

SUMMARY

The weight of global suffering feels crushing. Children deprived of food because of conflict they didn't start. Homes destroyed by disaster. Families forced to flee with only what they can carry. We want to turn away.

But Jesus taught us to look. In Matthew 14, we read that Jesus was seeking solitude. Instead, he was met by a crowd of people in need. He could have turned away. Instead, he had compassion and healed the sick. Later, the disciples told Jesus to send the people away so they could find food on their own. Again, Jesus had compassion. He took a small donation (five loaves and two fish) and multiplied it to feed thousands.

Thank you for following Jesus' example to choose compassion. In the following pages, you will learn about people facing overwhelming obstacles. You'll see how disaster often hits children the hardest and

how hunger ruthlessly follows on the heels of conflict.

You'll also see the hope your donations have helped make possible. In the first half of fiscal year 2024, your support equipped World Vision to respond to 59 disasters and crises in 57 countries, including:

- Sudan, where half the population is facing crisis-level hunger and 12 million people have been forced to flee
- Venezuela, where 89% of households are food insecure because of economic collapse
- Syria, where 13 years of war have cost millions of children their childhoods and over a third are not able to go to school

Thank you for equipping us to respond. Together, we are saving lives, reducing suffering, and sharing hope.



Ktoma holds her 18-month-old baby and a toddler in the crowd of refugees gathered under a bridge at the border of Chad, among the 2,000 refugees from Sudan waiting to be processed and find respite from the scorching heat.

[Take a firsthand look at the chaos at a makeshift refugee camp at the Sudan-Chad border.](#)

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

21,178,559 PEOPLE, including 10.8 million children, impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope from October 2023 through March 2024. Of those, 2,755,229 people were reached through gifts from private individuals from the U.S.



3,725,984

people received food assistance through our Global Hunger Response operating in 25 countries. Another 1,396,104 people received cash and voucher assistance.



638,778

people in Sudan received vital health and nutrition services, and another 69,482 people in South Sudan received emergency health and nutrition services.

MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

Your gifts are used strategically to mobilize funding streams that increase our impact. Like seed money, your gifts are leveraged to apply for and secure additional funding—usually from government and international organization grants—to maximize each dollar donated.



Every \$1 given to the Global Emergency Response Fund, combined in part with public grants, delivers \$6 in impact on average, though the impact ratio is even greater some years. In the first half of FY24, we leveraged \$30,829,948 in private gifts from U.S. donors to directly mobilize \$448,751,384 in grants. Leveraged grants from World Food Programme; USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance; U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; UNICEF; and others have enabled us to reach 2,755,229 people. We are grateful to our U.S. donors for making this possible. (Our annual report will more accurately reflect all FY24 grants, as awards are not fully accounted for at this time.)



