



EMERGENCY RESPONSE | Global Emergency Response Fund

Progress Report

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SUMMARY

When we look up at a beautiful sky, we are reminded of the glory of God (Psalm 19:1). But when we look around us and see people suffering, especially children, God's love can feel distant.

Globally, 473 million children, more than 1 in 6, live in conflict-affected areas, growing up against a backdrop of violence. We also see widespread hunger: 266 million people live with acute hunger, including 39 million at emergency levels—the point at which urgent action is needed to save lives.

When disasters strike communities already weakened by hunger or conflict, fragile safety nets collapse entirely. And the burden falls heaviest on those least equipped to cope: the displaced, those in poverty, and children.

In these desperate circumstances, your love in action reminds people of the glory of God. We believe responding to emergencies is a powerful witness to the

compassion of Christ for the people we serve. Thank you for sharing God's love through your support.

What you helped make possible in fiscal year 2026

We responded to 70 emergencies in the first half of FY26, some of which are highlighted in this report. Together with your partnership, we've reached more than 9 million people, including:

- More than 800,000 people in Lebanon facing conflict and displacement, providing hot meals and emergency supplies for those living in shelters
- Nearly 7,000 children through safe, welcoming, Child-Friendly Spaces in Ukraine
- More than 23,000 people in Haiti with food rations, including those affected by Hurricane Melissa

Thank you for declaring God's glory to families in need of hope around the world.



Meet Sama, a young girl receiving a malnutrition screening at the shelter where she and her family sought refuge after being displaced by the recent escalation in Lebanon. These screenings help identify children at risk and ensure they receive the support they need to grow healthy and strong. World Vision organized the screenings together with a local partner.

GLOBAL UPDATE

9,171,515 PEOPLE, including 4,744,368 children, impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope in the first half of FY26. Of those, 576,227 were reached through gifts from private individuals from the U.S.



70 emergency responses launched or sustained so far in FY26.



57 countries reached with emergency and disaster relief so far in FY26.

Note: Fiscal year 2026 is October 2025 through September 2026.

UKRAINE

Air raid sirens, blackouts, and years of conflict have left many Ukrainian students struggling to keep up in school. “When the air raid alarm goes off, we have to run to the shelter. It’s scary,” said 9-year old Karolina.

Four years after the war began, fighting is still intense, destroying lives and livelihoods and leaving 10.8 million people in need. About 4.6 million children have faced barriers to their education; nearly 1 million rely on remote learning. Blackouts caused by attacks on infrastructure frequently disrupt classes, derailing not only learning, but children’s connection to friends.

Safe spaces for children

World Vision and partners provide 15 Child-Friendly spaces across Ukraine

that offer education, psychosocial support, and a place where children can heal, play, and feel safe. We also support catch-up classes for children whose schooling has been disrupted.

In the first half of FY26, we reached 6,826 children through Child-Friendly Spaces. We also reached:

- 16,796 displaced people with mental health support, including via mobile response teams deployed near frontline areas
- 20,262 people with emergency supplies such as winterization kits
- 20,153 people with cash and vouchers to help meet basic needs

Since 2022, we have reached over 2.3 million people with vital services, including over 1 million children.



“In the catch-up classes, I can focus on learning Ukrainian and math again,” said Karolina, 9, “I want to keep learning, even when it feels frightening.”

[Watch a video about Child-Friendly Spaces in Ukraine.](#)

LEBANON

Despite a formal halt in hostilities in November 2024, communities across Lebanon continue to face insecurity and displacement. Since early March 2026, an escalation of conflict has affected multiple areas of the country, including Beirut’s southern suburbs, the Bekaa Valley, and South Lebanon. Ongoing violence, evacuations, and damage to civilian infrastructure have forced large numbers of families to flee their homes.

More than 1 million people—including an estimated 370,000 children—have been displaced, increasing humanitarian needs and placing additional strain on communities and essential services.

Responding to refugees and the displaced

In the first half of FY26, we reached 812,519 people with vital assistance, including 284,383 children and 469,907 refugees from Syria.

Since the surge in violence in March, World Vision has served families in 407 shelters, including providing water and sanitation in 108 shelters. Also in March, we distributed:

- 611,343 hot meals
- 32,932 nutritious snacks
- 9,993 family hygiene kits
- 8,916 ready-to-eat meals
- 7,648 blankets, 6,678 mattresses, and 3,477 sleeping mats



A young girl holds a blanket she received from World Vision at the shelter where she is staying in South Lebanon. We distribute blankets and warm clothes to help those displaced face winter, which can be bitterly cold.

