#### **Food Security and Nutrition Assessment**

**Refugee Settlements and Kampala December 2020** 





THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**UNHCR Representation in Uganda** 











## Key stakeholders

- GOU: OPM, MoH, UBOS, DLGs.
- UN: UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF.
- NGOs: MTI, IRC, ACF, FHU, SCI, AHA, LWF, AFI, AVSI, ALIGHT, AIRD, HFU, OPWIG, PACHEDO, PAG.
- Refugees, VHTs, RWCs.











#### Thematic areas

- Demography
- Nutrition
- Health
- Food Security
- LITN
- WASH
- GBV
- Energy











## Methodology

- Cross-sectional study, SMART methodology, cluster sampling
- 42,530 individuals, 7141 households reached in settlements and Kampala
- 51.8% female and 48.2% male











# **Nutrition**



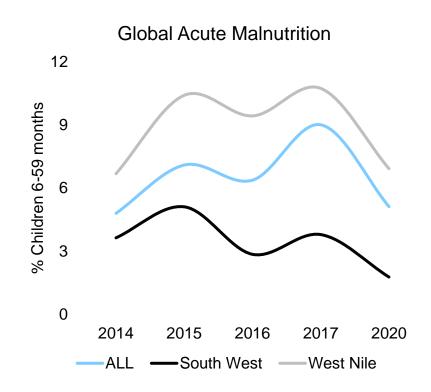


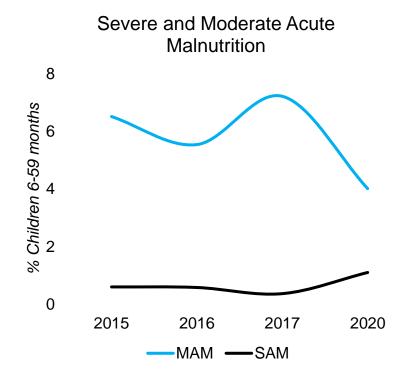






#### **Acute Malnutrition**





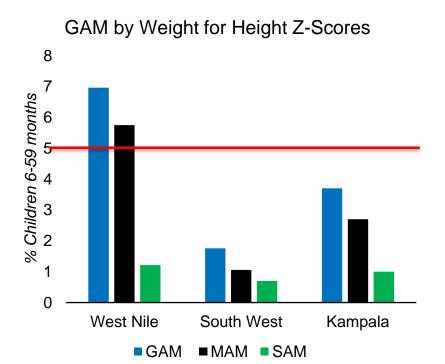


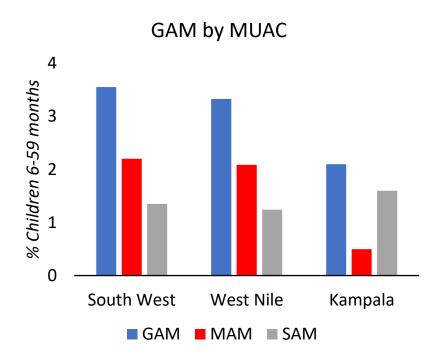






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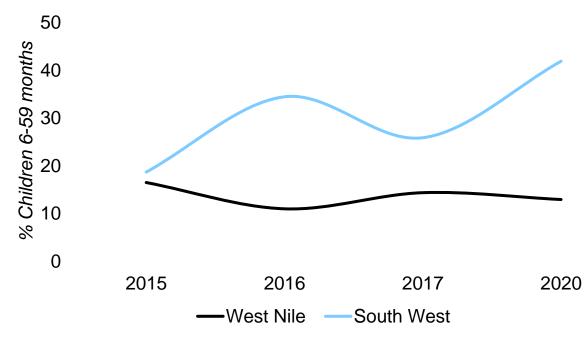






