

# WORLD VISION UGANDA WEST NILE REFUGEE RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT No. 18

01-31 DECEMBER 2017



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Children's crisis:** Uganda continues to keep its borders open to all fleeing South Sudanese refugees. Of the over 1 million South Sudanese refugees in Uganda, 61% are children under the age of 18. These children bear the brunt of the conflict particularly when they are unaccompanied or separated. During flight, the children experience challenges such as lack of shelter, food and clothing and are vulnerable to psychosocial distress, sexual and gender-based violence, and other forms of violence, abuse and exploitation.
- **Increase in refugee arrivals predicted:** The short-lived ceasefire in South Sudan at the end of 2017, coupled with a host of emerging ethnic militias and a ravaging hunger crisis, present a grim future for the months ahead in South Sudan. A rise in the number of South Sudanese refugees crossing the border in 2018 in search for protection and food is likely.
- **Africa's largest refugee crisis:** Uganda has the highest refugee population in the whole of Africa, standing at 1.37 million people. The country also has one of the highest number of refugee settlements/camps standing at 28.
- **Too many children dropping out of school:** Inter-agency reports indicate high school dropout rates among school going children within refugee communities is an ongoing issue. Worse still, low education performance among refugee children has been made worse by rampant cases of child abuse, exploitation, child marriages, congestion in school and lack of scholastic materials.
- **Further funding required:** There is limited funding available to support Uganda's bulging refugee population. The 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan for Uganda is only 34% funded (as at 5th January 2018); a situation that has led to unmet needs across all sectors including food assistance.
- **2018 focus:** World Vision continues to provide humanitarian assistance such as food/cash assistance, core relief items, reception centre management plus long term interventions such as livelihood empowerment, child protection and WASH. However, deeper commitments by the international community are needed to deliver and sustain quality humanitarian interventions and development solutions within 2018.

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## SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Reporting period  
01-31 December



**1 Million+**

South Sudan refugees in  
Uganda



**345,279**

South Sudanese new arrivals as  
of 15 October 2017



**62%**

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  
and asylum seekers in Uganda

Source: UNHCR, November 2017

## WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

Reporting period 01-31 December



### CHILD PROTECTION

- **Protecting the most vulnerable:** World Vision case workers met with 2,245 Unaccompanied and Separated Children and Children at Risk in Bidibidi, Imvepi and Omugo settlements to offer support, discuss children's needs and monitor their well-being. A total of 18 children were referred for specialised support to other agencies. Case by case support was provided to 598 children who received school uniforms, washing soap, Vaseline, blankets, food items, sanitary wears, clothes, etc. Additionally, another 267 children who arrived in Uganda were interviewed to help decide on appropriate support services – with 59 children being referred to other agencies for additional support and 10 children reunified with their families.
- **Strengthening child protection committees:** 345 Child Protection Committee members and caregivers/animators participated in various reflection meetings to improve community structures that protect children.
- **Helping young children develop a love of learning:** 5,536 children from the refugee and host communities attended early childhood development classes at 21 centres where they learn and play in sessions led by trained caregivers.
- **Providing safe places to play:** 9,154 children attended World Vision's Child Friendly Spaces and took part in activities to strengthen emotional well-being. A total of 17 animators were trained on Child Friendly Space operation and nine centre management committee members were trained on managing Child Friendly Spaces.
- **Ensuring vulnerable children have family support:** A total of 18 children were placed in alternative care with 8 suitable foster parents. In Omugo and Imvepi 5 Foster Parents were identified and agreements formalized.
- **Ensuring peace persists:** A total of 85 peace club members participated in various meetings to further promote a culture of peace in their communities.



### FOOD SECURITY AND ASSISTANCE

- **Providing food:** 653,694 people received 13,643.242 metric tonnes of various food items including salt, vegetable oil, cereals and pulses in Imvepi, Arua, Moyo and Yumbe.
- **Serving hot meals to new arrivals:** 6,518 hot meals were served to refugees, translating to 5.404 MT of hot meals in Omugo.



