



World Vision International

ONE YEAR OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE WEST BANK

Over the last 12 months, violence in the West Bank has reached unprecedented levels not seen since the early 2000s. Nearly 800 roadblocks and checkpoints have brought life to a standstill, resulting in the loss of one in three jobs and a 25% contraction in the economy compared to the previous year. In addition to violence and movement restrictions, a severe fiscal crisis is hindering the delivery of essential services. Over the 2023-2024 academic year, schools have managed only around 50% of their typical in-person learning time over the last academic year. Health clinics are operating just two days a week, often facing critical shortages of essential medicines. Food insecurity, which barely existed in the West Bank a year ago, is now rapidly increasing among vulnerable communities.

In response to this escalating crisis, World Vision implemented a multisectoral emergency response for the last 12 months.



233,000
people reached



US\$9.6M
spent to date



250
villages supported

With the financial support of:



World Vision International

ONE YEAR OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE WEST BANK



World Vision staff visits a roadblock with the head of a village council in the Nablus governorate

Key components of WVI's emergency Response in the West Bank



Emergency Aid

Providing direct assistance (in-kind, vouchers) to vulnerable households and families affected by food insecurity, violence, and forced displacement



Strengthening Protection

Enhancing community protection by equipping first responders and local volunteers with lifesaving tools, emergency preparedness materials and skills



Mental Health

Delivering psychosocial support (PSS) for children, parents, and caregivers to address trauma and stress



Access to Healthcare

Strengthening primary health centres' capacity to respond to emergencies and provide obstetric care



Access to Safe Education

Strengthening the protective environment of schools with emergency preparedness, improved safety and integration of PSS in education



A metal gate permanently closed in the Nablus governorate.



Damage to crops, olive groves and agricultural material from arson in the Nablus governorate

Emergency Aid



14,000
people supported



US\$270,000
distributed (cash, vouchers or in-kind support)



A World Vision staff member delivers blankets to vulnerable families

The Issue

Many families have lost everything due to violence or forced displacement. As the economic crisis deepens, nearly 1 in 3 jobs has been lost in the West Bank, leaving countless families without a source of income. Now, a year into the crisis, many families are unsure how they will afford their next meal.

Our Response

From the outset, World Vision (WV) has provided emergency support to the most vulnerable families in the West Bank, including displaced individuals. We also offered timely assistance to families affected by arson and violence, often responding within 48 hours of an incident. As the crisis worsened, with needs escalating due to the economic collapse, thousands of vulnerable families were identified through partnerships with local village councils and other organisations, with a clear focus on addressing food insecurity. World Vision uses a gender-responsive approach to identify the beneficiaries, prioritising pregnant and lactating women, women with toddlers and young children, and single mothers. Over the course of 12 months, World Vision supported 14,000 people through in-kind donations, cash, or vouchers, enabling them to purchase food, hygiene items, warm clothing, and other essential goods.



More and more families are struggling to cover their essential costs, including food.

Strengthening Protection of Communities



250
villages equipped



US\$1M
in lifesaving DRR
tools provided



45
community safe spaces built or
rehabilitated and equipped



World Vision supported this civil defence centre in Qalqilya with lifesaving disaster reduction and recovery (DRR) tools

The Issue

Since 7 October 2023, communities across the West Bank have experienced an unprecedented surge in violence, leading to numerous casualties and widespread destruction. Homes have been burned, and shops, crops, olive trees, and vehicles have been destroyed, severely impacting the livelihoods of thousands. The presence of hundreds of checkpoints, barriers, and obstacles has made movement nearly impossible, even in emergencies. This has hampered the ability of emergency services, including firefighters and ambulances, to respond quickly and, in some cases, they have even been targeted.

Our Response

World Vision has provided over US\$1 million in lifesaving tools to support local first responders. These included first aid kits and firefighting equipment, such as trailer-mounted firefighting units, which were distributed to 250 villages to enhance their capacity to prepare for and respond to emergencies. This equipment has already reduced the severity of multiple incidents. Additionally, 45 community safe spaces were built or rehabilitated, serving as multipurpose hubs for emergency preparedness and response coordination to better support the delivery of humanitarian assistance and to support local resilience, emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction.



Local volunteers in the Nablus governorate are trained to use a new firefighting unit provided by World Vision

Child Protection & Mental Health Support



36,000
people supported



700
teachers trained



10,000
children participated in
summer camps



Children enjoy psychosocial activities during a World Vision-hosted summer camp

The Issue

Since 7 October 2023, many children in the West Bank face a grim reality. Schools frequently close, and the constant threat of violence looms over daily life. Checkpoints have multiplied, and economic hardship has deepened, confining many children to their homes, isolating them from friends, education, and normal routines. The resulting stress, anxiety, and trauma present long-term risks to their mental health and development.