## **Stunting**





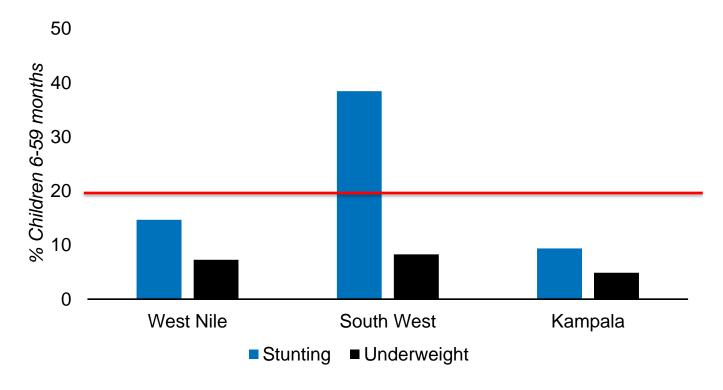








# Stunting and Underweight



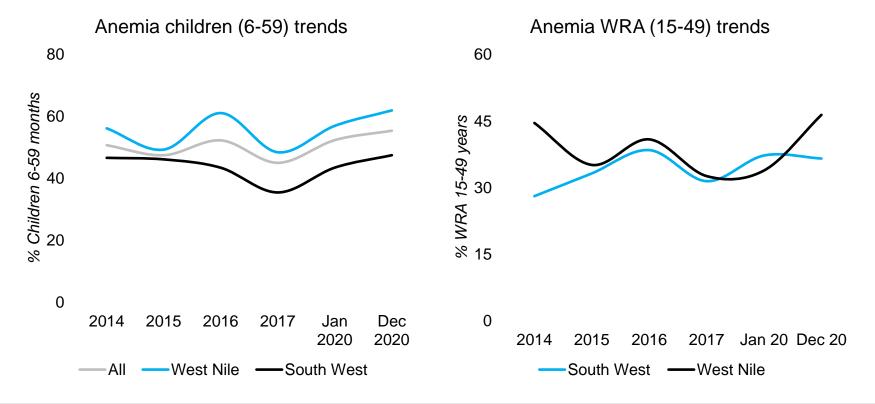








#### **Anemia Trends**



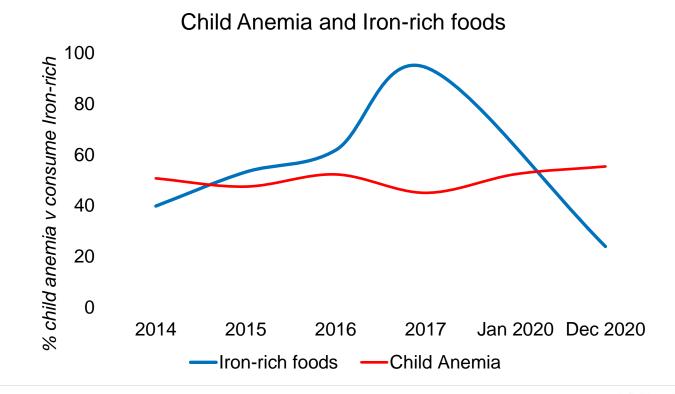








## **IYCF**



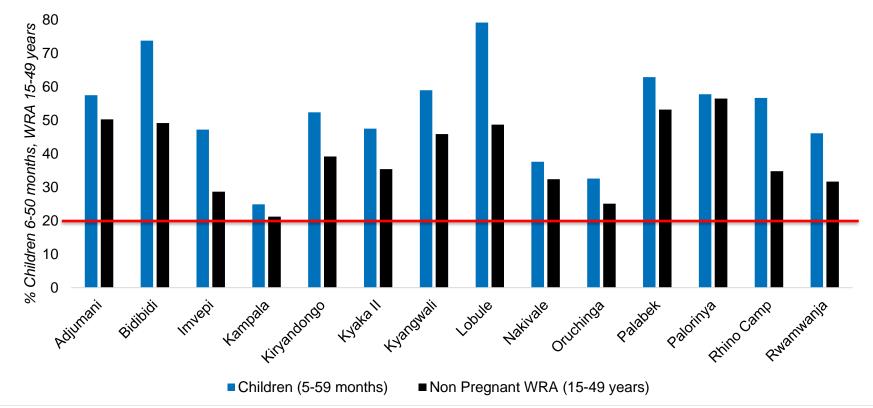








#### **Anemia**





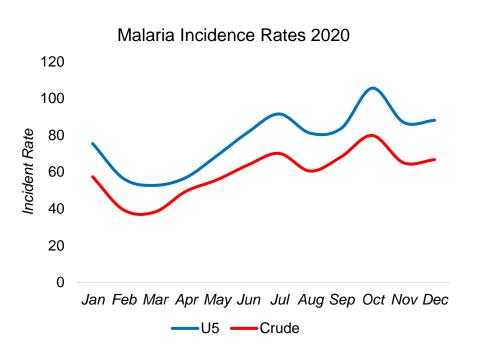






## **Contributing Factors**

- Low dietary diversity coping mechanism to ration cuts, less Vit C (plant-based diets)
- Disease incidence malaria, intestinal worms



