

## SUMMARY

For more than 70 years, World Vision’s work has prioritized the world’s most vulnerable people. This often means being in hard places where prolonged conflict and violence have upended lives, as well as where natural disasters have decimated communities.

Amid these dire situations, donors like you enabled us to reach nearly 28 million people in FY22 through our relief work. In this report, we highlight some of the 59 emergencies that we responded to during FY22, which included:

- **Heavy rainfall and flooding** in Brazil and South Africa that have destroyed homes and farmland, washed away personal belongings, and displaced families.
- **An earthquake** in Haiti, where relief efforts are complicated by rising gang violence, a cholera outbreak, and fuel and food shortages.

- **Economic crises** in Syria and Lebanon, resulting in skyrocketing inflation and unemployment rates.
- **Displacement and insecurity** that has left millions of people in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Venezuela vulnerable to illness and violence while rebuilding their lives.

Deuteronomy 10:18 (NIV) says, “He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.” Your support sends a message to the fatherless, the widows, the refugees—and others made vulnerable by disasters—that they are not alone, nor have they been forgotten, whether their road to relief and recovery has just begun or has lasted for decades. **Thank you for your partnership in our vital emergency response efforts.**



Vaslie (in pink), 11, has a physical disability that prevents her from walking and attending school. Her circumstances limit her from fully participating in activities, so World Vision held a special children’s event at her home after the earthquake in Haiti. Vaslie said, “Today, I play with a lot of people around me; I’m happy.”

## GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

**27,718,558** PEOPLE, INCLUDING 14,348,178 CHILDREN, impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope from October 2021 through September 2022.



**932,879**

people in Ethiopia benefited from quality curative and preventive emergency healthcare and COVID-prevention services.



**122,363**

people in Haiti received shelter materials and household items to meet their immediate needs after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

## MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

Your gifts are used strategically to mobilize funding streams that increase our impact. Think of seed money or venture capital, which is leveraged to apply for and secure additional funding—usually from government and international organization grants—to maximize the yield for each dollar donated and, more importantly, expand our reach and support for people in need. Our two main avenues for using gifts for greater impact include:

- **Pre-grant investments**, which position us for additional funding. For instance, during FY22, World Vision’s pre-grant investment of \$230,000 from the Global Emergency Response Fund toward our work in Afghanistan resulted in a \$20 million award from U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
- **Direct grant mobilization**, by which private resources pay for costs not covered by the grant. Without this investment, World Vision would not be able to implement these grants. In FY22, we leveraged \$29,010,645 in private gifts from U.S. donors to directly mobilize \$216,012,213 in grants. The ratio for grant matches differs between grants and from year to year. But, on average, every \$1 of funding from individuals in FY22 became \$9 in leveraged grant funds.

Leverage strengthens partnerships with other organizations, in addition to increasing the impact of donations. In FY22, leveraged grants from World Food Programme; USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance; U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; UNICEF; and others enabled us to assist more than 13.7 million people.

## FY22 GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Our emergency services include (but are not limited to):

- Nutrition
- Shelter
- Cash-equivalent cards (used where goods are locally available and markets are functioning and accessible)
- Healthcare
- Family reunification
- Education
- Child protection
- Food security
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

As we work with people to rebuild communities and meet their long-term needs, some of the areas we address are: disaster risk reduction, social cohesion/peacebuilding, vocational training, livelihoods, and income generation.



During FY22, World Vision responded to disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 52 countries, shown in the orange portions of the map at left.

# RAPID ONSET DISASTERS

## SUMMARY

### Brazil | Rainfall and flooding

Each year, the north and northeast regions of Brazil anticipate heavy rainfall and flooding, but the damage was particularly severe this year, impacting 1.5 million people. Some areas got 70% of their expected monthly rainfall within just 24 hours. Excessive rain and flash floods displaced thousands of people and killed 457 between January and May 2022—a 57% increase from all flood-related deaths in 2021.

We are grateful for donors like you, whose donations toward this emergency totaled \$75,000, which leveraged \$658,000 from public grants. Together, with your support, we reached 31,190 people with food baskets, mineral water, hygiene and cleaning kits, educational supplies, multipurpose vouchers, and mattresses.

For greatest effectiveness, we partnered with local and faith-based organizations across Brazil, enabling us to efficiently plan logistics, launch distributions, and mobilize volunteers. We also set up Child-Friendly Spaces to provide children with safe places to play, process their experiences, and feel a sense of normalcy.

