

EMERGENCY **RESPONSE**

SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2021 – March 2022 | Global Emergency Response Fund

SUMMARY

In the wake of disasters, World Vision swiftly responds first to immediate needs, then stays for the long run to help communities rebuild. We have maintained a presence and provided support in countries that have been facing humanitarian crises for many years, even decades.

During the first half of fiscal year 2022, donors like you enabled us to reach more than 17 million people through our emergency response efforts. In this report, we highlight some of the 50 emergencies that we responded to during FY22, which include:

- Natural disasters in Haiti, Malawi, Mozambique, and the Philippines that have destroyed homes, essential services, and livelihoods
- Economic and political turmoil in Afghanistan, Venezuela, and Lebanon, resulting in poverty, hunger, and violence

- Mass displacement and unrest in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Africa's Sahel region
- Rohingya refugees living in displacement camps in Bangladesh, vulnerable to natural disasters, violence, and exploitation
- Conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray
 region, where humanitarian access
 is precarious, and needs for shelter,
 food, and water are immense

While many of these crises are no longer in the media spotlight, your partnership enables us to continue walking alongside millions of people as they rebuild their lives. Through clean water, access to healthcare and education, shelter, livelihood support, and more, the communities we reach have tangible evidence that we recognize their humanity—and that they are not forgotten.



As written in Jeremiah 31:13, "I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow." While recovery remains a long road for many of the countries mentioned here, we are grateful for your commitment to see their mourning turn to gladness, their sorrow to joy.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

17,768,037

231,625

102,670

PEOPLE, INCLUDING 9,018,844 CHILDREN, impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises were provided with urgent relief, assistance, and hope from October 2021 through March 2022.

people in northern Syria benefited from World Vision delivering water to the area and setting up pumping stations and water distribution networks.

parents and children in Africa's Sahel region benefited from faith leaders and congregations being trained on child protection and forming a network to advocate for displaced children.

MULTIPLYING YOUR IMPACT

In FY22, World Vision's U.S. office leveraged \$21,667,733 in private gifts from U.S. donors like you to acquire \$80,758,135 in grants. 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. This ratio differs from one grant to another, but on average, every \$1 of funding from individuals becomes \$8 in leveraged grant funds. For instance, during the first half of FY22, World Vision contributed \$230,000 from the Global Emergency Response Fund toward our work in Afghanistan with Catholic Relief Services and Medair, which resulted in a new \$20 million award from U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In addition, \$10.3 million of private funding for our work in northern Ethiopia led to \$97 million in awards toward more work in that area.

Leverage creates greater donation impact and strengthens partnerships with other organizations, such as World Food Programme (WFP), which is our largest partner in cash assistance. (Likewise, we are WFP's largest partner.) Leveraged grants from WFP; USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance; U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and others enabled us to assist nearly 7.5 million people during the first half of FY22.







Cash-equivalent cards (used where goods are locally

available and markets are functioning and accessible)

FY22 GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

- Nutrition
- Shelter
 - Family reunification
- HealthcareEducation
- Child protection
- Food security
 Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

As we work with people to meet long-term needs and rebuild communities, some of the areas we address are:

- Disaster risk reduction
- Social cohesion/peacebuilding
- Vocational training
- Livelihoods and income generation



During the first half of FY22, World Vision responded to disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 46 countries, shown in the orange portions of the map at left.

Last August, the world watched as the U.S. and other countries evacuated expatriates and citizens from Afghanistan after the Taliban took control of the capital city. Since then, many girls have been unable to attend school, and many women have been barred from working and cannot move around freely without a male chaperone. In January, the United Nations reported that more than 1 million children are now involved in child labor.

The country is in an unprecedented economic crisis, with nearly the entire population living below the poverty line, resulting in starvation, illness, and a sense of desperation. The situation remains precarious for nongovernmental organizations, as sanctions, inadequate staffing, and suspended operations are all major challenges. Still, the crisis continues, with more than 24.4 million people requiring humanitarian assistance.

