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248,000 children treated for acute malnutrition in 2021

A global hunger crisis threatens millions with starvation

Across the globe a massive starvation crisis is building with tens of millions marching towards starvation. In Yemen, Somalia, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Afghanistan the most vulnerable are now just one step away from famine.

Conflict, climate change, the economic impact of COVID-19, and fallout from the war in Ukraine are intersecting to drive a hunger and malnutrition emergency in which tens of thousands of children could die.

World Vision’s partner, WFP, estimates that 276 million people face acute food insecurity. This could rise to 323 million due to the conflict in Ukraine.

RESPONDING AT SCALE

World Vision is a global leader in providing food assistance at scale – delivering food rations and cash or vouchers to refugees, displaced populations, and communities suffering drought and extreme hunger. This work takes staff to the world’s most remote and dangerous places in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

In FY2021, World Vision delivered food support to 7.9 million people – six million of them children – in 29 nations.

World Vision is WFP’s largest deliverer of food assistance. Together in FY20, over 12 million people were reached with WFP-provided food, as well as cash and vouchers.
LEADING ON FOOD ASSISTANCE AND NUTRITION

As a humanitarian and development agency, World Vision is a global leader in nutrition, within emergency, fragile and vulnerable contexts. In the ten years up to FY20, World Vision nutrition programmes saw almost half a million children with severe acute malnutrition admitted into therapeutic programmes or in-patient care. Over 89% fully recovered. In 2021 alone, World Vision treated 248,000 children for wasting. World Vision tackles malnutrition at scale with Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) programmes. Trained community volunteers identify, manage and monitor childhood malnutrition. Children receive supplementary food rations, ready-to-use therapeutic foods like PlumpyNut, or in extreme cases are referred on for medical care. Another grassroots approach – Positive Deviance Hearth Plus (PDH+) – identifies families in vulnerable communities who are successfully feeding their children using local resources and then shares that knowledge with struggling households to replicate the success. World Vision’s advocacy on, and expertise and impact in food and nutrition is recognised by leading technical and academic experts. In 2020, US$500m was committed to the Nutrition for Growth Year of Action to combat malnutrition. UNICEF, UNHCR and WHO are among World Vision’s partners, aside from multiple programming partnerships with governments and their ministries.

FROM GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO GLOBAL RESPONSE

With the global food crisis worsening, in May 2022, World Vision upgraded its Global Hunger ‘Initiative’ to World Vision’s highest category for a global humanitarian response, with a focus on 24 high-risk countries. This global response to hunger follows a similar response to COVID-19 that has so far reached 81.5 million people and raised over $355 million, from 2020-22. With over US$660 million already programmed for hunger, the organisation now aims to raise at least US$1 billion for food, nutrition, cash and voucher assistance, water, health and sanitation interventions, and on protection and psycho-social support for women and children. These life-saving actions need to be implemented immediately to prevent large-scale deaths of children.