### South Africa | Tropical Depression Issa

In April 2022, Tropical Depression Issa flooded areas of South Africa, displacing 40,000 people and killing 432 more. Winds and rain damaged approximately 4,000 homes and 600 schools, and cut off telecommunications, water, and electrical systems. Damage from the storm forced businesses to close and paused employment for many people, exacerbating financial hardships.

Again, the outpouring from donors like you made it possible for us to address urgent physical and emotional needs, benefiting 7,050 people through the following interventions:

- Installing three water storage tanks, improving access to clean water for 7,050 people.
- Providing hygiene kits (soap, towels, laundry items, etc.) to 4,738 households, and dignity kits (oral hygiene supplies, sanitary pads, etc.) to 1,730 women and girls.
- Distributing high-nutrition staples, such as cornmeal, rice, flour, oil, soup, canned fish, beans, peanut butter, and more to 2,090 people.
- Serving 759 people through therapy, peer support groups, and child protection reporting to care for socioemotional needs.



*Compassionate donors like you enabled World Vision to deliver basic food supplies, mattresses, and hygiene kits to at least 1,600 families impacted by heavy rain, landslides, and floods in the Brazilian city of Recife. After meeting immediate needs, we will start the recovery process of helping families move back and resettle into their homes.*

# AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## SUMMARY

The crisis in Afghanistan continues to deepen, as nearly 25 million people need humanitarian assistance to survive. Many have been forced to leave their homes and have risked their safety to travel. We also have seen increased attacks on places of worship, schools, transportation systems, and minority communities.

Meanwhile, the country is grappling with political instability, loss of livelihoods, security threats, drought, and widespread poverty. Even basic services are inaccessible to many people due to their inability to pay or a lack of documentation, such as proof of home ownership, which allows residents to access utilities in the area.

At the time of this reporting, the Taliban have banned women from working at nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)—a policy that makes effective, principled humanitarian aid impossible. As a result, World Vision has had to temporarily suspend operations. This action is part of a joint stance World Vision is taking alongside many other major international NGOs operating in Afghanistan.

During this pause, World Vision is coordinating with other humanitarian partners and donors, exploring ways to advocate for the rescinding of this mandate. Ultimately, we remain committed to working with the most vulnerable in Afghanistan.

Despite these recent challenges, the support of donors like you have enabled us to organize activities and programs in FY22 that reached 1,408,744 people. Highlights included:

- Reaching 180,230 people with primary healthcare services through 59 mobile clinics focused on feeding and screening malnourished children and addressing urgent health concerns.
- Providing 55,000 people with access to sustainable drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene services through new and repaired water systems; hygiene and sanitation awareness training; new latrines; and hygiene kits (containing soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, and more). We also established and trained community water management committees to increase the likelihood that new water sources will be maintained and sustainable.
- Addressing the immediate protection needs of 6,555 children through psychosocial support, community-based child protection systems, parenting workshops, case management services, and education activities. These interventions are particularly important for children processing traumatic events.



*Mobile health clinics provided vaccinations, screenings, and other primary healthcare services to hundreds of thousands of people, while water projects made clean water accessible to thousands of people—both of which led to improved health conditions.*

# NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS

## SUMMARY

Two years into the conflict in northern Ethiopia, more than 5 million people in Tigray still need humanitarian assistance, including 3.8 million who need healthcare services. Many people remain on the move, taking refuge after facing heightened hostility in other parts of Tigray.

In November 2022, the warring parties signed a peace agreement, and aid agencies are slowly regaining limited access to deliver much-needed help. However, government delays and restrictions still exist in some areas, barring organizations like World Vision from driving freely or distributing food, and we are trying to balance expectations and challenges beyond our control.

Some of the greatest needs include rebuilding thousands of schools and health clinics, which would give tens of thousands of children and their communities access to education and basic healthcare. Additional growing needs are access to clean water and protection for children and women, especially those directly involved in the conflict and those living in frontline areas.

We are slowly ramping up our work when and wherever possible, now with a regional office and an operational presence in five zones, with plans to expand to Tigray's seven zones.

Since the response began in 2020, we have reached more than 5.3 million people—approximately 2.7 million in FY22 alone. Recent highlights included:

- Providing 932,879 people with greater access to quality curative and preventive emergency health and COVID-prevention services.
- Reaching 774,707 people in 16 drought-affected areas with food such as wheat, split peas, and vegetable oil.
- Rehabilitating water systems, building hygiene and sanitation facilities, and raising awareness of proper hygiene and sanitation, benefiting 203,406 people.
- Identifying and treating 55,727 children under 5 and pregnant/nursing women for malnutrition, and referring them to treatment centers.
- Providing nearly 15,000 people with nonfood items and supplies to build temporary shelters.
- Giving 8,818 women and adolescent girls dignity kits that included sanitary pads, underwear, clothes, flashlights, soap, and other hygiene items.
- Raising awareness about child protection and mitigating gender-based violence, reaching 8,130 people in public places.



