



ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2023–September 2024 | Global Emergency Response Fund

SUMMARY

When Jesus' disciples were faced with a crowd of hungry people, they felt overwhelmed. How could they possibly feed so many? They asked Jesus to send everyone away.

Instead, Jesus told them, "You give them something to eat" (Matt. 14:16). Bewildered, the disciples offered what they had: a little bread, a couple fish. And Jesus multiplied it far beyond their imagination.

God is still calling us to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and shelter refugees. And He is still multiplying our efforts.

The ongoing global need

In 2024, nearly 300 million people needed aid. Right now, 13.6 million children are suffering from severe wasting—in need of immediate nutrition interventions to survive.

But global needs, driven by conflict, extreme weather, and instability,

have outpaced humanitarian funding. Some organizations have been forced to make heartbreaking cuts, prioritizing those who needs are most dire.

What you've made possible in 2024

With your support, we are still reaching children and families in desperate need. In fiscal year 2024, we reached more than 35 million people. We responded to 84 crises in 65 countries, including:

- The hunger crisis in Sudan, where
 13 million people have been
 displaced and almost 26 million
 are in desperate need of food
- The Middle East, where 7.1 million children face death, injury, and displacement due to conflict
- Venezuela, where 80% of the population lives in poverty

Thank you for helping us save lives, reduce suffering, and share hope.



A child waits with her bowl for a food distribution to begin at a World Vision school feeding program for refugees from Sudan in Farchana Refugee Camp, Chad. In Farchana, World Vision runs emergency feeding in 69 schools in six provinces, serving 65,000 children—for some, their only meal of the day.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

35,238,355

PEOPLE, including 18,958,334 children, impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope from October 2023 through September 2024. Of those, 2,755,229 people were reached through gifts from private individuals from the U.S.



2,812,526

people, including 1,518,452 children, have been reached with aid in response to the hunger crisis in Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, and the Central African Republic.



2,038,124

people, including 924,916 children, have been reached with vital aid through our Ukraine response, including people in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Georgia.

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 \$5 in impact on average, though the impact ratio is even greater some years. In FY24, we leveraged \$42,316,254 in private gifts from U.S. donors to directly mobilize \$492,591,573 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 8,200,070 people. We are grateful to our faithful U.S. donors for making this possible.

FY24 GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

- Emergency food
- Cash-equivalent cards (used where goods are locally available and markets are functioning and accessible)
- Mental health and psychosocial support

- Healthcare
- Shelter
- Education
- Family reunification
- Nutrition
- · Child protection
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

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.

In FY24, World Vision responded to 84 disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 65 countries, shown in the orange portions of the map below. These include the global hunger crisis, the conflict in Ukraine, the conflict in Somalia, and the hunger crisis in Chad and South Sudan, each of which are covered in separate reports.



MIDDLE EAST

SUMMARY

More than 7.1 million children across the Middle East are facing the risk of death, injury, and forced displacement because of violence. Four million people have been forced to leave their homes.

Aid workers are struggling to reach those in need. The West Bank has almost 800 roadblocks, cutting people off from healthcare and education. In FY24, World Vision reached 699,744 girls, boys, women, and men in West Bank and Lebanon with food, mental health support, safe access to learning and education materials, and livelihood support.

Conflict in Lebanon

In September, the intensity of the conflict in Lebanon escalated, reaching the central part of the country, including Bekaa and Beirut.

More than one in five children (over 400,000) have had to leave their homes to seek safety. Families in locations that were earlier considered safer areas have now been forced to flee.

Our response in Lebanon

To help displaced children keep up with their schooling, we are providing education support, including 5,312 children reached with services such as catch-up classes and tutoring, and providing more than 1,100 children with educational materials.

In FY24, we reached 223,574 people in Lebanon with vital aid, including:

- 403,827 hot meals provided
- \$25,380 worth of cash and vouchers distributed
- 22,096 individuals reached with in-kind food assistance

Reaching mothers in the West Bank

Because of the intensity of the violence in the West Bank, many pregnant women can't reach hospitals, leaving local clinics as their only option.

In response, we supplied dozens of clinics with obstetric care equipment, including 24 portable ultrasounds, ensuring that pregnant women can receive prenatal care close to home, without exposing themselves to the risks of extensive travel.

Our response in the West Bank

In FY24, we reached 476,168 people in the West Bank, including:

- 103,575 people benefiting from primary health center services
- 51,726 people received mental health support services to help them cope with trauma
- 91 clinics rehabilitated
- 53 teachers provided with teaching materials

World Vision is advocating for an end to the violence and conflict for all children affected by the crisis.



