**Key messages**

- **The threat of Ebola**: The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) risk assessment has been raised to ‘very high’. This follows confirmation of two new cases in Tchomia in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

- **Ebola preparedness**: Following the outbreak of the Ebola Virus in the North Kivu Province of the neighbouring DRC at the beginning of August 2018, there is an increased threat of cross-border spread into South Sudan. To prevent the potential spread and ensure readiness to respond, World Vision and partners in the Ministry of Health, World Health Organisation and other partner agencies has activated a preparedness and response plan in the Western Equatoria zone.

- **Insecurity high**: The humanitarian mission to Tokori, Otogo county in Yei River state, with UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Force Protection to set up Ebola screening centre was cancelled due to safety concerns.

- **Stand-off at Malakal Protection of Civilians site remains unresolved**: The standoff at the Malakal Protection of Civilians site, in Upper Nile state, continues to hamper the delivery of basic services at the health facilities as youth demand that non-local staff working in the health facilities leave. This has also resulted to a gap in the delivery of quality services.

- **People are returning home**: An estimated 63,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who had fled to Mingkaman IDP settlements since 2017 have finally returned home. The return has been largely attributed to relative safety and security in Bor and Twic East counties. World Vision is planning to expand its activities in Mingkaman to support returning families’ rebuild their lives and livelihoods in the months to come.

**Food insecurity**

*June - September 2018*

**Source:** FEWSNET

**Humanitarian needs**

- **7 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance
- **4.2 million** children in need of humanitarian assistance
- **1.9 million** people internally displaced by conflict
- **5.6 million** people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance
- **2 million** people are in need of nutrition assistance
- **5.6 million** people in need of food security and livelihood assistance

**Gaps and needs**

- **People in need of humanitarian assistance**: A combination of factors have continued to increase the vulnerabilities of a majority of the population. An estimated 6.1 million people, (more than half the country’s population) continue to face acute food insecurity. Enhanced humanitarian support to help the most vulnerable people meet their basic needs is critical.

- **Persistence insecurity and violence**: Insecurity continues to post a threat to humanitarian workers as well as hamper operations and delivery of aid to those most in need.

- **Support for returnees is urgent**: Families returning to their homes have been left extremely vulnerable, as they start to rebuild their lives. Providing livelihoods support to them will give them a major boost as they rebuild their lives.

**Funding needs**

**Food security & livelihoods**

- $17.2 (75%)$ 3.4 M (25%)

**Nutrition**

- $4.7 M (100%)$

**Shelter and NFI**

- $485,007 (63%)$ 334,993 (37%)

**Health**

- $9.4 M (100%)$

**Protection**

- $3.5 M (100%)$

**Water, sanitation & hygiene**

- $2.9 (51%)$ 2 M (49%)

**Education**

- $5.2 M (80%)$

**TOTAL**

- $US$ 40 M US$5.8 M

*All financial figures in US$*
Response highlights

**FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS**

- **Food assistance:** 444,165 people received food assistance through General Food Distribution (GFD) and Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme. In total 5,173 metric tons of assorted food commodities that consist of sorghum, maize, beans, peas, lentils, vegetable oils, salt, CSB++, and plumpy-sup were distributed.

- **Cash assistance:** World Vision transferred US$734,607 to 19,953 families in Juba, Upper Nile and Gogrial West.

- **Skills building:** 1,004 farmers in Juba and Warrap states were trained on improved farming techniques, food storage and value-addition to boost household food production and incomes.

- **Livelihood supplies:** 648 families in Western Equatoria, Koch and Aweil North received vegetable and fishing kits as well as farming hand tools to increase household level food production.

- **Animal vaccination:** 52,872 cattle in Renk and Melut were vaccinated against diseases.

**HEALTH & NUTRITION**

- **Ebola response:** Active surveillance and monitoring of the Ebola Virus is on going at the priority points of entry. A total of 7,957 people at the entry point of Sakure, Gangura, Makpandu and Ezo-Nabiapai were screened and 32,235 people sensitised on the risk and prevention of the virus.

- **Curative consultations:** 82,997 people in Upper Nile, Warrap, Gogrial West, Gogrial East, Twic and Tonj North accessed health services at the 200 health facilities supported by World Vision.

- **Nutrition screening and treatment:** 46,863 children under five years old, pregnant and lactating mothers in Juba, Western Equatoria, Upper Nile and Warrap states were screened for malnutrition, of these 4,354 found to be malnourished were enrolled for care and treatment.

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**

- **Potable water:** 134,561 people in Greater Upper Nile state have access to clean water from the water supply systems installed by World Vision.

- **Behavioral change:** World Vision provided 700 handwashing facilities in Western Equatoria as part of its hygiene promotion campaign. A total of 32,603 people were sensitised on hand washing with soap before food handling, disposal of waste, as well as general environmental and household level cleanliness.

**EDUCATION & PROTECTION**

- **Access, enrolment and retention:** Over 35,000 children attended World Vision supported primary schools, in Yambio, Juba, Upper Nile and Warrap.

- **Teacher incentives:** 124 teachers in Yambio, Tambura and Nagero received incentives.

- **School meals:** World Vision provided over 24,500 school children in Warrap, Bari, Malakal, Melut and Renk with a daily meal aimed at promoting attendance, retention and completion.

- **From armed conflict and back to school:** 96 school children in Yambio have returned to school and were supported with school fees as part of an ongoing initiative to reintegrate children affected by armed conflict back into formal education.

- **Child Friendly Spaces:** 13,093 children in Juba and Greater Upper Nile attended World Vision Child Friendly Spaces.

- **Awareness campaign on property rights:** World Vision held an awareness campaign on housing, land and property rights in Malakal town, targeting IDPs, returnees, and host community members. This initiative may prevent IDPs from living in Malakal PoC to return home once the state authorities restore property to their rightful owners.

**Response achievements**

- **FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS**
  - 525,493 people reached with food security and livelihoods
  - 45,663 people reached with nutrition
  - 300,566 children reached with food security and livelihoods
  - 21,340 children reached with nutrition
  - 1,007 people reached with protection services
  - 13,093 children reached with protection services
  - 23,020 people reached with education
  - 23,471 children reached with education
  - 86,639 people reached with health services
  - 39,895 children reached with health services
  - 819,836 people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance in October 2018
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Monthly achievements

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OCT 819,836 people
SEP 708,517 people

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SEP 447,050 children