



EMERGENCY RESPONSE | Global Emergency Response Fund

Progress Report

October 2024–September 2025

SUMMARY

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

—Isaiah 58:7 (NLT)

At World Vision, we are driven by Jesus' call to help those in need. And the needs are staggering. In 2025, 1 in 5 children had their lives disrupted by armed conflict. Globally, 318 million people faced acute hunger. At the same time, international aid dropped to its lowest in a decade, forcing heartbreaking cuts across the humanitarian sector.

What has not changed is our call and commitment to help save lives, reduce suffering, and share hope. **Together with your support, we reached over 35 million people in 70 countries in fiscal year 2025 with critical aid—and tangible hope.**

Navigating complex disasters

We're increasingly responding to "disasters within disasters"—such as an earthquake amid conflict in Myanmar or a hurricane following mass displacement from gang

violence in Haiti. These layered crises require both immediate, lifesaving relief and long-term investment to help communities rebuild. Long-standing local partnerships, especially with churches, allow us to respond quickly as needs evolve.

What you've made possible in FY25

One of our most vital partnerships is with you, our faithful donors. In FY25, your generosity equipped us to reach:

- 1.5 million people in Afghanistan with emergency food, healthcare, and other services and respond to those affected by a 6.0 earthquake
- 1.7 million people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with emergency aid, including support for health workers fighting Ebola
- 236,916 people in Ukraine with immediate protection and resources along with training to build new livelihoods

In the pages below, you'll learn about our lifesaving work in some of the world's toughest places to be a child—made possible by God's grace and your support.



"When he was sick, it was like his eyes weren't inside, but when he was better, they became alive and they shine," said Fatima of her 9-month-old son, Hamed. They received care at a health clinic for refugees from Sudan, where World Vision recently installed solar panels and began supplying clean water.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

35,600,000 PEOPLE, including 18,600,000 children, impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope in FY25. Of those, 1,348,123 were reached through gifts from private individuals from the U.S.



1,939,517

people, including 1.1 million children, have been reached with critical aid in response to the hunger crisis in Sudan and surrounding countries in FY25.



241,854

people have been reached with critical aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in Haiti in FY25.

Note: Fiscal year 2025 is October 2024 through September 2025.

MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

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

In FY25, we leveraged \$20,038,563 in private gifts from U.S. donors to mobilize \$349,500,000 in grants from the World Food Programme and other U.N. agencies, enabling us to reach 6.9 million people. We are deeply grateful to our faithful U.S. donors for making this possible.

World Vision responded to 104 disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 70 countries in FY25, shown in the orange portions of the map below.

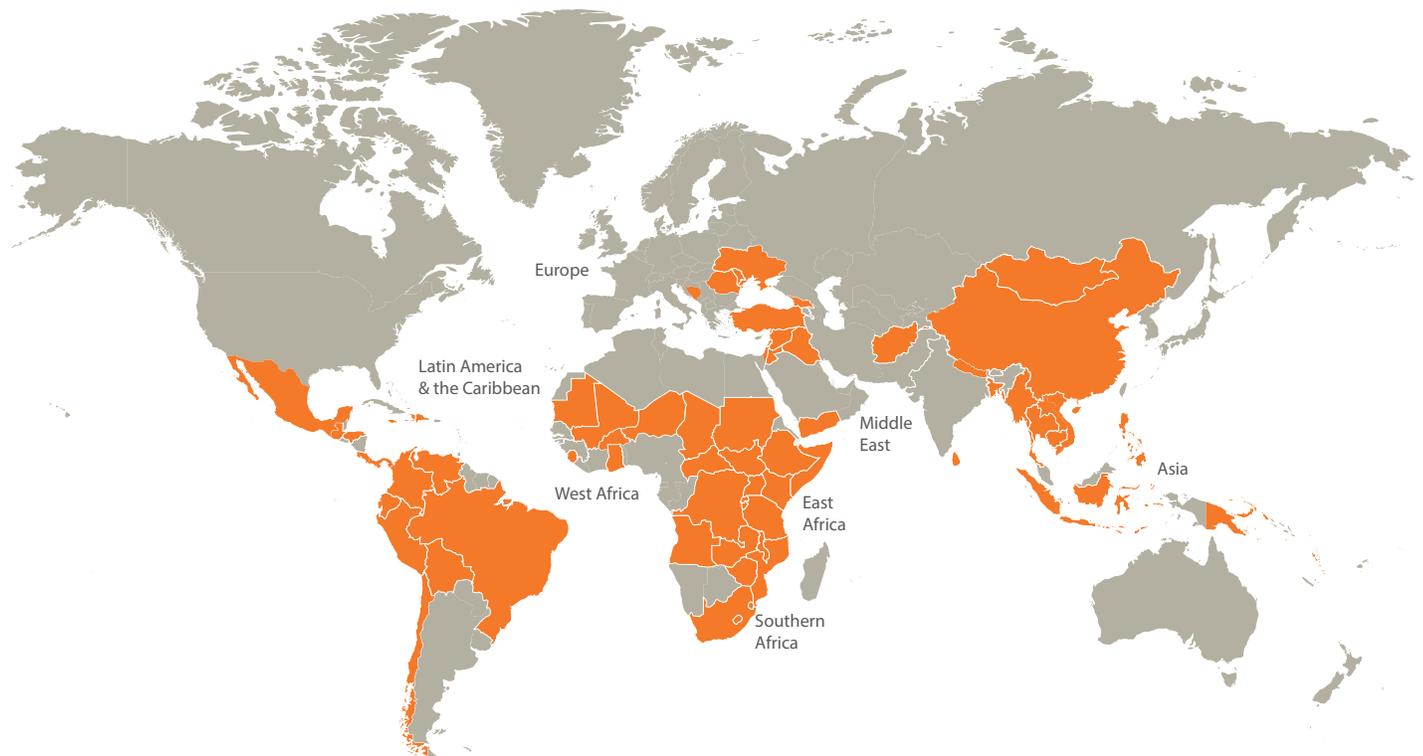
These include the [conflict in Somalia](#) and the [hunger crisis in Sudan](#), each of which are covered in separate reports.

