

# WORLD VISION UGANDA WEST NILE REFUGEE RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT No. 17

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **This is a children's crisis:** 60% of Sudanese refugees in Uganda are children. Many of the children have witnessed violence. There is a need for sustained attention by all actors to address child protection.
- **Children in foster families need more support:** Thousands of unaccompanied children who have arrived in Uganda have been placed in foster families. Apart from the assistance given to all refugees, these children require further support to address their psycho-social, educational and financial needs.
- **Out of school youth are an economic engine waiting to be harnessed:** Youth are the majority of the population and most of them are unemployed. Promoting employment by bridging the needs of the labour market and building the capacity of youth is needed.
- **Refugees continue to arrive:** Uganda currently hosts 1-million+ South Sudanese refugees in the West Nile Region. Refugees are fleeing from conflict and hunger. More South Sudanese people will continue to flee until the root causes of the conflict are addressed. An inclusive and sustainable political solution is the only way forward to achieve lasting peace in South Sudan.
- **Sustainable projects 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, access to agricultural land and skills training will provide long-term, sustainable benefits to refugee communities.
- **World Vision continues to respond to the refugee crisis in northern Uganda:** The organization is the lead agency in distributing food assistance to all five refugee settlements. As well, World Vision is playing a significant role in child protection - leading the sector in Imvepi settlement and co-leading in Bidibidi and Omugo settlements.

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## SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Reporting period  
01-30 November



**1 Million+**

South Sudan refugees in  
Uganda



**345,279**

South Sudanese new arrivals as  
of 15 October 2017



**60%**

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, November 2017

## WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

Reporting period 01-30 November



### FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE

- **Food distribution:** 769,309 persons of concern received 10,974 MT of various food items including salt, vegetable oil, cereals and pulses in Bidibidi, Palorinya, Imvepi and Rhino settlements.
- **High Energy Biscuits:** 1,547 refugees received 0.5736MT of biscuits at border points of Goboro, Menzeri and Kerwa in Yumbe, Lefori in Moyo, Busia and Saliamusala in Arua.
- **Cash transfer:** A total of 13,814 refugees benefitted from the disbursement of 310,837,500 Uganda shillings (\$85,676 US) in Lobule and Rhino Settlements.
- **Hot meal:** A total of 43,416 hot meals were served to new arrivals at the reception centres of Goboro, Imvepi and Omugo.



### CHILD PROTECTION

- **Case Management:** A total number of 847 children at risk were monitored, among them 329 received sanitary items. Another 1,453 children from child headed households, foster families or families with special needs were assisted at food distribution points to access food rations.
- **Child Friendly Spaces integrated with Early Childhood Development:** More than 15,000 children accessed the Child Friendly Spaces, including 6,886 children who attended early childhood development (ECD) sessions. To strengthen these centres, play material was delivered to three centres and ECD facilitators attended child literacy training to encourage children to develop reading and writing skills.
- **Strengthening community structures:** 575 community members and local leaders attended various child protection related meetings to improve child protection reporting and management of child protection cases.
- **Peace clubs:** A total of 271 children participated in the peace club sessions. To promote peaceful co-existence, football competitions were organized, with 318 children participating.

## NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **Core relief items distributed:** Sanitary items that include 1,159 mosquito nets, 3,560 piece of soap and 2,478 plastic basins for washing were distributed. Additionally, 2,133 kitchen sets were distributed, along with gardening equipment, solar lights and shelter materials in Bidibidi and Omugo settlements.



### WASH

- **Latrines:** A total of 17 latrines were completed for people with special needs, along with 2 Ventilated Improved Pit institution latrines. Additionally, 9 households were supported to dig their own latrines, with World Vision providing concrete slabs and logs for the construction process.
- **Hygiene promotion:** 17,152 community members have been supported with various hygiene and sanitation tools, that include, axes, pangas and spades to help them put up latrines. 3 school School Management Committee /Primary Teachers Association trained on good hygiene and sanitation practices and 4 health clubs formed with a total number of 183 pupils. Additionally, 9 Participatory Hygiene And Sanitation Training sessions were conducted with 96 persons in attendance. Distributed 535 household brooms.
- **Women's health:** Distributed 510 sanitary kits that comprise of panties, soap and reusable pads.