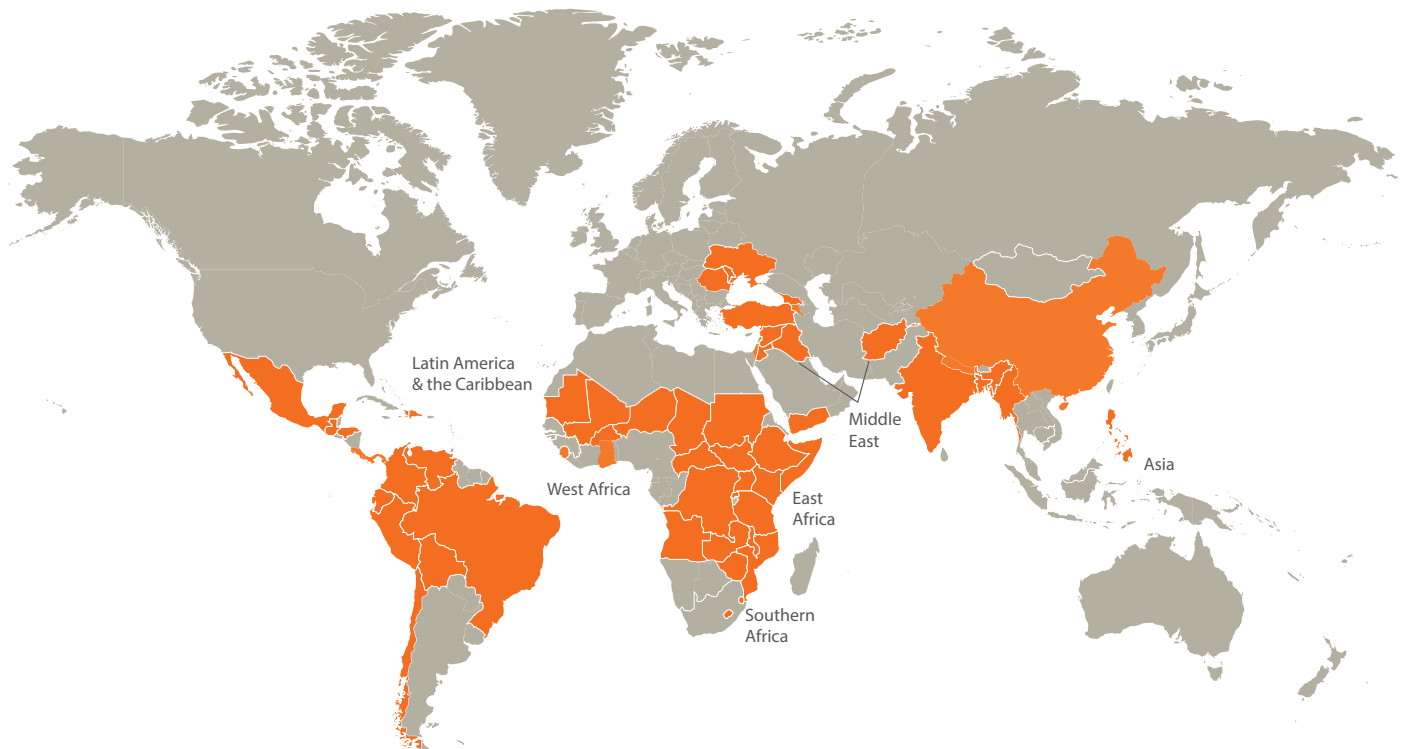
FY24 GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

- Cash-equivalent cards (used where goods are locally available and markets are functioning and accessible)
- Mental health and psychosocial support
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
- Healthcare
- Nutrition
- Education
- Emergency food
- Family reunification
- Shelter
- Child protection

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

So far in FY24, World Vision responded to 59 disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 57 countries, shown in the orange portions of the map below. **These include [the global hunger crisis](#) and [the conflict in Ukraine](#), both of which are covered in separate reports.**



AFGHANISTAN RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Afghanistan has endured over four decades of heart-wearing conflict. In 2021, the change in government triggered an economic collapse that prompted an emergency response.

Then, in October of 2023, a series of earthquakes hit western Afghanistan, destroying 21,000 homes and affecting 275,000 people—more than half of them children. That same month, all undocumented Afghans were ordered to leave Pakistan. The forced returnees were not allowed to bring more than about \$180, and now 600,000 people are struggling to cope in the country they tried to flee.

All this, against a backdrop of three years of consecutive droughts in 25 out of 34 provinces, has led to an estimated 23.7 million people—more than half the population—needing help to meet their basic needs.

Your compassion is allowing us to reach them with food, shelter, and health services, as well as the hope that springs up through acts of compassion.

Earthquake response

As of the end of March, we reached 129,100 people impacted by the earthquake. Interventions included:

- Establishing five child welfare committees run by 42 community members that are trained to advocate for children's rights and protection
- Reaching 18,500 people with culturally appropriate food baskets

- Establishing five 24-hour health and nutrition centers in affected villages, which have served 44,078 people, including care for new and expecting mothers and treatment for malnutrition
- Reaching 46,655 people with WASH kits that included items such as soap, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene supplies
- Creating five Child-Friendly Spaces (CFSs) where children dealing with the after-effects of the earthquake can play, learn, and heal; 793 children are enrolled

Country-wide response

Since our response began, we've reached more than 1.6 million people. From October 2023 to March 2024, we reached 652,394 people, including 292,799 children. Of this number:

- 72,012 people received general health services via 36 mobile health teams and 24 family health houses, which were established to reach hard-to-reach communities.
- 3,193 women received antenatal care and 1,105 women received postnatal care.
- 15,213 children under 5 received nutrition screening, and 1,397 were admitted for treatment for moderate acute malnutrition and 581 for severe acute malnutrition.
- 17,509 households received cash or in-kind assistance that reached 122,521 people.