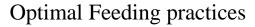


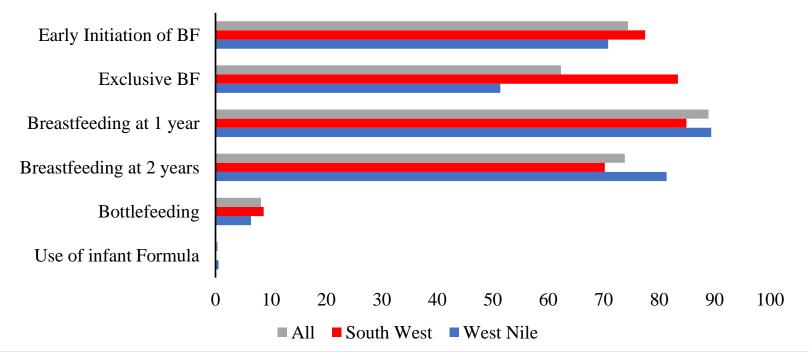






# IYCF - Optimal Breastfeeding





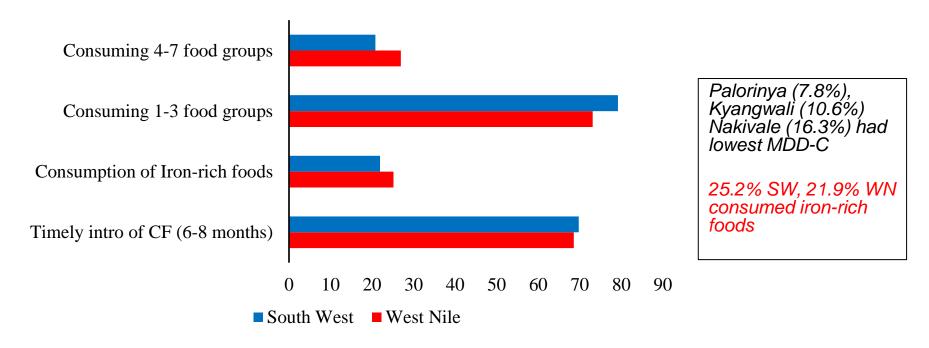








#### IYCF – Complementary Feeding and Dietary Diversity



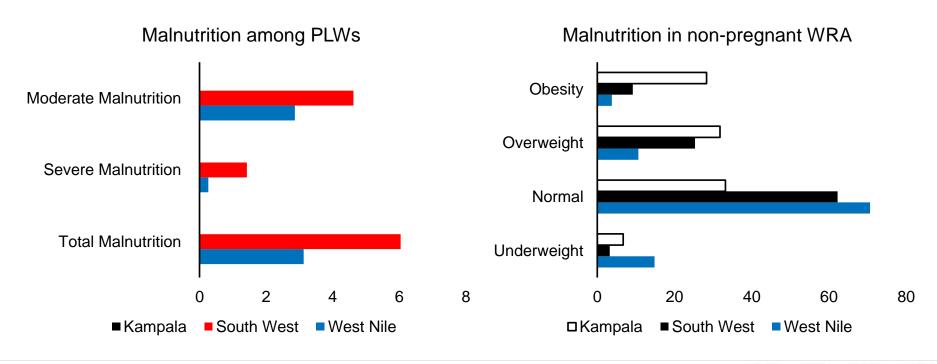








#### **Maternal Nutrition**





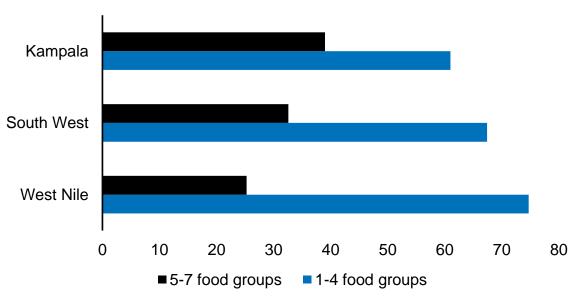






### **Maternal Nutrition**





98.7% grains & tubers
79.7% legumes &
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51.6% nuts & seeds
50.1% dark green
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## Health



