



*\*Girls lined up to participate in a football tournament held during the International Day of the Girl at the Mahama Refugee Camp, Rwanda*



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# FOREWORD

*The world makes great technological and development advancements for the betterment of humanity, yet violent human conflicts continue to reverse these gains for many people. This is the case and experience for millions of refugees and internally displaced persons, most of them children, within Africa's borders.*

*Administratively, Plan International has two regions in Africa, that is, the Region of Eastern and Southern Africa (RESA), and the West Africa Region (WARO). By June 30 2018 (which marked the closure of our FY18), nine out of twelve Plan International Country Offices in RESA were engaged in direct refugees and respective host community response programming. They include Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia. And in many of these countries, Plan International is the lead UNHCR partner for child protection and education in emergencies in camps or settlements where we work. And in addition to supporting child protection and education in emergencies (which includes support to early childhood care and development (ECCD)), we continued to make a difference in the lives of many refugees and host communities through support to their sexual reproductive health, SGBV prevention and response, WASH and youth economic empowerment.*

*The purpose of this report is to provide a snapshot view of Plan International's response to refugees from South Sudan, Burundi, DRC and Syria in RESA as of June 30, 2018. Plan International remains grateful to supported refugee communities for their unbreakable and voluntary spirit, host governments for the goodwill and coordination efforts, donors for resource commitments and peer agencies for helping to lift the load.*

*While we continued to face various challenges along the way, together, we are making a difference in the lives of supported refugee communities.*

*I thank you all*



**Roger Yates**

*Regional Director, Region of Eastern and Southern Africa*



# PLAN INTERNATIONAL UGANDA



Children at the Bidi Bidi refugee camp in Northern Uganda

The influx of South Sudanese refugees is currently one of the largest population movements recorded worldwide. Uganda is home to 1.4M refugees and is globally the third largest refugee hosting country after Turkey and Pakistan. Over 1.1 Million were coming from South Sudan as at June 2018. Uganda over FY18 responded to three concurrent emergency influxes: South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi. The profile of new arrivals is characterized by a high proportion of women and children, currently representing approximately 84 percent of the new arrivals.

**UGANDA IS HOME TO  
43% OF ALL THE SOUTH  
SUDAN REFUGEES  
WITHIN THE REGION**

The Government of Uganda continues to strengthen the refugee-hosting environment through the Settlement Transformative Agenda included in its five-year National Development Plan II (NDP II 2016-2020). The UN Country Team and the World Bank are supporting the Government of Uganda through the Refugee and Host Population Empowerment (ReHoPE) strategy, which is integrated into the UN Development Assistance Framework for Uganda (UNDAF 2016-2020). These strategic initiatives are aligned with the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) of the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants. Uganda was the first country to officially roll-out the CRRF.

## Plan International's work

The South Sudanese refugee population in Uganda had more than doubled in September 2017, necessitating the opening of new refugee settlements. Women and children account for 84 percent of the total refugee population. Many of these refugees are survivors or witnesses of violence and abuse requiring immense and specialized Child Protection and Sexual and Gender Based Violence support.



PEOPLE REACHED **35,000**



CHILDREN **15,599**



GIRLS **8,007**



LEARNERS  
REACHED **11,941**

## PLAN INTERNATIONAL UGANDA CONT'D

Given the complex and protracted nature of the South Sudan crisis, Plan International Uganda has strategically positioned itself in the West Nile sub-region with operations in Adjumani, Yumbe and Arua districts. In FY18, the organization reached over 35,000 South Sudanese refugees through Child Protection, WASH, nutrition, and education intervention as well provision of non-food items in 19 refugee settlements across the districts of Yumbe, Arua, and Adjumani. We continue to reinforce our emergency response, recovery, and resilience programming. Plan International Uganda's experience and expertise make it best-placed to respond to the immediate protection, education and WASH needs of refugees and host communities.



*Plan International Uganda Operational Scope*

Currently, Plan International Uganda is the Child Protection leading partner for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the West Nile sub-region. Plan International Uganda was also given Case Management mandate under the GAC-funded project in the two new settlements of Bidibidi and Ayilo. Additionally, we were requested by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to lead Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) programming in Bidibidi and Rhino Camp.

As part of the response, Plan International Uganda committed to increase children's access to education in a safe and protected learning environment. With support of donor funding from UNICEF and Dubai Cares, Plan International Uganda by FY18 had established 32 Early Childhood Care and Development centres in Adjumani, Bidibidi & Rhino settlements. A total of 15,599 children, 8007 girls and 7592 boys, in the age range of 3-5 years have benefited from the 32 ECCD centres. As part of the programming, 32 Centre Management Committees were established (with 11 members each, both men and women) for management of the ECCD centres, monitoring centre activities, community mobilization and maintenance. Under Primary Education, 11,941 learners were reached with assorted scholastic items, of whom 144 were children with special needs (51 girls and 93 boys) supported with learning aids and total of 10,926 (8,840 girls and 2,086 boys) were reached with dignity kits.

Under Child Protection, Plan International Uganda has reached a total of 6987 children (3155 girls and 3832 boys) through the establishment of 24 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and well equipped them with indoor and outdoor play materials for them to participate in recreational activities. The CFS addressed psychosocial needs of children undergoing distress and disorders, sexual abuse, children separated from their families, trafficked, exposed to physical violence and being armed or forced into joining armed forces. An additional number of 6600 children (3360 girls and 3240 boys) were reached with death and birth registration.

### Case Study: A Treacherous Journey across South Sudan to the World's Largest Refugee Camp

"The war got me when I was at school. Rebels attacked. Some students were kidnapped, while others were raped. The headmaster was also killed in front of us. Thankfully we escaped and we were safe." Emily, 16, from South Sudan's Yei state, is one of more than 280,000 refugees living in northern Uganda in Bidi Bidi, which in 2016 became the world's largest refugee camp. Eighty per cent of the people living there are women and children and most go to Bidi Bidi to escape the brutal conflict which has gripped South Sudan since 2013.