In August 2021, World Vision declared a Category III Global Response (our highest response level) for Afghanistan and put resources in place to ensure that we could deliver assistance efficiently and effectively. We also focused on advocacy and communication efforts to understand and meet the most pressing needs of Afghan families. These efforts have resulted in increased funding that has enabled World Vision to meet broader needs and cover more geography. Since then, we have delivered lifesaving humanitarian assistance, impacting more than 1 million lives, through the following activities:

- Nearly 55,000 people gained access to sustainable and clean drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene services through new and repaired water systems, hygiene and sanitation awareness training, new latrines, and hygiene kits (containing soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, and more). We also established and trained community water management committees, ensuring that new water sources are maintained and sustainable.
- We organized mobile health clinics, maternal healthcare services, nutritional care, and psychosocial support, all of which impacted nearly 170,000 people.
- World Vision addressed the immediate protection needs of 6,555 children by offering psychosocial support, communitybased child protection systems, parenting workshops, case management services, and education activities. These activities are particularly important for children who experience and process traumatic events.
- Through cash and food assistance, as well as livelihood recovery support, vulnerable households had greater access to high-quality food.



As the Taliban threatens the freedom of girls to get an education, National Director of World Vision Afghanistan, Asuntha Charles, is among the many urging the world to take notice and advocate for girls' rights. She says, "Sometimes it takes courage to break with the past, and to listen to voices that may not have been heard before. ... History has shown time and again that there are moments when the voices of the invisibleof minorities, of women, of slaves, of people of colorare heard and change comes."



Since conflict erupted in northern Ethiopia's Tigray region in late 2020, humanitarian aid organizations have only recently been allowed access. That access has been sporadic and limited, making this one of our most challenging operational environments. With nearly 26 million people in need of humanitarian aid, the response has yet to reach the required scope and scale necessary to address the crisis. Displacement in eastern Amhara has spiked since January, increasing the need for shelter, health services, and WASH. Communities that host displaced people are struggling as well, and have come to rely on displacement centers for these services. Children also are deeply impacted, as nearly 1.4 million children in Tigray are in their third year without school.

In the first half of FY22, World Vision's response reached 2,691,799 people through health, nutrition, food security, livelihoods, education, child protection, and WASH activities. Recent highlights included:

- Reaching nearly 74,000 people with emergency food items, including wheat, oil, and legumes.
- Repairing 24 water sources, giving 53,320 people from displacement sites and host communities access to clean drinking water.
- Raising awareness about child protection and risk reduction, reaching 5,469 people.

- Providing 2,344 people with WASH items, such as water containers, wash basins, buckets, soap, and dignity kits (sanitary pads, underwear, flashlights, soap, and more).
- Distributing cash assistance to approximately 1,000 households in the Amhara and Afar regions, helping recipients pay for their family's essentials.
- Treating 1,062 people in the Amhara region through two mobile health and nutrition teams that brought essential healthcare services to people affected by the conflict. Another team serving in the Afar region reached 355 displacement camps, focusing on children under 5 and pregnant and nursing women.
- Training 140 people on psychological first aid, which aims to reduce stress and build resilience following a traumatic event, natural disaster, or personal crisis. An additional 28 health workers received training on mental healthcare and delivering psychosocial support.
- Caring for girls and women through psychosocial support and gender-based violence prevention activities, including training frontline service providers on gender-based violence case management.



Many people who fled their homes to escape conflict remember what it felt like to live a comfortable life. Now, without work or access to healthcare, these displaced families are suffering. Thanks to cash and vouchers from World Vision, more than 90,000 recipients can now support their families. One mother plans to buy and raise sheep to sell as a source of income. Another mom said, "Glory to God, this cash assistance is quite beneficial to us. I will buy clothes and school materials that will help [my children] learn better. It will bring a great joy to my children."



RAPID ONSET DISASTERS

SUMMARY

Cyclone Ana

At the end of January 2022, Cyclone Ana, later downgraded to a tropical storm, affected Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique. Heavy rainfall and strong winds led to flash flooding, lost crops, and displaced families, leaving thousands of people vulnerable to the impact of Cyclone Gombe that followed in March.

