



# Kenya - Uganda Cross border Fact Sheet

## ABOUT

The UNDP ABC is a new flagship programme focused on empowering borderland communities and promoting socio-economic development and peace across Africa's borderlands.

## METHODOLOGY

This factsheet is compiled by the UNDP ABC using open-source verifiable data and information. Triangulation of data and information was done by way of cross-referencing with at-least three authoritative sources and hyperlinks included to ensure validity and accuracy. The process is iterative in nature and continuous updating of the data and information will be done to ensure that it is current.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS



### Border length

Distance in Kilometers of the border between two countries.



### Borderland area

This is the area in Square Kilometers covered by the borderland Municipalities/ Districts.



### Borderland municipality

Administrative Districts or Counties close to the border rather than very large provinces.



### Population

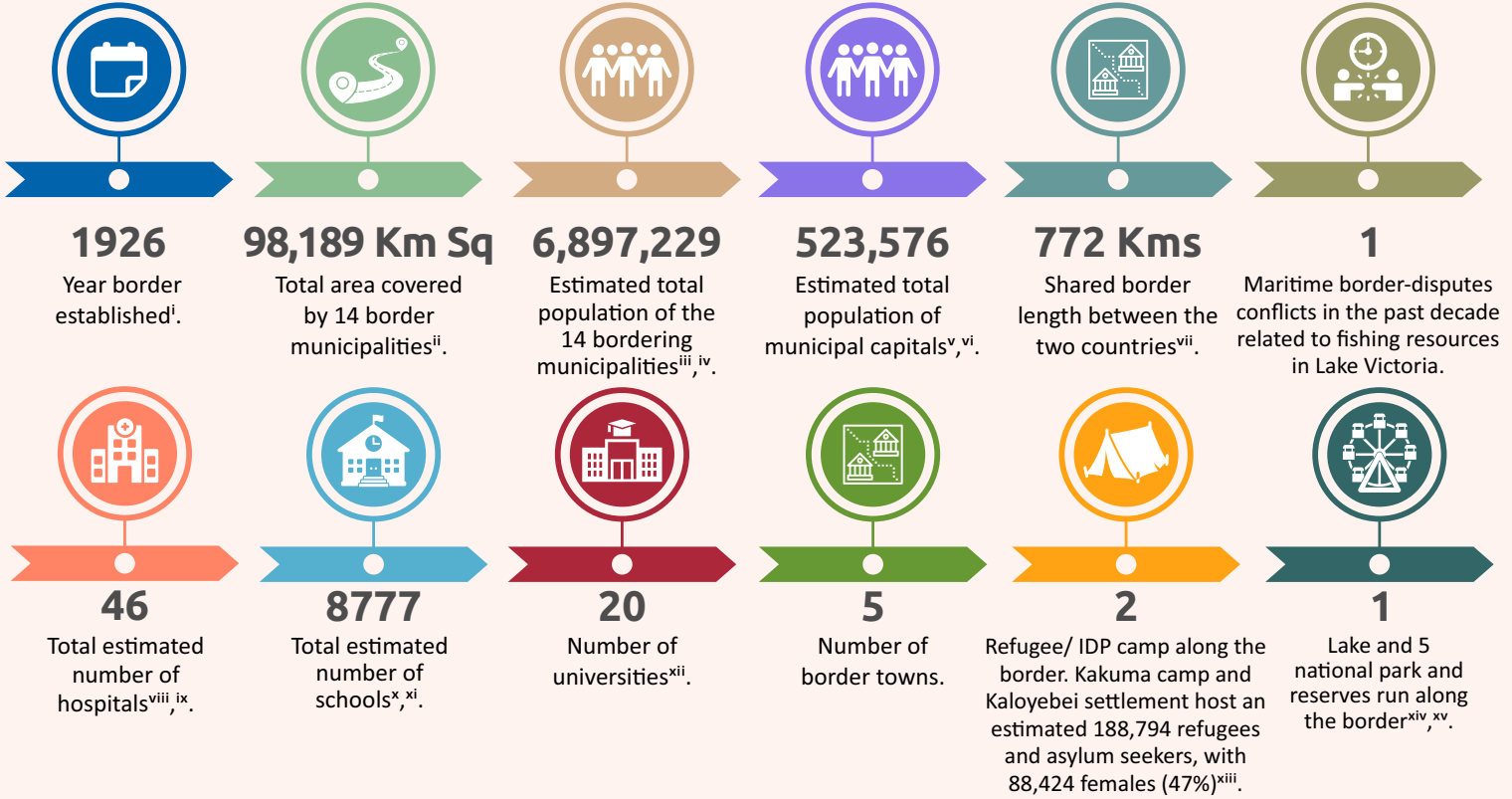
All inhabitants of a particular place.



### Year

Date when the border was originally established.

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES



Fourteen municipalities border the countries as summarized in the table below:



Country	Municipality/ District	Population	Municipal Capital	Population	Border towns
✓ Kenya	✓ West Pokot-KEN	✓ 618,867	✓ Kapenguria	✓ 28,469	✓ Suam-UGA
✓ Kenya	✓ Trans Nzoia-KEN	✓ 985,333	✓ Kitale	✓ 162,174	✓ Malaba-KEN
✓ Kenya	✓ Bungoma-KEN	✓ 1,663,898	✓ Bungoma	✓ 68,031	✓ Busia-KEN
✓ Kenya	✓ Busia-KEN	✓ 886,856	✓ Busia	✓ 71,886	✓ Tororo-UGA
✓ Kenya	✓ Turkana-KEN*	✓ 926,976	✓ Lodwar	✓ 82,970	✓ Busia Uganda-UGA
✓ Uganda	✓ Kaabong-UGA*	✓ 167,879	✓ Kaabong	✓ 13,090	
✓ Uganda	✓ Moroto-UGA	✓ 103,432	✓ Moroto	✓ 7,380	
✓ Uganda	✓ Amudat-UGA	✓ 105,769	✓ Amudat	✓ 11,786	
✓ Uganda	✓ Bukwa-UGA	✓ 89,356	✓ Bukwo	✓ 3,387	
✓ Uganda	✓ Kween-UGA	✓ 93,667	✓ Binyiny	✓ N/A	
✓ Uganda	✓ Bududa-UGA	✓ 210,173	✓ Bududa	✓ 2,963	
✓ Uganda	✓ Namisindwa-UGA	✓ 204,281	✓ Bupoto	✓ N/A	
✓ Uganda	✓ Tororo-UGA	✓ 517,080	✓ Tororo	✓ 34,810	
✓ Uganda	✓ Busia-UGA	✓ 323,662	✓ Busia	✓ 36,630	



## A Formal



Agricultural activities include subsistence farming, livestock, and cash crops

## B Informal



Key informal activities include small scale trading, cross-border trades, mining



## Conflicts incidences since 2010

The Kenyan border conflicts with Uganda mainly is a result of the disputed Migingo island within Lake Victoria. Kenyan fishermen were arrested by Ugandan police in 2012.



Transport sector (port, logistics and related services) is a major industry player as both countries share one of the busiest shipping routes (Red Sea transit point) connecting Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

## Opportunities for Development Assistance & Partnerships



## Border Closures since 2010

Yes/ No

Yes

Reason/s

Covid-19



Support programmes to maximize the cultural potentials of the borderland communities.



Improve measures to link the local service sector to formal cross-border trade opportunities.



Develop potential of value chains and supply chains development in the farming and livestock sectors.



Strengthen social cohesion of stakeholders in the border region.

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