

Country Brief

# WORLD VISION SYRIA RESPONSE



World Vision Syria Response has been operating inside Syria, Jordan and Turkey since 2011. We provide lifesaving protection, education, WASH and health services to refugees and local communities, impacted by the ongoing conflict now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. The war has left 6.5 million Syrian children in need of humanitarian aid and displaced more than 12 million Syrians. Half of them remain internally uprooted from their homes exposed to continuous attacks and shelling while the economic fallout is pushing them into further vulnerabilities and food insecurity. This leaves 14.6 million Syrians in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria, half of them being children while 80% of them are women and children internally displaced. The COVID-19 pandemic, the economic crisis and the lack of accountability for the grave violations against children and civilians have further compounded the situation of Syrian children, their families and host communities.

In 2021 alone we reached more than 1.5 million people through direct project implementation; half of them are girls and boys. In parallel, we positively impacted the lives of more than 7.8 million children affected by war across the three countries we cover, through advocacy efforts and policy impact. Over the last year, World Vision Syria Response has also reached 334,511 persons living with disabilities (PWD) with essential services, including 151,290 children with disabilities (CWD); and 279,956 beneficiaries were able to get access to improved sanitation services. By 2023, World Vision Syria Response aims to contribute to the improved well-being of 1,700,000 girls and boys affected by the Syria refugee crisis, by addressing their humanitarian needs, promoting and protecting their rights.

Since the Syria conflict started 11 years ago, World Vision managed **US \$449M**. This enabled the team to reach more than **7.5M children**. Over the past fiscal year alone we managed more than **US \$41M** with the support of **13 donors** and private sponsors across the three countries



**187**  
staff and  
100 volunteers

## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY21



**1.51 million**  
beneficiaries -  
50% girls and boys  
  
lifesaving aid to  
more than a **quarter**  
of those affected in  
Syria and Jordan



**20**  
private and institu-  
tional donors  
  
ADH, GAC, DEC, ECHO, GIZ,  
IrishAid, Japan Platform,  
OCHA, UNICEF, USAID, WFP,  
WHO, World Vision



**21**  
local partners



**\$41.7 million**  
portfolio

# PRIORITY SECTORS

## PROTECTION

World Vision programming targets both Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence. As women and girls remain especially vulnerable due to the escalating violence, World Vision Syria Response ensures an integrated programmatic approach supporting. Multiple interventions that address the most at-risk children, focusing on issues related to gender equality, safeguarding and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). By thoroughly conducting needs assessments, research and surveys, World Vision Syria Response strengthened the evidence-based planning and design for child protection initiatives. Thus, the child protection sector played a critical role in supporting advocacy efforts in 2021 that have raised awareness through evidence-based humanitarian reports. This complements our protection programmes which target awareness raising sessions, case management, emergency cash assistance, psychosocial support, and capacity building.



## HEALTH

World Vision works with partners to provide access to life-saving, critical health care services and prevention treatment to fight COVID-19 for the most vulnerable displaced, returnees, and host communities inside Syria. The focus of these health interventions is: access to primary health care services (including mobile services due to disruptions), improving disease outbreak surveillance and response, improving access to sexual and reproductive health services, promoting child and adult nutrition awareness, malnutrition interventions. We provide training for health staff and COVID-19 specific hygiene kits to vulnerable families; support COVID-19 treatment with running costs, equipment staffing and medical consumables. Our teams on the ground also distribute masks to families in need.



## LIVELIHOODS

World Vision provides livelihood support via both immediate emergency cash and voucher modalities to enable and empower vulnerable displaced and host community members to meet their basic needs. World Vision is also working on longer term efforts: interventions are aimed at household level economic change to empower extremely vulnerable individuals with the skills, knowledge and the financial means to meet the basic and development needs of their children and families. Through training, small enterprise development, and cash and voucher programming, families are enabled to meet at least one of the following outcomes: have their children's basic needs met, have the necessary resources to keep children in school, have adequate household income and give their children hopes for a productive future.

World Vision implements informal and non-formal education programmes in Syria and Jordan for children between ages 4-18. These programmes are implemented directly and through local partners for the most vulnerable children, including out of school children and those who are at risk of dropping out of school. World Vision also works with existing systems to support teacher training to promote the quality of teaching-learning in classrooms. Moreover, World Vision works closely with caregivers and builds their capacity to better teach and care for their children at home.



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

World Vision's objective is to respond to water supply, sanitation and hygiene needs of vulnerable Syrian internally displaced and refugee populations while also contributing to short and long-term service improvement and resilience building in the water and sanitation sector. Implementation of WASH activities will prioritize children, humanitarian needs, hygiene promotion (incl. mitigating against the consequences of COVID-19 and using the Sesame Street WASH Up approach to reach children.



## THEMATIC FOCUS

### PROTECTION & ACCESS TO SERVICES

World Vision Syria Response has been investing in evidence-driven technical reports to strengthen the humanitarian advocacy on child protection of technical clusters with donors and decision makers, for those most at risk and hardest to reach – children and women living in the so-called widow camps. This complements World Vision's work to increase access to services for displaced Syrian population. The latest report "The women and children of Syria's widow camps: Hardest to reach, most at risk" is the latest evidence of this approach.

### FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

World Vision's Channels of Hope for Child Protection (CoH CP) is a programming methodology that motivates and builds the capacity of faith leaders and their communities to address violence against children including various forms of abuse, neglect and exploitation. It equips faith leaders with factually correct information and insight into their faith traditions, guiding them to become strong community leaders who can take practical actions for the well-being of the most vulnerable children in both refugee and host communities. Together with local partners in Syria and Jordan, faith leaders met with child protection and spiritual leaders to learn of this methodology in a Training of Trainers' workshop.

### SANITATION SERVICES IN AZ-RAQ REFUGEE CAMP

The majority of the camp residents, Syrian refugees, are still relying (directly or indirectly) on the communal (shared) latrines that were constructed before the camp opening in 2014. This has been a long-standing gap and need as identified by World Vision and other WASH stakeholders prior to the COVID-19 epidemic. To address this, World Vision installed 720 latrines targeting 4,000 Syrian refugees while investing in hiring Syrian workers who can get the necessary training to construct these private latrines. This project is enhancing the accessibility of refugees to safe and sufficient sanitation services through private latrine installation and repair, and provision of essential hygiene supplies.