**"I WAS LONELY BUT  
I'VE MADE FRIENDS  
WITH PLAN  
INTERNATIONAL"**

"On my way back home I went looking for my young sister because I knew I left her at home," says Emily. "Suddenly I saw a neighbour and he was telling me 'no, please run, run to save your life. Rebels have attacked our village.'" "So I just got my schoolbag and I ran." "We were attacked on the way by some people in military uniform and some women were raped." Girls and women fleeing violence face extreme risks of death and sexual violence as passages remain unsafe.

## PLAN INTERNATIONAL UGANDA CONT'D

A recent UN survey carried out in camps in Juba, South Sudan's capital, found around 70 percent of women had been raped since the conflict began.

Recalling the aftermath of the attack by armed men Emily said, "We had to spend one night out in the wild where we were attacked by wild animals and I was bitten by a snake."

For the past year, Emily has lived with a foster family in Bidi Bidi refugee camp where life has not been easy for her. "Currently I don't know where my parents are. We were separated from our father in Juba and mother in Kampala."

Emily particularly struggles to cope when she gets her menstruation because essentials such as sanitary pads are hard to come by. "Whenever you're on your period and you do not have pads, you don't feel relieved and don't feel like going to school" she says. Plan International has been running activities in Bidi Bidi camp to give young people like Emily a chance to forget their troubles. We are also distributing necessities like clothes, sanitary pads and soap to thousands of girl refugees.

"My living situation is getting better because I've been supported by Plan International which has made me forget every bad thing that happened," says Emily. "Plan has provided for us enough space where we carry out activities like netballing, footballing and volley balling, like drama, music and dance. Whenever I do sport, I feel Relieved. I don't think of bad things again. I feel happy." "I was lonely but I've made friends with Plan International." "I'm not like how I felt before. I feel I'm now changed. Physically I'm changed. Mentally I'm now okay."

Emily goes to school in the camp and like thousands of other refugees, hopes that one day she'll be able to return to her country. "My hopes for South Sudan are just to pray to God so that everything will change from bad to good," she says. "Here we are studying so that in future we shall be the leaders of South Sudan....making it a good country."

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*A beneficiary of Plan International's Work in Uganda*

### Funding

More resources are needed to provide adequate essential services like WASH. As of June 2018, the South Sudan 2017 Regional Rapid response Plan had received only 12% of the fund.

### Key Contacts

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#### Plan Works in these key areas:



**Education in Emergencies**



**Health and Nutrition**



**Child Protection**

#### Active in:



**Djumani, Yumbe and Arua**



# PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



Burundian children play at one of Plan International's child friendly spaces in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.

The current Burundi refugee situation in Tanzania began in late April 2015 following the national elections which led to public unrest and threats which forced thousands of Burundians to seek refuge in neighbouring countries.

Plan International Tanzania responded to the situation in western Tanzania through a range of Child Protection, Education and Youth Empowerment programming in two of the three refugee camps established in the Kigoma region (Nduta and Mtendeli camps).

The Nduta camp hosts 33% and Mtendeli camp hosts 13% of all refugees, while the remaining 43% are in Nyarugusu camp (including 84,512 Congolese and 69,147 Burundians). 55% of all refugees who arrived in Tanzania from April 2015 are children. Currently, 77% of the Burundian refugees in Tanzania are women and children (54% children, 20% women). Nyarugusu camp hosts 69,406 refugees, Nduta 110,420 refugees and Mtendeli 42,156 refugees.

As of June, 2018, the total camp-based refugee population was 302,829. As of



Plan International Tanzania Geographical Scope

**55% OF TANZANIA'S  
REFUGEES ARE  
CHILDREN. 3823 ARE  
UNACCOMPANIED AND  
SEPARATED**

July 17 2018, 62,334 Burundian refugees, putting up in three camps in Kigoma

region, had registered their intention to return. Since the start of this latest repatriation process, 37,989 Burundian refugees have returned to their country. The returnees include individuals who had sought asylum in Tanzania.

## Plan International's Work

In Tanzania, Plan International works with the Government and implementing partners in 11 regions. In 10 regions, Plan International Tanzania works for community development and empowerment through promoting social accountability and use of innovative models for effecting behaviour changes. Aligned to the Global strategy (2017 – 2022), the Organization aims to advance



PEOPLE REACHED **207,013**



CHILDREN **47.8%**



GIRLS **48,576**



WOMEN AND  
GIRLS **100,813**

## PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA CONT'D

children's rights and equality for girls in Tanzania so they can reach their full potential in a society that protects and respects their rights. In the 11th region, Plan International Tanzania implements humanitarian programmes for Burundian Refugees. The Organization started its work in the refugees camps from June 2015 at Nyarugusu camp conducting ECCD and CFS activities. As the camp reached breaking point in October 2015, thousands of refugees were relocated to new camps, Nduta and Mtendeli, where Plan International Tanzania led on child protection and was also implementing Education in Emergencies and Youth Programming.

Between July 2017 and June 2018, Plan International Tanzania, through focused interventions including Child Protection Case Management Services, Psychological Support, Youth Programming and Education in Emergencies reached 206,941 people (50,286 boys, 48,576 girls, 55,842 adult males & 52,237 adult females). Among those, 40 were children with disabilities reached through child friendly spaces services at Nduta and Mtendeli camps. With the ongoing initiatives of supporting safe repatriation of Burundian refugees back to Burundi, Plan International facilitates Child Protection assessments for refugees that have expressed a desire to return to back home.