### LIVELIHOOD

- **Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA):** 100 VSLA groups, with a total of 3,000 members were monitored, 18 saving groups facilitated to open their bank accounts
- **Farm implements and inputs:** 43 people received various garden tools to improve household food security.
- **Income generation activities:** Supported 6 youths groups with a membership of 52 people who received 6 grinding mills. Another 5 groups with a membership of 34 persons received 5 tricycles for business. Training of 2 youth and women groups on liquid soap making. Trained 2 youth groups on liquid soap making.
- **Vocational Training:** 85 youth graduated from a skills training programme that improved their employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.



### RECEPTION CENTRE MANAGEMENT

- A total of 1,212 persons of concern were attended to at the Reception centre in Omugo.

## NEEDS

- In many of the settlements, the situation has transitioned from life saving to recovery; this calls for mid and long term strategies of refugees. These should be directed towards economic empowerment and safety nets.



## WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION



## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

People reached during  
01-30 November



**769,309**

total people reached with food assistance



**17,557**

people reached water, sanitation and hygiene assistance

**NFI**

**12,739**

people reached with non-food items



**13,814**

people reached with cash assistance



**21,474**

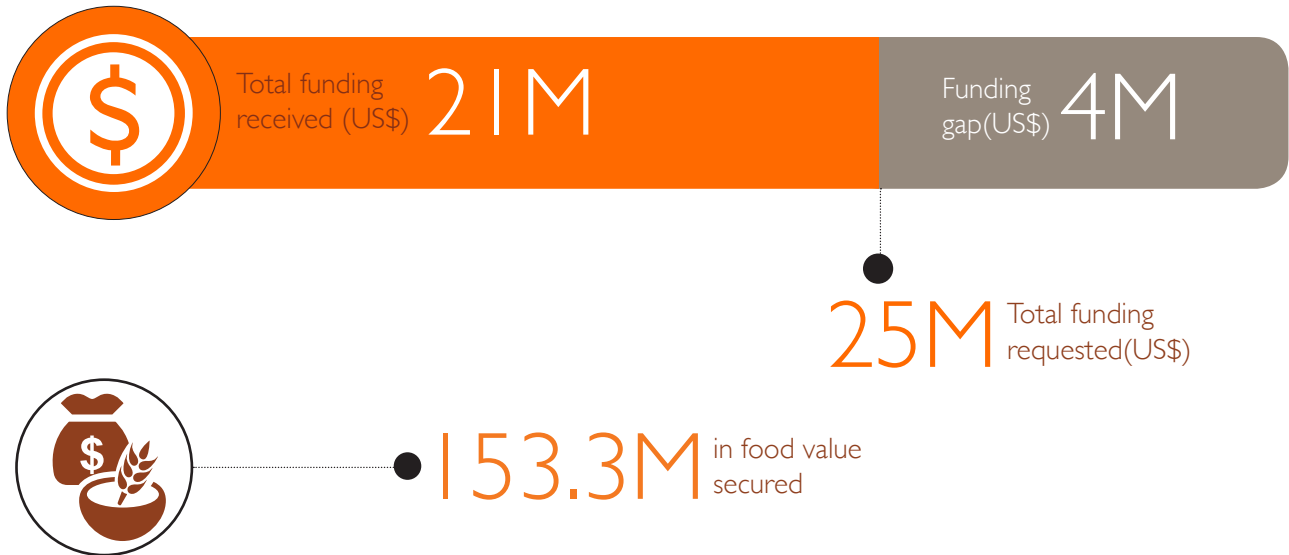
children reached with protection services

### ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

4-year-old Leila shows her excitement after receiving a teddy bear at Imvepi refugee settlement. In July, World Vision UK placed 700 teddy bears on the steps of St. Pauls Cathedral in London to represent the number of unaccompanied children. The teddy bears travelled to Uganda in December to be given to children in World Vision Child Friendly Spaces.



## GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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