

HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY AFFAIRS

FY 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Our Humanitarian Context

Vision's HEA, RDMT, and NDMT

across the SAP region responded to

18 emergencies

Emergency Responses in FY23 emergencies closed Sustained Humanitarian new emergencies in 3 countries in 6 countries Response During FY 2023, World

Work on the Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response (BRCR) continues as a sustained humanitarian emergency, serving the needs of affected children,

families, and communities

Disasters we responded to in FY23

Cyclone



Flood

Drought



Forest Fire/Haze

Earthquake



Refugee Crisis

Economic/GHR Crisis



2,080,868

individuals reached including boys and girls, the elderly, and people with disabilities

(Source: World Vision data from field offices in the SAP region)

Our Resources

South Asia and Pacific Regional Disaster Management Team (RDMT), is comprised of experienced and highly skilled World Vision staff who provide professional humanitarian leadership throughout the region in integrated, child-focused disaster management and resilience building. At the field offices, World Vision has National Disaster Management Team (NDMT) members who have undergone capacity building on disaster management and humanitarian standards.



33 World Vision South Asia and Pacific RDMT members specialising in response management, operations, programmes, supply chain management, people and culture, finance, IT, and humanitarian advocacy are strategically positioned to respond and provide humanitarian leadership in the region's most climate-vulnerable and disaster-prone countries.

Our External Engagement

At the regional level, World Vision serves as co-chair of the AADMER Partnership Group (APG) is a consortium of seven international civil society organisations. Its purpose is to support the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). The APG collaborates closely with the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (SCDM), the AHA Centre, and the ASEAN Secretariat. Their collective goal is to ensure a people-centered implementation of AADMER.

Additionally, World Vision works with the Asia Pacific Anticipatory Action Regional Technical Working Group, and AADMER Partnership Group (APG) supporting ASEAN to lead the development of the GESI Responsive Anticipatory Action Training Module for ASEAN Member States to enhance GESI responsiveness and resilience as part of Anticipatory Action strategies.

World Vision actively engages with humanitarian clusters at the country level to address critical needs. World Vision PNG serves as co-chair of WASH and Logistics Clusters. Wahana Visi Indonesia and World Vision Timor-Leste serve as co-chairs of the Cash Working Group, while World Vision Philippines was co-chair of the Accountability to Affected Populations Working Group in 2023. Meanwhile, at the sub-national level in Nepal, World Vision assumes leadership in the Shelter Cluster, contributing to the coordination and delivery of shelter-related assistance.

This underscores World Vision's commitment to multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral cooperation and expertise-sharing within the humanitarian community, ensuring comprehensive and coordinated responses in areas crucial to the well-being of affected children and communities.





Emergency Response Highlights

Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response

World Vision reached 459,426 people, including 110,080 boys and 110,444 girls in 2023. BRCR interventions helped improve food security and livelihood with 51,776 households receiving general food assistance and 5,400 people trained on homestead gardening. WASH interventions supported 72,458 people. Child protection, education, and gender-based violence awareness and prevention at the household level reached 57,750 people through watch committees, while 212 Early Child Development centres supported 14,872 parents and caregivers, and provided educational support to 2,820 children.

Sri Lanka Economic Crisis Response

- In June 2022, World Vision Lanka CAT II National Response covered 46 locations during the Sri Lanka economic crisis, including 28 WVL Area Programmes. WVL provided livelihood support, school feeding, dry ration distribution and nutritional rehabilitation, and child protection programmes for vulnerable households and individuals, including children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers.
- Utilising a response budget allocation of USD 17.47M, WVL reached 1,551,453 people and 396,955 households across 46 locations through its relief interventions and was able to reach 397,957 males and 478,539 females, along with 329,610 boys and 345,347 girls by the end of June 2023.

Tropical Cyclone Judy and Kevin in Vanuatu

- WV Vanuatu supported 21,603 people with relief items such as rapid shelter repair kits, hygiene kits, jerry cans, emergency care kits, shelter tool kits, sleeping mats and blankets in Efate and Tanna.
- VVV Vanuatu supported 997 people with pastoral care and 1,427 people with support at Family Friendly Spaces across Efate and Tanna distribution sites.
- WV Vanuatu is now conducting early recovery programming, including build-back-better shelter approaches, water system fixed, and support for agriculture improvements.