Since January, World Vision has reached more than 13,000 households in Malawi and 700 in Mozambique through activities such as:

- Distributing 42,440 notebooks and 14,276 pens, benefiting more than 7,000 students whose school supplies had been damaged.
- Reaching more than 13,000 households with chlorine tablets and plastic buckets, enabling them to purify water for safe use.
- Caring for the rights and well-being of 10,600 children through child protection services, while training 10 community and faith leaders to support and protect children.
- Assisting more than 9,600 families with food (corn flour and soy protein) and nutrition services.
- Supporting 5,000 farmers with seeds and fertilizer to restart their crops.
- Providing tarps to 1,000 families, plastic sheets to 3,046 households, and blankets, cups, and plates to more than 4,000 families.

Typhoon Rai

On December 16, 2021, Typhoon Rai (also known as Odette) made landfall in the Philippines. Within two days, it had left a trail of destruction across the archipelago, killing more than 400 people and affecting at least 7 million others. Thousands of families have been displaced, living either in evacuation centers or with friends and family. Agricultural land and other vital infrastructures have been damaged, and some cities are still experiencing power outages and water supply shortages.

While we are still working with local communities and governments to prepare for the upcoming rainy season, our official response to Typhoon Rai ended in June 2022, reaching nearly 102,000 people through activities such as:

- Distributing relief essentials (food, water, emergency shelter supplies, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, blankets, water containers, water purifiers, and kitchen items) to 26,753 families in need.
- Partnering with the United Nations to repair 10 damaged birthing facilities and provide healthcare and cash for health assistance to 1,550 girls and pregnant and nursing women.
- Providing 10 sewing machines to women who are producing bags to rebuild their livelihoods.



As children often are the most vulnerable during emergencies, World Vision prioritizes protecting them and equipping local partners to safeguard against child abuse and exploitation.



Since 2017, Rohingya refugees (a stateless Muslim minority group in Myanmar) have been settling into camps in neighboring Bangladesh to escape violence and persecution. Today, almost 1 million Rohingya still reside in Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee camp, exposed to natural disasters such as floods, fires, landslides, and cyclical monsoons and typhoons. More than half of the refugees are children.

The speed and volume of the influx has created an unprecedented protection crisis. Without protection, refugees are vulnerable to increasing rates of sexual and gender-based violence, child protection risks, a growing dependency on aid, as well as crimes such as murder, violence, and drug trafficking.

In March 2021, a fire quickly spread through several camps, destroying shelters, personal belongings, and facilities that provided healthcare, food, water, and other essential services. While people were still recovering, another fire broke out this past January. World Vision was the first to respond, helping thousands of people who were without clean water and food.

In partnership with the Bangladeshi government and other aid agencies, World Vision's response to both fires impacted nearly 22,000 people. Our accomplishments included:

- Partnering with World Food Programme to distribute 3,327 hot lunches and dinners immediately following the January fire.
- Providing psychosocial services and psychological first aid to 204 children. Psychosocial services include counseling and addressing social, economic, psychological, and emotional needs, while psychological first aid aims to reduce stress symptoms and build resilience following a traumatic event, natural disaster, or personal crisis.
- Rebuilding 75 shelters that were impacted by the March 2021 fire; the new structures are designed to be semipermanent, lasting up to five years.
- Addressing needs throughout the community, such as building pathways and improving drainage around shelter construction sites.
- Constructing a warehouse and kitchen, which includes a storeroom, staff meeting room, and water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. This new building better positions us to respond in a timelier manner to future disasters.
- Distributing 29 cartons of fortified biscuits to families affected by the January fire.





These photos show meals being prepared for families impacted by the January 2022 fire, and some of the new shelters constructed by World Vision after the March 2021 fire. One of the shelter recipients, who is part of a family of seven, said, "World Vision brings hope to us for making these shelters for us. We are now happy to find these new shelters and are grateful to World Vision. Now we are staying [in a place] with safety and security."