Maritha hard at work during one of the trainings

### Case Study

Maritha fled to Tanzania in 2016 when political turmoil in Burundi resulted in mounting insecurity across the country. Faced with a new life in the camp, she tried to find work so that she could take care of her young son. She was not successful. Her frustrations increased when she realized that she couldn't even afford the furniture sold in the camp.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," she says, taking a break from the carpentry lesson. "But the conflict back home forced me to abandon my studies and escape." She signed up for carpentry classes at the vocational skills training centre implemented by Plan International Tanzania in Nduta camp. As one of only two women in a class of 30 students, the 20 year old clearly stands out. She recalls how people tried to dissuade her and laughed at her for wanting to train in a male dominated sector.

"I decided to take matters into my own hands. I was going to become a carpenter; People laughed at me when I signed up," she notes wryly. "They said carpentry is a man's job and I couldn't do it." But she was undeterred and remained determined to learn the craft. "She is one of my most promising students," says Ndikumana Pierre, one of the vocational trainers at Plan International

youth centers. "She learns fast and makes an effort to understand everything in class." Juggling motherhood with her new found passion has not been easy though, especially when her son falls ill. "I can't leave him alone at home because my husband also works. When he is sick, I can't attend classes," she adds.

Despite these challenges, she remains undeterred. She is one of less than ten women interested in learning and exploring this opportunity since the carpentry programme started in the three camps in Tanzania. Now in its second year, the programme has already trained 59 men who've graduated from Nduta and Mtendeli camps. The training runs for six months with classes five days a week. After successfully completing the course, students form groups of five and receive start-up kits and US\$49 worth of carpentry tools and materials to set up their own businesses.

"The programme aims to provide the students with economic independence," says Jerry Mlembwa, the Youth Coordinator of Plan International. "They are able to meet their basic needs." With a population of 110,000 refugees, Nduta camp has a potential market for quality goods and services in high demand like furniture. Other livelihood programmes include bread making, hairdressing, tailoring, catering, phone repairs and ICT. However, job opportunities for refugees are very limited due to lack of freedom of movement, right to work and access to financial services. UNHCR continues to advocate for policy change while also supporting vocational and business trainings across the camps in Tanzania.



Maritha and her child at one of the trainings

Maritha's class, which has 60 men, will graduate in a few weeks. She is hopeful that after graduating she will finally have the economic independence she has been yearning for. "I will be able to buy food and clothes for my child," she says.

She also sees its potential to not only make a huge difference for her and her family but for other refugees. "I want to not only make my own furniture and have a source of income but to teach other refugees," she adds.

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## PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA CONT'D

### Key Contacts

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Plan Works in these key areas:



**Youth Programming**



**Education in Emergencies**



**Child Protection**

Active in:



**Mtendeli, Nduta**





# PLAN INTERNATIONAL MALAWI



Refugees from Burundi participating in a cultural event

As of June 2018, Malawi had 41,976 refugees of whom 17,755 are females and 24,221 are males. Children constitute 46% of the population (9,936 boys and 9,615 girls). Unaccompanied and separated minors (UASM) constitute 4% of the total number of children (413 boys and 345 girls). The majority of the refugees originate from DRC and Burundi, followed by Rwanda and Mozambique. The country uses an encampment policy for refugees. There are two refugee camps in Malawi, Dzaleka and Luwani.

Dzaleka refugee camp is located in Dowa District and was opened in 1994 and sits on a total of 201 hectares of land. It is about 50 kilometres from Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi.

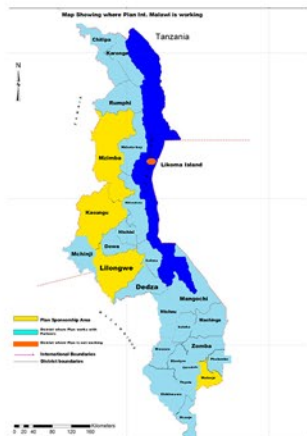
**55% OF MALAWI'S  
REFUGEES ARE  
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UNACCOMPANIED AND  
SEPARATED**

## Plan International's work

Plan International Malawi (PIM) started working with refugees in January 2014 in Dzaleka Refugee Camp and is a protection and distribution partner to

UNHCR. PIM works mainly in the areas of; Child Protection, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), Human Rights and distribution of food and non-food items.

As a protection partner, PIM works with refugee children and adolescent girls and boys through clubs to enhance their protection, to build their capacity and nurture their various talents. There are over twelve children's clubs that PIM has established in the camps. The art club and parliament are the most successful. The clubs have a membership of about 3000 children and provide capacity building sessions for the children and is a forum where they take duty bearers to task. Furthermore, PIM works with vulnerable children such as unaccompanied and separated minors (UASMs) by arranging foster care and provision of material and psychosocial support. By June 2018, 71 UASMs were placed under foster care representing 9% of the total number



Plan International Malawi's Geographical Scope



PEOPLE REACHED **31,318**



CHILDREN **55%**



GIRLS **8,769**



WOMEN AND  
GIRLS **14,406**

## PLAN INTERNATIONAL MALAWI CONT'D

of UASM. Most of the UASMs are staying in kinship foster care arrangement or under religious institution in which PIM is institutionalising them. In total PIM reached out to 10,522 children in the camps (5559 boys and 4963 girls) mostly through case management, provision of material and food support. A total of 278 children (157 boys and 119 girls) with disabilities were also reached in 2017 in Dzaleka Camp. Plan International also managed to establish one child friendly space for over 1000 children. 646 (389 males and 257 females) community members were trained in community case management as well as general child protection mechanisms to enhance protection of children and case reporting. Under food and non-food item (NFI's) distribution, PIM distributed food to all refugees in Dzaleka refugee camp on a monthly basis with support from the World Food Program (WFP). The NFI's were distributed on a needs by needs basis. In FY18, a total of 8,817 women and girls within the age range of 10-55 were supported with sanitary pads.



