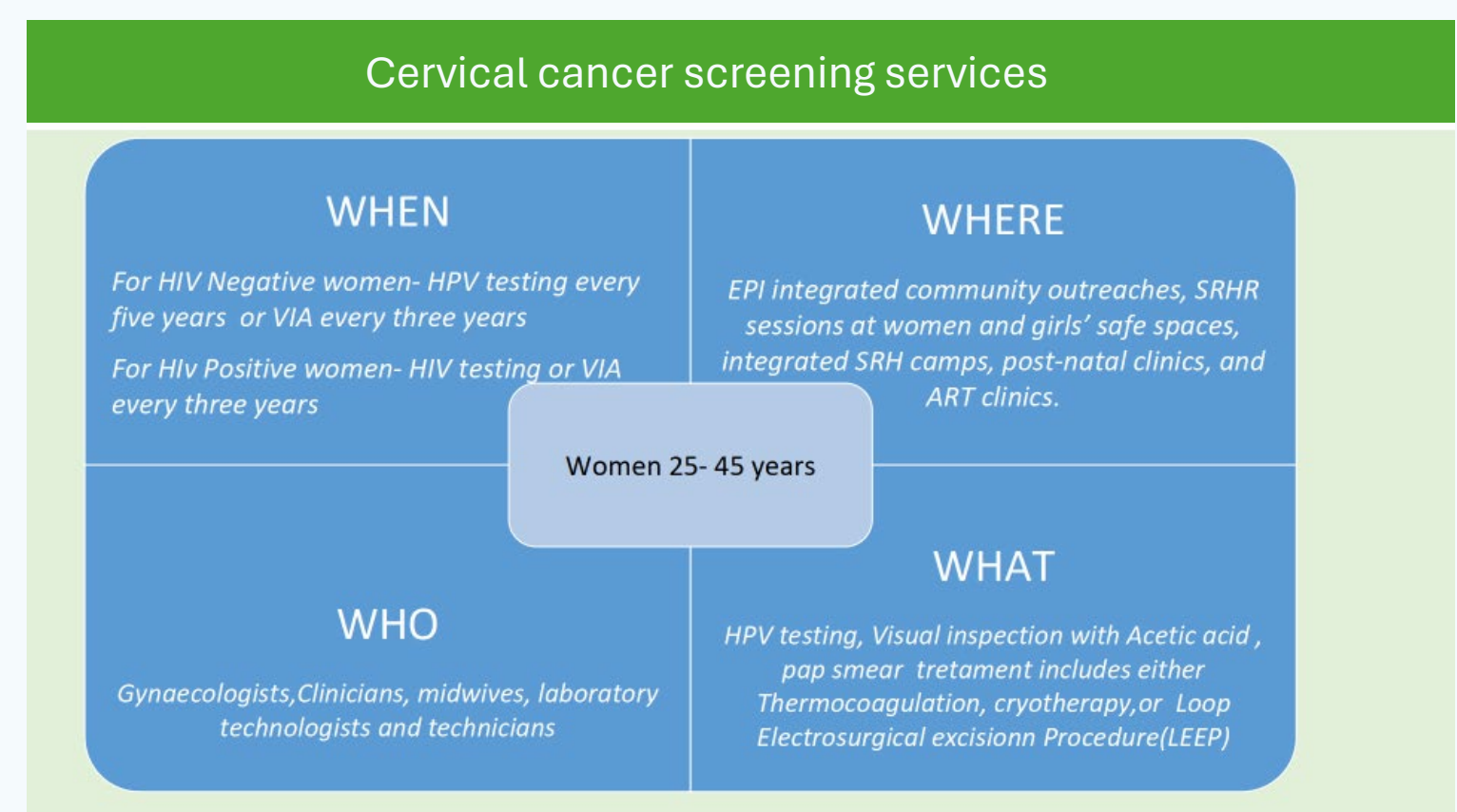
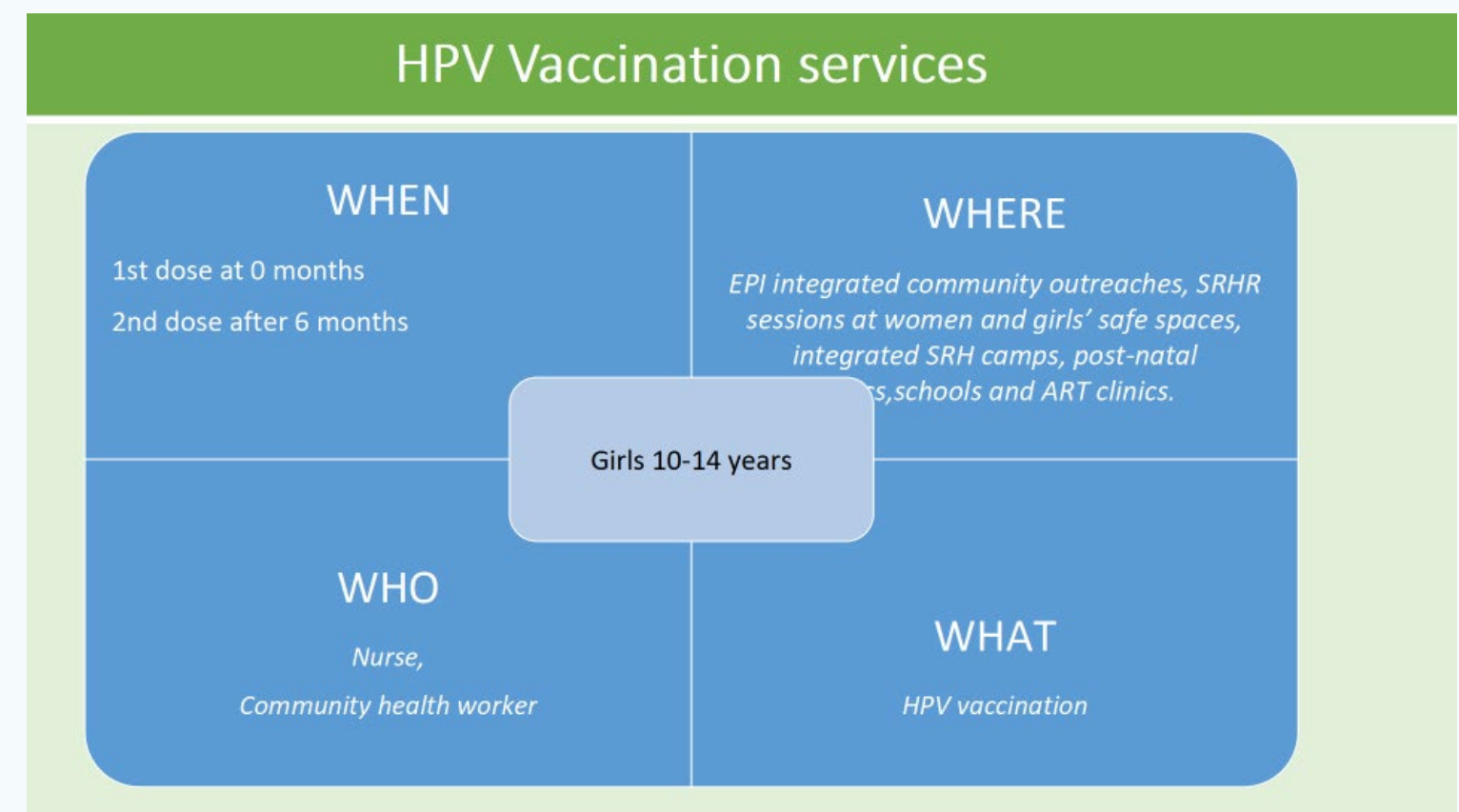
DATA SOURCE: Government, Office of the Prime Minister, UNHCR

