

EMERGENCY **RESPONSE**

SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2021 – March 2022 | Global Hunger Crisis

SUMMARY

Conflict, extreme weather, ongoing impacts of COVID-19, and rising costs have resulted in more vulnerable children and families going without food. Worldwide, 49 million people in 43 countries are experiencing emergency levels of hunger (U.N., 2022). Devastatingly, the recent Russia-Ukraine conflict and its impact on exports is compounding food insecurity, as Ukraine and Russia account for nearly 30% and 20% of global wheat and maize exports, respectively (U.N., 2022).

In countries hardest hit and where World Vision has established programming, we are actively responding to children and families impacted by the global hunger crisis.

With support from donors like you, the U.N.'s World Food Programme (WFP), and others, World Vision reached more than 11 million vulnerable children and families across 20 countries with emergency food and other support services. Of those reached, more than half were children (6.3 million) children like five-year-old Denis from Uganda (pictured at right).

Global Hunger Response highlights

Venezuela: With rising costs, vulnerable families are unable to access food or healthcare services. In partnership with WFP and the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance—an arm of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)—World Vision provided food packages to more than 2,700 preschool children and teachers and more than 7,500 households.

Mali: Drought and protracted conflict, exacerbated by COVID-19 impacts, is fueling food shortages, leaving families in Mali hungry, even starving. In the month of March alone, through the World Vision-WFP partnership, we distributed \$573,628 to more than 46,000 people to help with basic necessities such as food.



In Matthew 25, Jesus calls us to act on behalf of the suffering and to show His love by providing food to the hungry. Thank you for responding in faith and being God's hands and feet to children and families facing hunger and starvation—families like Joyce Adocholakyitiunde's from Uganda. She is able to feed her family (including Denis, 5, pictured above) and help others avoid starvation. See Joyce in action.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

11,462,933 PEOPLE* have been impacted by World Vision's Global Hunger Crisis Response since 2021.



children and adults received (in-kind) food assistance, while 2,445,750 people received cash and voucher assistance, and 731,417 children received hot meals and/or dry rations through school feeding programs.

children and adults gained access to clean water as well as hygiene and sanitation promotion services to prevent waterborne diseases.

*U.S. donor funding, with other leveraged funds, helped provide vital support to 7,465,909 people out of the total 11.46 million people reached.

MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

In the first half of FY22, World Vision's U.S. office leveraged \$21,667,733 in private gifts from U.S. donors like you to mobilize more than \$80,758,135 in grants. Leverage refers to a multiplier effect that occurs when a private donation allows us to apply for and secure additional grant funding, maximizing the yield for each dollar donated. It creates greater donation impact and enables World Vision to do something we could not have done otherwise.

These leveraged grants from the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, WFP, UNICEF, and others, enabled us to provide food and other vital support services to 7,465,909 people. This means U.S. funding alone made it possible to reach 65% of the total 11,462,933 people reached in the overall global hunger response. Thank you.





Note: The average leverage/multiplier effect across all our grants is 1 to 7. However, this ratio differs from one grant to another.

OUR GLOBAL HUNGER RESPONSE

Through our partnership, we are providing life-saving essentials to food-insecure and starving children and families. Our support services include (but are not limited to):

> Emergency food > Nutrition > Child protection > Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) > Healthcare

Additionally, as we work to meet the long-term needs of children and adults and help to rebuild their communities, we offer services that address key areas such as:

> Livelihoods and income generation > Advocacy and external engagement

Since 2021, we have served vulnerable families in 20 critical countries. In March of 2022, we expanded our global hunger response to now reach 25 countries (see map below). World Vision continuously monitors global food insecurity in our program areas and works to partner with peer and U.N. organizations to ensure we reach suffering families and children in the hardest-hit countries. This means countries served may shift over time.