David hard at work sharpening his metal skills

### Case Study

David is a Burundian refugee who fled to Malawi in the year 2000 together with his father, who passed on in 2012. He was arrested in 2013 but later, through support and case follow up by PIM, he was noted to have transformed and was recommended for release. With support from PIM, he was integrated back into the community, although with a lot of challenges, as ex-convicts are discriminated against in the camp.

PIM had a deliberate strategy of attaching David to various activities that it implemented so as to monitor his behaviour as he re-integrated back into the community. Over the past few years, David has proved to be successful as he has worked to nurture his skills in metal work, a field that he learned from his late father. Beginning from scratch and withstanding tough living conditions in the camp, David produces different metal products such as chairs, irons and maize mills, among other items. He is a model to his peers as he also takes time to strengthen their capacity in the same enterprise.

**“FROM YOUNG OFFENDER TO ROLE MODEL**

Besides metal work, David is a leader of AMAHORO drummers which is a popular Burundian dance in the camp and he has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. He also helps young refugee boys with difficult behaviour through behaviour change talks and inspires them to work hard in school and nurture the skills that they possess. Through this work, he has reached out to over a 100 boys and girls in the camp.

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### Key Contacts

Daniel Muchena, Country Director

#### Plan Works in these key areas:



**Youth Programming**



**Education in Emergencies**



**Child Protection**

#### Active in:



**Dzaleka**



# PLAN INTERNATIONAL SUDAN



Children posing for a picture at the Al Salan Camp in Al Fasher, Darfur, the west province of Sudan

By June 30th 2018, Sudan hosted 768,125 registered South Sudanese Refugees (SSR). Out of the total SSR in Sudan 168,950 are in White Nile (WN) state where Plan International Sudan is operating. While 55% of the total confirmed population are female, children aged 0-17 made up 65%. Of the total 202,640 households, those headed by women accounts for 66%. In terms of camping, 37% resides in Khartoum, while WN and East Darfur respectively host 22% and 13% of the confirmed refugee population.

## Plan International's work

Plan International Sudan first started to respond to the needs of South Sudanese Refugees in White Nile (WN) state in December 2013. Since then, it has continued supporting children, particularly girls in the area of protection, education, livelihood and WASH interventions in all the eight refugee camps.

Plan International Sudan works in all the eight camps in WN State namely Alagaya, Dabat Bosin, Um Sangour, Jourie, Alredais1, Alredais2, Alkashafa and Khor Alwarel. It has established nine child friendly spaces, one in each camp and two in Khor Alwarel.

As at June 30th 2018, it has also trained 50 animators (26 male, 24 female) and trained and provided psychosocial support to over 10,000 children, 60% of whom are girls. Furthermore, 16



Plan International Sudan Geographical Scope

Community Based Child Protection Networks were formulated and trained on child protection and legal referral. 374 unaccompanied and separated children (172 female and 202 male) were identified, registered and referred. Additionally 215 visits have been conducted and reached 135 separated children (75 girls and 60 boys.) and 98 unaccompanied children (46 girls and 34 boys). Plan International Sudan is providing training on child protection for 400 families fostering unaccompanied and separated children. As part of our initiative of building community ownership for sustainable CP actions in SSR camps and host communities, the organization has formed CBCPN on GBV, CP case management and referral.



PEOPLE REACHED **151,582**



CHILDREN **76,318**



GIRLS **43,856**



WOMEN AND GIRLS **64,281**



In addition to this, Plan it has contributed to raising CP awareness among children, adolescents and youth through the formation and training of 18 clubs including six childrens clubs and six youth clubs as well as six clubs in host communities. Training of refugees children & adolescents has been conducted jointly with a mix up of host community and SSR for more social integration.

On health and hygiene, 107 hygiene promotor have been trained, 62 gender and disability sensitive household pit latrines (31 blocks, each with 2 pits) have been constructed providing access to safe hygienic sanitation to 620 households. In addition to this, 100 community-based general cleaning campaigns were conducted. 1,548 hygiene promotion sessions have been conducted and reached out 151,582 individuals (80482 women, 13757 men and 57343 children). Plan International Sudan was the only INGO member of the operation room for Acute Watery Diarrhoea, allowing for a timely response. In addition to this, interventions have been made in nutrition and maternal health benefitting 13,542 individuals who received nutrition awareness. 1163 pregnant women received Fefol micronutrient and 126 lactating women received Vitamin A.

Under Education, Plan International Sudan has prioritised the training of 90 teachers on Education in Emergencies (EiE) and incentives covered for three months. Four childrens clubs out of 16 have been established and trained on peer education. It has trained 200 teachers in 15 schools on EiE from refugee and host communities and 150 parents and teachers Associations (PTAs) on school and resource management as part of mobilization for children education. Further to this, Plan has distributed 508 sets of seating facilities benefiting 4064 children studying in two shifts. In addition to this, Plan International Sudan has established and trained 18 children and youth clubs with a total of 360 members on child protection awareness and life skills acquisition. Plan International Sudan is also one of the first INGOs that took part in the registration and establishment of the camps at WN. It is also very well recognized as the first organization in the camps to implement projects that benefit both the refugees and host communities

## Our Influence

Plan International Sudan's child protection in emergency programing in refugee camps has benefited from the organizations 3 year work experience in Darfur. It initiated the idea of transforming the Child friendly Spaces (CFS) into community centres run by the community. With UNICEF agreeing to this idea, the exercise was completed in Darfur and is being replicated in SSR camps in White Nile state.

## Case Study

Emanuel is a 14 years old refugee who was separated from his family during the South Sudan war in 2014 and is currently lives with his uncle's family at Elredias 2 refugee's camp. Emanuel started working in the market for food. One day he stole his cousin's laptop and sold it in the market, he was captured by police and relocated to Kosti town to the family and child police unit. Plan International Sudan received a call from Community Based Child Protection Network (CBCPN) about Emanuel's case. Plan International Sudan then informed and mobilized the national implementing partner to intervene as the international organizations were not allowed to work directly with such cases. Plan International and national partners succeeded in setting Emanuel free after coordination with the police, and arranged with camp animators, CBCPN and his family who came and took him back to the camp.