Above: A child is measured for malnutrition at a World Vision clinic. Below: After receiving nutrition services in various sessions at a World Vision clinic, 1-year-old Fatima has fully recovered.



SYRIA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Thirteen years after war erupted in Syria in March 2011, 16.7 million people still need aid in 2024—the highest number since the war began. We are grateful that the compassion of our donors has equipped us to deepen our work to offer sustained, holistic support.

We expanded our response when an earthquake hit in February 2023, killing more than 54,500 people in Türkiye and Syria. Now, we are providing child protection, livelihoods, health and nutrition, WASH, and education programming in Syria, as well as in Türkiye and Jordan, which together host more than 4 million Syrian refugees (UNHCR, 2024). Key interventions include:

Child protection

In conflict zones, the risk of child labor, child marriage, and gender-based violence increases. To protect vulnerable groups, we have created Child-Friendly Spaces and Women and Girls Safe Spaces, which offer psychosocial support and case management to address safety concerns. In Türkiye, our Life in Fullness Together program offers education and psychosocial support to improve child well-being. So far in FY24, we have reached 226,570 people through child protection.

Education

Of the 6.4 million children in Syria, 2 million are out of school. In Syria, we support formal and nonformal

education in schools as well as in displacement camps. In Jordan, we are providing nonformal education for children, particularly in the northern region where there is a large population of refugees. In FY24, we reached 401,755 people with education programming.

Health and nutrition

In Syria, half of the primary healthcare system is not functional, and there has been a sharp decrease in medical professionals. As a result, child mortality rates have seen a heartbreaking increase, and malnutrition rates have skyrocketed—one in four pregnant and nursing mothers are acutely malnourished, and one in four children are stunted in some areas of the country. Together with partners, we are increasing access to health and nutrition services including treatment for diseases like cholera. We also support maternity facilities that care for pregnant women and babies. In FY24, we have reached 537,275 people with health interventions and 638,778 people with nutrition support.

WASH

Our WASH work has been crucial, particularly during the 2022 cholera outbreak and the 2023 earthquake. We are providing clean water, sanitation facilities, installation of water and sewer networks, and support for WASH in schools and health centers. In FY24, we reached 213,000 people through WASH.



Tamara visits her daughter at a World Vision early childhood development center in Azraq refugee camp. “As my daughter enrolled [in the center], she found solace through the compassionate guidance of the teachers ... my daughter now eagerly anticipates each school day,” she said. The Azraq camp hosts around 40,000 refugees (UNHCR, 2024). Below: A teacher hugs her students in the development center.*

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ETHIOPIA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Life in Ethiopia took a dramatic turn when conflict erupted in the Tigray region in November of 2020. Violence quickly spilled into neighboring regions, taking thousands of lives and forcing families to flee. The government signed a peace agreement in 2022, but violence has continued, and the needs have grown heavier—drought and social tension are now forcing more people to leave home to find relief. In Ethiopia, 20.1 million people—about the population of New York state—need help to meet their basic needs.

Around 4.4 million people are internally displaced, and these families compete for resources with over 1 million refugees who have fled to Ethiopia from crises in neighboring countries. Internally displaced people in the Oromia region live in congested settlements, with multiple households often sharing single rooms. Food, healthcare, clean water, and sanitation are inadequate, contributing to outbreaks of cholera, malaria, and measles.

Growing up in such conditions lays a heavy burden on children, who face the ongoing threats of hunger and illness combined with severe risks from unexploded ordnance in northern Ethiopia. Around 7.6 million children are out of school (UNICEF, 2023)—when basic needs go unmet, it is difficult to prioritize education.

Our expanding response

When the conflict in Tigray began, World Vision was one of the first nongovernmental organizations to respond in the region. Now, our response has grown, and we're providing lifesaving support to people in the northern region as well as those across the country affected by drought, disease, and hunger.

In Ethiopia, we are providing food, emergency shelter, and access to clean water and sanitation facilities. We are supporting healthcare facilities with vital supplies and helping rebuild damaged schools so children can learn in a safe, welcoming environment.

