

SUMMARY

Since World Vision was founded in 1950, we have met people in their most life-altering and vulnerable moments. These have included the Vietnam refugee crisis in the 1970s, the Ethiopian famine in the 1980s, the Rwandan genocide in the 1990s, and the COVID pandemic in our own time. Today, we continue walking alongside millions of people impacted by political tension and violence or displaced by natural disasters. We meet immediate needs and, when possible, help communities rebuild with resilience and strength.

During the first half of fiscal year 2023, we responded to 68 emergencies, helping 20.5 million people. In this report, we cover a few of our responses to these crises, which include:

- **Cyclone Freddy**, which flooded homes, destroyed farmland, and disrupted vital services in Malawi and Mozambique

- **Earthquakes** in Syria and Haiti, which displaced many people, amplified healthcare needs, and worsened existing economic crises
- **Political tension, violence, and displacement** that has physically, mentally, and emotionally impacted millions of people in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Myanmar, stripping them of their basic rights

Matthew 25:34-40 exhorts us to bestow kindness and generosity on “the least of these” as an extension of our love for Christ. This message motivates our emergency response work and keeps us committed to helping people in their most vulnerable circumstances. Hope can be scarce, and the future is uncertain, but we remain committed to saving lives, reducing suffering, and restoring hope in the name of Christ.



Tobias Oloo, director of programs for World Vision in Malawi, connected with families shortly after Cyclone Freddy made landfall. Children—who often are the most vulnerable during disasters—are a priority in our emergency response work, whether we are creating opportunities for education, conducting health assessments, or advocating for their protection.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

20,512,908 PEOPLE impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope from October 2022 through March 2023.



94,115

people in Afghanistan received hygiene kits, giving them supplies to ensure proper hygiene and dignity while living in emergency situations.



77,078

people in Syria benefited from primary healthcare consultations.

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 secure additional funding—usually from government and international organization grants—to maximize the yield for each dollar donated and expand our reach and support for people in need.

Leveraging donations like yours strengthens partnerships with other organizations and increases the impact of donations. Every \$1 given to the Global Emergency Response Fund, combined in part with public grants, delivers \$4 in impact. In the first half of FY23, leveraged grants from World Food Programme; USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance; U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; UNICEF; and others benefited 4,580,093 people. (Our annual report will more accurately reflect all grants from FY23, as awards are not fully accounted for at this time.)