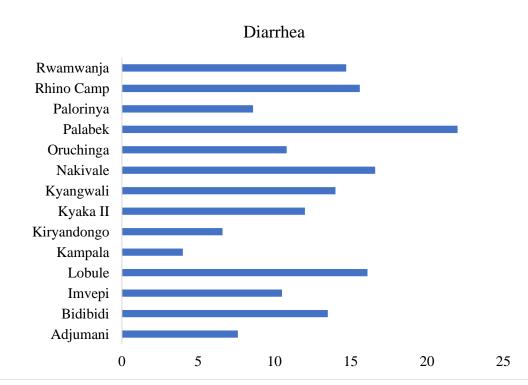


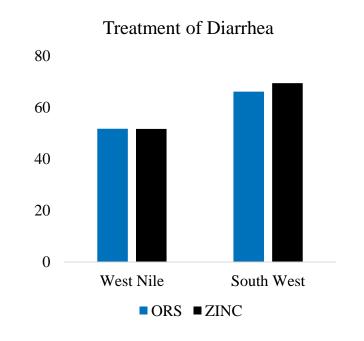






#### **Child Health**





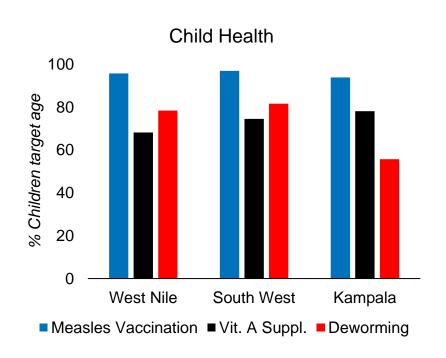


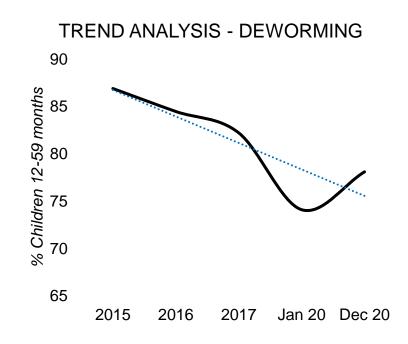






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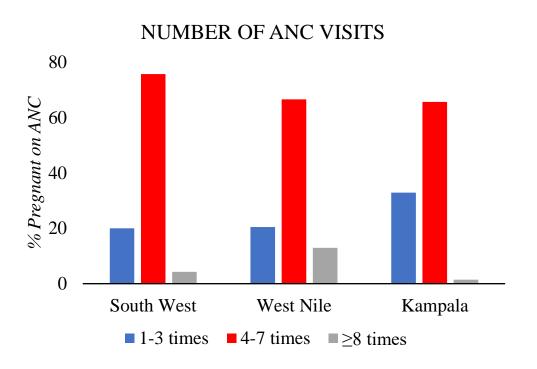






