

WORLD VISION UGANDA WEST NILE REFUGEE RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT No. 15

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Livelihoods support for refugees and host communities needed:** Agencies need to focus on empowering refugee communities to sustain themselves. The established refugee settlements have showed great potential to produce their own food, both for domestic consumption and income generation. Projects that provide refugees with seeds, skills training, access to agricultural land and skills training will provide long-term, sustainable benefits to refugee communities. World Vision is partnering with the UNHCR to develop some of these projects, but needs more assistance to scale up efforts.
- **Refugees continue to arrive:** Uganda currently hosts 1 million+ South Sudanese refugees in the West Nile Region. They are fleeing from conflict, drought and hunger. More South Sudanese people will continue to flee until the root causes of the conflict are addressed. An inclusive and sustainable political solution is the only way forward to achieve lasting peace in South Sudan.
- **Children's crisis:** On average about 650 refugees arrive in Uganda per day, the majority who are children. In recent weeks, 63 per cent of all new arrivals are below the age of 18. Many children have witnessed violence in their homelands and the conflict they are escaping is forcing many to arrive without the accompaniment of an adult. To help children adjust to life in Uganda, community based child protection systems and safety structures needs to be strengthened.
- **Foster families need additional support:** The foster families that compassionately take care of unaccompanied and separated children need further assistance to ensure they can adequately take care of the children they look after. There is a need for families to have access to cash grants and economic development skills.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Significant funding shortfall:** In May, the United Nations appealed for US \$674.25 million from the international community. To date, only 29 per cent of the requested amount has been received, causing gaps in service provision by both UN agencies and non-governmental organizations working in northern Uganda.

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SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Reporting period
01 September-30 September



1 Million+

South Sudan refugees in
Uganda



343,429

South Sudan new arrivals from
01 January - 27 September 2017



61%

child refugees from South
Sudan in Uganda



82%

of South Sudan refugees in
Uganda are women and children



1.35 MILLION

total number of refugees
in Uganda

Source: UNHCR

- **Rainy season may be delaying arrivals:** The UNHCR stated that the current rainy season in Uganda and South Sudan may be impacting the ability of South Sudanese refugees from accessing asylum, as some border points have been impassable due to heavy rains and flooding in recent months. Heavy rain has also impacted refugee families in Uganda, with roads damaged and some delays in aid delivery.
- **Settlements growing:** Only opened at the beginning of August, Omugo refugee settlement now hosts more than 15,000 refugees. World Vision is playing a leading role in reception centre management, food distribution and child protection. Omugo is the fifth refugee settlement in Uganda - with Bidibidi being the largest, with more than 284,000 refugees.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

Reporting period 01-30 September



FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE

- **Food assistance:** 554,750 refugees were reached with 8687.588 MTs of various commodities including cereals, pulses, vegetable oil, corn soya blend and salt.
- **High energy biscuits:** A total of 11,413 new arrivals received 3.625 MTs of High Energy Biscuits distributed in Moyo, Yumbe and Koboko entry points.
- **Cash assistance:** 500,239 refugees in Imvepi, Bidibidi, Rhino and Koboko benefitted from 3,050,921,500 UGX [US \$843,000] in cash assistance, in partnership with Post Bank.
- **Hot meals:** 14,299 people were served hot meals at the different reception centres before their plots of land were allocated.



LIVELIHOOD

- **Village Saving and Loan Associations:** 28 new VSLA groups have been formed in Moyo awaiting training and further support. Carried out monitoring visits to 60 saving groups in Imvepi refugee settlement consisting of 30 members each. All the groups have started saving and loaning the money to members for different livelihood activities.
- 70 Youth Saving and Lending Association groups in Mungula, Ayilo II, Boroli and Nyumanzi were successfully monitored during the week. It was noted that different groups had started saving and taking loans from the groups successfully, cases of fraud were not reported though the members requested World Vision to support them further especially with income generating activities to help boost their income.
- 48 YSLA groups were supported in opening group accounts, 48 individual bank accounts were opened.
- **Small business training:** 100 individuals trained on business enterprise development.
- **Environmentally friendly wood stoves:** A total of 9,958 rural wood stoves have been distributed to vulnerable families in Imvepi refugee settlement. Beneficiaries included elderly, widowed, foster parents, child head households and disabled people.
- **Youth economic empowerment:** 19 youth groups have been able to start small businesses after 2 tricycles, 2 grinding mills, 10 oxen bulls were distributed. Butchery equipment, salon equipment and phone charging gadgets were also provided to help young people start their own businesses.