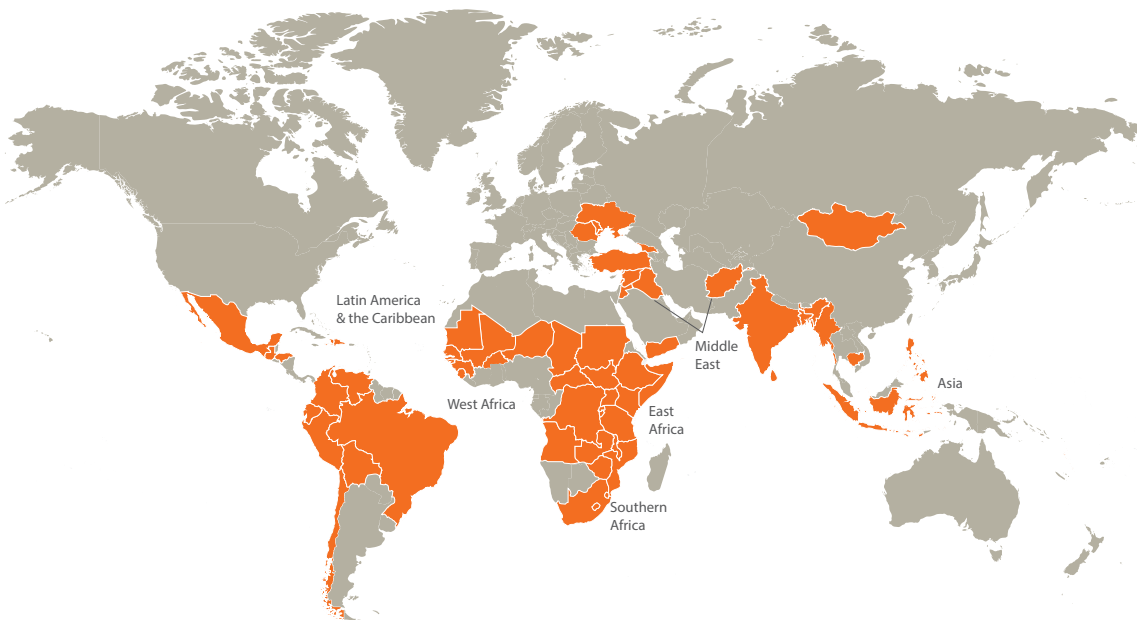


FY23 GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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 the first half of FY23, World Vision responded to disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 56 countries, shown in the orange portions of the map above. These include the global hunger crisis, conflict in Ukraine, and the earthquake in Syria and Türkiye—all of which are covered in separate reports.

RAPID ONSET DISASTER: CYCLONE FREDDY

SUMMARY

In early 2023, tropical Cyclone Freddy made landfall twice in Mozambique, damaging schools, homes, health clinics, and roads. The cyclone halted vital services such as electricity, water, sanitation, communications, and transportation, disrupting the daily routine of nearly 1.2 million people. Many households watched helplessly as rain flooded their farmlands and washed away livestock—main income sources for many people.

In mid-March, Cyclone Freddy also flooded the southern part of Malawi with more than 2 feet of rain within 72 hours. Over 2 million people were impacted, and nearly 660,000 people are now living in displacement camps, churches, schools, and other public areas.

In response, World Vision assessed the greatest and most urgent needs that would shape our immediate and extended goals. Looking forward, we aim to support 72,000 people in Malawi through August 2023, and 50,000 people in Mozambique through March 2024. As always, our priorities are the most vulnerable people and those living in areas that are hardest to reach.

During the first 45 days after a disaster, we focus on distributing food rations and essential nonfood items. As of May, we have reached 66,000 people in Malawi with distributions of corn flour, a fortified corn-soy blend, salt,

protein-rich soy meat, and sugar. We also provided nonfood items—blankets, mosquito nets, plastic buckets, plastic plates and cups, plastic sheets, and sanitary pads—to address urgent shelter, safety, and health needs. Our distributions in Mozambique have reached 337 people so far.

Over the next months and year, our response will include, but not be limited to:

- Repairing and constructing boreholes and promoting proper hygiene and sanitation.
- Passing out food and cash vouchers for families to spend on essentials.
- Supporting the rebuilding of livelihoods by handing out seed vouchers and farming tools.
- Repairing schools and providing emergency learning and community spaces for kids. We also are training caregivers to support their children’s learning at home.
- Partnering with health workers and clinics to strengthen healthcare services, including treating cases of malnutrition and conducting nutritional screenings.
- Equipping community members to respond to child protection issues, including registering children separated from their families and reuniting them.



After Cyclone Freddy flooded hundreds of thousands of homes, distributions of shelter materials, clothing, blankets, and other household items were essential for the safety and security of those displaced. “Today, my grandmother received some goods which will be very helpful to us,” said 14-year-old Sandra (not pictured), who is staying at a displacement center. “We are happy to have blankets to keep us warm at night.”

AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Afghanistan's current refugee crisis follows more than 40 years of conflict, food insecurity, natural disasters, and human rights violations. This turbulent history, combined with a wave of instability and violence in 2021, has forced 3.2 million people to leave their homes and settle elsewhere in the country. This year, a record 28.3 million Afghans need protection and humanitarian assistance—and the situation continues to worsen.

Those who remain in the country grapple with the repressive regime of the Taliban. Decades of progress toward increased rights for women and girls have now been erased, as the Taliban has restricted their ability to work, get an education, and move freely in public.