#### SRH - ANC

93.7% were enrolled for ANC in last pregnancy – 95.3% SW, 94.2% WN, 74.9% K'LA







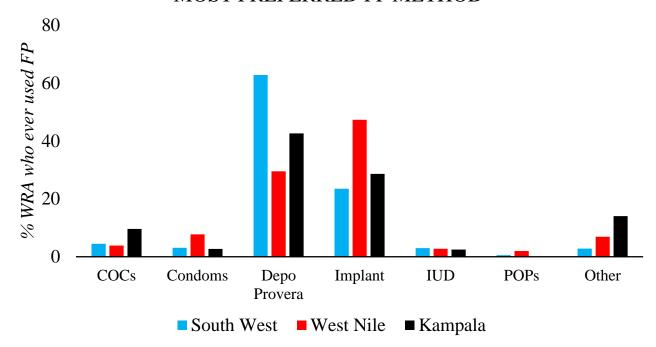




# SRH – Family Planning

MOST PREFERRED FP METHOD

14.7% ever used FP -SW 19.8%, WN 11.1%, K'LA 4.9%



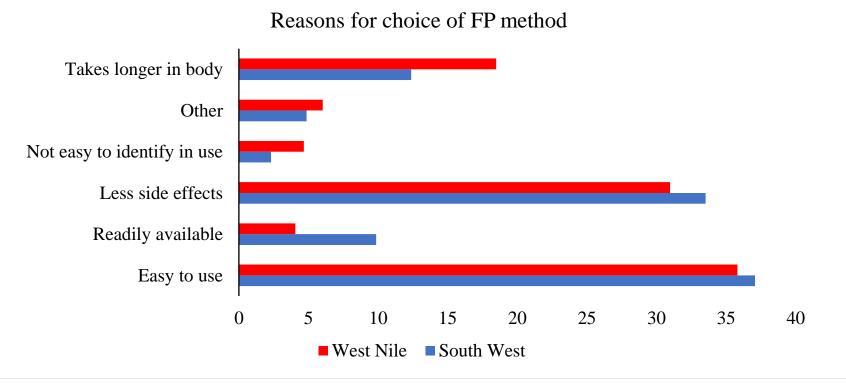








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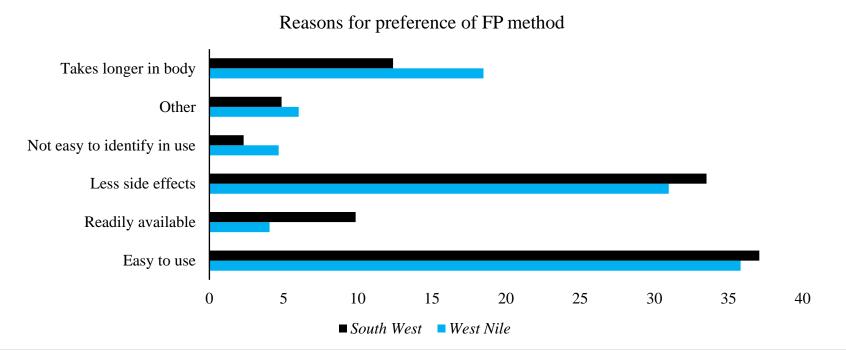








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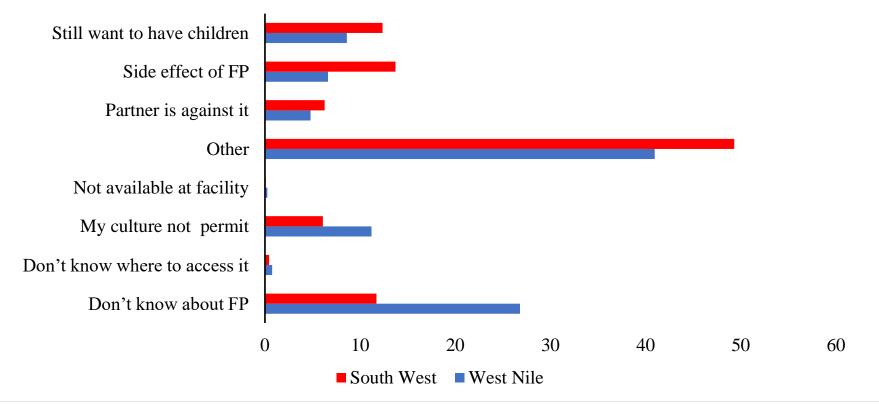