- **Seeds:** 962 families and 20 farmers' groups in Imvepi received 4.73 tons of assorted seeds to grow crops and vegetables.

NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **Core relief items distributed:** More than 2,800 refugees received core relief items in Bidibidi and Omugo. More than 3,000 mosquito nets were distributed, 3,112 plastic basins, 33,885 sanitary pads, 2,839 kitchen sets, 1,141 solar lamps and 8,370 poles for constructing shelters, along with other essential relief items.



WASH

- **Latrines:** 2 latrines at Goboro reception center were completed. As well, construction of 45 latrines for people with special needs was completed.
- **Gardening tools:** As an incentive to maintain good hygiene and sanitation practices, compliant homes received gardening kits which comprised of hoes, watering cans and vegetable seeds to 16 families. This seeks to motivate other families to follow suit.
- **Hygiene:** 65 mothers and caregivers learned about hand washing at critical times to prevent waterborne diseases at a training session.
- **Women's health:** 53 church group and community leaders learned about menstrual hygiene management during a training session.
- **Hygiene and sanitation promotion:** 24 participatory hygiene and sanitation groups established to promote community health through hygiene and sanitation activities.



CHILD PROTECTION

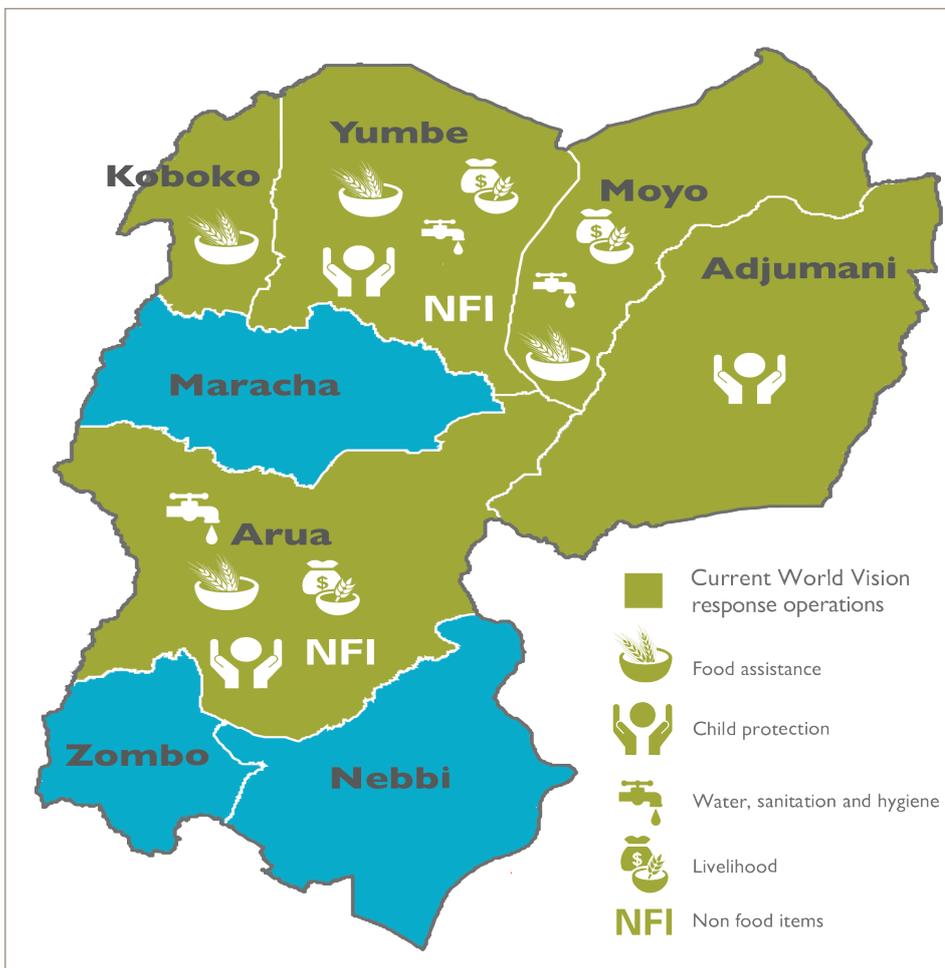
- **Case Management:** Over the reporting period, 413 unaccompanied Minors, Separated Children, Children at Risk were identified. A total number of 2,175 children were monitored and referred for specialized services in the same reporting period. We further fostered 33 unaccompanied children, re-fostered 1 child, reunified 12 children and added 18 foster parents to our foster bank.
- **Child Friendly Spaces:** 865 new children were registered across our 27 Child Friendly Space centers in Imvepi, Adjumani and Yumbe during the month, with a current cumulative total standing at 48,881 with our Early Childhood Development component integrated. 7374 children were supported through learning sessions.

