

WORLD VISION UGANDA WEST NILE REFUGEE RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT No. 16

01-31 OCTOBER 2017



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Refugees continue to arrive:** According to the Government of Uganda and UNHCR inter-agency reports, there are 1,355,764 refugees and asylum seekers in Uganda. 1,021,903 are South Sudanese, 225,755 from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), 37,349 from Burundi, 34,963 Somalis and 35,794 are refugees from other countries. Refugees in Uganda are hosted in 12 different districts. As of October 2017, an average of 650+ refugees from South Sudan are crossing into Uganda daily, escaping conflict, fighting and famine. The current heavy rains have made most access routes to Uganda impassable making it hard for majority of refugees to flee.
- **Plight of People Living With Disabilities:** Living conditions for people with disabilities (PWDs) have worsened because of displacement. The traditional family networks and social support systems, which they depended on in their natural environments back home, are destroyed or ineffective.

Agencies need to holistically integrate PWD's in all streams of programming by making sure construction is accessible, assistive devices are provided and PWD's are empowered with skills and tools to start up income generating activities.

- **Children's crisis:** 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
- **Refugee 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.

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SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Reporting period
01 October-31 October



1 Million+

South Sudan refugees in
Uganda



343,240

South Sudanese new arrivals as
of 30 September 2017



63%

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

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Significant funding shortfall:** In May, the United Nations appealed for US \$674.25 million from the international community. As at 11th September UNCHR Situation Report, 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.
- **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.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

Reporting period 01-31 October



FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE

- **Food assistance:** 134,926 refugees benefited from the distribution of 7,309.73 MTs of commodities consisting of cereals, pulses, vegetable oil, corn soya blend and salt. Food was distributed to across Imvepi, Bidibidi, Rhino, Omugo and Palorinya settlements
- **Cash transfer:** 17,031 people received a disbursement of Uganda shillings 357,916,500.
- **High Energy Biscuits:** 2,971 refugees received 25.22 MTs of high energy biscuits upon entering Uganda at various border points
- **Hot meals:** 18,796 hot meals were served to new refugees who arrived in Uganda.



WASH

- **Latrines:** 52 latrines were completed out of which 48 are latrines for People with Special Needs and 4 set up at health and education institutions. 4 more latrines are currently under construction.
- **Hygiene:** One health club formed; 763 sanitary tools provided to enable communities to put in place and maintain hygiene facilities. Hygiene promotion sensitization meetings continued to run in the Bidibidi and Palorinya settlements.
- **Women's health:** 510 sanitary kits were distributed that comprises of panties, soap and reusable sanitary pads



CHILD PROTECTION

- **Case Management:** A total 2,054 children were reached through a number of interventions that include referrals, assorted personal education and welfare supplies and home visits. Out of these children, 21 were reunified with their families and 46 parents were added to our foster programme. Additionally, 428 children received solar lamps to aid their reading and for protection purposes.
- **Child Friendly Spaces integrated with Early Childhood Development (ECD):** A total of 12,951 children attended ECD sessions, received psychosocial care and participated in structure play activities across our 26 Child Friendly Spaces.
- **Strengthening community structures:** Members of Child Protection Committees, foster parents and general community were involved in different meetings aimed at improving child protection in the settlements.
- **Peace clubs:** In total, 2,532 peace club members were involved in different activities using the Peace Road Curriculum.



LIVELIHOOD

- **Village Saving and Loan Associations (VLSA):** 56 new VLSA groups were initiated, another 107 members trained in saving skills, financial literacy and small business management.
- **Farm implements and inputs:** 425 people benefitted from 1,359 fruit seedlings. Farm tools were distributed to 74 people.
- **Income generating activities:** 31 people were trained in beekeeping and benefitted from 210 beehives.
- **Vocational training:** 90 youths attended vocational skills training in carpentry, hairdressing, phone repair, mechanical skills and other potential income-earning activities.

NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **Core relief items distributed:** 52,388 people in Bidibidi and Omugo refugee settlements benefitted from the distribution of Non Food Items. Construction poles for shelter, kitchen sets, solar lamps, mosquito nets and other essential items were disbursed.



RECEPTION CENTRE MANAGEMENT

- 3,324 refugees were received at Omugo refugee reception and provided with hygiene and sanitation supplies and hot meals.

NEEDS

- Despite the reduction in the number of arrivals, many of the persons of concern lack personal and educational supplies due to the dependency on food rations and NFI. This affects the children's education at all levels.
- With yet no hope of how soon the refugees will return back home, long term plan on establishing a sense of self-reliance needs to be established

WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION



RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

People reached during
01 October-31 October



151,957

total people reached with food assistance



1,700

people reached with livelihood assistance

NFI

52,388

people reached with non-food items



17,031

people reached with cash assistance



50,617

children reached with protection services

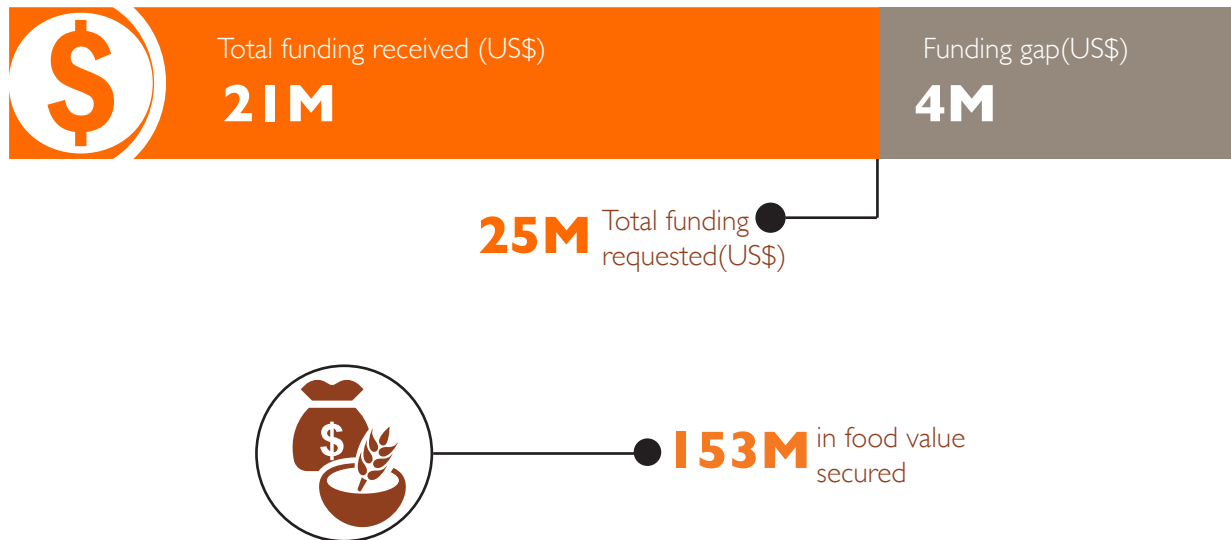
ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

Kids take a rest after a tire roll race at a child friendly space in Bidibidi refugee settlement.

Tire roll racing is one of the many game therapies used to help refugee children overcome the psychological distress they have been through.



GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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