As of October 2023, we have reached over 7.2 million people through our emergency response in Ethiopia. From October 2023 through January 2024, we reached:

- 517,402 people overall, including 274,045 children
- 173,206 people with food assistance, including 37,453 children and mothers with emergency nutrition support
- 104,681 with emergency WASH interventions
- 85,167 people with multipurpose cash support
- 42,358 people with emergency health services



Getachew (in red), 10, lives with his family in Ethiopia's South Omo Zone along the border of Kenya. Because of the ongoing drought and rising prices, he and his brother were barely eating once a day. He was happy when he heard a World Vision food distribution was coming to his village. "I was happy to see the wheat, oil, and split peas at my house. Our mom makes nice food with it and I am delighted to have a nice meal."

World Vision, in partnership with USAID, is reaching hundreds of thousands of people in pastoral communities in southern Ethiopia.

SUDAN RESPONSE

SUMMARY

April 15 marked one year since violence broke out between the Sudan Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan's capital city of Khartoum. That violence has since sparked the largest displacement crisis in the world—8.6 million people have fled their homes seeking safety, including 3.5 million children, some of them without their families (such as Waleed, at right).

Tribal clashes in the south of Sudan have added another layer of danger. Tragically, the World Vision offices in Khartoum and Al Gezira are not accessible due to insecurity. We have been able to resume operations in Blue Nile, South Kordofan, East Darfur, and South Darfur states.

Operating in this context is difficult and dangerous. Please pray for the safety of our staff and that we would be able reach those in dire need. Nearly 25 million people in Sudan need aid—56% of the population—and we are committed to reaching them as God enables us.

We are supporting people in Sudan and refugees in South Sudan, Chad, Central African Republic, and Ethiopia.

Response in Sudan

From May 2023 through March 2024, we reached:

- 272,704 people with cash and food assistance
- 237,263 people with WASH interventions

- 634,383 people with health and nutrition services
- 1.8 million people with assistance overall

Response in South Sudan

As of March, 600,000 of those displaced by the crisis have crossed into South Sudan. We are meeting refugees and South Sudanese returnees at border crossings throughout the region with lifesaving aid, prioritizing clean water and nutritious food.

The needs are staggering. The Renk transit center, on the border of Sudan and South Sudan, has a capacity of 3,000 people and is hosting 23,000, but people are afraid to leave due to even worse conditions elsewhere. Nearly 25% of children under 5 at the center are suffering from acute malnutrition. We are supplying clean water (an average of 21 liters per person per day) at the Renk transit center, and we also built five blocks of emergency latrines and are supporting a fully-fledged health facility to meet critical health needs, including treating children for malnutrition. As of March 2024, our response in South Sudan has reached:

- 180,137 people with food and cash assistance
- 182,949 people with WASH interventions
- 69,482 people with emergency health and nutrition services



Waleed, 10, was separated from his grandmother and his parents in El Fasher, Sudan. He followed people to the Mile refugee camp in Chad. There, he remembered the name of an uncle he'd never met before and found him in the camp. Now Waleed lives with his uncle's family.

More than 300 unaccompanied Sudanese refugee children live in Mile refugee camp. World Vision has helped 25 children reunite with relatives. For the others, World Vision coordinates host families who care for them.

[Take a firsthand look at the chaos at a makeshift refugee camp at the Sudan-Chad border.](#)

SOMALIA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Heavy rains from El Niño in Somalia, combined with intense rains in the Ethiopian highland, sent sweeping floods into Somalia, mostly along the country's two major rivers. By the end of March, more than 1.2 million people had to leave their flooded homes behind.

After the immediate destruction to homes and farmland, the flooding brought a second wave of dangers: waterborne illness and hunger. Flooded latrines and contaminated water prompted a cholera outbreak. By November, there were more than 15,000 suspected cases and 54 deaths. The healthcare system is struggling to keep up since many health centers were damaged by the floods. The country was already operating with less than 40% of its target of two health facilities per 10,000 people.

Infrastructure damage has made it difficult to access food, driving a rise in hunger. Several collapsed bridges in the Gedo region (along the border of Kenya) have isolated people from supply centers like Mogadishu.

Crop loss will make hunger worse. More than 3.7 million acres of crops were lost and rising prices on commodities (up to 300% in some locations) mean families now get less for their money. Between January and March, 4 million people were driven to high levels of food insecurity.