OUR RESPONSE STRATEGY

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

We also address long-term needs by helping rebuild stronger communities through disaster risk reduction, community building and reconciliation, vocational training, livelihoods development, and income generation.



MIDDLE EAST RESPONSE

SUMMARY

For the last two years, children in the West Bank and surrounding region have lived under the constant threat of violence. Pray with us for peace across the region so all children can grow up in safety.

In FY25, we reached 582,000 people across the West Bank with vital services including food, emergency supplies, access to healthcare, and education.

Equipping first responders and clinics

Nearly 900 roadblocks and checkpoints crisscross the West Bank, turning routine emergencies into life-or-death situations. With ambulances delayed or blocked, local volunteers become the first—and sometimes only—responders. Many work with outdated gear, doing the best they can to stretch resources. To support them, World Vision is supplying essentials like fire extinguishers and hydraulic cutters so responders can act fast when seconds matter. In FY25, we have:

- Provided eight firefighting trailers to equip first responders
- Built or rehabilitated 69 community safe spaces that serve as first aid stations and training centers for volunteers

Since our response began in October 2023, we have provided \$1.5 million worth of advanced first aid and firefighting equipment to 313 villages.

The same roadblocks that keep emergency services away also cut off villages from hospitals, straining local clinics and leaving pregnant mothers with few options. We support local clinics with lifesaving tools, including mobile ultrasounds, obstetric supplies, and emergency surgery kits. **In FY25, we reached 160,000 people with access to healthcare.**

Fractured education in the West Bank

Public schools are operating only two or three days per week, leaving 800,000 children struggling to learn. Between January and August 2025, at least eight schools were attacked. Even when students can make it to school, the trauma of violence makes learning difficult.

We are helping children restart their education. **In FY25, we supported 75,000 students through:**

- Training for 1,000 teachers to help students manage their emotions
- Catch-up classes for 5,000 children
- Emergency equipment and/or training for 257 schools
- Safety improvements for 33 schools

Reaching into Lebanon

Cross-border violence escalated in Lebanon in September 2024, forcing nearly 900,000 people to flee. Since our response began, we've reached 589,000 people in Lebanon with food, hygiene kits, winter supplies, and education support.



A little boy sits with his mother while she attends a psychosocial support session. World Vision runs these sessions to provide a safe space for mothers to express the stress, fears, and anxieties that come with the daily dangers of life in the West Bank.

AFGHANISTAN RESPONSE

SUMMARY

“I want my children to have enough food. I want them in school, not out on the streets working or begging,” said Marzia,* mother of five (pictured at right). “But when I see them starving, desperate, I feel powerless. Like I’m failing them.”

Afghanistan’s children face some of the world’s harshest realities. More than 3.5 million children are acutely malnourished—at risk of life-threatening complications. Hunger drives desperate choices: child labor, early marriage, missed education. “I want nothing more than to send my children to school,” Marzia said. “But when we can’t afford food, they have no choice.”

