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**WFP DOUBLES OPERATIONS IN UGANDA AS REFUGEES CONTINUE TO
ARRIVE FROM WAR-TORN SOUTH SUDAN**

WFP News Video

TRT: 02:41

Shot: 13 June, 4-20-21, May 2017

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BidiBidi settlement, near Yumbe, Uganda

Shot: 4May2017

Aerials of BidiBidi settlement (no audio)

BidiBidi, the largest refugee settlement in Africa. In less than a year, this settlement, now hosting more than 275,000 people, has sprung up in what was a sparsely populated area.

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Shot: 20May2017

GV of people in BidiBidi settlement

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Near Kaya, South Sudan

Shot: 20May2017

People in South Sudan fleeing on foot to the border with Uganda

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Near Lokajo, Uganda

Shot: 20May2017

Sot:(Kakwa) Betty Takalb has just arrived in Uganda with 15 members of her family after walking 3 days from a small village near Yei, South Sudan

"There's nothing to eat... everyone is panicking. At night you can't sleep because of the fighting...it's very difficult"

:38-:51

Near Lokajo, Uganda

Shot: 20May2017

People crossing this bridge that connects South Sudan and Uganda.

Since July 2016, 740,000 people have fled the escalating conflict in South Sudan into Uganda. Almost a year later, over 2,000 people/day continue to arrive, mostly on foot with only what they can carry to start a new life as a refugee. Typically this amounts to a few animals, bedding and cooking utensils. Around 100 refugees per day arrive at this spot.

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Kampala

Shot: 13June2017

SOT: (Eng) Elkhidir Daloum, WFP Uganda, Country Director

The Uganda's Government has a very generous model whereby is very welcoming to all brothers and sisters who are coming from all neighboring Countries. They are allowed to have access to land, they have access to work, they have freedom of movement; and that, in itself, gives them hope that they get new opportunities in this Country, and those

opportunities are shared with the people of Uganda. So, if you look at this model, is very promising and we would like to see this model succeeding in Uganda. And we would like to see this model replicated in Africa.

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BidiBidi settlement, near Yumbe, Uganda

Shot: 20May2017

A rainbow shines on BidiBidi

01:47-01:56

Siripi Village, Rhino Camp refugee settlement

Shot: 21May2017

South Sudanese refugees planting peanuts.

Uganda has an open door policy towards refugees giving them land, work permits, freedom of movement and the means to start small farms. WFP provides food and cash to help them survive until they can become self-sufficient.

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BidiBidi settlement, near Yumbe, Uganda

Shot: 20May2017

South Sudanese refugees growing maize

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Imvepi refugee settlement, Uganda

Shot: 21May2017

Newly arrived South Sudanese refugees, entering registration area

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Imvepi refugee settlement, Uganda

Shot: 21May2017

Newly arrived refugees at Imvepi refugee settlement wait eagerly for WFP hot meals of white corn and beans.
Hot meals being distributed.

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Near Imvepi, Uganda

Shot: 21May2017

WFP food distribution.

Refugees arrive in northern Uganda exhausted and hungry. WFP provides most of them with food and cash but has a funding shortfall of US\$63 million for the next 6 months (June-November). In May WFP was forced to cut in half the amount of cereal refugees received, except for the newly arrived and most vulnerable, because the necessary funding was not obtained in time.

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Background

- **Uganda now hosts more refugees than any other country in Africa while continuing to keep its borders open to those fleeing conflict or**

persecution. Uganda's progressive policy allows refugees to obtain a plot of land, start businesses, access healthcare and education and move freely. It allows people the opportunity to rebuild their lives close to their home country.

- **Despite WFP's operation more than doubling in the last year we have only managed to meet the needs of the newest arrivals every month by the skin of our teeth. We need enough money -- at the right time -- to keep our warehouses stocked with food for the one million refugees who depend on us.**
- **It costs WFP US\$19 million every month to feed around 1 million refugees. While we are extremely grateful to our donors, funding has not kept pace with the quickly growing population. We urgently need US\$63 million for the next six months to meet their basic food needs.**

IN NUMBERS:

- Refugees WFP assisted in Uganda 2017: approximately **1 million***
- Total number of refugees in Uganda: **1.3 million****
 - Total South Sudanese refugees:
950,000**
 - New arrivals from South Sudan since 1 January 2017:
284,000**
 - New arrivals from South Sudan since July 2016
740,000***
- Number of refugees affected by current ration cuts (those who arrived before July 2015) **200,000**

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