

DISASTER MANAGEMENT CAPACITY STATEMENT



x6 increase

In disaster events in last 50 years



69 million

people in Asia-Pacific acutely food insecure due to shocks in 2022



70%

of people impacted by natural disasters live in Asia-Pacific



14.4 million

in need of assistance in Myanmar

Asia-Pacific is the most climate-exposed and disaster-prone region in the world. As many as 65% of children in East Asia are exposed to multiple shocks which are becoming increasingly frequent, especially flooding, drought, saltwater inundation, and climate-related diseases. Children and families living in poverty are particularly vulnerable, bearing the brunt of these recurrent crises and their long-term consequences.

World Vision's Leadership in Disaster Management: Building Resilience for Future Generations

World Vision is deeply committed to assisting communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, ensuring long-term resilience for children and future generations. Through decades of integrated development work, we've cultivated strong relationships with local governments, civil society, and communities, enabling us to act swiftly and collaboratively in times of crisis. This unique positioning allows us to bridge development and humanitarian response seamlessly, reducing the impacts of disasters on vulnerable populations.

Our Approach

- 1. Localised and Inclusive Disaster Management:** Our extensive development presence has fostered trusted relationships with local governments, community leaders, and key stakeholders, especially children, women, people with disabilities, and other unrepresented groups, allowing us to prepare, anticipate and respond quickly and effectively before, during, and after crisis.
- 2. Prepositioned Resources:** World Vision strategically build the capacity of staff, partners and community as first responders through Regional and National Disaster Management Team, preposition emergency supply chain agreement with local and global vendors, setting up in-country cash transfer system, digital transformation in humanitarian system.
- 3. Joint Local to Global Humanitarian Advocacy:** World Vision collaborates with local, regional, and global partners to advocate for secure access to humanitarian efforts, prioritizing children, women, people with disabilities and others at increased risk, ensuring they are at the center of disaster risk reduction initiatives.

Uniqueness of Our Approach

BEFORE	DURING	AFTER	LONG-TERM TRANSFORMATION
			
<p>World Vision works with communities to develop disaster preparedness plans that map out local threats and identify how best to save lives and protect property thereby increasing their readiness and resilience.</p>	<p>When a crisis does occur, our global staff activate pre-established logistical assessments, plans, programming standards and pre-positioned resources to help children and families get the support they need.</p>	<p>After the initial response, we work alongside communities over the long term to establish permanent housing, sustainable sources of clean water, food security, access to quality education, access to healthcare and recovery loans to rebuild livelihoods and restore a sense of security in children.</p>	<p>We work in thousands of communities worldwide to help people with not only humanitarian emergencies but a variety of ongoing needs by partnering with them to deliver a full solution capable of breaking the cycle of poverty.</p>

COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND PREPAREDNESS

Disaster preparedness is a cornerstone of our integrated development approach. Through Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), we engage communities to identify risks, reduce vulnerabilities, and enhance local capacities. This participatory approach ensures that preparedness plans are tailored to specific community needs, increasing their effectiveness. Our work includes:

- Training communities in disaster risk reduction
- Strengthening resilient infrastructure
- Inclusive and Localised Anticipatory Action to support the community to reduce damage and loss by responding ahead of disasters triggered by the early warning system.

Between 2023 and 2024, we partnered with 700 communities and 104 schools across East Asia, reaching over 200,000 individuals with disaster readiness measures that protect lives and livelihoods.

In Mongolia, Myanmar, and Viet Nam, World Vision has collaborated with local communities and authorities to create Anticipatory Action protocols designed to address key hazards. In 2023, these protocols were activated to respond to the forecasted extreme winter conditions in Mongolia, known as Dzud. Through this proactive approach, 12,436 households received vital support, including unconditional cash transfers, food, fodder, and hygiene kits, strengthening their resilience in the face of severe weather challenges.



In Thailand, World Vision collaborated innovatively with the Thai Office of the Basic Education Commission to electronically map school disaster risks. Together we established an interactive website, launched in 2023, providing over 20,000 schools with tailored information on disaster risks and safety measures for enhancing preparedness and safety for students and the broader school community.



Enhancing Disaster Management at Scale

World Vision's disaster management approach operates at every level: from grassroots community engagement to national policy influence. By collaborating with local authorities, we develop comprehensive disaster management plans that integrate local knowledge with global best practices. This multi-level strategy ensures a coordinated response that is timely, effective, and sustainable, enabling communities to recover faster and rebuild stronger.

Restoring Ecosystems and Building Resilient Livelihoods

Recognizing the connection between environmental health and disaster resilience, World Vision leads efforts to restore critical ecosystems like forests, mangroves, and coastal resources. These natural defenses reduce the impact of floods, droughts, and other climate-related disasters. Additionally, we support communities in adapting their livelihoods through initiatives such as:

- Promoting drought- and flood-resistant crops
- Encouraging income diversification to reduce dependency on fragile environments
- Establishing savings groups to enhance financial security

Focused on Children and Future Generations

Children are at the heart of everything we do. Disasters disproportionately affect youth, disrupting education, health, and stability. World Vision's programmes not only address immediate needs but also work to secure a brighter future for children by strengthening the foundations of their communities. Through our award-winning [Unlock Literacy Programme](#) we create opportunities for children to learn and thrive, even in the face of adversity, by fostering playful and engaging literacy activities that bring hope and continuity during challenging times.

