



## Uganda Refugee Response Monitoring

Settlement Fact Sheet Bidi Bidi December 2017

Vest Nile Region Yumbe District	Bidi BidiTotal refugee population: 287,087* refugeesWith 555,697 nationals and 287,087 refugees in Yumbe District, refugees from Bidi Bidi account for 34% of the 	Registered refugee population*   Female Age Male   29,466 0-4 29,045   45,145 5-11 46,969   26,277 12-17 28,331   45,571 18-59 29,703   4.558 60+ 12.022	Data collected through¹:Image: Stress of the stres
	district population. Settlement first established: 2016	<b>4,558  </b> 60+ <b>  2,022</b>	<b>33</b> partner interviews <b>5</b> sector lead

Bidi Bidi settlement was established in September 2016 to host the rapid influx of South Sudanese refugees, primarily arriving from the Equatoria region. The settlement population increased rapidly to over 270,000 people, making it one of the largest settlements in the world. As of December 2016, Bidi Bidi reached maximum capacity and stopped accepting new arrivals.

## Gaps & Challenges

Majority of health facilities are under temporary structures (tarpaulins) which poses a challenge during extremes of weather conditions. Stock outs of medicines and supplies was also reported especially for the first half of 2017 due to challenges with international procurement. Refugees also reported challenges of communicating with medical staff since they have to talk through a translator, thus limiting privacy. Additionally, access to comprehensive maternal health services is still a challenge due to lack of high level facilities to handle emergency caesarean sections and blood transfusion within the settlement.

Refugees reported that food distributions are **insufficient and often delayed**, making it difficult for them to accurately plan food consumption. Refugees noted reductions in their cereal rations, which has led some people to sell non-food items to pay for food.

Water supply is currently inadequate and unsustainable, with 21 percent of water provided through water trucking. Refugees also noted that some boreholes are regularly out of service. This has led to long waiting lines at water provisioning sites, heightened tensions between residents and some refugees traveling long distances out of the settlement to obtain water. Insufficient water supply and low latrine coverage have contributed to the poor sanitation and hygiene conditions in the settlement.

Education services are insufficient. Schools have high teacher-to-student ratios, and some students travel long distances to attend class. Some school structures are still temporary and there is insufficient number of permanent structures as well as teachers' accommodations and play facilities for students. Refugees reported poor quality teaching and a lack of essential teaching materials, with many speculating that the poor working condition of the teachers has led to severe staff shortages. Refugees stated that these factors have combined to reduce school attendance. Additionally, there is no vocational school in the settlement and there are only 5 secondary schools which have incomplete A-Level syllabi, making it difficult for adolescents to further their education. There are limited scholarship opportunities for higher education.

Refugees reported that there are not enough shelters for big families, leading to overcrowding, with many constructed of emergency materials. This has caused severe leaking and increased exposure to illness as many people share a small household area. A lack of access to water, which was prioritized for consumption, has prevented some refugees from making bricks to improve their shelters.

## Strengths & Opportunities

There is a strong and coherent coordination strategy amongst partners through the interagency team. There is regular communication at both the district and settlement level. Refugee Welfare Committees and other sectoral committees ensure that refugees and their needs are well integrated into refugee response planning.

Despite service challenges, there is a unified vision amongst partners who aim to use their diverse implementing backgrounds to utilise the youthful population, a supportive host community and surrounding land abundance, to shift Bidi Bidi from an emergency response to a more permanent and sustainable settlement.

Refugee statistics source: Refugee Information Management System (RIMS) - Office of the Prime Minister 1. Indicator standards to measure gaps were determined by global humanitarian standards, Ugandan national standards, or sector experts for each settlement. Data was collected from implementing partners from the 3rd to the 19th December 2017.

