



Moses' Story

Four-year-old Moses lost his mum to a short illness after they arrived at the refugee settlement in Uganda. At the time, Moses was only two years old. After his mother's demise, World Vision staff identified him as a child of concern and supported him.

"When Moses' mother died, his grandmother took on the responsibility of raising him and we came in to support her to make sure Moses' needs were met. We supported her with essentials for Moses such as clothes, bed sheets and shoes." explains Mariam, a World Vision Child Protection Facilitator.

She adds, *"We also trained her in positive parenting, and we carry out regular family visits to monitor Moses' wellbeing."*

According to Moses' grandmother and caregiver, Grace, World Vision's support to her grandson continues to play a great role in her life.

"I feel empowered as a caregiver. I no longer depend entirely on receiving help and I can meet Moses' needs," she says.

You helped to make it possible for World Vision to support Moses and thousands of other South Sudanese children who are building their lives in Uganda.



ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

You may remember back during the 2018 40 Hour Famine hundreds of you took your support one step further by advocating for change to New Zealand's refugee policies.

Our refugee policy only allowed refugees from the Middle East or Africa to settle in New Zealand if they already had family here.

That left people who were fleeing from some of the world's most dangerous places with virtually no chance of coming to safety here.

Thanks to so many of you who signed our petition, in October 2019, the Government announced that it will scrap discriminatory refugee quota restrictions, so refugees from the world's most vulnerable places will be welcome here.

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40 Hour Famine Update 2019



WE'RE A GENERATION THAT SHOWED THE WORLD CHANGE IS POSSIBLE

Last year, a movement of young people across Aotearoa supported the thousands of South Sudanese children seeking refuge in Uganda.

We dared to believe change was possible, and we were right.

Read on to see the impact your support and fundraising has made.

Our impact for the children of South Sudan

Last year, we called on the youth of New Zealand to show the world that change is possible.

Ongoing conflict in South Sudan has made it an unsafe place and these children's hopes and dreams turned into despair as famine, drought and civil war robbed them of the future they'd dreamed of.

More than 865,000 people have fled their homes in South Sudan and crossed the border into Uganda, many are children without their parents or families. The things they've seen and experienced are hard to imagine, and even harder to forget.

You took up the challenge and you smashed it. Not only did your hardwork give refugee children of South Sudan the chance for a better future; you also took on parliament and changed refugee law in New Zealand. You are true changemakers!

YOU REWROTE THE RULES!!!

Project update

We partnered with UNICEF and UNHCR on key refugee response projects for South Sudanese refugees in northern Uganda.

These projects focused on:

1_Case Worker Support and Foster Care

7,092 children who arrived in Uganda without their parents have benefited from World Vision case workers supporting them through regular visits to check they are safe, to monitor their progress and sometimes finding suitable foster parents to care for them.



2_Reception Centres

World Vision welcomed 21,164 South Sudanese refugees at Reception Centres in northern Uganda. At these centres, refugees were officially registered, received a hot meal (often their first in many days), health checks, psychosocial support and a safe place to rest for a few days before they were settled in new homes within the settlements.

3_Child Friendly Spaces

With 40 Hour Famine funding, we have constructed a new Child Friendly Space, located where newly arrived refugees are being settled. Children benefit from the psychosocial activities at World Vision's 40 Child Friendly Spaces in northern Uganda. They take part in activities such as music, dance and drama, sports, art, debates, and storytelling. Children have the opportunity to recover from psychological distress, interact, and learn from each other. This helps them to improve their social skills, self-esteem, acquire life skills, and foster healthy relationships promoting peaceful co-existence.



4_Core Relief Items

World Vision distributed core relief items to almost 200,000 people:

15,343 newly arrived refugee households received essentials kits with blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, soap, shoes and clothes.

20,430 families received blankets for their make-shift beds

9,514 large water containers were distributed to help families safely carry and store water

24,780 mosquito nets were distributed to keep families healthy and safe from malaria



UPDATE ON Edna

We first met Edna in December 2018 at one of the refugee settlements in Uganda.

She was only eight years old when she and her two older siblings fled South Sudan and walked for four days without food to reach the northern Uganda border. They arrived exhausted, confused, and heartbroken as they came to realise that their lives would be changed forever.

At the end of 2019, Belinda, from World Vision NZ, went to visit her to see how she was getting on. Money raised from the World Vision 40 Hour Famine has enabled World Vision to provide Edna with a case worker (Henry) to look out for her, a child-friendly space for her to play in and meet friends and support for her foster mum, Mary.

"World Vision have helped our lives a lot. If World Vision was not here, then our lives would not have changed. We are thankful to everyone in NZ who helped us, and we hope that they will continue changing the lives of others who are in need" – Edna

Edna, Scovia and Kennedy are settled into their foster family and now see their little foster brother as their own brother. Feeling safe and secure with their new family is a positive outcome following the trauma they have faced.