Effectively continuing our work requires careful compliance with the Taliban's restrictions. Women remain banned from working for nongovernmental organizations, with the exception of frontline workers in health and education. After briefly suspending our programming in 2022, we resumed most health and education activities in early 2023. We are committed to upholding humanitarian principles in Afghanistan while prioritizing the safety and well-being of female staff and advocating for them to resume their vital roles in all programming.

Thanks to the support of donors like you, we have reached 1,369,562 people, including nearly 700,000 children. Highlights included:

- Reaching more than 1 million people with lifesaving food assistance. This is a vital activity as food prices remain high and incomes and job rates are low.
- Distributing hygiene kits to 94,115 people living in emergency settings.
- Addressing the health needs of women and young children by conducting nutritional health screenings for 54,968 pregnant and nursing women and providing maternal and newborn care to more than 53,000 women. Nearly 30,000 children under 5 received nutrition services to address their malnourishment.
- Increasing access to clean water and proper hygiene and sanitation services. This included installing handwashing stations at education centers, benefiting 13,093 children. We also provided more than 8,000 families with drinking water, and supplied 6,819 people with household handwashing stations.
- Engaging with more than 7,000 community members through workshops on child protection issues.



Earlier this year, we installed water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in 11 health clinics, which are benefiting more than 221,000 people. Through new water networks and water points in schools and throughout communities, children and their families in Afghanistan are enjoying improved access to clean water.

NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS

SUMMARY

In November 2020, Ethiopia's prime minister ordered a military offensive against regional forces in Tigray in response to an attack on a military base housing government troops. This conflict ended in 2022, with promises to return control of Tigray to the Ethiopian government and for full humanitarian access to the region.

Even so, 9.4 million people across Ethiopia's Afar, Amhara, and Tigray regions remain in need, especially as civil tension ebbs and flows. Many people had been reliant on food aid prior to the conflict—a situation then exacerbated when locusts destroyed crops and depleted food stocks. Cases of malaria are rising during the rainy season, with conditions worsening in overcrowded displacement camps. Hundreds of thousands of people have begun returning to their homes, but have little means to rebuild their livelihoods. In some areas, basic services are still unavailable.

Since our response began in 2020, we have reached more than 6.5 million people, including nearly 3 million children. Between October 2022 and March 2023, our work in northern Ethiopia included:

- Providing emergency food assistance to more than 1.2 million people in Tigray.
- Trucking in water and repairing water points in the Afar region,

increasing access to clean water for 41,900 people.

- Screening 26,135 children under 5 and 4,314 pregnant and nursing women for malnutrition and referring them for care.
- Creating access to safe and high-quality education for more than 10,000 children. We also built three learning spaces, totaling six classrooms, in three primary schools in Amhara.
- Feeding 9,142 children through a meal program in 11 schools.
- Educating 8,729 people in the Amhara and Tigray regions on diseases and public health emergency services. We also consulted 1,384 women on breastfeeding, nutrition, and maternal nutrition services, empowering mothers to better care for their family's health.
- Providing dignity kits to 3,445 women and girls in the Amhara and Tigray regions that contained menstrual pads, soap, underwear, and other items to help recipients protect themselves and maintain their personal hygiene during emergencies.
- Supporting 3,287 people in the Afar region with individual and group counseling, and raising awareness of issues related to gender-based violence.



Between November 2022 and March 2023, nearly 5,300 trucks of cargo and fuel were delivered by humanitarian agencies. Thanks to donors like you, World Vision was part of this effort. Our response included caring for the physical, mental, and emotional needs of people in northern Ethiopia through activities such as food distributions and the creation of Child-Friendly Spaces, shown above.

MYANMAR CRISIS

SUMMARY

Since 2021, the people of Myanmar have been living through armed political turmoil. In addition, natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic have threatened the country's economy, agriculture, and overall safety.

Displacement and intense fighting continue, leaving more than 17 million people—including 5.6 million children—in need of humanitarian assistance. Insecurity and violence have forced hundreds of thousands of people to seek safety in neighboring states and countries.