Our Key Strategic Approaches

Leave no one Behind

- In the aftermath of tropical cyclones Judy and Kevin in Vanuatu, World Vision provided essential support to 804 people with disabilities in Efate and Tanna. Relief supplies, including rapid shelter repair kits, hygiene kits, jerry cans, emergency care kits, shelter tool kits, sleeping mats, and blankets, were distributed. Moreover, among the households benefiting from WV Vanuatu's relief supplies, 1,213 are female-led families.
- In the aftermath of Typhoon Rai (local name Odette) in the Philippines, 1,550 pregnant and lactating women in Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands received cash assistance through World Vision and UNFPA's CERF Project.
- In response to flooding in the northeastern region of Bangladesh, World Vision implemented a multipurpose cash assistance programme. Additionally, every household with members having disabilities received additional special grants of BDT 1,000 (est. USD 8.55) to address their specific needs.

Anticipatory Action

Anticipatory Action is a proactive strategy to mitigate potential hazards and minimise humanitarian consequences before they fully materialise. Supporting collaborative efforts through Anticipatory Action underscores World Vision's commitment to enhancing disaster preparedness and response at both local and regional levels.

World Vision in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste is actively piloting Anticipatory Action approaches, collaborating with local communities and governments to formulate protocols tailored to prioritised hazards such as droughts, floods, and typhoons. At the national level, partnerships with organisations like START Network, UNOCHA, IFRC, FAO, and others are being fostered to advocate for the Anticipatory Action approach, emphasising the importance of risk financing.

In Bangladesh, World Vision developed the Cyclone Anticipatory Action Protocol, and activated the readiness measures in May 2023 in response to a Mocha tropical cyclone warning from the Bangladesh Meteorological Department. Trained youth volunteers and Disaster Management Committee members played a crucial role in communicating critical information about Cyclone Mocha to communities, ensuring preparedness.

At the regional level, World Vision collaborated with Care International and Plan International to create the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Responsive Anticipatory Action Training Module for ASEAN Member States. This module assists ASEAN Member States in operationalising the Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management Framework, focusing on incorporating Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) considerations.

Cash and Voucher Programming

Cash and Voucher Programming is crucial in humanitarian response as it empowers affected communities by providing them with the flexibility and autonomy to address their unique needs. It also honours people's dignity and choices, and stimulates local markets, contributing to the overall recovery and resilience of the community.

World Vision's Cash and Voucher Programming in Bangladesh, Philippines, and Sri Lanka used a total fund allocation of USD 21,038,741.69 to support 809,769 people including 71,169 children.

Greening our Humanitarian Response

As part of World Vision's Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response, projects in plastic waste management, waste composting, and moringa planting were implemented to protect the environment, improve food security, and address children's health and nutrition needs.

During the recovery phase of Wahana Visi's Lombok Earthquake Response in Indonesia, 6 solar-powered irrigation and 2 greenhouses were built. Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) approach was also used to grow 1,260 trees to strengthen water resilience and environment conservation.





Localisation

As exemplified by diverse practices across World Vision South Asia and Pacific's field offices, localisation involves fostering partnerships and building technical and institutional capacity of local civil society organisations and governments to ensure sustainability. This approach also entails continuous initiatives to actively participate in localisation pathways, research, and policy discussions to contribute to positive and sustainable change at the local level.

- In Nepal, World Vision has worked with partner NGOs to strengthen local preparedness in the area programmes through safe school initiatives and community-based disaster risk management.
- In Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response, World Vision engaged with local organisations to provide humanitarian assistance to children and families in refugee camps and host communities.
- In West Java Earthquake Response, Wahana Visi Indonesia in partnership with Rumah Zakat, HWDI and GKP conducted advocacy work and capacity strengthening to help the local government and the community to promote and safeguard children's rights.

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