

Country Profile

WORLD VISION SYRIA RESPONSE

A child participant in Azraq camp during the graduation ceremony. © World Vision Syria Response, Joanna Zreineh.

Since the onset of the Syrian crisis in 2011, the World Vision Syria Response (WVSR) has been leading humanitarian and recovery efforts in Syria, Jordan, and Türkiye. This prolonged crisis has resulted in 16.7 million people out of a total population of 23.4 million being in need, marking the highest number since the crisis began in 2011. Children make up 45% of this group, totalling 7.5 million. A staggering 69% of the population lives below the poverty line, with 100,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition. Over half of the population, 12.9 million, faces food insecurity, and 3.1 million are severely food insecure. Out of 270 sub-districts, 268 are now classified as experiencing severe or extreme conditions. Moreover, 2.5 million children, including those with disabilities, remain exposed to violence, exploitation, and risk recruitment by armed groups.

Over a decade of armed conflict has resulted in significant economic decline, crises in water, electricity, and health services, and intensified the protection crisis amid extreme climate conditions. The February 2023 earthquake worsened the situation, depleting the resilience of the population and pushing communities to their limits, resulting in widespread uncertainty and a loss of hope for any meaningful improvement.

In response to these pressing needs, for the fiscal year 2024 (FY24), we Implemented 36 projects in Syria, Jordan, and Türkiye. We operate across various sectors, including health and nutrition, protection, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), education, and livelihoods, reflecting our comprehensive approach to addressing the complex challenges of this crisis.



ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY24



In FY24, our initiatives have directly impacted over **5.4 million people**, including **2.9 million children**.



Portfolio
(US\$ 76,690,212)



29
Current partners



352 staff and
1,100 volunteers



23

donors support our various programs

+17

World Vision support offices

Irish Aid, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), Giro555, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland, World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP), Japan Platform, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP), Austrian Development Agency, Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), MOFA Japan, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Global Affairs Canada (GAC), XTX Markets Technologies Limited, George Washington University, Centre de crise et de soutien (CDCS), Visser Fund, Community Chest of Korea (CCK)

PRIORITY SECTORS

CHILD PROTECTION

In 2024, WWSR continued addressing the extensive humanitarian needs. The organization focused on protecting the most vulnerable groups, particularly children and women, People with Disabilities (PwD), and displaced persons, reaching over 78,080 individuals, including 47% children and 61% females. WWSR's protection efforts are rooted in a multi-sectoral approach, integrating child protection, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, and safeguarding into all interventions. These efforts include Child Protection in Humanitarian Action (CPHA), Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), Socio ecological and Faith and Development, ensuring a holistic response to the complex challenges faced by these communities.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

WWSR's WASH activities include providing clean water through water trucking, supporting pumping stations, and rehabilitating water distribution networks. In FY24, these efforts resulted in 161,216 people gaining access to clean water. Additionally, the program focused on constructing and rehabilitating latrines and sewage systems, benefiting 170,454 people. WWSR conducted various hygiene awareness campaigns, focusing on water-borne diseases, personal hygiene, and menstrual hygiene management (MHM). These campaigns reached 86,311 people, and 42,633 individuals received hygiene supply kits, including MHM kits. WWSR is currently the co-chair for the Northwest Syria WASH cluster and Jordan WASH working group, reflecting the level of coordination and trust that sector's partners and actors in the region hold for WWSR WASH program.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

WWSR has made a significant contribution to health and nutrition by strengthening the health system in Northwest Syria and providing lifesaving nutrition and health services, focusing on vulnerable groups such as, reaching around 1,300,000 individuals in Syria and Türkiye in 2024. In 2024, WWSR supported 21 primary healthcare facilities, including six mobile clinics and five facilities. These facilities primarily cover child and maternal health in conjunction with other health and nutrition programs, such as sexual and reproductive health, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases (NCD), antenatal care (ANC), management of acute malnutrition (CMAM), and infant and young child feeding (IYCF). Moreover, WWSR's support extended to secondary healthcare by managing two specialized hospitals (pediatric and surgical) in northern Syria, where approximately 108,000 beneficiaries were reached; of those, 10,760 were admitted, and 4,127 underwent surgeries. Following the February 2023 earthquakes, the WWSR supported relief efforts aimed at alleviating suffering, especially for people with disabilities. This support included six rehabilitation centres across six earthquake-affected locations in Syria and Türkiye, offering a wide range of rehabilitation care, including hearing aids, medical glasses, physiotherapy, prosthetics, assistive devices, and speech and language therapy (SLT). Additionally, two hospitals were equipped with devices to detect congenital hearing loss in newborns. In 2024, WWSR screened 9,813 newborns for congenital hearing loss, while around 1,900 children received hearing aids and SLT, and a further 5,800 PWDs were supported with prosthetics and assistive devices. Moreover, WWSR supported the ambulance network in Syria to provide critical emergency referrals, enhancing the overall responsiveness of the health system in crisis situations.



