

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2022 – March 2023 | Global Hunger Crisis

SUMMARY

Around the world, the hunger crisis is deepening. As ongoing conflict, extreme weather, an uneven economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and rising costs force millions of people to go without food every single day, your compassion and generosity are an encouragement to us and the people we serve. World Vision and our partners have reached more than 20 million people to date—11 million of whom are children—in 28 countries, with life-saving support.

Through our global hunger response, we are assisting the most vulnerable people with emergency food aid, health and nutrition support, and increased access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Following are highlights from the first half of FY23.

Global hunger response highlights

South Sudan: Conflict has displaced thousands of people and cut off their food supplies, while increasingly regular droughts and flash floods undermine families' ability to cope

with the death of crops and livestock. Children are at highest risk of malnutrition, starvation, and death. Since October, we have screened 18,942 children for malnutrition, provided emergency nutrition and medical support for 493 malnourished children (like Deng, at right) and treated over 25,000 children for diarrhea, malaria, and pneumonia. In addition, we drilled boreholes at two health clinics in remote areas, providing access to clean water.

The Sahel (Burkina Faso and Mali):

Burkina Faso and Mali were recently added to the United Nations' list of hunger hotspots, where severe food insecurity is increasing. In Burkina Faso, World Vision is responding with school feeding programs, WASH, and nutritional supplements for young children to prevent malnutrition. In Mali, together with World Food Programme (WFP), we have distributed \$24,082,384 in food aid to more than 327,662 people.



Akuak, 13, feeds her 1½-year-old nephew Deng a fortified corn-soy flour blend packed with vitamins and minerals to help him recover from severe malnutrition. When she noticed how thin Deng was becoming, Akuak carried him for two hours to reach a World Vision-supported health clinic in South Sudan where he received life-saving care. Now, community health workers regularly visit Deng at home to monitor his recovery.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

20,426,422 PEOPLE have been impacted by World Vision's Global Hunger Crisis Response since 2021.



8,228,961

children and adults received in-kind food assistance, while 6,244,332 people received cash and voucher assistance, and 858,801 children received hot meals and/or dry rations through school feeding programs.



1,927,798

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

MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

So far in FY23, World Vision has leveraged \$32,622,696 in private gifts from U.S. donors like you to mobilize \$419,982,974 in grants across all global emergency responses. 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 USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, WFP, UNICEF, and others, enabled us to provide food and other vital support services to 4,580,093 people.

For grants directly addressing the global hunger crisis, donations are multiplied up to 5x in impact.

OUR GLOBAL HUNGER RESPONSE

Through our partnerships, 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 > 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 the first half of 2023, we expanded our global hunger response to reach 28 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 families and children living in the hardest-hit countries. This means countries served may shift over time.



WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME PARTNERSHIP

SUMMARY

Together, World Vision and WFP have helped save lives and empower vulnerable communities to become self-reliant for more than 30 years. As WFP's largest implementing partner, we provide disaster-affected communities with life-giving food, supplementary feeding supplies, cash, and food vouchers. With a new executive director in place (see right), our partnership with WFP continues to be strong, as they trust in our ability to deliver high-quality and effective programs in the hardest-to-reach places.

Since the beginning of the global hunger crisis, we have worked with WFP in 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Somalia, and Venezuela.

Afghanistan

The massive humanitarian needs in [Afghanistan](#) have been exacerbated by new restrictive measures affecting women and children. Drought and harsh weather also pose a threat to those already living in some of the toughest conditions in the world. We are working with WFP to distribute \$9,906,390 in emergency food aid to 109,917 people in FY23. World Vision also is providing access to clean water, healthcare, and child protection.

Somalia

The crisis is particularly grave in [Somalia](#), where more than 8 million people (half the population)

are facing extreme hunger, and parts of the country are at imminent risk of famine. The worst drought in 40 years has killed livestock—a critical income source for families—and rising food prices worsened by the crisis in Ukraine have left millions one step away from starvation. Through our partnership with WFP, we are distributing more than \$33 million in food aid (our largest WFP grant to date) to 54,786 people.

"If we move by faith and share the little we have, the grace of God will engulf the effort," said Gwayi Patrick, an emergency communications specialist for World Vision in Somalia. "God works collaboratively [with us], by taking our gifts—and blessing them to increase."

Venezuela

More than 7 million people have fled the nation due to political unrest, food shortages, limited job opportunities, and a collapsing healthcare system. Inflation inside [Venezuela](#) continues to be extremely high, making it nearly impossible to afford basic food items. Through a \$15.2 million partnership with WFP, we are distributing food to 95,849 people. World Vision also is assisting thousands of displaced people in neighboring countries with access to WASH, health services, education, and psychosocial care for children at our Child-Friendly Spaces.



Cindy McCain met with World Vision staff at a food distribution site in Somalia on her first trip as the new executive director of World Food Programme. "As WFP's largest cooperating partner worldwide, we discussed how we can deliver even better together for the millions we serve. Thank you," said McCain.



LOOKING AHEAD: BUILDING RESILIENCE

People dealing with the effects of hunger, poverty, conflict, and displacement are often consumed with responding to these adversities, while organizations like World Vision understandably prioritize life-saving activities, such as food and cash distributions. A recent evaluation of our hunger crisis response revealed the need for better integration between emergency relief and development activities to mitigate the damaging effects of shocks and stressors before, during, and after crises.

As we continue to meet immediate needs, we also will allocate more resources to help communities identify the underlying causes of food insecurity and find long-term solutions, so people like Nyanakim (above) can withstand and recover from shocks to build a more stable future. In addition to providing life-saving assistance to 30 million people in the 28 worst-affected countries, we will:

- Provide farmers with technical assistance, teaching them to use new farming techniques and plant more drought-resistant crops
- Help families identify new or additional sources of income
- Remain flexible and responsive to communities' needs and changing conditions, helping them find sustainable ways to adapt and survive

THANK YOU

Thank you for your commitment to helping the tens of millions of children and their families whose lives and futures are at stake, but who persist despite countless challenges, always hoping for a better day. Join us in praying that God will protect and provide for children and communities facing hunger worldwide.

Nyanakim, a widow and mother of six children in South Sudan, is familiar with adversity. Through World Vision, she received seeds and tools and learned to grow crops that helped her earn an income and support her family. But prolonged dry seasons, followed by floods, have destroyed crops and diminished livelihoods in Nyanakim's community.

We are training farmers like Nyanakim to withstand the impacts of severe weather by planting drought-resistant crops, rebuilding flood protection structures, and building early warning systems that will alert people about severe weather via mobile communications.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." —Romans 15:13 (NIV)



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