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- **Building latrines to prevent disease outbreaks:** Supported 35 people with special needs (PSNs) with construction of low cost latrines.
- **Ensuring clean water delivered:** Drilled 2 boreholes that will be motorised Bidibidi and Barakala host community.
- **Promoting hygienic behaviour:** Distributed 226 tip-py taps to 226 households with a population of 1,421 people to ensure people could wash their hands and practice good hygiene.



### LIVELIHOODS

- **Helping entrepreneurs to start small businesses:** In December 2017, 463 families – many who take care of foster children – received support to start a small business and provide for families' needs. A total of USD 110,091,678 was distributed. 1,260 foster children will benefit from this initiative.
- **Building a culture of saving:** 21 people from host communities who unload and load food trucks in the food assistance were trained on starting and running saving groups as one of the ways to build secure livelihoods.

### NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **Ensuring people have core relief items:** 736 people in 388 refugee households received core relief items that included kitchen sets, solar lamps, mosquito nets, plastic basins, pangas, slashers, sickles, hoes, construction poles and construction ropes in Omugo refugee settlement.
- **Providing families with hygiene products:** More than 52,000 people in 10,387 households received bars of soap, packets of sanitary pads and underwear in Omugo and Bidibidi refugee settlements.

## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

People reached during 01-31 December



**653,694**

people reached with food assistance



**25,000**

children reached with child protection activities



**1,421**

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support



**54,821**

people reached with construction materials, hygiene supplies and other essentials



**1,281**

people reached with livelihood support




### ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

Fifteen-year-old Viola Poni lost both her parents in South Sudan and fled to Uganda unaccompanied. She was placed with a foster family through World Vision's foster care programme and was among the 427 vulnerable refugee children at Bidibidi that received solar lamps from World Vision

## WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION


 World Vision response areas

 Food assistance

 Child protection

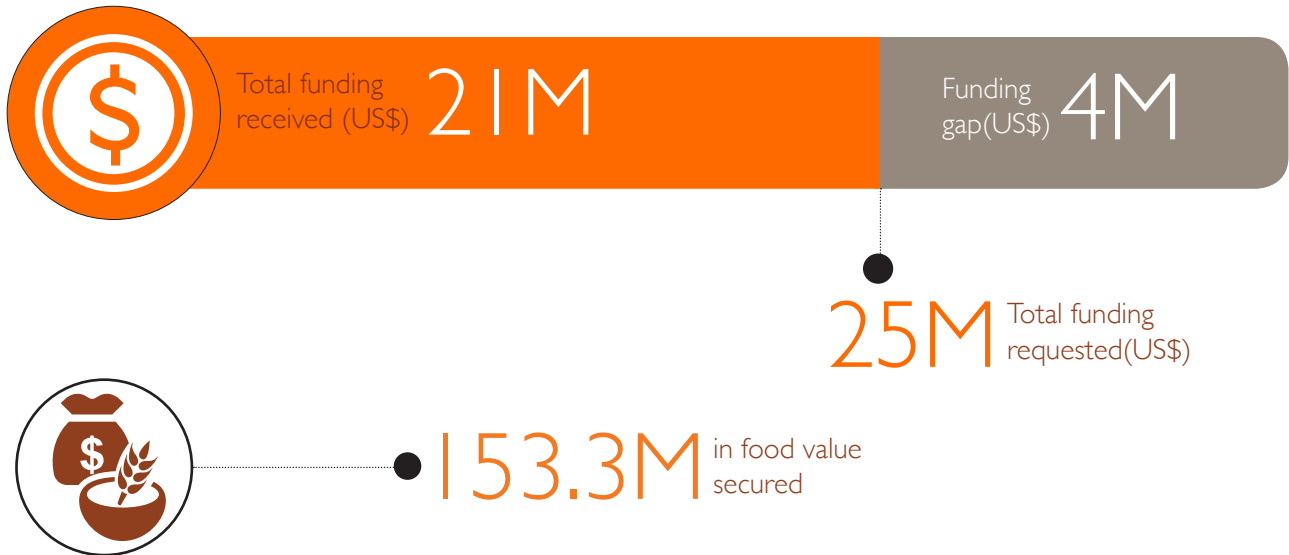
**NFI** Non-food items

 Livelihood

 Water, sanitation and hygiene



## GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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