- **Sources of Funding for our organization's activities;**
- ❖ Sources of funds include Government, PEPFAR, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHCR , resources are secured through budget submission to government , proposal writing.

Cervical Cancer Prevention services provided to the displaced populations across the Districts



Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control



- ❖ Implementation is guided by The Uganda National Cervical cancer screening and treatment of pre-cancer guidelines and Uganda National cervical cancer prevention and control strategic plan

Barriers to Access & Implementation Among These Populations

THEMES	Sub-themes
Awareness and Knowledge of Cervical Cancer Screening and HPV Vaccination	Limited Awareness about Cervical Cancer Screening Services Misconceptions and Fear Surrounding Screening Limited Knowledge of HPV Vaccination for Girls
Challenges in Access and Accessibility of Services	Geographical and Financial Barriers Lack of comprehensive Integration of Services
Challenges in Screening Process	Inadequate Follow-Up and Communication Lack of Skilled Health Workers Cultural and Gender Norms
Limited Motivators for Uptake of Services	Limited Peer and Community Support Limited Availability of Free or Subsidized Services

The Way Forward

Recommendations

Recommendations	Actions
Enhance Awareness and Knowledge	Conduct Community Awareness Campaigns School-Based Education Programs
Address Structural Barriers	Expand Access to Services Provide Subsidized or Free Services
Strengthen Health Systems	Train Health Workers Integrate Services Improve Follow-Up Mechanisms
Tackle Stigma and Cultural Barriers	Engage Community Leaders Reduce Social Stigma through awareness campaign
Promote Stakeholder Engagement	Collaborative Tool Development Partnership Building
Monitor and Evaluate Interventions	Regularly assess the impact of awareness campaigns

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