Zainab, 9, and Nour, 6, fled their home with their parents. They are now taking shelter in a school. Below: Mother and baby smile in a clinic that World Vision equipped with a mobile ultrasound unit—before, the clinic's ultrasound machine had been broken for more than six months.



Watch a video update from Lebanon.



AFGHANISTAN RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Millions of Afghan children are hungry. Almost 45% of children are stunted too short for their age because of chronic malnutrition. In 2023, over 4 million women and children suffering from acute malnutrition needed urgent treatment to survive.

"I see my children's ribs, and it breaks my heart. No mother should have to watch her child starve," a mother in Faryab shared with us.

Decades of conflict and disasters had already weakened the country when the international withdrawal in August 2021 pushed the economy into collapse. Now, poverty, displacement, and drought have left nearly 24 million people—over half the population—dependent on humanitarian aid.

Not enough funding; not enough food

Reductions in global humanitarian support have hit hard in Afghanistan. Funding shortages forced the World Food Programme to cut 10 million food-insecure people from distributions in 2023. World Vision staff have seen former recipients of food assistance pleading for continued support, but there is not enough to fill the need. Support from private donors like you is critical in reaching people when global support falls short.

Our strategy for compassion

In Afghanistan, we are providing holistic support alongside emergency relief. Our response includes WASH, health, livelihoods, education,

and child protection—and all of these play a role in improving child nutrition. Our livelihood work equips rural communities to cultivate more nutritious food. Access to clean water reduces waterborne illness, which can drive malnutrition. And World Vision's health facilities provide treatment for malnutrition and connect families with other needed services.

In FY24, we reached 1.2 million people in Afghanistan, including:

- 700,323 people (305,938 children) with healthcare, including treatment for malnutrition for children and mothers, newborn care, and outpatient care
- 296,796 people (144,028 children)
 with food and livelihood assistance,
 including food distributions, job
 opportunities, and training on
 drought-resistance agriculture
- 169,381 people (82,390 children) with access to WASH services by distributing hygiene kits and constructing water systems

Prayers for a challenging context

Restrictive policies, including limits on women working with nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), slow down our work in Afghanistan. We are committed to reaching families with lifesaving aid, and we ask for your prayers for favor with those in authority and wisdom for how to reach more people in FY25.



Two-year-old Alireza was brought to a World Vision healthcare worker severely malnourished (see below). World Vision provided specialized nutrition packets to his parents, and after three months he fully recovered.





SYRIA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Update on current events

Syria has been in a state of civil war for more than 13 years. The escalation of hostilities at the end of November, and the resulting change in leadership, has directly impacted citizens and humanitarian operations in Syria. We are responding to the recent surge in displacement by assessing needs and increasing our humanitarian operations. We are working closely with local partners to reach those most affected.

Growing need; reduced global budget

Seven million people are internally displaced in Syria. Another 6.2 million are refugees, most of them hosted by Jordan, Lebanon, and Türkiye.

In 2024, around 70% of Syrians needed aid, and more than 50% are facing hunger. Despite this, the World Food Programme was forced to reduce support by nearly 80% in 2024 due to funding shortfalls, prioritizing those facing the greatest hunger.

World Vision's response in Syria

Since the conflict began in March 2011, we've reached more than 7.5 million people with food, water, shelter, and education.
Our response includes lifesaving

Our response includes lifesaving emergency items as well as long-term infrastructure and livelihood support.

In FY24, our Syria response reached:

 1.7 million people (819,000 children) with health and nutrition

- support, including outpatient and inpatient care for newborns and pregnant women
- 1.4 million people, including 758,000 children, with WASH interventions, including water brought in by trucks
- 250,000 people with energy access via a new solar power station
- 102,000 people, including 83,000 children, with psychosocial support services and access to emergency Child-Friendly Spaces

World Vision's response in Türkiye

Türkiye hosts one of the world's largest refugee populations, including 3.2 million Syrians (UNHCR). In FY24 in Türkiye, we reached:

- 77,000 people, including 42,000 children, with psychosocial support, life-skills and parenting training, and interrelated services
- 48,000 people, including 23,000 children, with livelihood support including employment training

World Vision's response in Jordan

Jordan hosts more than 1.3 million Syrian refugees—about 15% of the country's population. In Jordan, our FY24 response reached:

- 50,000 people, including 28,400 children, with WASH services
- 2,600 people, including 1,900 children, with education support



The mother of 23-monthold Enas* had to flee to a displacement camp with her family in 2019. Enas' mother and father struggled to find enough work to support their family. Budget cuts meant the food support the family was receiving ended, and the family began living on one meal a day. Little Enas became dangerously malnourished. A mobile nutrition team referred Enas for treatment from a World Vision partner, and she started to gain weight. Above, Enas' mother feeds her a nutrition bar from World Vision.