Once again, Emanuel stole money from a grocery at the camp market and fled to Khor- Alwarral camp, 6 km away. He was found by the protection committees at Khor-Alwarral camp and returned to Elredias-2. CBCPN contributed to solve his problem by enrolling him in a Child Friendly Space (CFS) adolescents' batch and provided him psychosocial support. Emanuel continued coming to the child friendly space every day, eventually positively changing. He joined a childrens club, received life skills training and is now heading the football team of Elrdias-2 camp. His team went on to win the camps' football tournament cup. Emanuel ambition is to be in charge of all the sports tournaments for children across the refugee camps. The CFS animators have reported that Emanuel is now becoming a role model and his relatives confirmed that he has stopped moving around in the market.

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## PLAN INTERNATIONAL SUDAN CONT'D

### Key Contacts

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#### Plan Works in these key areas:



**Water and Sanitation**



**Livelihood**



**Child Protection**

#### Active in:



**Alagaya, Dabat Bosin, Um Sangour, Jourie, Alredais1, Alredais2, Alkashafa and Khor**

# PLAN INTERNATIONAL ETHIOPIA



South Sudanese refugees during a reading session with John Majak, Kule Refugee Camp, Gambella

By the end of June 2018, Ethiopia was hosting the second-largest number of refugees in Africa, 58% of whom are children or adolescents. A majority of Ethiopia's refugees originate from South Sudan, among whom an even higher proportion, 64%, are children. Plan International Ethiopia started its South Sudan Refugee Response in May 2014.

**65% OF SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEE ARRIVALS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2016 ARE CHILDREN**

## Plan International's work

In FY18, Plan International Ethiopia worked with children and adolescents in nine out of the 12 camps in Gambella, Benshangule Gumuz area, and Pamdong transit centre. In addition to being the lead UNHCR implementing partner in child protection, education and youth protection in the South Sudan refugee response, Plan International leads in child and youth protection in entry points, transit centres and waystations.

On education, 24 school centres and 228 classrooms have been established, with 40,000 children (15,600 girls) enrolled. Plan International Ethiopia has also built the capacity of 450 refugee teachers and Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) facilitators, and provided its case management expertise to 21,283 unaccompanied, separated and OV children, including



Plan International Ethiopia Geographical Scope

8,661 girls. Child Friendly Spaces (CFS)

provide areas for children to play and interact, and have hosted 204,591 including 90,206 girls of whom 2,565 (1,117 girls) are children living with disabilities and participating in disability friendly learning and recreational activities.

In 2017/18, 277,788 people (129,126 women and girls) were reached by Plan International Ethiopia's work. Among them, 81.11% are children under 18 while 19.89% are youth and adults. 46.48% of the total beneficiaries are girls and women which shows progressive improvement of girls and women participation. The program activities are aligned with Plan International's new global strategy '100 Million Reasons'.



PEOPLE REACHED **277,778**



CHILDREN **81.1%**



GIRLS **15,600**



WOMEN AND GIRLS **129,126**



## PLAN INTERNATIONAL ETHIOPIA CONT'D

### Case Study

Among the children who fled conflict into Ethiopia, those with disabilities are particularly vulnerable. Not only have they escaped traumatising violence, leaving behind their studying materials, but their limited mobility also makes it difficult for them to keep attending school.

In the Kule refugee camp, Plan International Ethiopia has set up a school with special provisions for disabled children. "My daughter is happy," says the mother of Nyachol (pictured), a student who attends the school. "She has got a wheelchair, school uniform, school bag and stationery. With the conflict in South Sudan, she couldn't attend school, but now she can."

**"MY DAUGHTER IS  
HAPPY. SHE HAS  
GOT A WHEELCHAIR,  
SCHOOL UNIFORM,  
SCHOOL BAG AND  
STATIONERY."**

With a primary school, child care centre, child-friendly spaces and water facilities, Plan International wants to give disabled children full access to its services. "All the teachers and social workers support me," comments Nyachol. "After school, I can play at the child-friendly space with my friends. Everything is here."

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Nyachol, 9, living with a disability which affects her mobility at the Gambella Camp

### Funding

Plan International Ethiopia requires 7 Million Euro in order to fund the response.

### Key Contact

Abadi Amdu, Country Director

#### Plan Works in these key areas:



Youth Programming



Education in Emergencies



Child Protection



Water, Sanitation  
and Hygiene

#### Active in 5 out of 7 Camps



Kule, Jewie, Pungnido II,  
Nguenyiyiel, Gure & Shembolla

# PLAN INTERNATIONAL RWANDA



Girls lined up during a football match at Mahama Refugee Camp, home of 44,000 refugees from Burundi.

As a result of political unrest that followed the 2015 Burundian presidential elections, thousands of Burundians fled their country fearing persecution, violence and starvation. As of June 30th 2018 there were approximately 68,417 Burundian Refugees in Rwanda, 57,793 of whom are hosted at the Mahama refugee camp. As the situation in Burundi remains unstable, many high-level humanitarian organizations believe Rwanda may continue to receive an influx of refugees from Burundi.

## Plan International's work

Plan International has been operating in Rwanda since 2007 and is a recognized leader in Child Protection (CP) and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) programming in the country. Since May 2014, Plan International Rwanda has been the sole implementing partner for UNHCR and MIDIMAR in CP and SGBV for the emergency response to Congolese refugees. As of 2018, the Response covers five Congolese refugee camps in addition to response efforts at the Mahama camp in Kirehe District which hosts Burundian refugees. Plan International Rwanda was selected as a preferred partner of UNHCR to implement Child Protection (CP) and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) interventions at the Nyanza reception center, Bugesera reception center and Mahama Refugee camp.