*World Vision's mobile health and nutrition team traveled to a remote village in Ethiopia, where this service is the only means of medical attention. The conflict has closed many health facilities and created a shortage of medical supplies. "We are very lucky and grateful to have this mobile service team in our area. I greatly appreciate your help," said Dori Hassen (in blue), a mother of four.*

# BANGLADESH ROHINGYA REFUGEE RESPONSE

## SUMMARY

For decades, the Rohingya—a Muslim ethnic minority group—have been living in Myanmar as a stateless population, denied citizenship, basic rights, and protection. In 2017, attacks and human rights abuses led to an exodus into neighboring Bangladesh, where many Rohingya have settled in camps—including nearly 1 million people in Cox’s Bazar, the world’s largest refugee camp.

While life within the camps has stabilized somewhat, children and women remain at risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and disease. Under stress, parents are likely to turn to coping mechanisms that put their children in vulnerable positions, whether through illegal migration, gender-based violence, forced labor, or child marriage. The crisis also impacts more than 1 million Bangladeshis as local resources and services are stretched.

In January 2022, a fire broke out in a camp, affecting 1,000 refugees and host community members. The fire destroyed shelters, personal belongings, and other infrastructure, and put additional strain on already stressful living conditions. Many people sought shelter in a nearby camp or relatives’ homes.

Thanks to the support of donors like you, World Vision responded immediately to support people affected by the fire, while continuing to rebuild other camps and host communities that suffered from a fire in March 2021. The following FY22 activities benefited 59,000 people impacted by the earlier fire and 523 people impacted by the January fire:

- Distributing 23,600 hot meals.
- Providing cash support to 345 people, enabling them to meet their basic needs with dignity and support the local economy.
- Building 75 shelters, pathways, and drainage systems after the 2021 fire. We also built seven houses and repaired five houses belonging to host community members after the January fire.
- Partnering with World Food Programme to build a multipurpose center and kitchen, which will host skills development trainings for Rohingya and community youth, and will enable us to efficiently deliver hot meals in the wake of future natural or manmade disasters.
- Creating a water system to bring drinking water to fire-affected areas, and opening a lab to test water quality.



*(Top) World Vision staff members are using a new kitchen and multipurpose center to cook and package hot meals for people affected by the January fire. (Bottom) A new tank provides drinking water to people living in a camp impacted by the fire.*

# SYRIA

## SUMMARY

In March 2011, crackdowns on peaceful student protests for government reform led to a civil war between the Syrian military and militant groups. Nearly 12 years later, the war has displaced about 13 million Syrians, mostly throughout Syria, Jordan, and Türkiye (formerly Turkey).

High inflation rates, unemployment, and pressure on essential services have left millions of people struggling to survive. Transportation and food costs are skyrocketing as the war in Ukraine impacts fuel costs, and changing weather patterns have decimated crops in Syria. This crisis has taken a toll on children, who are particularly vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and forced labor. Millions of them have known only war, displacement, and scarcity.

In northwest Syria, water, sanitation, hygiene, and healthcare are priorities, particularly after a cholera outbreak in September 2022. As millions of people are living in overcrowded and unsanitary camps, cholera and other diseases are quickly spreading.

As funding in the region decreases, World Vision continues to bring much-needed aid to Syria, Jordan, and Türkiye. However, access has been unpredictable. Thankfully, members of the United Nations Security Council recently renewed authorization for humanitarian assistance to continue entering northwest Syria through the Bab Al Hawa border for another six

months. This delivery system is a vital lifeline for aid to reach people in need.

In FY22, our work impacted more than 1.7 million people in three countries.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Improved living conditions for 144,359 people by removing solid waste and providing garbage bins.
- Provided primary healthcare consultations to 60,011 people.
- Raised awareness about the risks and needs around child protection and gender-based violence, reaching 5,289 people.
- Paid teachers' salaries, provided school supplies, paid for heating and furniture for schools, and conducted back-to-school campaigns to boost enrollment, benefiting 2,133 children.
- Built a sewage network, provided 10 water tanks, trucked in water, provided 20 garbage bins, and more, benefiting 372 people in a new displacement camp.
- Launched a cholera response that will include repairing water systems, improving sewage conditions and access to water, distributing hygiene supplies, and raising awareness about cholera.
- Created an analysis, design, and planning tool to identify child protection needs and challenges in Syria, which will be used to inform program design and priorities.