- **Education in Emergency:** 20 students have been placed with local artisans and started their industrial training involving hairdressing, tailoring, electrical installation and motor vehicle mechanics. 37 students were able to complete their examination from Moyo technical institute and brought back to the settlement.
- **Strengthening Community structures:** A total of 438 parents of children attending Early Childhood Development classes attended a meeting in which they agreed to be dropping and picking their children. This seeks to enhance community participation and ownership of the program.
- 1998 community members were reached out by children who participated in back to school campaign to create awareness about school programs.
- 30 members of the Child Protection Committee and Centre Management committee participated in a meeting to refresh themselves of their roles and responsibilities, discuss any challenges and forge a way forward.
- **Peace Clubs:** 30 peace club members received training in ECap model which aims at equipping children as peace builders and ambassadors of peace in the community. 60 children participated in a self-initiated debate aimed at sensitizing children on the dangers of school dropout, early marriage and teenage pregnancies

NEEDS

- With a shift in donor interest to save lives and provide emergency relief, Adjumani the first refugee receiving districts is at risk of lack of support. Yet with no immediate hope of the refugees returning home, a sense of sustained livelihoods is what is needed for the populations of concern.
- There is an evident increase in numbers across all the settlements as new arrivals trace and join their family members. The support system therefore needs to correspond with the growing population and the respective needs in all the intervention areas.

WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION



RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

People reached during
01 September-30 September



550,000+

total people reached with food assistance



10,000

people reached with livelihood assistance

NFI

2,800

people reached with non-food items



500,000

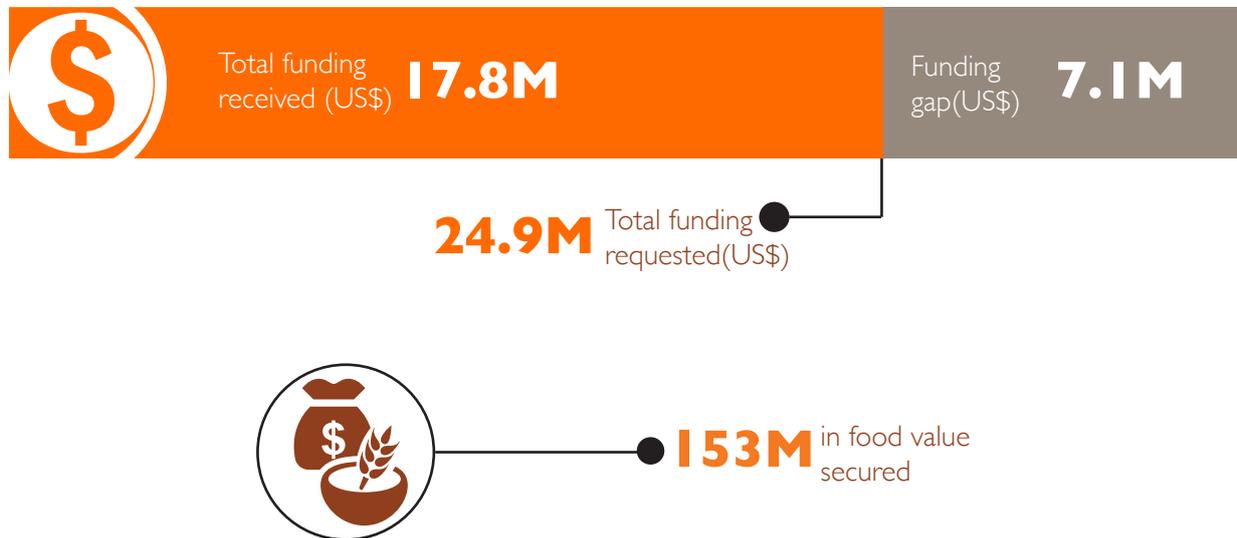
people reached with cash assistance



23,000

children reached with protection services

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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