Key messages

- **South Sudanese refugees:** Uganda continues to receive new refugees from South Sudan though the daily arrivals have considerably gone down. In September, there were 489 new arrivals compared to over 2,000 refugees that were registered in May. New arrivals say that they are crossing to Uganda to access health care services and education for their children because service delivery in South Sudan is limited. Children constitute 65 per cent in the settlements.

- **Need for alternative energy:** The environmental pressure brought by the refugees has significantly depleted vegetation around the refugee settlements, as firewood and charcoal become the main sources of cooking energy. There is therefore an urgent need for alternative innovation around clean or environmentally smart energy alternatives in both South West and West Nile refugee response areas.

- **From dependency to self-reliance:** Majority of the refugees rely on food assistance due to limited land size and options to access start-up funds for small businesses. There is however a growing transition away from in-kind aid for food and livelihoods to an approach that emphasizes partnerships with local businesses, reductions of subsidies and demand-driven, market-based, livelihoods support. This is aimed to help refugee and host communities become more self-reliant through income generation.

- **Sustained funding for refugees:** As the focus shifts from relief to resilience and long-term development, World Vision is calling upon donors to prioritise funding for long-term development initiatives. Also, shift of focus from refugee programming to areas of return is critical.

Gaps and needs

- **World Vision is currently supporting 42 Child Friendly Spaces, reaching about 76,395 South Sudanese refugee children.** These centres provide early childhood learning for children, peace building and psychosocial services. However, they are crowded and have limited learning space. Additional funding to increase the number of these centres and improve the learning experience for the children is critical.

- **Conflict in neighbouring countries like South Sudan have pushed thousands into Uganda.** Actions such as cutting down of trees for charcoal and firewood has led to mass destruction of the environment. There is therefore need to prioritise funding for environment protection.

### Refugees in West Nile

*Source: UNHCR, Regional Refugee Response Plan, January - December 2018*

- **MARACHA:** 297,801 refugees
- **IMVEPI:** 263,322 refugees
- **BIDIBIDI:** 239,443 refugees
- **RHINO:** 163,322 refugees
- **PALORINJA:** 287,801 refugees

### Humanitarian needs

- **898,828** people in need of humanitarian assistance
- **577,022** children in need of humanitarian assistance
- **898,282** people in need of food security and livelihoods assistance
- **179,000** children are in need of education assistance

### Funding needs

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*All financial figures in US$*
Response highlights

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**

World Vision conducted hygiene and sanitation awareness and training for 2,914 children and school management structures. This awareness also extended to all the Child Friendly Spaces and reception centres.

**NON FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)**

108,322 refugees in Omugo, Bidibidi and Imvepi refugee settlements received essential items for survival. Such items included household kits such as (kitchen sets, blankets, soap, plastic basin, water container, sleeping mat, mosquito nets, and solar light). Other items were: plastic sheets, ropes, panga, hoes, sickle, and sanitary kits—and sanitary pads and underwear) based on standard household distribution scale.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

76,395 children accessed World Vision child protection services and facilities such as Child Friendly Spaces (CFS), Early Childhood Development, peace building and case management, ending child marriage project activities and strengthening community child protection systems. 57,273 children are currently enrolled for psychosocial support throughout the 42 CFS.

**RECEPTION CENTRE MANAGEMENT**

A total of 489 individuals were received at the reception centres. Of these were 47 people with special needs. World Vision in partnership with the UN Refugees Agency (UNHCR) and the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) are responsible for managing the reception centres in Bidibidi, Ariwa (in Yumbe), Imvepi and Omugo (in Arua district).

In particular, World Vision provides hot meals to new arrivals, overnight shelter facilities, hygiene and sanitation facilities in Imvepi and Omugo reception centres. World Vision also provides temporary foster care for unaccompanied children plus referral of these cases to various partners for further assistance.

**RESILIENCE & LIVELIHOODS**

18,696 people (a majority of them refugees) were supported with improved farming technologies, establishment of village savings and loan associations as well as cash based-assistance to help improve resilience at household level.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**

World Vision provided food assistance to 243,031 people in Arau and Yumbe refugee settlements in northern Uganda.

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Response achievements

**Reporting period September 01 - September 30 2018**

- **18,696** people reached with resilience and livelihoods
- **12,152** children reached with resilience and livelihoods
- **243,031** people reached with food assistance
- **157,970** children reached with food assistance
- **76,395** people reached with protection services
- **57,273** children reached with protection services
- **108,322** people reached with essential relief items
- **70,409** children reached with essential relief items
- **19,122** people reached with education
- **2,914** people reached with clean water and sanitation

**243,031** people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance in September 2018

**157,970** children reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance in September 2018
Key messages

Refugees from the DR Congo: Violence and conflict in Itur and North Kivu regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo has pushed an estimated 84,369 people into neighbouring Uganda. An influx of refugees into Southwest Uganda has led to a strain on the available resources and increased the needs of refugees living in Kyaka II and Kyangwali settlements.

Response highlights

**Resilience & Livelihoods**

- **Food assistance:** World Vision provided food assistance to 100,233 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in Kyaka II and Kyangwali settlements. 1,684 metric tons of food was distributed in total.

- **Cash assistance:** 38,550 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in Kyaka II and Kyangwali settlements received cash assistance to buy household items (in total US$ 313,860 worth of cash was distributed).

Funding needs

World Vision requires US$6 million to respond to the DRC refugees crisis. Funding will go towards providing protection services, education, livelihoods, and environment protection (including alternative energy solutions).

Humanitarian needs

- **340,000 people in need**
- **150,000 children in need**
- **250,000 people are in need of protection assistance**
- **180,420 people in need of food security and livelihoods assistance**

Gaps and needs

Conflict in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo has pushed tens of thousands into Uganda. World Vision requires funding to provide livelihoods support for the most vulnerable families, cash assistance to assist vulnerable families access basic household items, and skills development training for youth who are out of school and lack opportunities.

Response achievements

- **100,233 people reached with food assistance**
- **90,965 children reached with food assistance**
- **38,550 people reached with cash assistance**

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