More than 15 million people are facing severe food shortages because of decreasing incomes and rising food prices. A World Vision analysis predicts this trend will continue because of inflation, transportation challenges, an expected dip in rice production, and barriers for farmers to obtain loans. As aid agencies work to meet people's needs, we are also coming up against bureaucratic obstacles, escalating violence, military blockades, disrupted public services, and more.

Despite these hurdles, we remain committed to reaching more than 3 million people by September 2023, including more than 1.2 million children and 15,000 displaced people. We will focus on restoring livelihoods and the economy, and equipping communities for future disasters.

Between October 2022 and March 2023, achievements included:

- Reaching 95,934 people with information about vital health topics to improve the physical well-being of their families.
- Distributing \$3.5 million worth of food staples to 58,601 people, including 10,935 children under 5, and 2,078 pregnant and nursing mothers from 8,990 households.
- Monitoring the growth of 53,668 children.
- Providing 36,705 people with information about child protection, positive discipline, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, psychological care, and online safety for children.
- Distributing educational materials and activity packs to 16,945 children. With these items, children are able to keep learning outside of the school setting.
- Supporting 10,217 households to grow crops and raise livestock (buffaloes, piglets, etc.), which helped families increase incomes, improve their nutrition, and enjoy greater access to food.



With support from World Vision and our donor partners, this family in Myanmar received food rations for six months, parenting and life-skills training, school supplies, and materials to build a sturdy house. We taught the parents about livestock breeding and vegetable planting, empowering them to grow mushrooms and raise chickens and cows for food and income. They now enjoy regular family meals, thanks to their growing income and newfound agricultural skills.

SYRIA

SUMMARY

Syria and Türkiye have been on the world's radar since massive earthquakes hit the region earlier this year. Nearly 18 million people were impacted, with 10 million people still needing humanitarian assistance. As of March, more than 2 million people were still living in overcrowded and unsafe settlements, with needs amplified by flooding and a recent cholera outbreak. Many schools were damaged, and more than 100 of them are now being used for housing.

The impact of the earthquakes, in addition to Syria's long history of conflict, has resulted in the world's largest displacement crisis within Syria's borders and beyond, primarily in Türkiye, Lebanon, and Jordan. Around 90% of families within Syria are living in poverty, with more than 50% of people struggling to have enough food. As the economic crisis worsens, gender-based violence and child exploitation are increasing.

For millions of children in Syria, violence, psychological scars, and hunger are the norm. Their lives have been characterized by displacement and instability, as they watch their parents struggle to find work or food for the family's next meal. An estimated 600,000 children under 5 are stunted as a result of chronic undernutrition, and nearly 2.5 million children within Syria are out of school.

Based on a World Vision assessment, the top needs are shelter, food, livelihood support, medication, and personal needs such as bedding and clothes. In response, we have:

- Set up water stations that reached 289,797 people with clean water.
- Provided 14,045 quake-affected individuals with hot meals.
- Supplied heaters and fuel to 3,055 households and 17,308 students and teachers. These items keep them warm, comfortable, and ready to work and learn during the cold season.
- Distributed cash to more than 2,527 households, enabling them to buy necessary items for their families.
- Given hygiene kits to 2,262 people and blankets to 1,957 households.

Looking ahead, our goal is to reach approximately 605,000 people by September 2023. We will transition from urgent, life-saving activities to long-term restoration related to water, sanitation, hygiene, education, livelihoods, and protection. This will include repairing and providing shelters, supporting healthcare centers that serve more than 100,000 people in northwest Syria, fixing and maintaining water sources, distributing cash and vouchers, and continuing to offer essential nonfood items.



More than 12 years after the Syrian conflict began, many displaced families are still living in makeshift tents or caravans. The winter season is particularly harsh, as many displaced families do not have heating, fuel, insulation for their tents, or other necessities to keep them safe and warm.

HAITI

SUMMARY

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake that rattled Haiti in August 2021 caused widespread destruction, disrupting the lives of approximately 800,000 people. The quake damaged or destroyed thousands of homes, schools, hospitals, and roads—mostly in rural areas that were not equipped to withstand the tremors. Even two years later, families are rebuilding their livelihoods, and communities are repairing key infrastructure.

