

SUMMARY

As global hunger continues to increase, with nearly 50 million people in 45 countries facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Yet, in the words of Gwayi Patrick, an emergency communications specialist in Somalia, "We make the first and necessary steps of faith through giving instead of doing nothing. We dare not look away. ... If we move by faith and share the little we have, the grace of God will engulf the effort. He works collaboratively, by taking our gifts and blessing them to increase."

Since 2021, **World Vision has reached more than 25 million people across 28 countries** with emergency food aid, health and nutrition support, and increased access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). We celebrate the impact on each boy, girl, woman, and man persevering in the midst of conflict, displacement, extreme weather, and natural disasters. Here are a few highlights from our work in FY23.

Global hunger response highlights

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): [DRC](#) has been dealing with compounding problems such as armed conflict, displaced populations, severe food insecurity, disease, and natural disasters. In FY23, World Vision reached nearly 90,000 people (like Mwamini, at right) with life-saving food assistance in the Bulengo displacement camp, near Goma. We assisted an additional 15,291 people in sponsorship area programs with agricultural tools and training, livestock, cash to start income-generating activities, and malnutrition screening and treatment.

Sudan: An escalation in conflict that began in April 2023 has displaced over 1 million children in [Sudan](#), worsening an existing food crisis. Due to security concerns, operations are limited, but we are prioritizing food distributions in stable areas. In FY23, we reached more than 100,000 people with approximately 1.3 million pounds of food in South Kordofan and South Darfur states.



Mwamini and her son Janvier are pictured with World Vision nutritionist Sylvie Lwamba at the Bulengo displacement camp in DRC. Mwamini and other moms are being trained to protect children against malnutrition, learning to identify cases of malnutrition and what to do when children are sick. After the learning sessions, Mwamini received flour, beans, and salt through our partnership with World Food Programme.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

25,475,732 PEOPLE have been impacted by World Vision's Global Hunger Crisis Response since 2021.

 **10,824,274**

children and adults received in-kind food assistance, while 7,770,864 people received cash and voucher assistance, and 998,387 children received hot meals and/or dry rations through school feeding programs.

 **2,207,286**

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

MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

In FY23, World Vision leveraged \$11,883,028 in private gifts from U.S. donors like you to mobilize \$599,669,725 in grants for the global hunger response. 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, World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, and others, enabled us to provide food and other vital support services to 6,729,967 people.

For grants directly addressing the global hunger crisis, donations are multiplied up to 5 times 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 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 FY23, 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

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For more than 30 years, World Vision and WFP have partnered to feed hungry children and families, meeting the 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.

In FY23, World Vision worked with WFP in 22 different countries to distribute life-giving food, supplementary feeding supplies, cash, and food vouchers.

Chad

In addition to natural disasters and chronic food insecurity, Chad now faces increasing challenges due to an influx of Sudanese refugees as a result of Sudan's civil war. In partnership with WFP, World Vision distributed \$1,501,532 in food aid to approximately 3,404 malnourished children ages 6 months to 23 months as well as pregnant and lactating women. Please pray with us for sufficient funding for the more than 2.3 million people in Chad who are food insecure.

Colombia

Armed conflict, inflation, agricultural challenges, and migration of Venezuelans into Colombia (see sidebar) have contributed to approximately 7.3 million Colombians dealing with food insecurity.

In FY23, World Vision distributed \$7,931,973 in cash transfers for hot meals and other food to over 284,000 Venezuelan migrants and Colombian returnees.

Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, more than 20 million people are food insecure. Internal conflict has further exacerbated the hunger crisis, forcing WFP and U.S. government suspensions of food distributions in June 2023 due to security incidents. (Food distributions resumed in October.) In FY23, World Vision distributed \$22,764,423 in food to nearly 190,000 internally displaced individuals and refugees living in camps.

Sri Lanka

As a result of political and economic crises, Sri Lanka's population has struggled to access the food and basic items they need, especially since the nation's currency depreciated significantly in 2023. In the past year, more than 250,000 people left Sri Lanka in search of food and work to help purchase basic needs, including medication. In response, World Vision distributed \$7,852,644 in food aid or cash assistance for food and other necessities to 818,728 people.



Colombia hosts the highest concentration of Venezuelan migrants—nearly 2.5 million. In the first six months of 2023, more than 40,000 children—twice the number for all of 2022—joined their families on the challenging journey through the Darién Gap between Colombia and Panama in search of food, work, and better living conditions ([UNICEF](#)).

In partnership with WFP, World Vision is working near the Colombia-Panama border, where cash transfers and food aid have become an essential lifeline for thousands of people and helped prevent malnutrition in children.



LOOKING AHEAD

In FY24, World Vision’s hunger crisis response will move into a new phase. We will adopt a multifaceted approach to meet immediate needs while also addressing the underlying causes and drivers of hunger, supporting communities as they recover and building the capacity of community members to earn an income and provide for their families. We will train farmers on techniques for restoring nutrients and stability to the soil and supply seeds that can weather drought conditions, allowing them to grow healthy, diverse crops that become nutritious food. We also will help people—like Akito, above—identify new or additional sources of income. Our aim is to invest in risk reduction now in a way that builds resilience and reduces suffering in the future.

We plan to continue advocating for more to be done, working with government leaders to find sustainable solutions. “While the crisis is immense,” said Mary Njeri, director of World Vision’s global hunger response, “the possibility of ending hunger and nutrition-related crises once and for all remains within reach. It requires a combination of political will, accountability, resilience building, and sufficient funding for humanitarian response plans.”

THANK YOU

Thank you for showing the love of Christ to those in desperate need. Please join us in praying for an end to conflicts that worsen hunger and put children at risk. Pray that children and communities facing hunger and poverty all around the world will be protected by God’s love and grace.

Akito Mursal Mohamed and her daughter Safiya, 6, spread out colorful cloth that Akito dyed at a shelter for displaced persons in Baidoa, Somalia. Akito sells the tie-dyed fabric to earn money for her family. She learned these skills at one of World Vision’s vocational education centers.

There are four education centers in Baidoa, a place of refuge where 70 families arrive daily, escaping drought and conflict, looking for hope. They find it at the centers, learning skills related to hairdressing, construction, tailoring, mobile phone repair, electrical work, and tie-dyeing—skills that will help them earn money and provide for their families. There were 5,000 households enrolled in these courses in FY23.



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