World Vision's disaster management efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to creating a safer, more resilient world for today's children and generations to come. By empowering communities with the tools, knowledge, and partnerships needed to withstand crises, we help lay the foundation for long-term stability and growth. [Learn More about - Climate Change/ESCA Capacity Statement](#)

Child Leadership in Disaster Risk and Climate Actions

At World Vision, we recognise children as key agents of change in disaster resilience and climate action. We equip them with tools and knowledge to identify risks, prepare for emergencies, and advocate for climate-resilient practices, supporting them to lead initiatives in their schools and communities.

Through partnerships with over 100 schools, thousands of children champion disaster preparedness by sharing knowledge and inspiring action. Aligned with the [Comprehensive School Safety Framework](#), we help schools develop tailored plans and strengthen local resilience. Using our [Citizen Voice and Action](#) approach, we amplify children's participation in decision-making, ensuring their voices shape climate and disaster resilience strategies, safeguarding their futures.

TIMELY RESPONSE TO DISASTERS

* October 2023 - September 2024



1,847,191

People assisted, including 915,715 children



11 Responses

Across 7 countries, Mongolia, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam



90,447

Support with food security and livelihood



387,221

Received WASH support



12,898

Reached with cash assistance



11,936

Reached on child protection

For 75 years, World Vision has been a trusted partner in East Asia, responding to disasters and delivering essential support to children and their communities. Our efforts include providing food, clean water, mental health services, education, disease prevention, and child protection, helping to restore hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

World Vision is committed to reaching the hardest-hit areas, delivering life-saving support with speed and precision when disaster strikes.

SDGs CONTRIBUTED TO:



Priority Sectors

World Vision's priority is to serve the most vulnerable by implementing programmes to meaningfully impact their well-being.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Humanitarian crises have a significant impact on the health and well-being of affected populations, and the primary goal of any response is to reduce and prevent morbidity and mortality. Crisis may erode social support systems which may result in negative coping mechanisms, reduction in help seeking behaviors, increase in incidence of protection and Gender Based Violence and the subsequent health impacts.

We work to ensure access to lifesaving health care is crucial in any humanitarian crisis and includes health promotion, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) IN EMERGENCIES

Crises frequently disrupt water, sanitation, and hygiene systems, creating outbreaks of diseases like diarrhea and cholera that disproportionately affect children.

In the early days of an emergency, we focus on providing immediate, life-saving WASH services in order to ensure survival of the most affected and most vulnerable children, families and communities. In the months following an emergency, we add programme activities that help communities recover and build back stronger than they were before.



CHILD PROTECTION

The safety of children is our top priority. We collaborate with community leaders to create safe spaces for children to play and ensure shelters are well-lit and secure.

By raising awareness of protection issues and working with local authorities, we help prevent harm and establish effective case management systems to address protection concerns, safeguarding children in the midst of crises.



CASH VOUCHER PROGRAMMING

Through cash voucher programming, we enhance financial and digital inclusion, economic resilience, and child-sensitive social protection in times of crisis. World Vision provides direct cash or vouchers to those most affected, helping families meet basic needs with dignity. With over 20 years of experience, we design programmes that foster financial inclusion and stimulate local economies by connecting beneficiaries with nearby suppliers and service providers.



EARLY LIVELIHOOD RECOVERY

World Vision acts quickly to support communities' recovery, providing cash assistance and resources to restore livelihoods and income. By intervening early, we help families avoid harmful coping strategies that deepen poverty and impact children. This support also offers opportunities to build more resilient livelihoods, such as using drought- or flood-resistant crops, to better withstand future shocks.



FOOD SECURITY

At World Vision, we believe every child and family deserves access to sufficient, nutritious food for a healthy life.

To address this, we provide vital food and cash assistance to communities, schools, and vulnerable groups, ensuring that no one is without the essential resources needed to survive and rebuild their lives.



EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES

Our recent publication with SEI, "Climate Change, Vulnerability, and Migration: Impacts on Children and Youth in East Asia", highlights the devastating impact of disasters on children's education. Destroyed schools and infrastructure leave students without safe learning spaces, causing missed months of schooling or permanent dropouts. Migration compounds these challenges, with internal moves disrupting attendance and cross-border migration increasing dropout rates.

World Vision addresses these issues by providing temporary learning spaces, repairing schools, and implementing the award-winning Unlock Literacy programme to foster playful, community-driven literacy activities and ensure educational continuity.



In September 2024, Typhoon Yagi devastated parts of Vietnam, leaving many households in urgent need. World Vision swiftly launched a coordinated response to mitigate the storm's impact. Leveraging its partners and networks, WV delivered emergency assistance packages, mobilized critical support, and provided aid to stabilize vulnerable communities.

World Vision had supported over 2,700 individuals, addressing their most pressing needs. Assistance included food supplies, shelter repair kits, cash grants and inclusive hygiene kits and water tanks, tailored to ensure maximum impact and efficiency. These targeted interventions played a pivotal role in enabling affected families to recover and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the disaster.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Typhoon Yagi Response



Children and Youth at the APMCDRR2024



Women inclusion in World Vision's Dzud anticipatory action initiatives



Advocates of Change: Asia Pacific Children and Youth's Voices & Perspectives on Climate Action and Disaster Risk Reduction



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