SOMALIA

In Somalia, multiple poor rainy seasons have spiraled into a punishing drought. Failing crops and dying livestock have pushed 6.5 million Somalis into acute food insecurity—forced to sell essentials just to eat. Families have been driven from their homelands in desperate search of food.

Plummeting humanitarian funding has slashed food assistance from reaching 1.3 million people per month in July 2025 to only 375,000. Around 40% of Somalia’s health centers—critical for treating malnutrition in children—have closed or are expected to close.

Strategic expansion

Your faithful partnership has equipped World Vision to move into new areas: We opened a new office

in Lower Juba, positioning us to secure new funding to expand our response. We also opened a new base in Jowhar, where we distribute food from the World Food Programme.

To support the displaced, we have:

- Established two emergency mobile health teams with the Ministries of Health in Hirshabelle and Jubaland, providing healthcare for displaced communities, prioritizing pregnant mothers and children with severe acute malnutrition
- Installed two water kiosks serving 3,000 people in two displacement camps in Dhobley District
- Constructed latrines and handwashing facilities to improve sanitation and reduce disease risk



A mother and her son, who developed bacterial meningitis, visit Jeexdin Health Center in Somalia. Malnourished children face a significantly higher risk of severe infections. At the center, World Vision and partners are treating internally displaced families for severe malnutrition and other health concerns.

HAITI

Since early 2024, armed groups have expanded their control across Port-au-Prince; an estimated 80–90% of the capital is now under gang control. Gang violence, including kidnappings and murders, has now spread into other urban areas, terrorizing families. In 2025, more than 5,500 people were killed and 2,600 injured.

Families forced to flee to other areas put strain on limited resources. Nearly half the population, 5.7 million people, are affected by acute food insecurity; 1.8 million face emergency food insecurity—which means families can’t get enough food to survive.

Reaching communities is complex as gangs control roads in high-need

areas. We are focusing efforts where hunger is rampant, including in areas devastated by Hurricane Melissa in October 2025. Since then, we have:

- Reached 50,995 people with cash assistance, enabling families to meet urgent needs and support local markets
- Provided 23,065 people with food rations
- Screened 15,971 children for malnutrition and treated 2,364 for acute malnutrition
- Supported 2,300 households affected by Hurricane Melissa with emergency supplies, including hygiene and bedding items



A Haitian child enjoys a package of ready-to-eat-food distributed by World Vision. The kid-friendly paste is designed to provide essential nutrition for malnourished children.

VENEZUELA

Twelve years after the economic collapse in 2014, Venezuelans are still locked in a slow, arduous recovery. Seven out of 10 struggle to put food on the table: The average monthly income is around \$240, but a month's worth of food for a family of five costs three times that.

Partnering to protect children

When parents migrate in hope of finding work, their children still in Venezuela become more vulnerable to exploitative child labor, abuse, and recruitment by armed groups.

Our more than 2,000 church partners have been vital in protecting children, coordinating food deliveries, hosting community hot meals, and creating safe spaces to play and learn.

At Emanuel Church in Zulia, for example, World Vision set up a welcoming safe space where children can be heard, protected, and taught what to do if they feel unsafe. Church volunteers participated in our "Parenting with Tenderness," program, which addresses harsh discipline and other forms of harm. Those volunteers have since formed a child protection committee, proactively addressing threats in their community.

June update: Earthquake response

On June 24, two devastating earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela. Thousands of people have been killed and injured, and tens of thousands are still missing.

The earthquakes collapsed homes and buildings, caused widespread power and water outages, and forced families to sleep outdoors in fear of more aftershocks.

World Vision has assessed the most urgent needs across eight states, and we are responding alongside local partners by:

- Providing temporary shelter for families forced from their homes
- Delivering clean water and hygiene products and services to reduce the risk of disease
- Supporting protection and psychosocial support for children experiencing fear and trauma



A boy enjoys his rice at the Bread of Life community meal, hosted by two churches in the State of Zulia, Venezuela. [See a video of Bread of Life in action.](#)



A World Vision staff member assists a man in a temporary shelter established on a golf course in La Guaira, one of the areas hardest hit by the earthquakes. Although it is not an official shelter, the site has become a refuge for hundreds of people who lost their homes or were forced to evacuate.

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. **Your gift to the Global Emergency Response Fund, combined in part with public grants and other partner support, will multiply 6 times in impact!**

In the first half of FY26, we leveraged \$30.2 million in private gifts from U.S. donors to mobilize \$191.2 million in grants from the World Food Programme and other U.N. agencies, enabling us to reach 2.9 million people. We are deeply grateful to our faithful U.S. donors for making this possible.

