

MIDDLE EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE



HOPE IN ACTION

World Vision has been serving the most vulnerable children across the Middle East and Eastern Europe (MEER) region for the past 50 years. We are leading the way in highly fragile contexts to ensure the most vulnerable children in the hardest-to-reach places are also supported, including children on the move and those affected by armed conflict. We currently work alongside local partners responding to humanitarian crises and operating long-term development projects that address gender disparity and other contextual issues in 15 countries across the region, including Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Iraq, the West Bank, Lebanon, Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Türkiye, and Afghanistan.

Due to ongoing conflicts, violence, global hunger, and climate change, humanitarian needs continue to spike, with more people than ever – 70.6 million in just the Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe – dependent on humanitarian aid in 2024. In response, World Vision is prioritising cash and food assistance, food security, and livelihoods programming in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen under the organisation’s Global Hunger Response. We are also working towards ending child hunger and improving child malnutrition through our global ENOUGH campaign.

We cannot do it alone. Empowering local actors to lead the response, recovery, rehabilitation and development in their countries is a top priority, and building their capacity supports us to achieve our goals of ensuring every girl and boy has what they need to live a life in all its fullness. We partner with supporters, governments, local communities, faith leaders, civil society, faith-based organisations to support the needs of children and their families throughout the region.

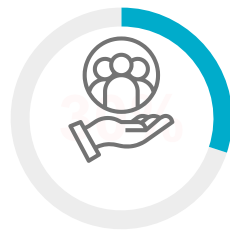
FACTS

MEER is host to

6 out of top 7

largest humanitarian appeals

(Syria Refugee Crisis, Ukraine, Afghanistan, oPt (occupied Palestinian territory), Lebanon, and Yemen).



30%

of humanitarian needs were in MEER.



2 out of 3

of the 122.6 million forcibly displaced people came from just 10 countries – half of those countries are in MEER – Afghanistan, the oPt, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen.



3 out of 4

countries hosting 2/3 of all refugees and people in need of international protection are in MEER (Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine).



1 out of every 6th

person in Lebanon is a refugee – they are the second largest host of people in need of international protection.



MEER is home to over

22 million

internally displaced persons.

1 in 3 children

in the Middle East live in situations of war, conflict, and violence.



OUR WORK reaching the most vulnerable in 2024

reached over **9.4 million** people across the MEER region

out of which **7 million people** (52% of whom were children) were reached in response to humanitarian crisis and disasters across 14 countries.

out of which **2.4 million people** benefitted from long-term solutions aimed at improving children's education, strengthening child protection, helping families diversify and grow their livelihoods, improving access to clean water and nutritious food, and building resilience.

including **4,930,232** children

3 out of every 5 people reached were women and girls.

9 out of every 10 children reached were the most vulnerable.

NUMBER OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

ALBANIA	36,125
ARMENIA	126,937
AFGHANISTAN	1,129,172
BiH	29,379
GEORGIA	250,707
IRAQ	156,976



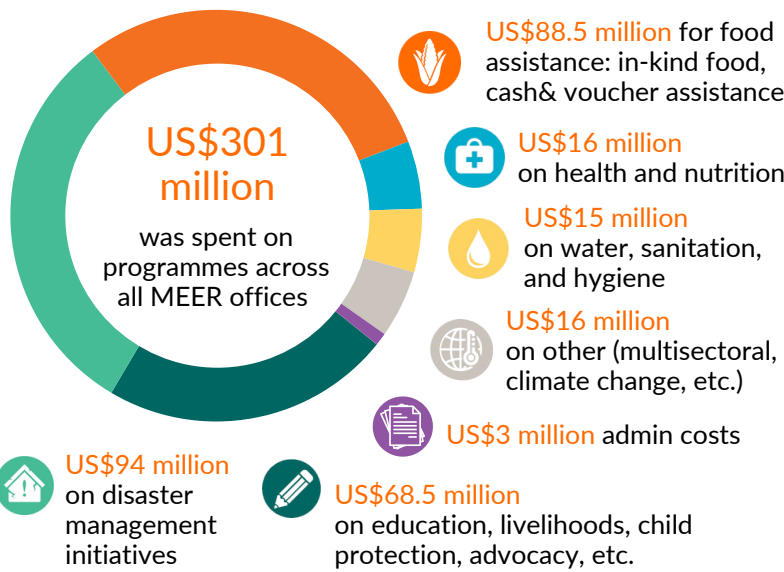
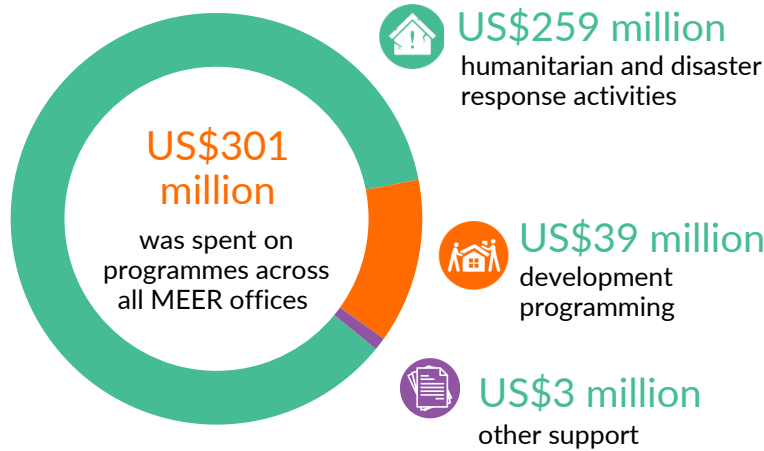
LEBANON	581,816
ROMANIA	337,011
SYRIA RESPONSE (including TÜRKIYE, JORDAN)	6,015,183
UKRAINE RESPONSE	505,825
YEMEN	44,022
WEST BANK	200,531