LIVELIHOODS

For FY24, WWSR's efforts focused on restoring livelihoods through several approaches across Jordan, Syria, and Türkiye, targeting both refugees and vulnerable groups within host communities. This was achieved through direct implementation and partnerships with local organizations, our approaches include:



Cash-for-Work Schemes: Over 3,369 individuals were empowered, receiving temporary income and skills that can lead to long-term employment.

Ultra-Poor Graduation Programs: Over 460 families (2,300 individuals) participated, with many transitioning from extreme poverty to sustainable livelihoods.

Building Secure Livelihoods: More than 7,690 individuals benefited, enhancing their ability to provide for their children and increasing food security.

Savings for Transformation and Microfinance: WWSR facilitated the formation of savings groups and provided microloans, reaching over 1,983 women and women's groups. This empowered them to start or expand small businesses, ultimately improving their families' financial stability.

WWSR's livelihood interventions have directly benefited 160,920 individuals in Jordan, Syria, and Türkiye, helping them meet immediate needs and build resilience against future shocks. Our work continues to play a vital role in bridging the gap between emergency assistance and long-term development, fostering hope and resilience in communities still recovering from years of crisis.

EDUCATION

From Education in Emergencies to development nexus, our efforts are geared towards promoting inclusive, safe access to quality education for all children. In FY24, we served 159,150 HC and IDP children in Syria. Our aim is to provide a well-rounded educational support system for children. During the year, we successfully rehabilitated 62 schools with funding from various bilateral and private entities, providing access to more than 37,000 students and 1,400 school teaching and non-teaching staff. In Jordan, we provide non-formal practical and life-based English language education in governmental schools operating in double shifts to 1409 students, as well as specialised inclusive and special needs education to 405 students. Significant emphasis is placed on Early Childhood Education and Development, particularly in Jordan and Türkiye, where we provide needs-driven positive parenting techniques training to 371 parents and caregivers using WV evidence-based core project models, mainly Go, Baby Go and Learning Roots. These models establish a transformational foundational block for ECED in addition to fully preparing 1248 preschoolers to reach their full potential.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANTICIPATORY ACTION

Throughout FY24, WWSR worked to install a high-efficiency solar energy system comprising 240 solar panels, each rated at 575 watts, which has significantly boosted power generation capacity. This system is equipped with two 110 KW inverters at the main control station to ensure a stable energy supply and effective power management. Additionally, advanced control panels and a CCTV surveillance system have been integrated into the setup, complemented by a protective fence to secure the infrastructure. These interventions have directly improved access to vital services by increasing the volume of water pumped to the community, which has led to improved daily living conditions and resilience against water shortages.



FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

WWSR is implementing two modules under Faith & Development (F&D) projects:

1. Channels of Hope-Child Protection (CoH-CP): this innovative approach is designed to empower faith leaders and communities to combat violence against children, including abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

This methodology equips and mobilizes faith leaders with essential information, skills and insights into their religious traditions, transforming them into strong advocates for the welfare of vulnerable children.

Since 2022, the F&D team has started the implementation of (COH-CP) through direct implementation in Jordan targeting and training faith leaders from several churches and faith-based organizations. In Syria, we utilized an indirect implementation methodology to reach out to faith-leaders through our registered partners. The first step to initiate the actual implementation of this module is to conduct a four-day CATALYZING workshop to build knowledge and plan for the initiatives that will be conducted for children and their families.

2. Celebrating Families (CF): This module seeks to ensure that families, especially the most vulnerable ones, enjoy positive and loving relationships and are able to have hope and vision for the future.

The programme equips parents and caregivers, church and faith leaders, faith-based organisations, local agencies, communities, congregations, and World Vision staff with knowledge and skills to create a safe and nurturing environment for children's spiritual nurture in the family context.

Over the past three years, WWSR has implemented the CF module in Jordan, Türkiye, and Syria through both direct and indirect implementation methodologies. By equipping and mobilizing selected active facilitators from the church communities, we enable them to transfer knowledge to parents and conduct parenting sessions focused on their role in creating a safe and loving environment to support the spiritual nurture of children. This approach equips parents with practical actions that can be applied within the family.



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