# **Barriers to Family Planning**











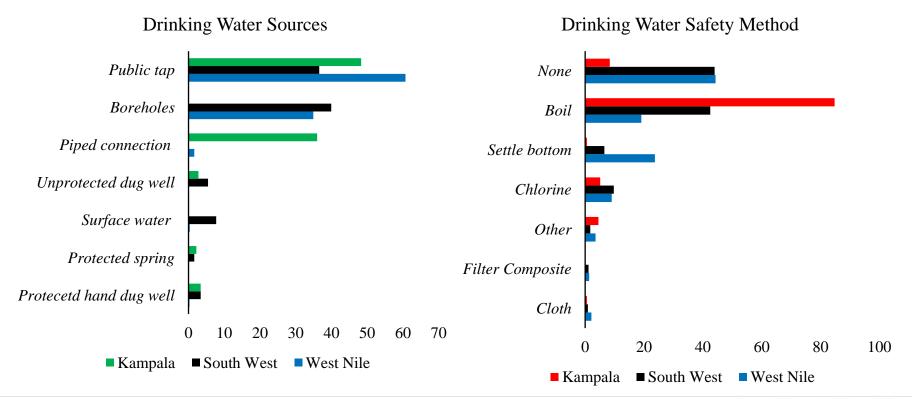












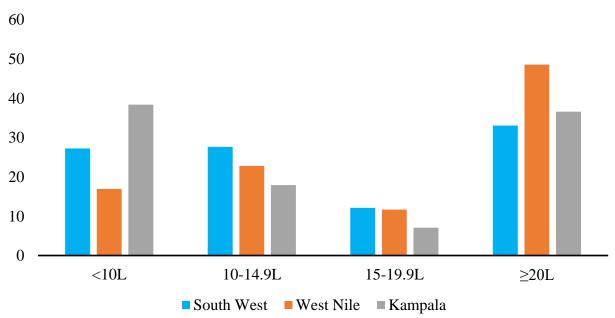












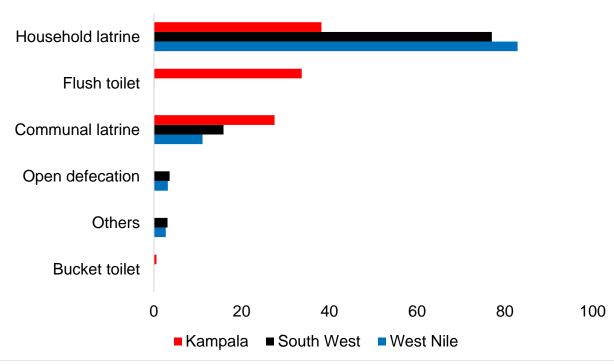




















# **Energy and Environment**

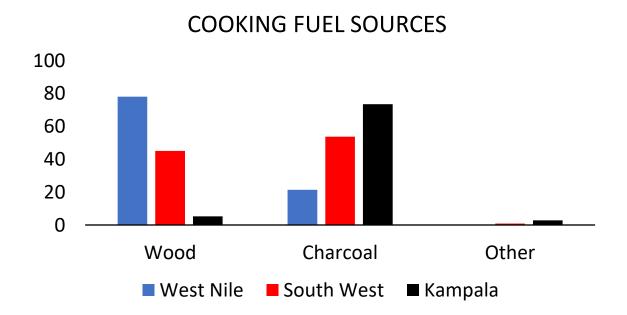








# Energy









## Livelihoods



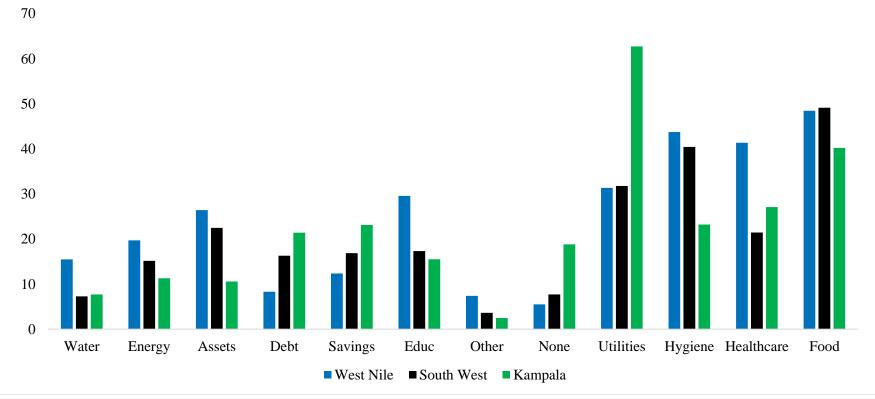








### **Unmet Basic Needs**

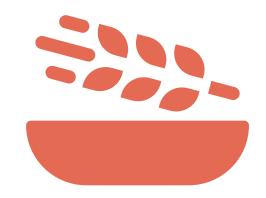




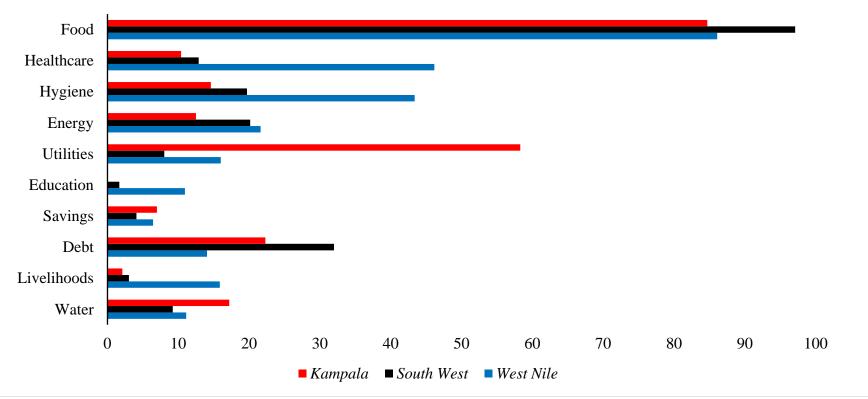




# **Food Security**



# **GFA Cash Expenditure**











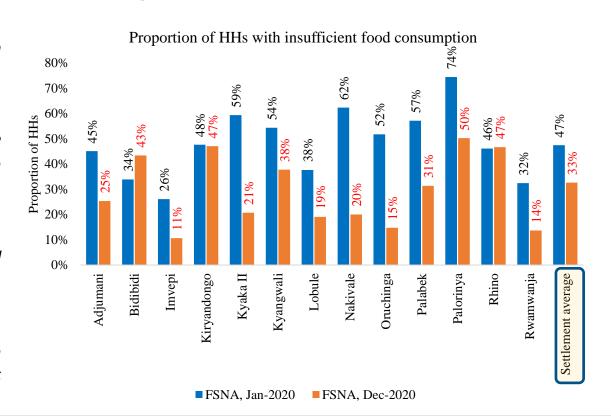
## Household Food Consumption

Insufficient food consumption ↓ from 47% in Jan 2020 to 33% in Dec 2020

Food consumption in 11/13 settlements. Substantial gains in Oruchinga, Nakivale and Kyaka II.

11/13 settlements had just received double GFA during data collection.

Above-average 2020 second season harvests and low staple food prices since May 2020.