In West Africa, the Central Sahel countries of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger are facing some of the most challenging crises. The compounded impact of conflict, extreme weather, and COVID-19 is driving needs to an unprecedented level. All three countries are experiencing emergency levels of hunger, particularly for millions of people living in refugee and displacement communities.

Since World Vision opened a new office in Burkina Faso last year, we have received more than \$5.5 million in public grants—leveraged by \$700,000 in private funding to support our work there. During the first half of FY22, we reached 165,523 people in Burkina Faso through activities such as:

- Drilling three new boreholes, repairing 13 old wells, and building seven latrines, improving access to clean water for four communities.
- Working with three local partners to organize food assistance, shelter, protection, and WASH activities in the five communities most impacted by displacement and conflict.
- Raising awareness of proper hygiene and disease prevention through radio programs, theater performances, and other avenues.

Also during FY22, World Food Programme awarded World Vision \$42 million for WASH interventions, food assistance, and livelihoods and agriculture support in central and northern Mali. With the gifts of donors like you, we reached 90,561 people through activities such as:

- Engaging 750 people in savings groups, strengthening their household resilience through improved financial management.
- Distributing three months' worth of food rations to 500 households in displaced and host communities.
- Training 47 people on breeding animals and gardening, and equipping 125 gardeners with seeds, tools, and training on improved farming techniques, empowering them to earn an income.
- Training 80 water committee members to maintain and ensure the sustainability of water points.

In Niger, our work impacted 25,054 people. Recent highlights included these activities:

- Impacting 5,000 people by building a solar-powered mechanized water system and forming two committees to maintain 10 water points.
- Constructing 40 latrine and shower stalls, benefiting 1,000 people.
- Providing a health center with hygiene kits and medical equipment to better aid the community.
- Teaching 80 women to make soap, empowering them to earn an income and support their families.



A savings group member in Mali shows off an impressive harvest, made possible with improved seeds, supplies, and training from World Vision's market gardening project. One participant said, "Today, I have access to small loans through the [savings] group, which allows me to easily take care of my children's expenses, such as clothing, food, and recreation when they go to school. This allows us to eat well and provide for the other needs of the family. I thank the project and World Vision for all their support for our family."



SYRIA

SUMMARY

March 2022 marked 11 years of crisis in Syria, which began when government forces violently responded to protesters seeking government reform. The conflict escalated into a civil war, forcing millions of Syrians from their homes. Currently, 6.7 million people are displaced across Syria, with 3.7 million more registered in Turkey, and more than 67,000 in Jordan.

Eighty percent of those living in displacement camps in northwest Syria are women and children, with millions of children believed to be out of school. Many refugees are living in extreme poverty, reliant on humanitarian aid. Struggling to survive, some parents resort to marrying off their children or forcing their children to work.

Since 2011, World Vision has been walking alongside Syrian families, reminding them that they have are not forgotten. During FY22, we reached more than 700,000 people through activities and accomplishments that included the following:

 Addressing WASH needs by providing 231,625 people with improved access to clean water, setting up solid waste removal and proper garbage disposal for 22,919 people, and distributing hygiene kits to 19,693 people, all of which created healthier and more sanitary living environments.

- Providing 36,363 people, including 3,636 children, with essential healthcare services.
- Distributing hygiene and COVID-19 supply kits to 29,041 Syrians, and organizing hygiene promotion activities to reduce the spread of the virus.
- Caring for the safety and well-being of children by raising awareness among 5,289 Syrians about child protection risks and genderbased violence, and providing 3,776 children with psychosocial support services.
- Supporting 945 children with remote remedial education and enrolling 526 young children in an early childhood development center.
- Strengthening incomes and livelihoods by enrolling
 253 people in cash-for-work activities and providing
 1,909 women with vocational training, empowering them to better provide for their families.



