

Country Brief

WORLD VISION SYRIA RESPONSE

World Vision Syria Response Partner

Since 2011, World Vision Syria Response has been actively involved in addressing the Syrian crisis across Syria, Türkiye, and Jordan. For the fiscal year 2022, we reached over 1.6 million people through direct project implementation, of which 28% were children. Simultaneously, our advocacy efforts and policy impact positively affected the lives of more than 700,000 children affected by the crisis across the three countries we operate in.

Our operations spanned several sectors, including health, water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), protection, mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS), education, nutrition, and livelihoods. We ensured that 644,848 beneficiaries had access to improved sanitation services, striving to improve the living conditions of those most affected by the crisis.

Food security remains a critical issue. As of mid-2021, an estimated 12 million Syrians are severely food insecure, positioning Syria among the ten most food-insecure countries globally. This precarious situation has led households to resort to negative coping mechanisms such as child labour and child marriage, exacerbating protection needs and compromising their future self-sustainability.

On September 10, 2022, the Syrian Ministry of Health announced a cholera outbreak in the Aleppo Governorate. This situation was compounded by critical water shortages across Syria. Consequently, a significant proportion of Syria's vulnerable population is relying on unsafe water sources, potentially contributing to the proliferation of harmful water-borne diseases. This outbreak, coupled with the ongoing conflict, underscores the urgency and importance of World Vision's ongoing work in Syria.



ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY22



Over **1.6 million** beneficiaries of which 28% were children.



Through our efforts, over **644,000** beneficiaries gained access to enhanced sanitation services, significantly ameliorating the living conditions amid the crisis.



30 Private and institutional donors

Bernard van Leer Foundation, Visser Relief Fund, USAID, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Disasters Emergency Committee, Global Affairs Canada, Irish Aid, European Commission, Japan Platform, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), World Health Organization (WHO), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), George Washington University, plus 14 World Vision support offices.



Portfolio **(US\$25.7M)**



Local partners **21**



Staff **142** and Volunteers **257**

PRIORITY SECTORS

PROTECTION

World Vision programming targets both Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence, recognizing the increased vulnerability of women and girls due to escalating violence. The World Vision has implemented an integrated programmatic approach, supporting multiple interventions to aid the most at-risk children. Evidence of this is seen in the establishment of Child-Friendly Spaces (CFSs) and Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS), which offer Psychosocial Support (PSS) sessions and specialized protection services like case management. These efforts are part of a comprehensive approach that addresses gender equality, safeguarding, and the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEAH). By thoroughly conducting needs assessments, research, and surveys, World Vision has strengthened evidence-based planning and design for child protection initiatives.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

World Vision is committed to addressing the WASH needs in Syria, Türkiye, and Jordan. This mission is part of a larger effort to improve services and resilience within the WASH sector. Our WASH activities prioritize children while actively responding to evolving humanitarian needs, including mitigating the consequences of epidemics and outbreaks such as the cholera outbreak in 2022, coping with climate change, and dealing with other global impacts of the crisis.



LIVELIHOODS

World Vision prioritizes livelihood interventions to assist vulnerable households. By harnessing available resources and implementing targeted interventions, we aim to positively influence household economies. Our central focus is to bridge the gap between beneficiaries and livelihood opportunities, ensuring that even the most vulnerable individuals can meet the basic and developmental needs of their families and children. We further enhance skillsets through technical vocational educational training (TVET), small enterprise development, and cash-for-work schemes. These initiatives empower families to achieve at least one of the following outcomes: equip their children with the necessary resources to attend school, maintain an adequate household income, and foster hope for a productive future for their children.



HEALTH

In collaboration with its partners, World Vision has been instrumental in enhancing health outcomes among the communities affected by the crisis in Syria. Our primary focus lies in improving access to quality, equitable primary and secondary health and nutrition services. This includes access to diagnostic and curative services for communicable diseases such as cholera, non-communicable diseases, sexual and reproductive health, and mental health services. We also lend support to inpatient services, spanning a broad spectrum of specialized internal and surgical specialties. In Syria, we support a surveillance program that can identify potential pandemics and epidemics with sensitivity and expedience, ensuring early detection and intervention for diseases with outbreak potential. Committed to promoting child and women's health, we support facilities that offer outpatient and inpatient specialized care for pregnant women, infants, and children. In addition, we assist in providing Basic and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC and CEmONC).



EDUCATION

World Vision's Education in Emergencies program serves boys and girls throughout the focus regions of Syria and Jordan. In Jordan, where the highest concentration of refugees resides in the north, we offer non-formal education in shift-based formal schools. We're actively working on promoting inclusive access to schools, enhancing practical English language skills, and raising awareness about the harms of violence. A significant aspect of our work is early childhood education and development, an area to which World Vision pays special attention. We support pre-school aged children and their caregivers in Azraq camp, also empowering these caregivers with positive parenting skills to foster the children's learning and development. Meanwhile, in Syria, we take a comprehensive approach to education, providing both formal and non-formal education to boys and girls. Our reach extends to schools and learning centres within and beyond internally displaced persons' camps, ensuring that all children, regardless of their circumstances, have the opportunity to learn and thrive.



CASH AND VOUCHER PROGRAM (CVP)

World Vision's Cash and Voucher-Based Programming (CVP) plays an essential role in enhancing child well-being. This approach provides immediate survival assistance while addressing the deeper issues of poverty to help children and their caregivers recover and thrive. Our CVP promotes the dignity of individuals affected by emergencies by granting them choice, control, and flexibility. It focuses on putting people at the center of humanitarian responses, thereby fostering resilience. Amid the temporary closing of border crossings, service suspensions, and movement restrictions that pose challenges to in-kind or income-generating activities, our cash response has proven its effectiveness and efficiency. It offers positive multi-sectorial outcomes, extending its benefits beyond food security. Our Cash and Voucher interventions are market-sensitive. To mitigate the potential negative impact on markets, we employ a Conflict Sensitive Market Analysis Tool (CoSMAT).



ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANTICIPATORY ACTION

World Vision has initiated studies and interventions related to climate change and anticipatory action. Our aim is to establish anticipatory action protocols for selected areas exposed to disasters, thereby enhancing readiness and pre-disaster action capacity at the community level. Furthermore, we are conducting studies to mitigate the impacts of flash floods and drought in Jordan and Syria. This involves carrying out feasibility studies for Anticipatory Action, consulting and coordinating with the community of practice on Anticipatory Action, and identifying risks, hazards, and locations for anticipatory action focus in collaboration with stakeholders.



FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

World Vision's Channels of Hope for Child Protection (CoH CP) is a methodology designed to motivate and build the capacity of faith leaders and communities to address violence against children, including various forms of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. CoH CP provides faith leaders with accurate information and insight into their faith traditions, enabling them to become robust advocates for the wellbeing of vulnerable children. In collaboration with local partners in Syria and Jordan, we've been conducting 'Training of Trainers' workshops for faith leaders and child protection advocates. The program model decreases harmful practices and attitudes contributing to child violence, by enhancing awareness and building capacity among vulnerable families and community partners on whole child development issues, positive parenting, discipline, and the promotion of equality for women and girls in the family context.



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