SUMMARY

For more than 30 years, World Vision and the World Food Programme (WFP) have partnered to feed hungry children and families, meeting the most dire needs of the most vulnerable around the globe. WFP trusts our ability to deliver high quality and effective programs in the hardest to reach places. As a result, we are WFP's largest implementing NGO (nongovernmental organization) partner and, likewise, WFP is our largest partner in cash-based programming.

Together, World Vision and WFP are helping save lives and empower vulnerable communities to become self-reliant, now and in the future. This fiscal year we are making a powerful difference in 13 countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and Sudan.

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

In the DRC, there has been an increase in militia attacks on civilians, reducing accessibility to food security and livelihoods for affected communities. This has resulted in nearly 5 million people being displaced in the country.

A total of 25.9 million people living in the DRC are now food insecure. And 5.4 million people are projected to reach emergency hunger levels from January to June 2022 (IPC Global Partners, 2021).

Through the World Vision-WFP partnership, we provided 31,000

people with \$431,622 to purchase necessities such as food. Also, through other partnerships, we provided more than 4,000 people with primary healthcare support.

South Sudan

More than 3 million people in South Sudan are steps from starvation (IPC, 2020). This is the result of conflict, displacement, flooding, pest invasions, and poor rains during planting season. Additionally, the Russia-Ukraine crisis has led to a hike in global oil and food prices.

Through the World Vision-WFP partnership we have responded to the hunger crisis in South Sudan with food distributions (including food air drops into remote locations) and school feeding programs, reaching more than 1.7 million people.

Sudan

WFP estimates the number of people in Sudan who require food aid will double to 18 million due to shrinking access, affordability, and availability of food. Also, harvests are expected to yield less than 30% of the prior year. This crisis is pushing more people deeper into poverty and hunger. In March 2022, through the World Vision-WFP partnership, we distributed \$3.2 million in food aid to vulnerable families in the country.



Cash distributions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are helping families stave off hunger and starvation. Already, through the World Vision-WFP partnership, we have distributed more than \$431,000 to 31,000 people.

World Vision is the leading NGO in cash-based programming (CBP). CBP uses cash, vouchers, mobile payments and/or e-payments to meet the food needs of vulnerable families when food is locally available for purchase. When used appropriately, CBP helps people access food quickly, reduces transportation and costs, gives families the opportunity to choose their own food, and contributes to the local economy.



A LOOK AHEAD

The Russia-Ukraine conflict is pushing the growing numbers of starving people to crisis levels. Increasing costs of fuel, fertilizer, and wheat, exacerbated by port closures, sanctions, and trade restrictions, are creating the potential for mass starvation across hunger hotspots in nations around the world. This emergency, coupled with continued COVID-19 impacts, conflict in multiple regions, and extreme weather, means an unprecedented number of people are overwhelmed by hunger. "We have no choice but to take food from the hungry to feed the starving," exclaims David Beasley, the executive director of WFP. "It's going to be hell on earth."

Understanding the severity of the global hunger crisis, World Vision has expanded our response to now focus on the 25 worst-affected nations. It is our aim to provide life-saving assistance to 22 million people by the close of 2023.

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your generosity in supporting the Global Hunger Response Fund. Together, we have helped families put food on their tables, restored their access to clean water, empowered parents to strengthen their income and resilience, and helped to restore their hope.

Thank you for answering Jesus' call to love and serve (Matthew 25) vulnerable children and families. You are helping to make a powerful difference in their lives.

Angie Maria (pictured above seated in center), 19, and her 1-year-old daughter, Angiemarthais, live with her two sisters and mom at the edge of a hillside settlement. They fled Venezuela for Columbia because Angie Maria and the baby were malnourished and in need of medical care. Thanks to your partnership with World Vision, the family received mattresses, hygiene kits, and food vouchers for nearly nine months. We also provided a referral for Angie Maria to receive medical care. Now, she is working to get healthy and nurse baby Angiemarthais back to a healthy weight.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." —Matthew 25: 35,45 (NIV)

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