KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• Malaria crisis: 7.4 million cases of malaria, including 3,235 deaths were reported by the Ministry of Health.

• Farm families hopeful for good harvest: Initial Season A harvests have begun countrywide, with very good harvest of beans, improving poor household food availability and access. If the rains continue until mid-January, total national production is likely to be near normal, but localized areas are likely to be below-average. Food insecurity levels are predicted to be stressed (IPC Phase 2) through May 2018 in some areas of the country, while some poor households are expected to experience crisis (IPC Phase 3) levels of food insecurity, especially in the northwest lowlands, particularly in the northwest Imbo Plains.

• Displaced people need support: According to the IOM, the number of internally displaced persons (IDP) in November 2017 totaled 187,626. The number of IDPs continues to decrease, by nearly 2,000 a month, due to improving security and livelihoods options in their areas of origin.

• Food costs out of reach for poorest families: Staple food prices decreased slightly in December and are likely to drop further through January with the increased local supply. Due to the continued fragile macroeconomic situation, however, they are expected to remain above five-year averages. Maize prices though may not ease significantly due to possible shortfalls from erratic rainfall and the ongoing Fall Armyworm (FAW) infestation.

• Refugee numbers remain high: By December 27, 2017, Burundi still had 427,989 refugees outside the country.

• Up to 2 million children in need: A recent inter-agency assessment (the Multisectoral Initial Rapid Assessment conducted in October 2017) indicated that 3.5 million people, including 2 million children, remain affected by the ongoing crisis and the associated economic downturn and require humanitarian assistance in 2018. An estimated 62,500 children under five still require treatment for severe acute malnutrition.
WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

**DISEASE PREVENTION & CONTROL**

- Integrated Community Case Management of malaria: 11,874 children under five children (3,754 in Rutana and Gitega; 5,387 in Muyinga; 409 in Muramvya; 2,324 at Bugenyuzi) tested positive for malaria and were treated with a combination of Artesunate+Amodiaquin at the community level. Additionally, 1,128 children who were developing danger signs were referred to health centres. To ease their supportive work to communities, 223 community health workers were provided with hats, raincoats, rainboots and other malaria management tools.

**NUTRITION**

- Nutrition assistance: In partnership with the World Food Programme, 15,000 children (7,265 boys and 7,735 girls) between ages 6-23 months received 25,417.6 MT of supplementary Lipid based Nutrients (Plumpy doz) while 4,553 lactating women & 3,452 pregnant women received 24,861.06 MT of supplementary food composed of maize flour, vegetable oil and sugar. Additionally, 97 community health workers, 14 health staff were trained on mass screening.

**CASH ASSISTANCE**

- Supporting youth: 300 vulnerable youths are supported to build resilience through a $190,706 UNDP project in the zones of Buterere, Gihosha and Nyakabiga in the city of Bujumbura.
- Cash for work: 5,732 women are supported through cash programming in partnership with WFP.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

- Access to safe drinking water: 5,274 peoples have access to safe drinking water after two water supply systems were rehabilitated. Meanwhile, 13,185 people benefited from the construction of five improved springs was completed.
- Drinking water at schools, health facility: 3,877 people are benefiting from the provision of safe water at three schools and one health facility.

**PROTECTION**

- Burundi accountability hotline: People are receiving protection assistance and guidance through Burundi accountability hotline established in partnership with UNOCHA, Red Cross Burundi, IOM, and CARITAS Burundi. Since October 2015, 5,492 people have already got services related to protection, food security, health support as well as shelter and non-food items.
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED & FUNDING RECEIVED**

**People reached in 2017**

- **1.5 Million**
  - Total number of people reached with all response activities

- **1,106,694**
  - People reached through health activities - focusing on malaria prevention and treatment

- **262,847**
  - People reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support

- **98,535**
  - People reached with food security and livelihood assistance

- **22,985**
  - People reached with nutrition activities

- **19,553**
  - People reached with food assistance

- **6,794**
  - People reached with protection activities

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**Total Funding Received (US$)** 7,349,838

**Total Funding Requested (US$)** 15,109,894

**Funding Gap** 7,760,856

- **Water, sanitation and hygiene**
  - Funding received (US$) 800,000 - 43%
    - Funding gap (US$) 1,080,200 - 57%

- **Health**
  - Funding received (US$) 3,254,794 - 28%
    - Funding gap (US$) 2,350,000 - 72%

- **Food and nutrition**
  - Funding received (US$) 4,324,400 - 53%
    - Funding gap (US$) 3,800,000 - 47%

- **Food Assistance**
  - Funding received (US$) 1,850,500 - 71%
    - Funding gap (US$) 529,856 - 29%
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