We have been working in the Middle East and Eastern Europe for more than 45 years and currently have long-term development projects in Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Jerusalem - West Bank and Lebanon.

Serving the most vulnerable children in the toughest places, World Vision is leading the way in contexts of high fragility and gender disparity, local partnering, supporting children on the move and affected by armed conflict, in a region beset by climate change and the global hunger crises. The top four largest UN humanitarian appeals and operations in the world are in MEER in response to crisis in Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Yemen. Fragile contexts are those where the government cannot, or will not, fulfil its responsibilities to protect and fulfil the rights of the majority of the population, particularly the poor. World Vision has an experience in working in such places and in the MEER Region, this includes Syria and Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen. In response to massive spikes in need, World Vision has declared a global hunger crisis that has made cash, food and livelihoods work a top priority in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen we are leading the way globally by declaring the Global Hunger Response and launching our ENOUGH global campaign to tackle child hunger and malnutrition.

Therefore, we partner with organisations to support the needs of those children and their families affected by growing humanitarian crisis in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Türkiye, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania and Yemen. Empowering local actors to lead the response and development in their countries is a priority of our capacity building interventions.

FACTS

**MEER includes 4 out of the 5 largest humanitarian appeals globally**

MEER is the source/origin of more than 60% of the world’s refugee population

including the top 3 refugee producing crises in the world: Syria 6.5m, Afghanistan 6.1m and Ukraine 5.9m

and hosts just over 1 in 4 of the world’s refugee population

3 of the top 5 IDP situations are in MEER, these are Syria 6.7m IDPs, Ukraine 5m IDPs and Afghanistan 4.5m

MEER is home to 20 million IDPs

1 in 3 children in MEER live in horrific situations of war, conflict and violence

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FY23 ACHIEVEMENTS

More than
7.4 million people reached with humanitarian response

During FY23 MEER had humanitarian responses in
12 countries

More than
600,000 people reached with development interventions

25 million children were indirectly reached through policy change and influence

Localisation:
Programmes increasingly empower local partnerships in development and humanitarian contexts for more effective delivery of aid and fulfilment of our Grand Bargain commitments. E.g., over 50% of new project designs include local partnerships.

Out of which
- 92% of all children reached were THE MOST VULNERABLE
- 53% children
- 59% women & girls
- 41% men & boys

Reached over 8 million unique beneficiaries

Over
1.5 million people received critical water, sanitation and hygiene support

Over
1.4 million people benefited from our health programming including MHPSS

Over
1.4 million people received child protection and education support

Over
100,000 people supported through partnering with faith-based leaders and actors

Over
US$395 million in new acquisitions in cash grants, PNS and Food & Cash Voucher

US$338 million programming implemented in all MEER responses and Field Offices, of which

US$139 million equal to 41% in Food & Cash Voucher

Over
1.1 million people received cash assistance. US$104 million of Cash & Vouchers distributed

Over
US$4 million raised from local grants and additional US$3.5 million from local marketing efforts (local PNS individual, campaigns, local corporates, and donor grants) in Romania, Armenia, Georgia, BiH and Albania

LARGEST DONORS:

EUROPEAN UNION
WFP
UNICEF
Sida
Giro555
Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Across MEER, we work in a range of countries that are the Source, Transit and Destination of Children on the Move.

**WORLD VISION**

**UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE**

- Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Romania
- war, refugees, IDPs, massive destruction of critical infrastructure

**WORLD VISION**

- Bosnia & Herzegovina
  - frozen conflict, children on the move, violence against children

- Georgia
  - refugees, frozen conflict, violence against children, institutionalized and street connected children, gender inequality

- Iraq
  - political instability, climate breakdown, water scarcity, violence against women and children, children on the move

- Armenia
  - violence against women and children, border insecurity, ceasefire violations, forced displacement

- Jerusalem - West Bank - Gaza (oPt)
  - ongoing occupation and conflict, violence & widespread violation of rights against children, child marriage

- Yemen
  - famine, conflict, millions of people in need of assistance

**Why work with World Vision MEER?**

- **Capacity** to respond to emergencies in each country of the region according to international standards.
- **Support** for local level innovation in institutional grant acquisition and management with expertise in 20 donor countries across Asia, Europe and North America.
- **State of the art security**, anti-fraud and risk management capability.
- **Consortium leadership**, remote monitoring and partnering with local actors including capacity strengthening.
- **Proven ability** to bring field-led advocacy priorities to global stakeholders in Brussels, Geneva and New York and other back donor capitals.
- **Staff and systems capacity** to disperse over US$104 million of cash-based programming through a range of transfer modalities, including in fragile contexts.
- **Sector leading** Food Assistance systems and surge capacity that support a global, over US$479 million Food Assistance portfolio globally and US$107 in MEER FOs.
- **All projects and programmes** have considered Environmental stewardship.

- **Drive an advocacy, policy and evidence of impact agenda** for the wellbeing of children and families residing in crisis-affected settings.

**CLIMATE ACTION**

- Reducing the Impact of Global Warming on Families and Children
- COP28 Regional policy brief on impact of climate change on children and young people in the Middle East

**WINTERISATION - Out in the Cold**

**FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT - Empowered Through Faith**

**AGENCY OF CHILDREN**

- No Lost Generation (NLG) Policy brief for Brussels VII Conference
- World Vision regional Policy Brief for Brussels VII Conference

**EDUCATION**

- Syria/Lebanon: Hard Lessons
- Ukraine Crisis - Education brief
- Focus on quality programming and critical cross-cutting topics mainstreaming across programmes, such as GESI, MHPSS, ESCA (Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action)