KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Uganda has commendably kept its doors open to the new refugees arriving from South Sudan. This effort requires massive external support to enable the government bear the weight of implementing the ambitious Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) which aims to build resilience and self-reliance among the refugee population.

- This is a children’s crisis. 60% of Sudanese refugees in Uganda are children. Many of the children have witnessed violence. Some children arrive unaccompanied or separated from their families. There is need for sustained attention by all actors to address child protection.

- The youth are the majority of the population and most of them are unemployed. There is a need to engage the youth in meaningful social and economic activities that will keep them engaged as well as earning income. Peacebuilding actions and messaging should be an integral part of every livelihood programme.

- The majority of the refugees rely entirely on food assistance. In total, 58% of refugees surveyed in a World Vision and UNHCR survey were not participating in any economic activities, while 24% are engaged in farming activities by renting out land from the host communities. There is a need to promote economic activities among the refugee and the host communities to boost income and self-reliance. Some of the refugees had shops in South Sudan and understand how to run businesses. Others were farmers and livestock keepers. Programmes to support restarting former livelihoods are needed to bring the refugees back to self-reliance and participate in the market economy.

World Vision continues to respond to the refugee crisis in northern Uganda and is the lead agency in food assistance and co-leading child protection at the new settlement. Since the opening, up to the end of the reporting period, 3,589 refugees have been resettled there (according to World Vision Uganda Hot Meal records).

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- New settlement opens up: Omugo, the newest settlement opened on the 1st of August 2017. World Vision is managing the reception centre and is the lead agency in food assistance and co-leading child protection at the new settlement. Since the opening, up to the end of the reporting period, 3,589 refugees have been resettled there (according to World Vision Uganda Hot Meal records).

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SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Reporting period
21 July-10 Aug 2017

977,746
South Sudan refugees in Uganda

307,270
South Sudan new arrivals from 01 January - 16 July 2017

60%
of South Sudan refugees in Uganda are children

86%
of South Sudan refugees in Uganda are women and children

1.3 MILLION
total number of refugees in Uganda

Source: UNHCR
Within this reporting period, World Vision Uganda’s West Nile Refugee Response continued its work in the following sectors: Food and Cash Assistance, WASH, Child Protection and Non Food Items/ Core Relief Items.

There is still a huge funding gap that is not meeting the rising need daily driven up by fresh arrivals. As of the UNHCR’s last report, on 17th July 2017, the coordinating body had only received 17% of the required funding, leaving a gap of 83% for 2017.

**WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING**

**reporting period 21 Jul-10 Aug**

**FOOD & CASH ASSISTANCE: 305.5k reached**

- Food assistance: 304,534 refugees received 5,105.01 MT of assorted commodities including sorghum, beans, vegetable oil, Corn Soya Blend and salt
- High energy biscuits: 6,529 refugees received 2.172 MT of High Energy Biscuits at border points
- Cash distribution: 8,211 refugees benefited from 162,104,764 Uganda Shillings as cash grant
- Hot meals: 13,962 refugees received hot meals in Imvepi and Omugo Settlements during the reporting period
- Accountability: Feedback from 1,270 people were registered and handled accordingly by World Vision staff as part of accountability

**WASH: 1.5k reached**

- Women’s health: 10 teachers and 4 project staff were trained as Training Of Trainers on menstrual hygiene management in schools.
- Clean water: 2 user committees comprising of 26 people were trained in management and operation of tap stands
- Hand washing: 300 people mothers/care givers were trained on hand washing at critical times, these are aimed at reaching 1500 people
- Sanitation: 10 Persons with Special Needs (PSN) latrines have been built up to roofing level

**NON-FOOD ITEMS: 19.9k reached**

19,967 refugees of special concern from Bidibidi and Omugo Settlements received assorted Non Food Items that included kitchen sets, soap, mosquito nets, hoes, sickles, slashers, solar lamps, plastic basins, construction poles and sanitary pads.

**CHILD PROTECTION: 31.6k reached**

- Case management: 322 new cases were registered and provided the most appropriate support services. The children include unaccompanied minors, separated children and other children at risk
- Providing clothing: 1,273 children were supported with Gift In Kind (Items) that included T-shirts, blouses and plastic sandals
- Child friendly spaces: 15,952 attended the 26 child friendly spaces. 3,000 chairs were distributed in the 6 Child Friendly Spaces in Adjumani and 51 child friendly space kits were distributed in Bidibidi.
- Early childhood education: 6,261 children benefited from the Early Childhood Development sessions
- Child protection awareness: 116 Child Protection Members participated in a training that covered community based child protection, Gender Based Violence concepts, Case Management and Child Protection referral pathway. 60 community members also participated in a community sensitization aimed at awareness raising on literacy boosting.
- Vocational training: 385 adolescent youth were trained on vocational skills that included bead bag making, reusable pads, paper bags and charcoal briquette
- Peace clubs: 413 peace club members participated in a meeting to review progress on their activities
- 84 people participated in a review meeting of Education in Emergencies

**LIVELIHOODS: 4.7k reached**

- 2,720 rural wood stoves have been distributed to Persons with Special Needs
- Distributed start up kits to 60 savings groups in Imvepi
- 15 youth groups from Boroli and Nyumanzi received start up kits

“It was very terrible for us to stay there. We heard gunshots all the time. It is chaos to stay there. If they get you, as a young child, they just kill you, they just slaughter you out. That’s what they are doing there. There is no love, there is no peace,” says 16-year-old Eva. Eva is a member of a World Vision peace club in Bidibidi refugee settlement.

“If I continue to hate, or not be united with my neighbours, what will happen? We have to create love, peace and unity to stop the fighting.”
GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

$153.3M FOOD VALUE RECEIVED
$178.2 MILLION REQUESTED
$17.8M CASH SECURED
$7.1M REQUIRED

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS
People reached during 21 July-10 Aug 2017

312,745 total people reached with food assistance
4,708 people reached with livelihood assistance

NFI
19,967 people reached with non-food items
1,518 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene services
31,634 children reached with protection services

WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION

1.6M people including refugees and host communities targeted for assistance

* AMOUNTS IN USD
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