OUR IMPACT reaching the most vulnerable in 2024

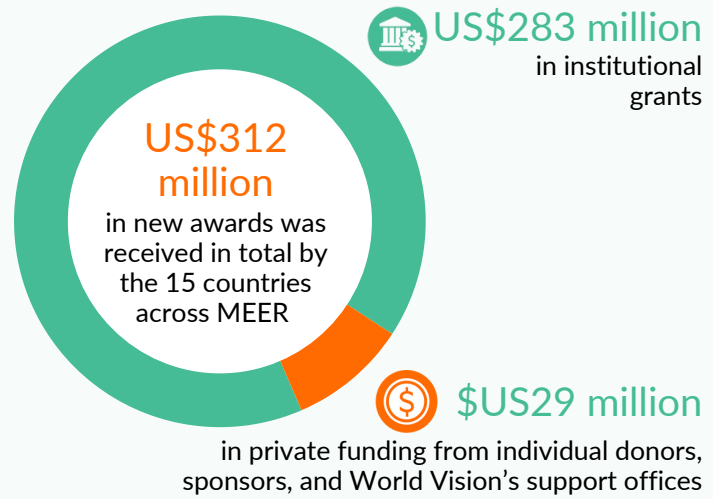
- 72 policy changes** and more than 14,400 supporter actions addressed the root causes of vulnerability for millions of children.
- 50+ child protection projects** implemented in 15 countries, engaged more than **650,000 women, men, and children** in activities aimed at ending violence against children.
- 250,000 children** and their caregivers benefitted from mental health and psychosocial support.
- 545,834 girls and boys** received support to continue and/or improve their education.
- 125,000 people** supported through faith leaders and faith-based organisations to transform harmful social norms and practices.
- 2 million people** gained access to clean water.
- 900,000 people** in 10 countries received **US\$99 million** in cash and voucher assistance.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

TOTAL SPENDING



FUNDING ACQUIRED*



*N.B. Includes all awards acquired in 2024, including for ongoing and/or future programming.

Out of this total, five of MEER's offices – Romania, Armenia, Georgia, BiH, and Albania – raised

US\$33.84 million

including **US\$17 million** from locally-led and locally-restricted institutional grants
US\$4.4 million through own marketing efforts in 2024.
 These offices received another **US\$16.8 million** in international funding.

OUR PARTNERS reaching the most vulnerable in 2024

MEER offices worked with

357 local partners

in 2024 in development and humanitarian contexts to enable more effective delivery of aid and fulfil our Grand Bargain commitments.

Our donors and supporters enabled us to deepen our commitment to the most vulnerable girls and boys.

On average, **MEER offices successfully won 1 new project every 2 days with over US\$312 million received** in new acquisitions in cash grants, private funding, in-kind food and cash and vouchers.

We thank our generous donors, sponsors, and partners, including:



as well as our World Vision support offices, and their collaborative work with humanitarian coalitions from the UK, Canada, Ireland, and the Netherlands.

OUR OFFICES reaching the most vulnerable in 2024

Across MEER, we work in a range of fragile contexts and countries that are the SOURCE, TRANSIT, and DESTINATION of children on the move.

WORLD VISION BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

frozen conflict, displacement (refugees, children on the move), violence against children

WORLD VISION GEORGIA

frozen conflict, political instability, displacement, violence against children, institutionalised and street connected children, gender inequality

WORLD VISION IRAQ

displacement (IDPs, children on the move), political instability, impact of climate change, water scarcity, violence against children

WORLD VISION SYRIA RESPONSE - SYRIA TÜRKIYE JORDAN

ongoing conflict, displacement (IDPs, refugees, children on the move), hunger, violence against children, economic crisis, impact of climate change

WORLD VISION

UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

UKRAINE GEORGIA MOLDOVA ROMANIA

violence against children, ongoing conflict, displacement (IDPs, refugees), massive destruction of critical infrastructure

WORLD VISION ALBANIA

violence against children, access to equal education, livelihoods and employment opportunities, protection for vulnerable adolescents, gender equality

WORLD VISION ARMENIA

displacement (IDPs), violence against children, border insecurity, ceasefire violations

WORLD VISION WEST BANK

conflict, violation of rights, depleted livelihoods, violence against children, hunger, massive destruction of critical infrastructure

WORLD VISION ROMANIA

displacement (refugees), children living in extreme poverty, lack of education access for vulnerable children, violence against children

WORLD VISION AFGHANISTAN

hunger, economic crisis, poverty, political instability, gender inequality, violence against children, natural disasters, impact of climate change

WORLD VISION LEBANON

ongoing conflict, displacement (IDPs, refugees, children on the move), economic crisis, violence against children, poverty, hunger

WORLD VISION YEMEN

ongoing conflict, displacement, hunger, economic crisis, climate change

Why work with World Vision MEER?