*name changed



ETHIOPIA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

When violence broke out in Tigray in November of 2020, World Vision was one of the first NGOs to respond. Four years later, children still face grave threats to their lives, including:

- Violent outbreaks despite a 2022 peace agreement. Conflict has spread across Northern Ethiopia.
- Rising hunger from unrelenting drought. In 2024, almost 16 million people needed food assistance.
- Disease outbreaks, including cholera, malaria, and measles, that are beyond the current healthcare system's capacity.

We have expanded our response to work across the country, supporting displaced Ethiopians and refugees.

Accessible healthcare for children

Since April 2023, over 100,000 Sudanese refugees have fled to Ethiopia, joining 50,000 existing Sudanese refugees (UNHCR).

In May, security risks closed the Kumer refugee camp on the Ethiopia/ Sudan border, forcing 4,500 refugees to move to Aftit camp. These refugees needed urgent support, especially medical. We deployed a mobile health unit offering healthcare, including child health services and malnutrition referrals.

In FY24, the clinic served:

 35,665 people overall, including refugees and the host community

- 17,200 people who received medicine or medical supplies
- 4,572 children and 321 pregnant or lactating women who were screened for malnutrition
- 1,132 cases of moderate or severe acute malnutrition that were referred to treatment centers

Gofa landslide response

Despite widespread drought, heavy rainfall in the southern Gofa Zone saturated the landscape and triggered three consecutive landslides—the second struck while rescuers were rushing in to help their trapped neighbors. At least 249 people were killed. More than 15,000 people were affected, including 5,600 who needed immediate evacuation.

In less than a week, we were providing food and relief items to those in need. Our response plan includes support for more than 10,000 people, including cash support, dignity kits for women, healthcare, and repairs to water infrastructure. Your support makes it possible for us to respond quickly when disaster strikes—even to emergencies in vulnerable zones. Our landslide response so far includes:

- 613 children and 720 pregnant and lactating mothers provided with nutrition screening and support
- 85 household shelter kits delivered for people whose homes were destroyed



"We have different kinds of vegetables," says 4-year-old Honaliyat. "They taste so good!" World Vision trained her family to diversify their vegetable garden. Now, her parents have enough vegetables to sell to support their children's education and for Honaliyat to eat and enjoy, supporting her healthy growth. Livelihood and nutrition support are part of World Vision's response to equip families to support themselves with locally available resources.



VENEZUELA RESPONSE

SUMMARY

For the past decade, Venezuelans have watched declining oil prices, rising political strife, international sanctions, and hyperinflation transform their home from one of South America's most prosperous nations, to one of its most desperate.

Extreme shortages of food, medicine, and jobs have driven 7.7 million

Venezuelans to migrate since 2014—
25% of the population. Inside the country, 5.1 million people struggle against painfully insufficient access to basic necessities: food, clean water, education, and protection services.

In July, the disputed presidential election gave way to protests and violence, adding to the pervasive feeling of national insecurity that Venezuelans face every day.

Our response in Venezuela

Since 2019, we've reached nearly 400,000 Venezuelans with critical support. Because of the crisis, about 40% of children do not attend school regularly. Our school-based programs support teachers and students with food, supplies, and training. Since 2019, we've provided 109,860 people with education support.

About 80% of people live in poverty, (U.N., 2024), which means that when food is available, families struggle to afford it. We've reached more than 275,000 Venezuelans since 2019 through food baskets, hot meals in community kitchens, and other nutrition support activities.

Churches: our vital partners

By partnering with churches, we reach more people and equip church leaders with additional skills. In FY24, we put on a "40 Days for Children" program that reached nearly 2,000 children with nutritious meals in churches and faith-based organizations. We also trained 216 pastors and church leaders on strategies to help protect children from violence and how to create spaces where children feel safe and can learn about God's love for them.

Hope Without Borders regional response

The vast majority of Venezuelan migrants (about 6.1 million) live in neighboring countries, and about 25% are children. A World Vision survey found that six out of 10 migrant children don't know where their next meal is coming from—or if they'll get one. Our Hope Without Borders project is supporting migrants and their host communities in Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, and Bolivia.