Plan International Rwanda Operational Scope

Under Education, through awareness campaigns using educative messages, Plan

international Rwanda brought out the importance of positive parenting to eliminate Child neglect, early pregnancies and other pressing issues refugee communities face due to poverty, illiteracy and social behaviours and norms.

To mark the 2018 Day of the African Child on the 11th and 13th of June at the Mugombwa camp situated in the southern province of Rwanda, Plan International Rwanda carried out one such educative campaign focused on the meaning and scope of quality of early childhood development; the importance of ECD in boosting physical cognitive; Social & emotional development of every child and Inclusive education and positive parenting. A total of 1791 people of both genders and all ages were reached.



PEOPLE REACHED **137,690**



CHILDREN **83.1%**



GIRLS **39,345**



WOMEN AND GIRLS **43,535**





*Awareness campaign in Mugombwa camp facilitated by CP Officer*

Along with other activities taking place during the DAC 2018, adolescent and youth refugees had a chance to showcased their talents in different fields (karate, dancing, acrobatics, football and volleyball). After every session, messages on fighting against drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, delinquent behaviours, child rights, positive behaviour change and youth leadership were disseminated.

In all five DRC camps, 75,144 boys, 39,345 girls, 4,190 women and 19,011 men were reached through different interventions such as case management, awareness campaigns, youth programming and recreation activities implemented through Child Friendly Spaces.



*Youth showcasing their talent during DAC Celebration in Mugombwa camp.*

### Nutrition in Refugee Camps

Various nutrition studies in Rwanda have found that rates of chronic malnutrition in all the 6 refugee camps in the country require concerted efforts to make any kind of significant positive changes in malnutrition cases especially with food assistance and other nutrition interventions.

In this regard, Plan International Rwanda in collaboration with World Food Programme have strived to bolster nutrition interventions for refugees in all the camps in Rwanda. More than 12,000 beneficiaries and 2000 households have had access to sources of income and food diversification in a period of nine months through NEC Project funded by WFP.

In the same window, the beneficiaries have received education to help improve knowledge on nutrition as a way for them to adopt and maintain healthy and nutrient-rich diets. The nutrition drive in refugee camps is an effort to improve the falling nutrition status of children in the country. As a result of this decline, 38% of children under the age of five have been affected, stunting their growth.



*Vegetables grown by refugees through NEC Project to eliminate malnutrition.*

### Youth Livelihoods

***Plan International (2018) Promoting Youth Livelihoods as a Strategy for Protecting Burundian Refugee Youth: A Case Study from Mahama refugee camp.***

Young women and men in Mahama camp are facing extreme hardships. The majority of them have missed years of education and have little or no skills as they enter into adulthood, severely limiting their opportunities.

The economic dependency of young women on their families and spouses makes them more vulnerable to violence, abuse and exploitation. In 2017, Plan International Rwanda started a youth livelihoods programme in the camp to support 400 vulnerable young women and men between the ages of 18 and 30, including many survivors of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation. Vocational trainings and income generating activities supported 282 young women and 118 young men to become economically self-sufficient. The livelihoods activities were coupled with psychosocial support activities to increase young women's and men's socio-emotional skills, confidence and hope for the future.



## PLAN INTERNATIONAL RWANDA CONT'D

The purpose of the integrated livelihoods and protection approach was to strengthen the resilience and protection of 400 at-risk young women and men, including survivors of violence, abuse, and exploitation. The project aimed to address economic vulnerability as the root cause of protection concerns among youth, particularly young women, and strengthen their economic resilience through technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and income generating activities (IGA). Parallel to the technical training and IGA activities, all young women and men were trained in life skills and provided with individual and group based psychosocial support to overcome distress and past experiences of violence, to gain greater confidence and to set future goals.



The project targeted at-risk women and men between the ages of 18 and 30, including young and single mothers, survivors of sexual violence and abuse, out of school and unemployed youth.

Some participants were referred to the project by case management partners, while others were identified and referred by community leaders and other NGOs in the camp. Youth were given the possibility to choose their preferred livelihoods track. A total of 100 youth, 38 young women and 62 young men, opted for vocational training in masonry, bakery and shoemaking. While the majority of participants in vocational training were male, the 300 participants of Income Generating Activity (IGA) groups were largely female with 244 women and 56 men participating. The IGA participants formed 12 groups of 25 members each.



Young women and men exhibiting their products on graduation day in Mahama Refugee camp

### Beneficiary Testimonial

John, a 26 years old shoemaking graduate, says: "I want to extend our appreciation to Plan International Rwanda for the kind support given to us. We left Burundi empty handed and with no skills. We did not bring a thing with us.. We didn't have any income generating skills but here we are today, selling our own products to the community. We have what it takes, nothing can stop us now"

### Key Contacts

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#### Plan Works in these key areas:



**Empowerment**



**Education in Emergencies**



**Child Protection**

#### Active in:



**Gihembe, Nyabiheke,  
Kiziba, Kigeme and  
Mugombwa**

# PLAN INTERNATIONAL KENYA



A group photo with Adolescent Girls at the end of the training at Dambala Fuchana.

Following civil strife in Ethiopia in March 2018, an estimated 10,000 asylum seekers crossed into Kenya through Moyale and Sololo towns on 10th March 2018. By July, the numbers had dwindled from the initial estimate of 10,000 to 3378 persons. It is believed that the 6,000 plus people crossed back home after the appointment of a new Prime Minister whom they considered sympathetic to them. As at 11 July, the registered number of the Asylum seekers in the camps were only 3378 people from 1296 Households (HH). Somare Camp has 287 HH with 628 people and Dambala Fuchana camp has 1009 HH with 2750 people.