A deepening humanitarian crisis

Decades of war and the 2021 international withdrawal shattered Afghanistan’s economy. Today, half the population needs aid. In 2025, cuts to international aid closed 500 health facilities, leaving 3 million people without access to basic care.

Help for children, hope for families

Our work providing nutrition and healthcare saves lives. Monthly food distributions, provided in partnership with the World Food Programme, are a lifeline for parents like Marzia.

At World Vision–supported health clinics, children and mothers can access specialized care, and our 12 mobile clinics and trained community health workers ensure care reaches those in remote areas.

In FY25, we reached 1.5 million people, including:

- 637,950 with outpatient healthcare
- 439,330 with food assistance
- 165,332 with access to clean water
- 82,005 women with maternal and newborn care
- 85,554 children under 5 screened for malnutrition; 12,898 treated

Note: The points above represent the numbers of times we provided a service. One individual may have participated in more than one service.

We prioritize children’s immediate survival and long-term well-being by combining emergency aid and economic development. Since we began our emergency response in August 2021, we’ve reached 6.2 million people in Afghanistan, including nearly 4 million children.

Earthquake response

On August 31, 2025, a 6.0 earthquake hit eastern Afghanistan, killing over 2,000 people. Our partnerships allowed us to rapidly provide shelter, food, and critical supplies. We delivered clean water and water purification tablets, and two mobile health teams delivered trauma care.

Your support makes both rapid respond and sustained care possible, even as global funding declines. Thank you for demonstrating God’s compassion to families like Marzia’s.



“Every month, I come here to collect food and cash,” Marzia* said of the World Vision aid distribution. “It’s the only reason my five children are still standing.” Marzia’s husband was killed during the war, and she was shot while pregnant, causing birth defects for her youngest son (pictured).

*Name changed

Below: Distribution of tents and essential non-food items (NFIs) for earthquake survivors.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) RESPONSE

SUMMARY

Seventeen-year-old Anita* was away from home when she learned that her entire village, including her parents, had been taken hostage. She waited in fear until the news came: Everyone had been murdered.

More than 100 armed groups terrorize villages in eastern DRC—abducting families, recruiting children, and committing horrific violence with near total impunity.

A crisis of repeated displacement

A surge in violence in 2022 forced thousands to seek refuge in the city of Goma, where World Vision is supporting people in displacement camps. In early 2025, a clash between government forces and the M23 movement uprooted even more families, cutting them off from their food and income.

In June, factions agreed to halt further actions—but by the end of 2025, violence had reignited. “It has become part of everyday life for people around here,” Anita said.

Surviving in the wake of conflict

The healthcare system is straining to respond to the malnutrition, disease, and injuries driven by conflict. In North and South Kivu provinces, 6.7 million people face food insecurity—surviving just below starvation levels. In May, the DRC declared a cholera epidemic, mostly in the eastern part of the country where violence is rampant. In September, a new Ebola outbreak struck Kasai Province.

Working toward hope and healing

In FY25, we reached 1.7 million people with critical interventions including food security; emergency nutrition; livelihood support; and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

In response to the Ebola outbreak, we have reached:

- 1,531 people with food, including hot meals for frontline workers
- 20,428 people with information on how to prevent and contain infection
- 13 health centers with over 22,000 pounds of fortified food, including for pregnant and breastfeeding women

Equipping the church to help heal

Our Let the Children Come project equips faith leaders to help children heal from trauma. Pastor Mayani was one of 196 faith leaders trained, and his counseling helped Anita restart school. “I am grateful to World Vision for equipping us, as pastors, to know how to heal wounded souls, those most affected by killings and terror,” he said.

Anita says that memories of her family still pierce her heart. **“I draw comfort from God,”** she said, **“the greatest comforter. I place my hope in Him and bless His servants who, every day, through their emotional support, help me prevent this pain from destroying me.”**



A boy grips a packet of ready-to-use food—his lifeline against malnutrition. In Tanganyika Province, World Vision supports 29 health centers, providing nutrient-dense meals and feeding guidance for children, pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers. Since June 2025, more than 19,000 children and 14,000 women have received treatment across the province.

*Name changed

MYANMAR RESPONSE

SUMMARY

No one was prepared when a 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar on March 28, 2025, shaking the ground as far away as Thailand and China. Hospitals, schools, and homes crumbled. More than 3,600 people were killed and another 5,000 were injured.