*Each day, Talal\* hopes and prays that his family of seven stays healthy—not an easy feat when they are living in a tent in a displacement camp and money is scarce. With the partnership of donors like you, Talal's family has access to water, food, and money for heating fuel through our work in this area. He still dreams of a better life that allows him to work and send his children to school. But for now, he says he is grateful for food around the table and a warm tent for his family.*

*\*Name has been changed for privacy*

# HAITI

## SUMMARY

More than a year after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, the country continues to recover from extensive damage, while also wrestling with political instability and violence. The quake damaged buildings and shelters that normally house residents during disasters, and affected roads, bridges, and other critical structures. Even now, 650,000 people still need assistance.

In recent months, Haiti has been plagued by gang violence, food and fuel shortages, and a cholera outbreak. Our work over the past year has been significantly impacted by insecurity around main ports and national roads. Operational costs have spiked, and shipments into Haiti and the movement of goods and people throughout the country has been severely restricted. In turn, we have had to put some plans—such as distributions and construction projects—on hold until we could access more fuel and ensure safe operations.

Despite these literal and figurative roadblocks, World Vision's operations have continued as much as possible, reaching 155,107 people during the first year after the quake.

Recent highlights included:

- Raising awareness about proper handwashing and disease prevention; rehabilitating health clinics; monitoring and treating children for malnutrition; and

providing psychosocial support through mobile clinics, community-based groups, and schools, all of which benefited 148,598 people.

- Addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene needs for 104,153 people by distributing hygiene kits (containing water purification tablets, soap, chlorine, hand sanitizer, oral hygiene supplies, etc.); repairing water points; and providing ways for people to purify and store water.
- Passing out food vouchers, distributing seeds for common regional crops, donating goats, and training people to form savings groups, benefiting 71,245 people.
- Distributing tarps, flashlights, kitchen items, and bedding to 22,017 people.
- Providing school kits (containing backpacks and school supplies) to 7,196 children.
- Setting up 15 Child-Friendly Spaces, where 6,302 children received psychological first aid under the care of trained volunteers, participated in educational and recreational activities, and received books and toys.
- Provided multipurpose cash to 3,895 people, enabling them to buy their essentials while stimulating the local economy.
- Rebuilding and furnishing three schools, which benefited nearly 960 students.



*Thanks to the compassion of donors like you, World Vision responded promptly to the quake in Haiti by assessing immediate needs and distributing kitchen items, flashlights, bedding, and tarps to keep people safe in their time of vulnerability. Our pre-positioned supplies within the country and our coordinated efforts with local community leaders enabled us to act swiftly and efficiently.*

# VENEZUELA

## SUMMARY

For more than seven years, Venezuelans have been fleeing a political and economic crisis in their country that has led to violence, hyperinflation, and a shortage of medicine, food, and essential services. More than 7 million people have left the country as of September 2022, making this one of the biggest displacement crises in the world.

Most people are settling in Latin America and the Caribbean, but some try to enter the U.S. by crossing the Darién Gap, which straddles Colombia and Panama. On this roadless trek through the jungle, people face treacherous terrain, drug traffickers, and armed groups. Over the past year, at least 440 children have traveled through that area alone.

In the seven countries covered by World Vision's response, this humanitarian crisis is impacting the living standards of nearly 4 million people. We are meeting immediate survival needs and helping people integrate into new countries by assisting with official documentation, legal services, livelihood support, and family reunification. But the work does not come without challenges. The flow of migration is increasing, and routes are constantly changing, creating difficulties in maintaining our support systems. Hyperinflation also impacts our ability to meet goals and adequately cover the costs of provisions, such as food baskets.

Despite these challenges, our work benefited 803,609 people in FY22—and more than 1.6 million people since 2019. Recent highlights included:

- Reaching 137,366 people through food and nutrition activities, such as providing hot meals in soup kitchens along migrant routes.
- Giving cash or vouchers to 123,914 people, promoting dignity and giving them flexibility and autonomy to pay for essentials such as food, diapers, and hygiene items, while also building the local economy.
- Assisting 72,627 people through protection services, including training local partners to advocate for the rights of migrants and refugees in the workplace and in host communities, setting up Child-Friendly Spaces, and providing a transportation service to reunite families and help people travel safely.
- Supporting education for 10,463 people by increasing the coverage and quality of education for vulnerable children, raising awareness among teachers about welcoming and integrating migrant students, and giving school kits to children whose families could not easily afford school supplies.
- Delivering nonfood items such as jackets, blankets, and personal hygiene kits to 8,168 people.



