

# WORLD VISION UGANDA WEST NILE REFUGEE RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT No. 19

01-31 JANUARY 2018



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Refugees continue to arrive:** Uganda continues to receive daily new arrivals from South Sudan. An average of 150+ displaced people are crossing into Uganda daily with 81% being women and children. Uganda is hosting more than a million refugees from South Sudan. These are in dire need of basic necessities such as food, shelter, water, clothing and proper health care.
- **New humanitarian aid appeal launched:** The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, visited refugee settlements in northern Uganda in January, where after he launched a new funding appeal for US\$1.5 billion to support refugees fleeing worsening humanitarian situation in South Sudan. Uganda, the largest host with over a million refugees, could end up hosting a quarter million more refugees in 2018.
- **Growing fears over chronic under funding:** In 2017 the UNHCR appealed for USD 674 Million for the South Sudan refugee crisis in Uganda but by January 2018 only 34 per cent of this had been realized. Donor funding continues to shrink, limiting the capacity of agencies like World Vision to deliver assistance to all affected communities. Most of the key sector interventions such as food assistance, WASH, health, livelihoods, child protection are already over stretched by the refugee influx.
- **This is a children's crisis:** Sixty-two per cent of the refugee population are some children who have escaped in absence of their parents or guardians. Some have witnessed their parents killed in cold blood. World Vision, working with its donors like UNHCR and UNICEF, has been able to place over 1,500 unaccompanied/separated refugee children in foster care. Foster families have been supported with cash grants to set up small businesses and to buy a household items but more is still needed.
- **World Vision continues to serve:** World Vision is responding in the 5 districts of Arua, Koboko, Moyo, Yumbe and Adjumani. World Vision is doing food/cash assistance, child protection, water, sanitation and hygiene, reception centre management, and livelihoods empowerment. However, more is still needed to meet the basics and long term needs of the refugees.
- **Inclusivity:** There is need for profound attention to engage the refugee and host community to address negative impacts such as limited energy sources (firewood, wood for construction) that continue to increase the rate of deforestation, limited livelihoods coupled with increased market prices for food items that have caused inter-communal tension.

# World Vision

## SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Reporting period  
01-31 January



### 1 Million+

South Sudan refugees in  
Uganda



### 602,021

new refugee arrivals in 2017



### 62%

child refugees from South  
Sudan in Uganda



### 82%

of South Sudan refugees in  
Uganda are women and children



### 1.39 Million

total number of refugees  
and asylum seekers in Uganda

Source: UNHCR, November 2017

## WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

Reporting period 01-31 January



### CHILD PROTECTION

- **Case management:** 142 unaccompanied minors, separated children and children at risk were identified while 1,169 were monitored by World Vision case workers and 30 children were referred for different services.
- **Early childhood education/ development:** 1,289 attended community structures supporting child protection in emergencies – e.g caregivers, foster parents, child protection committees and refugee welfare committee members were engaged in a number of activities including child rights awareness, positive parenting, security awareness, reporting of cases, education, reproductive health, alternative measures for disciplining child offenders and Child Friendly Space operations. They were also informed of changes in UNHCR partnership with and Save the Children International.
- **Child friendly spaces (CFS):** The cumulative number of children participating in the CFS spaces is 50,530 with daily average attendance of 21,234.
- **Foster care:** Through World Vision case workers, nine unaccompanied minors were fostered, while two were reunited with their relatives, and three separated children were reunified with their families.
- **Peace clubs:** 96 peace club members/children were trained on the ECAP model and peace road sessions were conducted for 172 children and adolescents belonging to peace clubs.



### FOOD SECURITY AND ASSISTANCE

- **Food assistance:** World Vision served 11,080.69MTs of assorted food to 592,628 refugees in Cycle I general food distribution.
- **Cash transfers:** Together with Post Bank and WFP, an equivalent of USD 77,796.03 cash was distributed to 8,973 refugees. A total of 57 households comprising of 281 persons received assistance to open up bank accounts to receive cash for food assistance.



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- **Promoting hygiene:** Distributed 106,854 pieces of soap to 52,779 South Sudanese refugees to improve hygiene and sanitation among the refugees. Additionally, 2,582 women of reproductive age were given sanitary pads.