#### Settlement Markets Food Prices

- Food prices low since Apr-May June 2020, above average harvests in 2020.
- Retail prices for maize, beans and salt reduced by 28%, 23% & 30% between Mar 20 and Feb 2021.
- The cost Food MEB reduced by 18% overall (-23% in SW & -14% in WN)
- FS more likely moderated by higher consumption in Dec











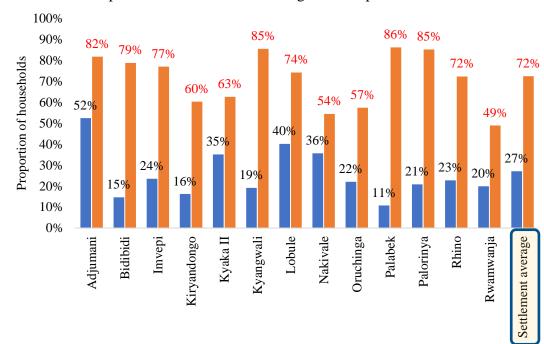
## **Economic Vulnerability**

High HH spending on food is proxy of economic stress. Limited capacity to meet essential needs and manage fluctuations in prices.

Proportion of economically stressed HHs increased by 45% from Jan to Dec 2020.

More spending on food likely due to the ration reductions, and decreased spending on non-food items due to the lock-down.

#### Proportion of households with high food expenditure share











# **Overall Food Insecurity**

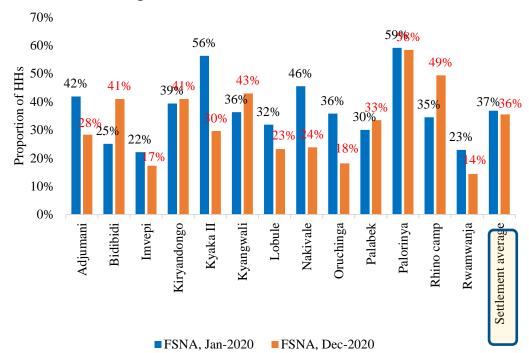
Overall, the prevalence of food insecurity unchanged between the two surveys.