# Partner organizations CRS, CUAMM, DCA, DRC, EAM, FCA, FAO, Here is Life, IOM, IKC, MB, MI, Mercy CA

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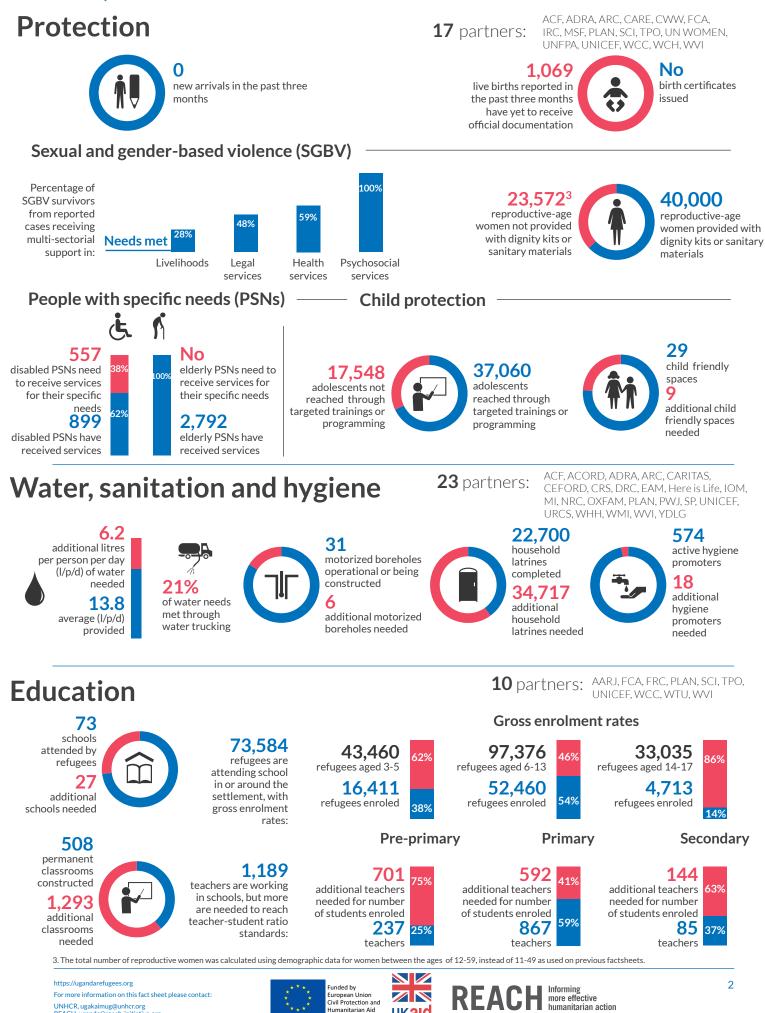


AAH, AARJ, ACF, ACORD, ACTED, ADRA, AFARD, AIRD, ARC, Care, CARITAS, CEFORD, CRS, CUAMM, DCA, DRC, EAM, FCA, FAO, Here is Life, IOM, IRC, MB, MI, Mercy Corps,



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**8** partners:

DCA, FRC, IRC, Mercy Corps,

SCI, URDMC WFP, WVI

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### **286,107**<sup>4</sup> eligible beneficiaries 4 0 agencies conducting eligible beneficiaries received in-kind food unconditional cash received cash assistance assistance in the last for food distributions for food in the last distribution distribution ACF, ACTED, ADRA, AFARD, CARITAS, Livelihoods and environment CEFORD, CRS, DCA, DRC, FAO, FCA, **21** partners: IRC, MB, Mercy Corps, NRC, SCI, SP, TPO, UNDP, URDMC, WHH 9,588 15,521 17,867 eligible households 35,776 3,504 2,429 eligible households cases of livelihoods 0 support through: have not received have received technology support technology support Livelihoods/ Village savings Income Savings and for production for production vocational and loan generating cooperative trainings associations activities societies 40.103 eligible beneficiaries 4,635 received cash assistance youth and women have for livelihoods in 2017, but insufficient data prevented been identified to receive training on various income the gap from being measured generating activities Health and nutrition ACF, IRC, MSF, **6** partners: RMF, SCI, UNICEF 2 out of 2 **1** outpatient therapeutic **1** supplementary No nutrition programmes feeding programme: programme: 128 meet UNHCR/WFP additional women delivered Recovery rate Recovery rate facility acceptable standards, without skilled 75% 70% with average rates of: needed Defaulter rate Defaulter rate healthcare staff in the past three Rate Death rate Death rate 0% months Standard Shelter, site, and non-food items (NFIs) AIRD, ARC, CRS, 6 partners: NRC, PWJ, WVI 582 PSN shelters have been constructed, 250 sq km but insufficient Total surface area for residential use data prevented the gap from being No 1 measured 167.5 sq km Additional Reception reception centre has been Total surface area for farming use constructed centres needed 900 sq m No Average plot size for both farming and agencies conducting residential us unconditional cash for NFIs

4. Figures from the twelfth general food distribution cycle

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