*At a migrant center in Colombia, World Vision organized a campaign that gave migrants new shoes, a shirt, or a hat in exchange for one of their items. The old clothing articles were then used in an art exhibit to raise awareness about the complex reality of millions of people, to mitigate xenophobia, and to build unity among host communities, migrants, and refugees.*

# LEBANON

## SUMMARY

With the second highest average inflation rate in the world, Lebanon is facing its worst economic collapse in the wake of other crises—an explosion in Beirut, COVID-19, refugees from Syria, a cholera outbreak. The poverty rate is soaring, with 84% of families unable to cover their necessities due to shortages and price fluctuations. Children are starving, suffering from illnesses and psychosocial distress, or being pulled from school to work.

In this context, we navigated challenges such as inconsistent internet and cell phone coverage, and unreliable electricity—available 1-2 hours a day for most people. Unpredictable work schedules or personal emergencies kept some people from consistently engaging.

Despite these barriers, together with donors like you, we supported 859,804 people through activities like distributing a three-month supply of food and cash assistance to 700 families, and handing out menstrual hygiene kits with sanitary pads, soap, and more to 1,400 girls and women. These recipients also participated in workshops about gender equality, gender-based violence, and reproductive health.

A significant portion of funds and efforts went toward operating a basic literacy and numeracy program for children, ages 8 to 14, who had been out of school for more than two years. Nearly 900 students attended

75% of the sessions, which were conducted mostly virtually. In addition to teaching children Arabic, a foreign language, math, and psychosocial and life skills, the program included these components for a more holistic impact:

**Student councils** | Youth learned to express themselves through creative means, advocate for their rights, solve problems, make decisions, and promote positive relationships. Many participants came away with enthusiasm to share the information with their friends and family. A 10-year-old councilmember said: “Being committed and engaged ... for the advantage of my community is the best feeling of humanity.”

**Parenting support** | Nearly 600 caregivers attended most of the weekly parenting sessions covering topics such as gender equality, online safety, parenting children with disabilities, self-care, suicide prevention, and empathy. The participants said the sessions helped improve their parenting techniques and gave them space to share their challenges and experiences.

**Teacher training** | Training sessions taught 22 teachers a variety of teaching methods and gave them more confidence to work with students. We also used these trainings to assess the caregivers’ and children’s progress and address any challenges during the program.



*Living with the highest food inflation rates worldwide, Lebanese families like this one are struggling to survive. Thanks to World Vision and USAID’s distribution of hygiene items, people can save their money for other essentials. “[These items] will help us stay clean and protected from [COVID-19],” said Amoun (in blue). “In addition, we can buy milk and diapers for our small girl with the money we would have spent buying hygiene items.”*

## CHALLENGES OF DISASTER RESPONSE WORK

World Vision has been a leader in responding to natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies through our Global Emergency Response Fund, with pre-positioned supplies and staff around the world who are trained for these situations. However, due to the unpredictability of disasters, we often run into unforeseen setbacks.

Sometimes challenges are related to the disaster itself, such as landslides or floods that make communities inaccessible for aid distributions. The instability of infrastructures or economies, including inconsistent electricity or fluctuating market prices, also can impact our work. Often, bureaucratic processes and requirements surrounding access and essential services—banking, fuel, communications, etc.—affect our response. Despite these many obstacles, we hold fast to our commitment of meeting people in their time of greatest need, remaining flexible in our timing and plans.

## THANK YOU

With social media and global media outlets, we have quick access to news from around the world, which can lead to disaster fatigue. Yet, we have seen people respond with compassion and generosity—as donors like you have done—enabling us to reach nearly 28 million people through our emergency response efforts in FY22 alone.

Among that number is Sowat, a Rohingya mother living in Bangladesh, who brought her 6-month-old daughter to a World Vision–sponsored clinic to be treated for malnutrition. She said, “If agencies like World Vision had not come forward to save our children’s lives, we would have been crying in the wilderness, watching their sufferings. The support we have received is an endless blessing for us and our children.”

There are millions more Sowats expressing gratitude for the blessings of the past year, like food, clean water, education, protection, shelter, and more—no longer “crying in the wilderness.” **On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for extending your kindness, resources, and prayers.**



*Peru houses 1.4 million migrants and refugees from Venezuela, and became the first country to receive Venezuelans in need of international protection. Your support is making a difference to families like this one in Peru and to many others from Venezuela who were displaced by violence, political turmoil, and an economic crisis in their own country. Thank you for being a vital partner of World Vision’s life-saving emergency response work in Peru and around the world.*



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