World Vision began responding the same day. **In FY25, we reached 458,216 people with critical aid, including 145,055 children.**

Responding amid compounding crises

Even before the earthquake, families were struggling. The surge in fighting in October 2023 displaced 1.5 million people and weakened the economy to the point that basic goods became unaffordable. The earthquake compounded these pressures, leaving families with even fewer resources.

Earthquake recovery in Mandalay and neighboring Sagaing has been painfully slow. Civil war, raging since 2021, restricts movement, stalls building permits, and drains the labor force through military recruitment. Many families, especially renters, remain uncertain about what assistance they qualify for or where to turn for help.

Caring for immediate needs

We have been in Myanmar since 1993, working with local partners and helping families navigate old and new challenges. So far, our earthquake response has provided:

- 238,188 people with food, including 106,000 pounds of high-energy biscuits to help people meet their nutritional needs and 1.8 million pounds of rice
- 114,967 people with water, sanitation, and hygiene support, including 135,230 gallons of drinking water and 7,920 water purification sachets
- 54,577 people with shelter materials and essential household items, such as cooking utensils
- 38,856 people with cash and vouchers where goods are locally available

Caring for the most vulnerable

Across the country, we are partnering with communities affected by violence to rebuild stability over the long-term. Interventions include:

- 23 Child-Friendly Spaces where children can access education and mental health support
- Mobile clinics operating in Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Pindaya, and Sagaing townships offering healthcare services; provided newborn kits to help mothers care for their babies in the critical postnatal period
- Community education on preventing violence against women and children
- New supplies for 12 schools to help children return to education



“When I heard about the cash support, I was very relieved,” Aye shared. When she lost her laundry business after the earthquake, cash assistance helped Aye support her son and three nephews. “I used some of the money to buy school uniforms, bags, and books for the children. Some of it went to food and medical costs.”

Cash and vouchers equip families to buy what they need while supporting the local economy, which often struggles after a disaster. “I wish the donors good health and success, and hope they continue to support more families by the earthquake,” Aye said. “I also hope to live in my apartment again soon and wish this difficult situation ends quickly so I can work and provide for my family as before.”

UKRAINE RESPONSE

SUMMARY

“The explosions were nonstop,” said Olga, speaking of when the war began in February 2022. **“We could barely peek out of the basement. ... No electricity, no gas, no water, and no bread.”**

Olga and her 9-year-old daughter, Ira, fled their home in search of safety. They are among the more than 3.5 million people displaced within Ukraine, while another 6.8 million have fled the country. The U.N. Refugee Agency estimates 12.7 million people in Ukraine need aid—more than the combined populations of Oregon and Washington states.

Almost four years after Olga and Ira were forced to flee, the fighting continues. Hundreds of children have been killed in attacks, hundreds more injured. More than 2,000 schools have been damaged or destroyed, and almost 40% of children rely on online learning, which is often unreliable when power is cut or power infrastructure is damaged.

A place of peace for children

Olga, Ira, and others find peace through art therapy sessions offered by World Vision at a day center. “Painting here makes me feel at ease and happy,” Ira shared. “It’s my favorite thing because I can make the world look however I want it to.” Olga says that her daughter has been less stressed since starting the classes—as has Olga, who also participates.

Dedicated support for children

In Ukraine, we are delivering child-centered, community-based mental health and education support through Child-Friendly Spaces, learning hubs, and programs for adults. We also work with partners to send mobile teams to isolated areas. Since our response began:

- 147,609 people have accessed psychosocial support services
- 242,156 children have accessed educational materials and catch-up classes
- 1,989 parents have accessed positive parenting sessions

Our country-wide response

Since the start of the crisis we have reached 2.3 million people, including over a million children, in Ukraine and surrounding countries with food, protection, education, mental health, and livelihood support. **In FY25 alone, we reached 236,916 people, including:**

- 130,747 through flexible cash support to help displaced and frontline communities with heating and winter supplies
- 56,254 with parenting and mental health support through Child-Friendly Spaces
- 8,092 with livelihoods support, and in FY25, we increased our focus on livelihoods for relocated families



“I want a Ukraine free of air raid sirens, free of bombs, free of war. I just want to be with my family this Christmas,” said Katea, 6. She and about 24 other children attend the World Vision–supported Child-Friendly Space where they participate in art therapy sessions and nonformal education.

Below: [See how we are supporting teachers and students in Ukraine.](#)



FORGOTTEN RESPONSES: HAITI, MALI, AND SYRIA

SUMMARY

Long after crises have passed out of the news cycle, World Vision is still supporting families in some of the world's most vulnerable places.

