Uganda Martyrs University
Institutional Repository
(UMU IR)

Livelihood dynamics of urban refugees in Uganda: evidence from Congolese and Somalis in Kampala

Author(s): Morris Egesa & Denis Musinguzi

Abstract:

Uganda receives a large number of refugees from neighbouring countries. Some of the refugees end up in urban areas where they begin new life without any help from the government and development agencies. We investigated the livelihood strategies employed by Somali and Congolese refugees in Kampala City, Uganda. Start-up capital, language barrier, and poor conditions of work emerged as the major livelihood challenges faced by the refugees. Most of the refugees mentioned that they resorted to social networks, personal savings, and aid as start-up capital. There is a need for strengthened coordination between the different actors engaged in livelihood programmes for the refugees.

Date of Publication: 02 June, 2026

Publisher: Springer Cham

Book Title: Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: the planet, people, and perspectives, Editors - Priscilla Nyadoi, Fulgensia Kamugisha Mbabazi, Fredrick Ssali, Pgs. 187 - 196

DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-20742-5_19

ISBN: Print 978-3-032-20741-8, and Online 978-3-032-20742-5

Item Type: Book Chapter

Keywords: Forced migration, Political violence, Environmental degradation, Start-up capital, Resilience

Rights: All rights reserved

Telegram - UMU LIB Help Desk @umu_library umu.library library@umu.ac.ug