World Vision is responding and, with the support of our donors, we plan to expand efforts in the coming months. We recently opened a new office in South Galkaio and are exploring the feasibility of additional offices to help reach more remote areas.

Our current response includes:

- Partnering with the World Food Programme to deploy boats to deliver food, aid, and rescue stranded families, prioritizing women, children, and the elderly, and taking them to safety.
- Delivering lifesaving micronutrients, including ready-to-use therapeutic food in Luuq and Johwar districts.
- Deploying emergency mobile teams in the Jowhar District. The teams gave free medical consultations to 2,272 people and antenatal care to 765 pregnant women. Additionally, 1,165 children under 5 were screened for malnutrition; of those, 128 were admitted for treatment.
- Increasing WASH interventions to prevent waterborne diseases, including providing water purification equipment and essential WASH supplies such as soap, buckets, and sanitary napkins.

The floods are expected to worsen, and an increased response is urgently needed to meet the growing needs of Somali families.



World Vision staff members use boats to deliver essential supplies and rescue stranded families. Hundreds of families, like the father and child below, were displaced from their homes at the banks of the Juba River when the water levels rose.



VENEZUELA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Years of hyperinflation, corruption, and political turmoil have stripped Venezuela of its former prosperity. Now, severe food shortages, a collapsed healthcare system, and an unsure future have pushed one in four Venezuelans—7.7 million people—to flee their country since 2019. Another 7 million are still at home and in desperate need of help.

The crisis weighs heavy on children. Most households (89%) in Venezuela are food insecure, putting children at risk for chronic malnutrition, which harms their physical and cognitive development. Across the region, about 25% of migrants are children, and though the majority of migrating Venezuelans (6.5 million) seek refuge in neighboring Latin American countries, they still face harsh discrimination. This makes it difficult for migrant children to feel safe and puts them at risk for exploitation.

Regional response

To address the rising needs of migrants and their host communities, we launched the “Hope Without Borders” response in Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, and Bolivia.

In host communities, we support migrants’ economic integration by working with local churches to offer employment training and language classes. Our cash transfers and food aid have become a lifeline for thousands.

Since the project began in 2019, we have reached (as of March 2024):

- 938,730 people with nutrition and food assistance
- 370,630 people with multipurpose cash transfers
- 84,980 people with WASH services
- 2.1 million people overall

Venezuela response

From January to March 2024, we reached:

- 10,920 people with nutrition and food assistance
- 3,680 children with protection services
- 14,870 people overall

Faith leaders are our vital partners; this year, we worked with churches in different states to distribute 9,624 hot meals to children in schools, helping mitigate food insecurity at home.

Long-term, we want to increase food security by boosting a family’s ability to buy food. In March, the price of a family food basket in Venezuela (designed to meet 60% of the food needs of a family of four for a month) exceeded \$500, but the average monthly income is only \$145. To help, we started a pilot savings group project where 72 participants began saving and investing in business together, helping them to earn more. We will bring savings groups to more people as project funding is available.



Children show off their new backpacks and school supplies they received from a World Vision distribution in the state of Zulia, Venezuela. Below, a baby receives a health and nutrition screening from a World Vision staff member in the state of Delta Amacuro, Venezuela.



MIDDLE EAST

SUMMARY

The horrific attacks on Oct. 7, 2023, began a chain of events that has robbed children in the West Bank and the surrounding region of their homes, their education, and for many, their lives.

Our hearts are broken. We are deeply concerned by the impact of the violence on all children and the deteriorating humanitarian situation.

Hunger follows on the heels of violence, and no population is more vulnerable to the immediate and long-term impacts of malnutrition than children. More than a million children in the region are at risk of famine. At least 14,500 children have been killed as a result of the conflict.

Because of our network of volunteers and our long-term presence in the area, we have been able to respond with one of the largest emergency responses in the territory.

Response in West Bank

A recent World Vision assessment in the West Bank revealed that 75% of households had lost all income since October; 94% of families struggled to secure food.