Nur* (back, center) and her family are among the more than 1,300 Syrian refugees and members of a Turkish host community that benefited from a World Vision socioeconomic empowerment project that ended in March 2022. Since Nur fled Syria in 2013 and sought refuge in Turkey, she has struggled to support her family. But this project has turned Nur's life around by teaching her to breed cattle and use that skill to generate income. She also received financial support to fulfill her dream of sending her children to school.

*Name has been changed for privacy.



HAITI

SUMMARY

Sitting on a fault line, Haiti has a history of destructive earthquakes. In August 2021, the country was hit by a 7.2 magnitude quake, claiming 2,248 lives and impacting as many as 1.2 million people. The quake severely damaged buildings, homes, and roads, leaving people vulnerable to powerful aftershocks and a tropical storm that followed. This came on the heels of the assassination of Haiti's president, throwing the country into greater political instability, a volatile security context, and an economic crisis.

Close collaborations with the Haitian government, humanitarian aid partners, and local authorities in addition to the generosity of compassionate donors like you enabled us to respond immediately. Since then, we have met urgent needs, while also focusing on long-term recovery, sustainability, and resilience.

Highlights from the first half of FY22 included:

- Addressing water, hygiene, and sanitation needs by teaching 240,000 people about proper hygiene practices; impacting 150,000 people through 15 repaired water points; and distributing hygiene kits containing water purification tablets, soap, hand sanitizer, towels, and more to 15,000 people.
- Providing tarps, bed sheets, pillowcases, clothes, kitchen items, and more to 20,000 people.

- Caring for the mental health needs of 20,000 people through mobile clinics, community-based groups, and schools.
- Distributing cash and vouchers to 12,500 people, enabling them to buy food for their families and contribute to the local economy.
- Rebuilding two schools and currently working on a third, each with electricity, bathrooms, water, cafeteria, handwashing stations, and furniture. Each school has a hygiene committee dedicated to keeping the campus clean. With these projects and the provision of school supplies to 15,000 students, children can resume their education.
- Investing in livelihood recovery for 10,000 people by distributing seeds, forming savings groups, and training farmers on improved agriculture methods, equipping them to earn an income.
- Caring for 10,000 children through 15 Child-Friendly Spaces, which are safe areas for children to play and learn in the chaos and instability of a natural disaster.
- Strengthening community-based child protection services by working with child protection committees, helping parents understand the harmful impact of child abuse, and training school staff members on positive discipline and violence prevention at school and at home.



The August 2021 earthquake in Haiti destroyed or damaged more than 154,000 homes, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without shelter and personal belongings. In the months following the quake, World Vision distributed temporary shelter materials, basic household and hygiene supplies, clothing, and more to keep people as healthy, safe, and comfortable as possible.



VENEZUELA

SUMMARY

Once considered the richest country in Latin America, Venezuela now faces economic and political turmoil, characterized by hyperinflation, violence, insecurity, and shortages of food, medicine, and essential services. Since 2014, more than 6 million refugees and migrants have left Venezuela, seeking refuge in neighboring countries, mainly Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Bolivia, and Brazil. Many of them are pregnant women, elderly, and people with disabilities—groups vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, hunger, and illness. The COVID-19 pandemic has further escalated the crisis.

Upon arriving at the destination country, many families urgently need shelter, documentation, protection, food, and medicine. Yet many of the host communities are overstretched, lacking the capacity to support the refugees and migrants. In some areas, these groups are stigmatized and might be denied work or access to basic services.

Since 2019, World Vision's multicountry response (covering Venezuela plus the six countries mentioned above) has reached more than 1.3 million people through cash distributions, child protection, education, food, nutrition, livelihood support, and WASH interventions. Between October 2021 and March 2022 alone, these activities benefited nearly 448,000 people.

Recent highlights included:

- Providing food vouchers to 165,138 people, enabling them to feed their families.
- Providing cash distributions to 76,688 people, which help cover basic needs such as healthcare and education.
- Raising awareness about child protection and gender-based violence among 4,944 volunteers, faith and community leaders, parents, and caregivers, equipping them to understand children's rights and needs.
- Distributing sanitation and hygiene items to 4,424 people to help protect them from disease and improve health conditions.
- Giving school kits to 3,534 children and supporting 2,648 children and adolescents so they can participate in formal education activities, as hyperinflation has put school supplies out of reach for many families.
- Addressing income needs by offering entrepreneurial training to 3,923 people, empowering them with skills to earn a steady income.