Our Response

To address these challenges, World Vision trained 700 teachers, youth club facilitators, and health workers to provide mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services and referrals. A total of 36,000 people have received psychosocial support as a result. World Vision has also emerged as a leading MHPSS partner in the region, certified by the World Health Organization (WHO) to train partners on the Early Adolescent Skills for Emotions (EASE) model, an evidence-based MHPSS approach for children and adolescents. Over 10,000 children participated in World Vision's summer camps, which focused on social-emotional learning, semi-structured psychosocial support, and safe play.



World Vision's summer camps include a variety of activities, including psychosocial support activities

Access to Healthcare



52
clinics rehabilitated
and/or equipped



24
portable ultrasound
machines delivered



US\$600,000
invested



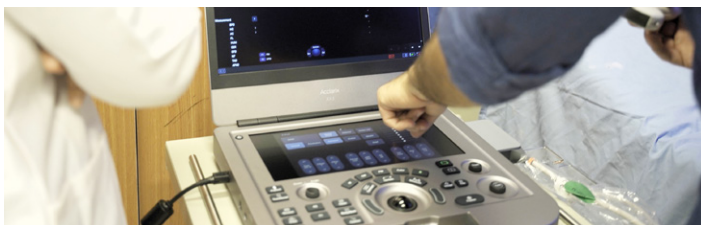
A baby receives health care in a clinic equipped by World Vision International in the Hebron governorate.

The Issue

The escalating violence and movement restrictions have isolated many villages from hospitals, leaving local health clinics as the only option for medical emergencies. Pregnant women, in particular, face challenges accessing antenatal and postnatal care due to safety concerns or economic hardship, causing widespread anxiety over the health of their unborn children.

Our Response

World Vision has rehabilitated and/or equipped 52 clinics, serving 100,000 people. These clinics were provided with emergency preparedness materials, such as fire extinguishers, trauma and emergency surgery kits, and other lifesaving medical equipment and supplies. Additionally, we supplied dozens of clinics with obstetric care equipment, including 24 portable ultrasounds, ensuring that pregnant women can continue to receive prenatal care close to home, without exposing themselves to unnecessary risks.



A doctor from a health clinic in the Jordan Valley is trained to use a portable ultrasound machine provided by World Vision



A woman seeks health care at a World Vision-supported health clinic in the Jordan Valley

Access to Safe Education



153
schools supported



700
teachers trained



Children at a primary school in Hebron governorate practise safety drills.

The Issue

Schools have not been spared from violence. Hundreds of incidents have affected schools, teachers, and students over the past year. The combination of violence, movement restrictions, and an ongoing fiscal crisis has resulted in schools being open just two days a week, at best, during the 2023–2024 academic year. This has led to significant learning losses, leaving students facing severe barriers as they attempt to return to school.

Our Response

World Vision has supported 153 schools to enhance their preparedness for emergencies, including the rehabilitation of some buildings. All schools were equipped with emergency items, such as fire extinguishers, first aid kits, stretchers, and emergency drill plans. Additionally, 700 teachers were trained to integrate psychosocial support into their curricula, helping schools in vulnerable communities provide a safe and supportive learning environment.



Children are trained on how to use a fire extinguisher in a school in central West Bank



Children are receiving psychosocial support in a school supported by World Vision in the Jordan Valley

Next Phase of the Emergency Response



Children in the West Bank take part in a psychosocial support activity



A child receives psychosocial support in a kid club supported by World Vision

As violence escalates and the economic crisis deepens, World Vision is scaling up its response in the West Bank, with several key improvements to better serve the most vulnerable communities:



Educational Support

We aim to provide 5,000 children with community-based, in-person catch-up classes to help students recover from significant learning losses experienced over the past year.



Winter Preparedness

With temperatures dropping and economic hardship increasing, emergency support will be prioritised for the most vulnerable families, ensuring they receive warm clothing, blankets, and heating systems to prepare for winter.



Child Protection and Mental Health Support

The response will focus on strengthening our child protection and mental health efforts by supporting the reporting and referral mechanisms and enhancing case management for at-risk children.



Emergency Health

We will continue to support access to health care for mothers, infants and young children closer to home, and to emergency health when hospitals can't be reached.

About World Vision in Jerusalem - West Bank - Gaza

World Vision has been operating in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza since 1975, with a mission to support Palestinian children by fostering resilience and hope. By integrating development, relief, and advocacy programmes, World Vision works to ensure that children, especially the most vulnerable, are protected within their families and communities. The organisation also equips children with the skills and resilience needed to lead healthy, productive lives.

World Vision currently operates across the West Bank, and we have one of the largest community-based presences in the West Bank, with 85 staff members, over 300 volunteers, and an annual budget of US\$11 million in 2024. In 2023, our programmes directly benefited more than 136,000 individuals, including 95,000 children, across 150 villages in the West Bank.

Kristen Phelps
National Director

kristen_phelps@wvi.org

Lyndsay Hockin
Operations Director

lyndsay_hockin@wvi.org



wvi.org/jerusalem-west-bank-gaza



World Vision Jerusalem - West Bank - Gaza



WV_JWG



world-vision-jerusalem-west-bank-gaza