## Plan Internationals Support (Short term intervention)

Plan International Kenya (PIK) responded in support to Education in emergencies, Child Protection in emergencies and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) where the organisation worked in the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) with children and provided water for use to ensure hygiene among the children.

PIK distributed 500 mattresses and 500 mats in Dambala Fuchana targeting families with children under five, pregnant mothers, the elderly and persons with disabilities. In total, 444 families with children under five, four pregnant mothers, 50 elderly and two people living with disability were supported to protect them from the hard, wet and cold ground. Along with this, PIK supported the delivery of 20 water truck loads of water. Each truckload carried about 8000 litres of water to supply the CFS's and local communities.

Plan international Kenya also identified the need for hygiene kits for both the girls and boys. To ensure the children have the right information on sexuality and personal hygiene, a training was conducted. The organisation also provided the children with basic hygiene kits which consisted of a dera (lady's)



Plan staff supervising water trucking.

garment), a bar of soap, a pack of sanitary pads, and a bucket for girls while the boys were given a kikoy (to tie round the waist), a bar of soap and a bucket. The children and youths had no change of clothes and sanitary wear and were not bathing due to water scarcity, lack of soap and containers to hold the water. The children were so happy. One of them had this to say. "At least I will not have to wait for days to get access to a basin or bucket to bath!"

Plan International Kenya provided trainings for the young people (adolescence and youth) on life skills and positive living despite being in displacement.

\*NOTE: NUMBERS INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AID AND LATER CROSSED BACK TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY



PEOPLE REACHED **4,525**



CHILDREN **57.0%**



GIRLS **1,289**



WOMEN AND GIRLS **2,250**



## PLAN INTERNATIONAL KENYA CONT'D

They were also educated on Kenyan laws so as not to get into trouble while in the country. Adolescent and youth protection and training became a major concern for Plan International Kenya after it was noted that youth in the camp were engaging in alcohol and drug abuse especially of Khat. Unsafe sexual practices were also a major concern, prompting an intervention which saw youth and adolescents being educated on sexual reproductive health and being trained on life skills. Despite some resistance from the youth in the beginning, the campaign was an overall success as the number of attendees increased day after day. The response reached 524 people (317 adolescents and youth), with the adults involved playing a mentorship role. It also provided dignity kits to 207 adolescents and youth (92 girls and 115 boys).

**“WE ARE GRATEFUL BECAUSE TODAY YOU HAVE HELPED US SEE THINGS THAT ARE HURTING US”**

One youth called Halakhe who was trained commented on the trainings that were conducted saying, “Although we get such talks in Ethiopia, we were always left on our own with no guidance from the adults but, here we have been linked to parents and elders who have also been trained. We have seen many youth who take to drinking alcohol, doing drugs and engaging in harmful practices, but we are grateful because today you have helped us see things that are hurting us. The education you have given us today is more important than the food we are given every day.”



Adolescent girl receiving personal hygiene kits



Plan International Kenya staff distribute the Hygiene kits (in the bucket) to the boys

### Key Contacts

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Plan Works in these key areas:



**WASH**



**Education in Emergencies**



**Child Protection**

Active in:



**Moyale**



# PLAN INTERNATIONAL ZAMBIA



*Girls having fun at child friendly space in Kenani refugee camp*

Since 30 August 2017, Zambia witnessed an upsurge of new arrivals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), mainly fleeing armed conflict in Pweto in Haut Katanga and Moba in Tanganyika Provinces, and with a few from North and South Kivu. Arrivals reported killings, rapes, looting and burning of houses.



*Map showing refugee transit centers and settlement areas*

Asylum-seekers, most of them women and children, were in urgent need of protection and life-saving assistance including food, water, health care, shelter and sanitation.

Kenani refugee transit centre initially hosted the refugees and by January, 2018, the Centre had reached its maximum holding capacity of 15, 0000, though there continued daily influx of 25 to 50 people. This rapidly growing population led to over- stretching of the limited amenities and resources.

In February, 2018, the Government of the Republic of Zambia, with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Refugee Agency, and partners, embarked on the relocation of Congolese refugees from the congested Kenani Transit Centre to a newly opened Mantapala Refugee Settlement, 40 kilometres away within the same Nchelenge district. Mantapala Refugee Settlement has the capacity to host a population of up to 20,000 refugees.

## Plan International's Work

Plan International Zambia conducted a rapid needs assessment among DRC refugees in November 2017 and findings indicated that there were significant gaps in child protection and early childhood development (ECD) support in Kenani Transit Centre. Plan International took the lead in responding to Child Protection in Emergencies, Education in Emergencies and Psychosocial Support gaps in Kenani and later on Mantapala. Child friendly spaces (CFS) were quickly established in rapidly constructed semi-permanent structures in Kenani comprising of a classroom, counselling room and administration; with well-equipped play park with open spaces for other recreation activities such as sports.



PEOPLE REACHED **8,415**



CHILDREN **2,285**



GIRLS **1,076**



SCHOOL ENROLEMENT **2,081**

## PLAN INTERNATIONAL ZAMBIA CONT'D

A total of 2,285 DRC refugee children (1,209 boys and 1,076 girls) out of the 8,415 were provided with child protection services, early childcare and development (ECCD) classes and recreation facilities.

However, due to the relocation of all refugees to Mantapala settlement, and the spread of the new settlement that created long distances for children to access Plan-Supported facilities, a new enrolment of children in the new settlement was undertaken. It was found that some children had moved on to other closer-to-home partner facilities. Therefore, in Mantapala refugee settlement, Plan International currently has school enrolment of 2081 children (1181 boys and 900 girls) from both the refugee population and the host community and the number is expected to increase when the more spacious permanent classes get completed. Children are currently attending classes in the temporary shelters while the school construction is underway. The School programs offered include early childhood care and development (ECCD) activities; pre-school education for children 3-6 years; primary school for 6-13 years and junior secondary grades for the rest, all conducted using a multi-grade system.