Impact of ration cuts likely cushioned by reduced food prices, good harvests.

Regional difference remain, food insecurity at 26% in SW and 36% in WN

Food security deteriorated in Bidibidi and Rhino camp and improved in Kyaka II, Nakivale and Oruchinga.

#### Proportion of Food Insecure households



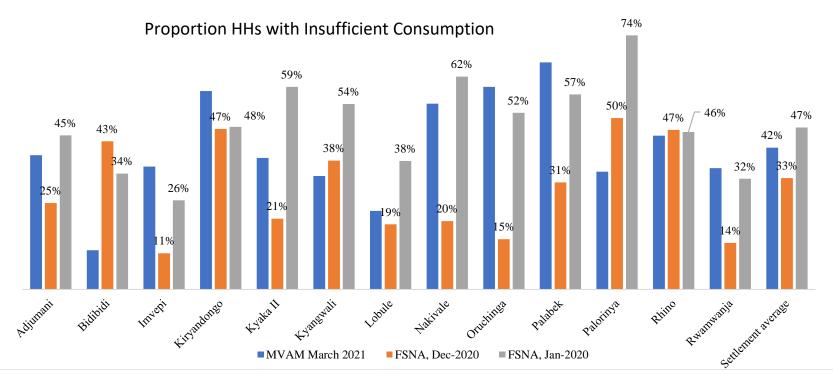








## Household Food Consumption (updated)











#### Considerations and Risk Factors to Monitor

- Food Prices (return to normal from low)
- Resumption of education. Substitution of expenditures towards food to become more unlikely.
- Double distributions (monitor food consumption and food security outcomes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month after distribution).

		November			December				January				February				
Settlement	<b>Distribution Mode</b>	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Rwamwanja	Double						*					     		!			 ! !
Kyangwali	Double		! !				*	*									
Kyaka II	Double		   				*	*							; ;	,	
Nakivale	Single					*	*	*						; ;		! !	
Oruchinga	Single					*											
Rhino Camp	Double					*											
Palorinya	Double		   	!			*	*							,		
Imvepi	Double			! !	!		*	*				!			! !	 ! !	 !
Bidibidi	Double						*	*								• !	
Lobule	Double		! ! !				*	*	 	     	! ! !			! !	i ! !	! ! !	     









## **Actions on Anemia**

Immediate	Implementation status						
Anemia typing (causal analysis)	Pilot done, planned for scaleup						
Deworming	Routine, planned for scaleup						
Bi-annual anemia screening + treatment	Part of 2021 activities						
Iron-Folic Acid supplementation	Routine, limited to pregnant women						
Mid-term to long term							
Nutrition-sensitive food systems							
Fortification of school meals	Not done						
Kitchen gardens (variety)	Done, small scale						
Biofortification (iron-rich beans, orange-fleshed potatoes)	Pilot, small scale						
Food Security and Livelihoods	Ongoing, gaps						
Kyangwali Pilot**	Ongoing						
Others							
MIYCAN and Anemia sensitization	Ongoing, scaleup						
Malaria control	Ongoing						









#### What has worked elsewhere

Fortifying rice in school meals contributed to a 20% reduction in Anemia in 99,231 in Odisha, India at a cost of \$0.06 – \$0.09 per child over 3 years - Nutrition Exchange

Weekly Iron-Folic Acid for all WRA and regular deworming reduced Anemia (WRA) from 37.5% to 19.3%, Iron deficiency from 22.8% to 9.3%, and intestinal worms from 76.2% 23.0% over 12 months in Vietnam - WHO









# Take Away

- Continuity of treatment services for acute malnutrition, anemia
- Aligning short term and long-term actions on anemia reduction
- Potential areas of investment nutrition-sensitive food systems, school feeding, kitchen gardens, behavior change
- Midterm to long term actions on food security and livelihoods

## The end