As of the end of March, we have reached 222,500 people with critical aid, prioritizing protection, basic necessities, and healthcare, including:

- 2,355 people reached with cash and voucher assistance

- 28 primary health clinics equipped to better respond to medical emergencies, including the needs of pregnant women and babies
- Thousands of people reached with emergency relief items such as winter clothes, blankets, hygiene kits, and food

Response in Lebanon

More than 90,000 people, including 30,000 children, have been internally displaced in Lebanon since the beginning of March. More than 100,000 people are facing emergency levels of food insecurity, including starvation. Airstrikes along the southern border have intensified and moved into new territories. World Vision has been among the first responders, reaching 32,141 as of the end of March and providing:

- 17,320 people with hygiene, first aid, and/or child-friendly kits
- 141,000 hot meals
- 87 million pounds of food

Advocacy

Every child has the right to food, education, healthcare, and a safe place to live.

We are advocating for those affected, focused on children's needs and protection, growing hunger in Gaza and the West Bank, humanitarian access and safety, and an end to violence.



But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

—Psalm 33:18-19 (NIV)

RAPID RESPONSE EMERGENCIES

SUMMARY

Not every emergency calls for a sustained response. In the case of rapid onset emergencies, our strategy is to equip communities to navigate sudden challenges and get back on track as quickly as possible.

Southern Africa Drought/El Niño

In Southern Africa, the El Niño weather system brought the worst mid-season dry spell in over 100 years. Around 70% of smallholder farmers in the region rely on rain-fed agriculture, which means that as crops dry up, so does a family's income. Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe have declared national disasters; more countries are likely to follow. Heat waves and insufficient rains are creating heavy burdens for families, including:

- Severe food insecurity due to crop failure and food price inflation
- Water shortages, increasing the likelihood of waterborne illness
- Livelihood devastation due to crop loss and livestock deaths

Over 58 million people are affected. We are responding in Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, providing food and livelihood support as well as WASH interventions. Our goal is to provide relief to 1.7 million people—half of them children.

Floods in the Philippines

Since January of 2024, unrelenting rains from two monsoons have left

five regions in the Philippines with flooding. On the island of Mindanao, the second largest in the Philippines, the floods caused landslides, and over 794,000 people on the island were forced from their homes.

To date, World Vision has served 2,570 affected families (12,136 individuals) in eastern Mindanao with hygiene and essential items like mats, blankets, mosquito nets, and water purification kits. We also gave education kits to 6,204 children so they could keep up their studies until they can return to school.

Floods in Chile

Record rainfall, also attributed to El Niño, led to emergency-level flooding in the central region of Chile in June 2023, causing rivers to overflow. Chile declared disaster zones in all regions affected by the floods. Only a few months earlier, many of the same communities had been damaged by forest fires.

World Vision supported 382 people in the heavily affected Biobío Region through multipurpose cash, which allows families to meet their specific needs using locally available resources.

Once the community was more stabilized, we held four training sessions where people in this disaster-prone community learned first aid, including CPR and how to stop heavy bleeding.



In the wake of El Niño in Malawi, especially the southern part of the country, crops withered and died waiting for rain. People have resorted to eating grain from grass.



CHALLENGES OF DISASTER RESPONSE WORK

As you have seen, one crisis often opens the door for another. A flood can contaminate water sources, causing a health crisis. An exodus of refugees can put strain on a host country. And often, where conflict strikes, hunger follows. These compounding crises create complex needs that require deep knowledge of the context to understand and then respond to effectively.

Another challenge is the global trend of declining government funding for humanitarian work. Increasing need combined with decreasing funds force humanitarians to face an agonizing decision: whose support to cut. In a recent report, World Vision spoke to communities in six countries affected by recent shortfalls in emergency food and cash assistance. The report found that children on average consumed two meals per day before the cuts. When asked how many meals they were eating after the cuts (January 2024), most families had eaten just one or zero meals the day before.

Please pray with us that God would move the hearts of decision-makers toward generosity and that the international community would not turn its back on these crises.

THANK YOU

Thank you for not turning your eyes away from those in need. The need can feel overwhelming, but again and again, we've seen Jesus take your gifts and multiply them to show his love to millions of people. Thank you for being steadfast in your compassion. In the first half of FY24, your gifts helped make it possible for us to reach more than 21 million people—half of them children.

Thank you for partnering with us to save lives, reduce suffering, and share hope.



Miguel David smiles over his bowl of rice, meat, and salad that he received from a World Vision-supported community dining room in Venezuela.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

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