Key messages

• South Sudanese refugees: West Nile is still receiving South Sudanese Refugees. In December 2018, 271 South Sudanese arrived in West Nile. They have been resettled in Omugo, an extension of Rhino camp.

• From dependency to self-reliance: More refugees are embracing income generating activities such as running small enterprises like grocery shops, salons, crop production for sale, shops and restaurants to boost their household incomes. Funding to sustain this is required in order to help more refugee families become self-reliant.

• Funding: World Vision is grateful for the sustained support of our donors and partners who support our work and calls upon donors and other willing partners to prioritize long term funding as we transition our work to empowering refugees with self-reliance and income generating activities.

• Only 19% of caregivers are able to provide for their children: Children are at risk of malnutrition if World Vision and other actors do not support sustainable livelihood opportunities.

• World Vision continues to positively respond to the DRC refugees who are fleeing violent conflicts. In the month of December, there were 855 new arrivals majority of whom are women and children were settled in Kyaka and Kyangwali. It is anticipated that the Dec election may lead to a spike in violence and more refugees will cross into Uganda.

Gaps and needs

• Only 1 out of 10 children can read and comprehend in a school language of instruction: World vision conducted a baseline survey that showed that children are at risk of losing their future potential. The report notes that education support is currently underfunded and classrooms are overcrowded hence limiting the ability of refugee children to learn.

• Parenting is a big challenge: while World Vision aspires that all children should be cared for, protected and engaged to participate, few children are actually feeling safe in their homes. The baseline found that 58% of refugee children are not positively connected to their care givers.
Shelter and non-food items

- 86,018 South Sudanese refugees in Omugo, Imvepi and Bidibidi settlements were provided with an essential relief package.

Food security and livelihoods

- 13,912 refugees and host community members benefited from improved farming technologies, savings and loan associations as well as cash-based assistance to help improve their resilience.
- South West Response - 40,964 refugees benefited from the cash assistance in the reporting period.

Protection

- 77,775 children accessed protection services through education and life skills provided at the 42 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS), including the life skills training, and peace building initiatives. In December, 57,306 children attended World Vision’s Child Friendly Spaces, gaining from educational and psycho-social support.

Water, sanitation and hygiene

- World Vision conducted hygiene and sanitation awareness and training for 7,334 for children and teachers in schools, Child Friendly Spaces and reception centres.

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

World Vision Uganda is requesting **US$ 15,000,000** to expand its response activities. So far, it has received **US$ 180,000** and is requesting an additional **US$ 14,820,000** to close the gap and reach more people in need.
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Number of refugees in Uganda
Source: UNHCR, Regional Refugee Response Plan, January - December 2018

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