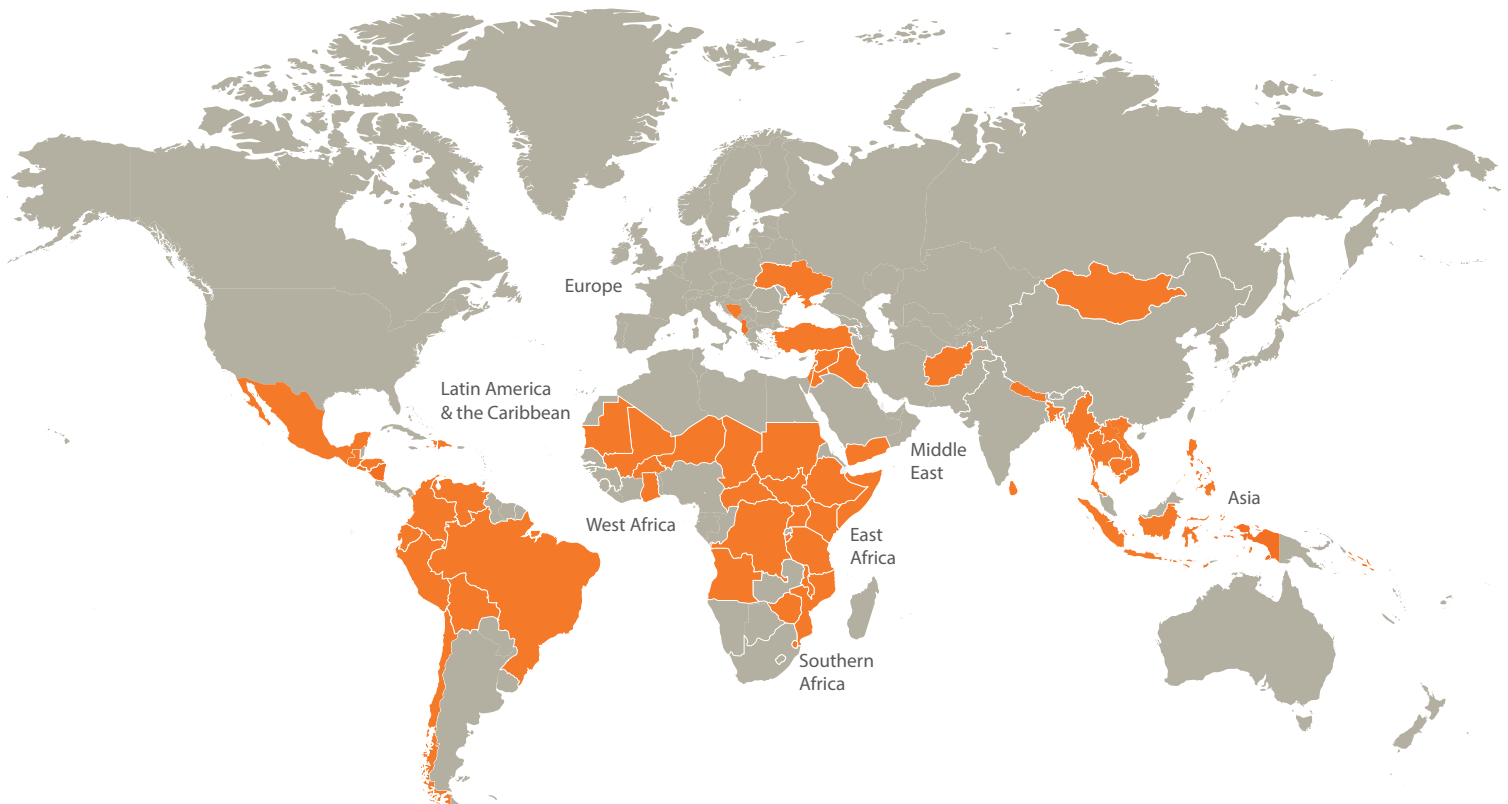
World Vision responded to 70 disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 57 countries in the first half of FY26, shown in the orange portions of the map below. **This includes the [hunger crisis in Sudan](#), which is covered in a separate report.**

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.



THANK YOU

We are so grateful to our faithful donors who partner with us in this challenging, lifesaving work. With your support, we have not only responded to the emergencies described in this report, but dozens of others, including hunger in Afghanistan, the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the needs of returning refugees in Syria. Your generosity proclaims God's love to those facing heartbreaking circumstances.

Thank you for helping save lives, reduce suffering, and share hope with more than 9 million people across 70 emergencies in 57 countries so far in FY26.



Refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo are welcomed to a transit center in Uganda, where they receive temporary shelter before being resettled in refugee settlements. At this transit center, World Vision is providing basic items, mental health and psychosocial support, and child protection services.



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