Syria

“We held onto the belief that the conflict would eventually end, that the dark times would pass.” —Nadia,* mother in Syria

When fighting reached Nadia's hometown, she fled with her family. Now, they have returned home, along with 1.2 million refugees who have returned since December 2024. But after 14 years of war, recovery is slow—hampered by unexploded ordnance and sporadic violence.

We are delivering food assistance to displaced and returning families (including Nadia's) and providing critical healthcare through mobile clinics. In displacement camps, we've established container-based schools so children can keep up with their education.

As the country rebuilds, our response is designed to meet immediate needs, especially for children, and support long-term recovery.

Haiti

“After everything I lost, World Vision reminded me that I wasn't alone. This support gives me strength to face my challenges.” —Wista, mother in Haiti

Haiti's humanitarian crisis has worsened to the point that gangs

now control 85% of Port-au-Prince, and more than 1.6 million people have been displaced. Over 200,000 children in the capital no longer have access to education and face forced gang recruitment, driving families to seek refuge with relatives elsewhere, often straining limited resources.

In late October, Hurricane Melissa struck, destroying homes and businesses with winds up to 185 mph and killing 43 people. Because we already work in many communities where families flee to escape gang violence, we were able to respond quickly—providing food, clean water, and livelihood support to both displaced families and their hosts. After the hurricane, we delivered emergency shelter supplies and water purification units by boat when roads were impassable.

Mali

“The day I received my food ration that allowed my family to eat for six months, I burst into tears.”

—Fatma, mother in Mali

Families in Mali live at the convergence of atrocities from armed groups, political instability, and economic hardships from droughts and flooding. We are supporting families (including Fatma's) through nutrition and clean water, food vouchers, water purification tablets, and training for faith leaders on how to foster peace and reconciliation.



“I didn't know what to do. I felt helpless watching my child shrink instead of grow,” said Shaima of her youngest son. In Syria, 6.5 million children are in urgent need of nutrition support. For Shaima, that assistance came when her son was enrolled in a World Vision community health project, where he received ready-to-use supplementary food, a nutrient-rich paste designed to help restore strength and health.*

After 10 weeks of support, the little boy's weight reached a healthy range, and he was discharged.

“I can't explain the joy I felt when the doctor said [my son] had recovered. He is my world,” Shaima said. “We still struggle. But this support gave us a chance at a better life.”

**Name changed*

ADAPTING TO A CHANGING AID LANDSCAPE

In FY25, many of our grants were canceled—impacting 21 programs across more than 20 countries. The cuts affected critical services including food, healthcare, nutrition, shelter, and child protection. As a result, we've seen critical gaps, particularly in high-need places like Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Central America.

Your support allows us to bridge gaps and prioritize those whose needs are most urgent. Private donations also strengthen our ability to secure future grants, multiplying your impact. We are deeply grateful for your partnership as we adapt to reach as many people as possible.

Looking ahead, we are streamlining operations to maximize impact per dollar. Our strategy is to:

- **Advance digital tools**, such as surge management systems and learning platforms that equip staff to deliver rapid, holistic aid
- **Champion accountable humanitarian systems** and influence global leaders on the strategic and human value of aid—especially for children
- **Scale innovative, sustainable response models** that prioritize flexibility, preparedness, and long-term impact

Innovating to meet needs in Venezuela

An example of our strategy in action is in Venezuela, where needs are changing quickly. The country faces daunting challenges—but the population is on the move. Our Venezuela response breaks from traditional country-bound aid to protect migrants along perilous routes, prioritizing protection for women and children. Inside the country, we're working through a network of 2,000 churches, delivering urgent support in nutrition, child protection, education, and health.

THANK YOU

Thank you for demonstrating God's love to families facing desperate need. God's grace and your gifts allowed us to reach over 35 million people in FY25—more than half of them children. **Thank you for helping save lives, reduce suffering, and share hope.**



With five children, Milienne already had a full house. But when a surge of violence in Haiti sent more to her door seeking shelter, she couldn't refuse them. "It was a very hard time," she said. "I had 23 people at my house. They didn't, nor could they, bring anything."

She was delighted to hear that World Vision had selected her to receive a cash voucher so she could buy what she most needed. She knew exactly what she would do: buy supplies to start a food business with her adult daughter, including a solar panel to power a freezer. "I had no words to thank the people who helped us. ... That money allows us to rebuild when we had nothing left."



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