Along with this, Plan International is also currently constructing the Mantapala Health Centre to cater for both the refugee and host communities. This facility includes an outpatient, inpatient and maternity unit with an incinerator and one staff house.

Numerous visiting delegations commended our CFS work at Kenani Transit Center in Nchelenge



The EU Head of Mission Ambassador Alessandro Marianne accompanied by the Italian Ambassador and the French Ambassadors to Zambia being welcomed to CFS in Kenani by Plan International Zambia Country Director Samuel Musyoki.



The American Ambassador to Zambia, Daniel Foote touring the CFS, after which the Ambassador donated 2 soccer balls and 10 packs of crayon for children.



A temporary open air class as permanent classroom construction continues



School construction underway in the new Mantapala settlement.

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#### Plan Works in these key areas:



Early Childcare



Education in Emergencies



Child Protection

#### Active in:



Kenani and Mantapala.



# PLAN INTERNATIONAL EGYPT



**Refugees from Syria during the Education in Harmony Project**

While the overall political and security situation in Egypt itself has stabilised to a large extent, it still remains one of the most volatile countries in the region in these respects. Despite this, it continues to offer some degree of attraction for mixed migration, both as a final destination and as a transit-cum-passage to other destinations.

Although the refugee influx from Syria to Egypt has not witnessed any substantial spikes in the recent months, the mixed migration trend involving refugees, asylum seekers, irregular migrants and economic migrants from Middle East, Africa and Egypt emanating from and via Egypt continues. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

at the end of 2017, there were 126,688 registered Syrian refugees in Egypt, 43% of whom were under 18. As per the latest UNHCR study on economic vulnerability of Syrian refugees, 94 percent of the 126,688 refugees are unable to meet the minimum expenditure for their families, 61 percent of households are severely vulnerable, and 29 percent of households being highly vulnerable.

**43% OF SYRIAN  
REFUGEE ARRIVALS  
TO EGYPT ARE  
CHILDREN**



**Plan International Egypt geographical scope.**

## Plan International's Work

During FY18, Plan International Egypt made a decision to turn its Disaster Risk Management (DRM) program both structurally and operationally into a cross-cutting area of work. This decision was made in light of the Egyptian context and particular refugee response, which is better addressed in an integrated manner through the work of different thematic areas. Over the last year (FY18), key thematic areas that were targeted included child protection, education and livelihoods, as the main channels for creating a safer, more inclusive and enabling environment for Syrian refugees. Under this scope of work, Plan International Egypt reached a total of 19,065 Syrian refugees in FY18, out of whom 11,347 were women and girls. Out of the total, 68% were children and 37% were girls, in line with Plan International's new global strategy '100 Million Reasons'.



PEOPLE REACHED **54,533**



CHILDREN **75.9%**



GIRLS **21,538**



WOMEN AND  
GIRLS **21,538**



## PLAN INTERNATIONAL EGYPT CONT'D

Plan International Egypt's DRM related projects had a significant effect on improving the lives of Syrian refugees through vocational trainings and financial support, as well as children-focused activities which led to an enhanced level of well-being. Moreover, through its work with public schools and teachers, Plan International Egypt contributed to improved access to education for Syrian children, with beneficiaries confirming that successful interventions in this sector had a positive effect on how schools operate. Particularly there was an improvement in teacher support, extra-curricular activities, safer and more inclusive physical infrastructure and a decline in harassment and bullying. Along with this, Plan International Egypt's activities had a significant effect on the social integration of Syrian children and adults with their Egyptian counterparts. Positive examples include enhanced student cooperation and acceptance and greater familiarity among adults, particularly when it comes to Syrian culture. Finally, Plan International Egypt is a member of the UNHCR working group on Education, Child Protection, Livelihoods and Cash Based Programming, which allows it to liaise with other INGOs and coordinate efforts.



Children playing in "Child friendly spaces" in "Marhaba" project (supporting and creating common protective environments for refugee and vulnerable Egyptian children in Alexandria)

### Case Study

Among the Syrian refugees who fled into Egypt, children are particularly vulnerable. Having escaped traumatising violence and leaving behind their studying materials, their limited mobility makes it difficult for them to keep attending schools and to interact with the wider community. Through its ongoing support to the Omar Ibn Elkhatab CDA, Plan International Egypt has introduced various

**"MY SONS BECAME CALMER AND INTERACT WITH OTHERS."**

interactive sessions for refugee children. The aim of these activities is to enhance integration with the Egyptian host community, as well as provide educational and psychosocial support.

"Although they initially refused to join, after attending sessions and going on a trip organized through the CDA, my sons came

back happy and wanting to do more activities," says Sabah Gamal, the mother of three children under the age of 9 who attended activities through Omar Ibn ElKhatab CDA. "My children not only benefited from interacting with others and participating in creative activities, but they also receiving educational kits, which I could not afford to provide for them"

With its support to its partner CDAs, Plan International wants to give children full access to its services, primarily focused on addressing barriers to education, financial strains faced by refugee families, as well as facilitate integration and provide psycho-social support. "Although my children struggled in school, both in getting along with their peers and teachers, they became a lot more calm and interactive with others as a result of these activities"

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Sabah Gamal, the mother of two boys (3 & 4 years old) representing the case study included in the report (consent is available)

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Plan Works in these key areas:



Youth Programming



Education in Emergencies



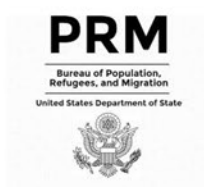
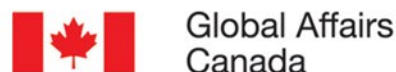
Child Protection

Active in 4 out of 8 Locations



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