### LIVELIHOODS

- **Helping new businesses start:** 10 new savings groups of 30 members each have been established and trained on village savings and lending methodology in Moyo. Meanwhile, 61 other saving groups remain functioning in Imvepi refugee settlement, reaching out to over 1,830 individuals.
- **Providing livestock:** 100 persons with disability households received 200 goats for breeding purposes in Moyo district. This is an innovative development initiative that combines social safety nets with income-generating livelihoods to graduate households out of extreme poverty.
- **Vocational skill training:** 90 refugee/host community youth trained by World Vision in vocational skilling in Adjumani district have all set up small businesses after receiving start-up capital.

## NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **Core relief items:** Distributed assorted core relief items to 1,145 beneficiaries coming from 473 households. The items included kitchen sets, solar lamps, mosquito nets, plastic basins, pangas, slashers, sickles, hoes, construction poles and women's underwear.
- **Sanitary items:** 50 unaccompanied minors, separated children and children at risk were supported with clothes, vaseline, soap and sanitary pads as way of promoting hygiene and sanitation among children.

## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

People reached in January 2018



**592,628**

people reached with food assistance



**53,442**

children reached with child protection activities



**55,411**

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support



**1,145**

people reached with essential non-food items



**2,330**

people reached with livelihood support


## WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION



### ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

23-Year-old Joyce Jokudu displays a saving's box where members in her group keep their weekly's savings. A total of 60 village savings groups have been set up by World Vision at Imvepi refugee settlement, comprising of both refugees and host communities. Joyce got an \$18 loan and with it she managed to start up a small restaurant


 World Vision response areas

 Food assistance

 Child protection

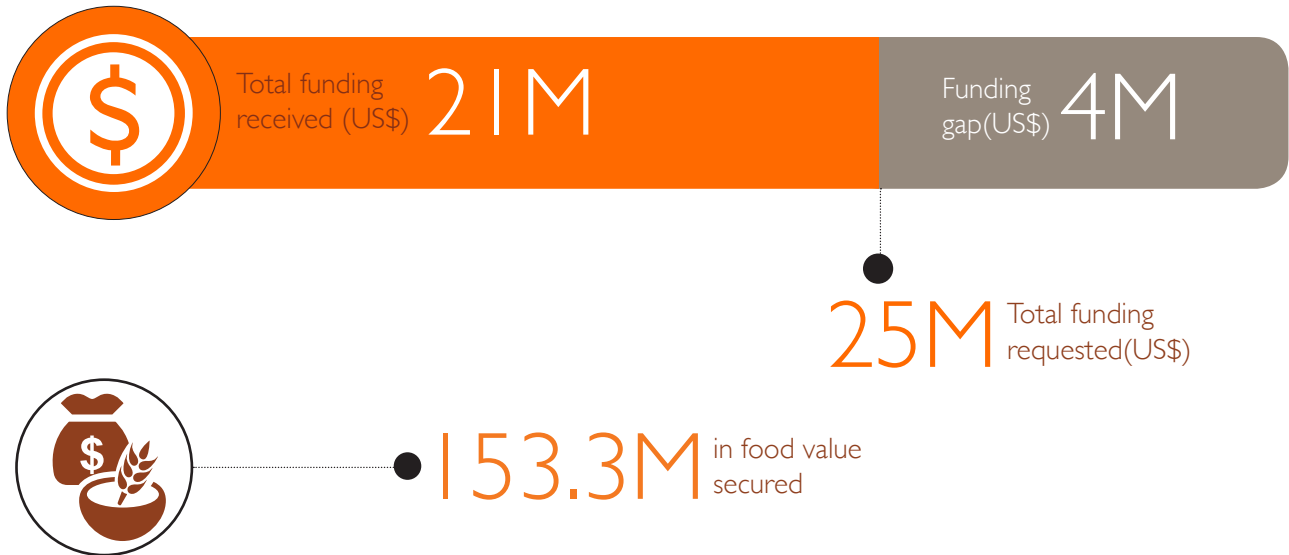
**NFI** Non-food items

 Livelihood

 Water, sanitation and hygiene



## GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



## WORLD VISION UGANDA HUMANITARIAN DONORS AND PARTNERS:



Global Affairs  
Canada

Affaires mondiales  
Canada



GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA



MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF FINLAND



## PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

### Gilbert Kamanga

National Director  
Email: Gilbert\_Kamanga@wvi.org  
Skype: mwembe1

### Benson Okabo

Operations Manager  
Email: Benson\_Okabo@wvi.org  
Skype: ogadben.2

### Paul Sitnam

Response Director  
West Nile Refugee Response  
Email: Paul\_Sitnam@wvi.org  
Skype: paulsitnam111