Haiti's volatile political situation has complicated earthquake recovery, especially after the assassination of the country's president in 2021. Corruption, gang violence, anti-government protests, and human rights violations are ongoing challenges, at times hindering the work of aid agencies.

As of March 2023, almost 5 million Haitians—nearly half of the country's population—were experiencing emergency levels of food insecurity. Haiti also is experiencing its first cholera outbreak in three years, with cases expected to spike as health systems collapse.

In response to this vast range of needs, World Vision is prioritizing the availability of clean water and purifiers, providing temporary shelter, assisting families with food, and partnering with other faith-based organizations to ensure the safety and care of children.

During FY23, we reached more than 505,000 people through the following:

- Distributing hygiene kits and spreading messages about proper handwashing, which benefited 237,542 people.
- Raising awareness about positive disciplinary measures in schools and promoting safe school environments. We also organized radio broadcasts and social media messages around positive discipline and children's rights. These advocacy efforts reached 195,870 people.
- Training people on child protection issues and organizing Child-Friendly Spaces that engaged children in recreational, educational, and socioemotional activities, all of which benefited 44,002 people.
- Addressing the health and nutrition needs of 17,500 people by providing mental health and psychosocial support, screening for malnutrition, and repairing or building health clinics.
- Reaching 9,606 people through activities that strengthened livelihoods and access to food. Activities included distributing seeds, food vouchers, and kitchen supplies, and training savings group members on financial literacy.



In the aftermath of a destructive earthquake, 34-year-old Romilia Nka stands out as a symbol of resilience and determination. When she received World Vision's food distributions and cash assistance, she immediately used the aid to rebuild her life. Romilia set up a modest roadside business selling sweets, bread, sugar, and other food essentials. With the profits, she fed her two children and invested the remainder into her growing enterprise. Romilia said, "World Vision's assistance has arrived like a heaven-sent blessing just when I needed it most."

CHALLENGES OF DISASTER RESPONSE WORK

When disasters strike, World Vision is often present within 24 to 72 hours, delivering essential relief supplies. In humanitarian emergencies, our extensive experience in health, nutrition, child protection, water, sanitation, hygiene, and more enable us to effectively meet the greatest needs. However, challenges like unpredictable natural disasters or political instability can slow down or even halt our progress, particularly when we are assisting people in areas under active conflict.

Environmental hazards—floods, landslides, or blocked roads—caused by natural disasters often make communities inaccessible. Operational planning and program delivery are impacted by rising costs of fuel, materials, or services. While complying with U.S. government anti-terrorism measures, our work with local and national governments may require strict adherence to local laws that impact our projects. For example, in Myanmar, government-imposed restrictions have hindered our ability to freely deliver aid and to support affected communities. Working in Afghanistan requires careful compliance with the Taliban’s work restrictions, while ensuring that our assistance is reaching people in need and not the Taliban.

THANK YOU

Through the Global Emergency Response Fund, donors like you have demonstrated compassion and have supported World Vision to care for people in their times of greatest vulnerability. Your faith, trust, and sacrificial gifts help us strategically invest in building more sustainable, resilient, and robust communities around the world, which is at the heart of our emergency response work. We aim to meet people’s immediate needs during crises, but more importantly, we want to see them empowered to rebuild their lives and thrive—for present and future generations.

People like Romilia Nka, introduced on the previous page, is an example of someone doing just that. Romilia said, “When the day comes that World Vision’s aid is no longer necessary, I want them to hear only stories of triumph surrounding my business. I am committed to changing not only my own destiny but also that of my children.”

Thank you for playing a vital role in the lives of people like Romilia, who have met the world’s toughest challenges head-on and are equipped to change the trajectory of their lives. Thank you for your partnership, your passion, and your commitment to bringing life, hope, and a future to millions.



Nearly 700 children at this school in Haiti are benefiting from a new handwashing station and bathrooms, and are enjoying daily hot meals, thanks to World Vision’s school feeding program. These offerings increase the students’ abilities to get an education, stay healthy, and become productive citizens.



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