Our region is hope in action

In the midst of complexity, we deliver.

We provide **TRUSTED DELIVERY:**

In a region facing the immense challenges of conflict, fragility and climate change, World Vision MEER is a place where hope takes on a new meaning and is a trusted beacon of stability that delivers impact for children. Our faith drives us to be the light in the darkness and to stay the course.

We are **EFFECTIVE UNDER PRESSURE:**

We navigate the most challenging environments to reach the most vulnerable, with our holistic approach and our ability to operate across the nexus, we ensure every child can fulfil their God-given potential.

We have a **DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF MEER:**

Our deep relationships with local communities and partners enable us to reach the unreachable, while challenging the status quo and investing in long-term sustainable, intergenerational solutions. We ensure children are empowered to be heard, fully participate and engage in all aspects of our work.

We are **RESULTS DRIVEN:**

Data and evidence guide our work. We balance humanitarian principles with the humanitarian imperative, becoming a trusted, principled source of truth in a complex world.

RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

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Capacity statement

MEER CONTEXT

Children in Middle East and Eastern Europe region face high vulnerability, psychological distress, trauma, and social isolation due to ongoing crises. MEER's interventions are critical in cultivating emotional resilience, social cohesion, and well-being among the most vulnerable populations.

World Vision MEER addresses the psychosocial needs of children, families, and communities affected by conflict, displacement, and socio-economic challenges across 16 countries.

Transforming Lives through Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

World Vision's Interventions in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Lebanon

October 2023

World Vision has been working to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable children and their families in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, including Lebanon, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

FOOD SECURITY & MALNUTRITION

ENOUGH

SPOTLIGHT ON NUTRITION, FOOD SECURITY & CLIMATE CHANGE IN SYRIA & THE HOST COUNTRIES OF LEBANON, TURKIYE, JORDAN & IRAQ

CLIMATE ACTION

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Capacity statement

MEER CONTEXT

Climate change presents the single biggest threat to human development and its widespread impacts disproportionately burden the poorest and most vulnerable households in fragile and rural developing contexts, particularly women and children. In the Middle East and Eastern Europe, extreme weather events such as flooding, droughts, dust storms, heatwaves and mega fires are increasing in frequency and intensity due to climate change. This is having a devastating effect on food security, nutrition and personal security due to forced migration (IOM 2022). World Vision MEER operates in 16 countries, where ECA programs priorities are addressing vulnerabilities to climate events.

Impact of Climate Change Crisis and Environmental Actions:

Mental Models of Children and Young People in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and occupied Palestinian territories

GROWING UP IN THE CLIMATE CRISIS

The impact of climate change on children and young people in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the West Bank

Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action HANDBOOK

Version 1.0
1 October 2022

EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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MEER CONTEXT

Economic instability, natural disasters and conflicts are directly reflected on children's education quality in Middle East and Eastern Europe (MEER) region.

World Vision MEER implements education interventions across 16 countries in the region, where most vulnerable children are in need of support to continue their education or improve its quality. Efforts of exclusion from the quality education is further exacerbated by displacement and barriers created by gender inequality, disability and social exclusion.

CHILD PROTECTION

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MEER CONTEXT

Children in the Middle East and Eastern Europe face unique challenges that affect their safety, development and participation in the society. 1 in 3 children in MEER live in horrific situations of war, conflict and violence.

World Vision Middle East and Eastern Europe operates in 16 countries, addressing the diverse needs of children, from ensuring their safety and well-being to empowering them to fulfil their potential and enabling sustainable social and behaviour change in communities.

CHILD PARTICIPATION

CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION AND POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Capacity statement

MEER CONTEXT

In the Middle East, young people between the ages of 15- make up around 30 percent of the population and face the fastest growing youth unemployment rate in the world. In Eastern Europe, young people make up around 16 percent of the population and despite the access to health and educational services, show alarmingly low rates of employment and civic participation.

World Vision considers meaningful participation of children and positive youth development (PYD) as cornerstones to locally-owned sustainable change.

GENDER

GENDER AND PROTECTION

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MEER CONTEXT

Gender inequality and gender-based violence are hampering both human rights realization and economic growth worldwide, but especially in the Middle East and Eastern Europe (MEER), with sobering statistics on femicide, violence against women and gender-based discrimination.

World Vision Middle East and Eastern Europe operates in 16 countries, where gender equity and protection needs or priorities span from the basic 'right to education' to gaps women's political decision-making.

Gender-Based Violence in Ukraine Amid War: An Assessment Report

Report on the results of the assessment

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