To address the food shortage in Venezuela, World Vision trained families to start and maintain household gardens, equipping them with seeds and tools. These thriving gardens now provide families with a sustainable source of local, healthy food.



LEBANON

SUMMARY

Over the past few years, a financial crisis in Lebanon and a civil war in neighboring Syria have led to a humanitarian emergency. This emergency was compounded by COVID-19 and the explosion in Beirut in 2020. The country is now facing civil unrest, high poverty rates, limited public services, and the increased vulnerability of families struggling to make ends meet. World Vision responded in the following ways:

COVID-19 | World Vision distributed kits to nearly 6,000 household members and shop owners and conducted COVID-19 prevention awareness sessions. The kits included soap, trash bags, tissues, hand sanitizer, face masks, and more. Individuals who tested positive for COVID also received thermometers, gloves, and information on how to protect the rest of their family from the virus.

Child Protection | World Vision worked with seven churches and organizations to help caregivers and children nurture positive, healthy family relationships. Through these collaborations, we reached 9,750 people. Here are just a few of the activities that took place:

• Faith leaders referred 527 vulnerable children from their communities and registered them for psychosocial and life-skills sessions, covering topics such as recognizing and dealing with

psychological distress, mindfulness, child protection, stress and emotional management, child labor, internet safety, and early marriage.

- 125 caregivers attended workshops on parenting styles and their impact on children, supporting children during crises, and stress management.
- World Vision led a three-day training for faith leaders and volunteers, addressing topics such as child rights and protection, identification and referrals to support services, disability inclusion, gender equality, psychosocial support, and more.

Literacy and Numeracy Program | We will work with 966 children ages 8 to 14, specifically those who are out of school and have limited or no prior education, with the goal of transitioning them to formal education. The program will run from May to September, mostly over a virtual platform, except for children in the Arsal area, where electricity and internet connections are unstable.

Children will learn Arabic, a foreign language, and math. Support for students includes books, activity sheets, school supplies, internet data plans, life-skills training, and psychosocial activities. Based on the student's progress, World Vision will refer them to the next level of the program, other youth programs, or formal education.



World Vision distributed supplies to help people protect themselves against COVID-19 and supplied information about proper hygiene practices and behaviors to help prevent the spread of the virus.



THANK YOU

This report has given you only a glimpse of the natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies that have turned people's lives upside down. Given the scope of these crises, efforts to meet the many needs that exist can often seem inadequate. Yet, thanks to the partnership of donors like you, we are making a real difference. In the first half of FY22 alone, we reached more than 17 million people with urgent relief, assistance, and hope.

Your faithful prayers and support propel us forward, often into areas that receive little assistance and attention. World Vision Haiti's National Director, Marcel Viscarra, recently described how God often sends World Vision to serve in remote areas where no other humanitarian organization has been.

> "We trust and pray for [Christ] to continue to [quide and protect us] as we work for the most vulnerable in the country.... In the face of adversity, our commitment to transformational and sustainable development remains unwavering. We are now, more than ever, standing with the communities we serve. Our shared humanity encourages us to do so—and our faith demands it!"

World Vision staff members around the globe are driven by the motivation, commitment, and beliefs reflected in Marcel Viscarra's statement. As a trusted partner, we thank you for also recognizing the humanity of each person we serve and helping empower them to thrive as they receive access to clean water, shelter, healthcare, protection, and more.

Thank you again for your investment in the Global Emergency Response Fund and for supporting World Vision to care for millions of children and their families in their time of greatest need.



With the support of donors like you, World Vision continues to help people in Malawi rebuild their lives and communities after two back-to-back cyclones. Most importantly, we prioritize children who seek comfort, stability, and care in the wake of a disaster.



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