Between 2019 and June 2024, we have reached 2.2 million people with vital services, including:

- 109,860 people with education, including language classes and livelihood support
- 978,300 people with food aid
- 378,510 people with multipurpose cash transfers



"Before, when I could barely buy oatmeal or rice, World Vision helped us a lot," says Rosa, mother of three in Delta Amacuro, Venezuela. "Now my children have their breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day." Rosa also took a World Vision parenting workshop through the Construyendo Juntos (Building Together) project. "World Vision has helped me in a very significant way in all aspects, from food to how to treat my children better, gain their trust, and educate them much better than I used to," she says.

See how the Hope Without

Borders project is empowering
families to grow their income
in Venezuela.



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

SUMMARY

More than 90% of disaster-related deaths occur in developing countries. Poverty, lack of preparedness, and inadequate response plans put vulnerable families at greater risk.

By equipping people to be better prepared before disasters strike, we can minimize the secondary effects of disasters and speed recovery. Our global disaster risk reduction work empowers communities to protect themselves and provide support immediately to their families and neighbors when disaster strikes.

Reducing risk in Central America

The Dry Corridor region extends across Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica and is highly vulnerable to extreme weather events—long periods of drought followed by intense rains. Central America is also prone to hurricanes along both its coastlines, and the intensity and frequency of hurricanes has grown in recent years.

In 2023, Category 5 Hurricane Otis made landfall in Acapulco, Guerrero. In 2024, the Caribbean was hit with Category 5 Hurricane Beryl and Central America with Tropical Storm Sara, which caused severe flooding and devastation. Livelihoods and support systems, already stressed from COVID-19, were destroyed.

Families have seen firsthand why it is important to be prepared for

disasters, and through the Resilient Communities project in partnership with USAID, we are equipping them through courses in first aid, fire prevention, and risk management.

Our impact since FY21

From FY21 through FY24, the disaster risk reduction project in Honduras, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic reached 66,562 people.
Activities included:

- Creating an early warning system in the Dominican Republic to help people react to disasters quickly
- Updating emergency response manuals in Costa Rica to better equip government agencies to respond to shocks and disasters
- Working directly with community groups in Honduras to identify risks and create mitigation plans

Supplies at the ready

To prepare for possible hurricanes or other disasters, we have emergency supplies prepositioned strategically across Central America. This enabled us to respond immediately when Tropical Storm Sara hit, minimizing wait times for those affected.

Supplies include:

- Hygiene kits, which are crucial in preventing disease outbreaks
- Eco filters to provide safe drinking water, a critical need after hurricanes, when water sources are often contaminated



Ilsa started her own hat-making business in Honduras in 2016. Her hats were popular, and business was good. But in 2020, COVID-19 crushed her sales, and then hurricanes Eta and Iota destroyed her factory.

World Vision helped Ilsa rebuild her business with financial assistance and financial training. The training emphasized the importance of having savings to help overcome unexpected hardships.

"I can say that I now feel prepared to face another adverse situation," Ilsa says. "Before, I worked without direction, but now, with the knowledge I have acquired, I have confidence in myself and in the future of the business. I am deeply grateful."



OUR RESPONSE TO CHILDREN FACING VIOLENCE

When violence and political upheaval strike, children pay the price. Globally, almost one in five children are living in or fleeing conflict zones (UNICEF). Conflict and violence force families from their homes, disrupt children's education, and increase the risk of hunger, which is hardest on children.

When children can't get enough to eat, they face lifelong detriments to their mental and physical development. And when families struggle to access food, children are at greater risk of child marriage, sexual violence, child labor, and child trafficking.

This is why our emergency response work is multifaceted. Children and families facing crises need immediate food and shelter, but also access to education, protection, and livelihood support. When disaster strikes, our global network enables us to respond quickly—but we also stay to help families safely rebuild their lives through new livelihoods, improved infrastructure, and disaster risk reduction. And in cases of sustained conflict, our work is sustained, too. When the headlines are gone, the need is still there. But so is World Vision.

The work is challenging. **But we work with hope.** We know that our God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine—just as He did in Matthew 14, and just as we see Him still doing today.

THANK YOU

We are so grateful to our faithful donor partners. God's grace and your gifts allowed us to reach 35 million people facing crises in FY24—more than half of them children. **Thank you for helping us save lives, reduce suffering, and share hope.**

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

-Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)



Twins Jana and Jenna are living with their mother and their little sister Juli in a World Vision-supported shelter in Lebanon after they had to flee their home. "We woke up in the morning to the sound of ambulances, shouting, and crying," their mother says, speaking of the day they left. "I looked around and saw my neighbors dressing their children, so I quickly dressed mine, and we rushed out without taking anything with us."



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