

Emergency Response in the West Bank

Situation Report – April and May 2025

Situation Overview

By end of May, over 33,000 Palestinians remained displaced and unable to return to Jenin, Nur Shams and Tulkarm camps in the north of the West Bank (UN). They were hosted in collective shelters or in people's home in various governorates, including in dozens of villages supported by World Vision.

The influx of displaced families is putting pressure on local services already affected by the fiscal crisis of the Palestinian Authority (see [here](#)). Hosting communities are also very vulnerable due to the impact of the economic crisis and have very little capacity to support the displaced families (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

World Vision's access to affected communities in the West Bank had progressively improved in April and May but remained very limited with 15 to 20% of the supported villages unreachable in May. According to [OCHA](#), by end of May, 849 movement obstacles were permanently or intermittently restricting the movement of 3.3 million Palestinians across the West Bank. These movement restrictions continue to hinder the operations of emergency services, Civil Defence, ambulances and health care workers, limiting access to essential and lifesaving services (see [here](#) and [here](#)). They also have a devastating impact on the economy and access to education.

Access to communities significantly worsened following the start of the conflict with Iran on June 13th when most checkpoints and barriers were permanently closed for several days, blocking all access to dozens of cities and villages in the West Bank. Significant shortages of fuel and other essential commodities have been reported as a result in most cities.



People Reached

In April and May 2025

 **92,000** people reached directly

 **60,000** children reached directly

 **142** villages supported

From October 2023 to March 2025 (18 months)

 **415,000** people reached directly

 **230,000** children reached directly

 **447** villages / communities supported

Response Updates

Strengthening Community Protection

Since 7 October 2023, communities across the West Bank have experienced an unprecedented surge in violence, leading to numerous casualties and widespread destruction. The presence of hundreds of checkpoints, barriers, and obstacles has made movement nearly impossible, even in emergencies. This has severely hampered emergency services, including firefighters and ambulances, preventing them from responding quickly. In some cases, they have even been targeted.

To enhance community protection, World Vision is equipping first responders and local volunteers with life-saving tools, emergency preparedness materials and essential skills.

In April and May 2025:

- **6 villages** were supported with emergency preparedness material (including firefighting equipment and first aid kits).
- **US\$31,000** worth of emergency preparedness material was distributed to Civil Defence centres.
- The rehabilitation of additional **safe community spaces** started. These centres are used as safe places to provide services, build capacity and support preparedness by civil society organizations and local first responders.
- **75 female leaders** from 29 villages were trained on emergency response and preparedness.

From October 2023 to March 2025 (18 months):

- **131 community safe spaces** built or rehabilitated, and equipped.
- **447 village councils, 13 Civil Defence centres, 49 Primary Health Care Centres** supported with life-saving material.
- **12 fire-fighting trailers** provided to local volunteers.



A member of Civil Defence in the Jordan Valley is unpacking a new tool provided by World Vision



A distribution of non-food items in the north of the West Bank

Emergency Aid

Many families have lost everything due to violence or forced displacement. As the economic crisis deepens, nearly 1 in 3 jobs has been lost in the West Bank, leaving countless families without a source of income. Now, 18 months into the crisis, many families are struggling to afford their next meal.

To respond, World Vision is providing direct assistance (in-kind support and vouchers) to vulnerable households and families affected by food insecurity, violence and forced displacement.

In April and May 2025:

- **458 displaced and locally hosting households** were supported through multipurpose voucher distribution so they can buy food or essential items (such as clothes) they need.
- **4,000 people** received non-food items (emergency kits including mattress, blankets, hygiene products, cooking tools and clothes), most of them following their forced displacement in the north of the West Bank.

From October 2023 to March 2025 (18 months):

- **27,000 people received** in-kind donations, cash, or vouchers, enabling them to purchase food, hygiene items, warm clothing and other essential goods.
- **US\$450,000 was distributed** (cash, vouchers or in-kind support).



Children are taking part in a psychosocial session to help them to deal with stress and anxiety.

Mental Health

Since 7 October 2023, many children in the West Bank have faced a grim reality. Schools frequently close, and the constant threat of violence looms over daily life. Checkpoints have increased, and economic hardship has worsened, forcing many children to stay at home and isolating them from friends, education, and daily routines. The resulting stress, anxiety, and trauma pose long-term risks to their mental health and development.

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In response, World Vision is delivering mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for children, parents and caregivers.

In April and May 2025:

- The construction of **1 safe play areas** was finalized, benefiting 1,200 children.
- MHPSS services continued to be provided, with **85 adults** continuing to participate in *Group PM+*, *Self Help +* and *EASE for Caregivers*, while over **300 adolescents** were supported with *I Support My Friend* and *EASE* sessions.
- Across the West Bank, over 1,600 children continued to participate in children's clubs focused on Social and Emotional Learning and safe play, through **37 clubs for children aged 6-12 years** and **19 clubs for adolescents**.
- A new **child protection**-focused emergency project was initiated with support from *Giro555*. In April and May, sites were selected for new **safe play areas** to help create space to provide psychosocial support to children, and offer an improved place for safe recreation. Work began to prepare the provision of **psychosocial support** for girls and boys from age 6-12 and 12-18 years through sports and arts.

From October 2023 to March 2025 (18 months):

- **76,000 people** received psychosocial support.

Access to Healthcare

The escalating violence and movement restrictions have isolated many villages from hospitals, leaving local health clinics as the only option for medical emergencies. Pregnant women, in particular, face serious challenges in accessing antenatal and postnatal care, causing widespread anxiety over the health of their unborn children.

To support communities, World Vision is strengthening primary health centres to improve emergency response and provide obstetric care.

In April and May 2025:

- **6 Primary Health Clinics and Stabilization Points** used by close to 2,300 people were supported with essential medical equipment (such as mobile ultrasound, autoclave and dopplers). **90 clinical staff** received training on all pieces of equipment provided to ensure appropriate use and maintenance.
- The rehabilitation work on **3 primary health clinics** was completed in Hebron.
- Capacity of **health workers** continued to be built, with a focus in April and May on MHPSS identification and referral to care.
- **Community-based awareness** sessions continued to be provided reaching new mothers with timed and targeted MNCH-focused information, and more generally, new emergency services and diagnostics now accessible at local clinics without having to attempt travel into urban centres.

From October 2023 to March 2025 (18 months):

- **92 clinics**, serving 106,000 people were rehabilitated and/or equipped.
- **34 mobile ultrasounds** and obstetric care equipment were provided to health clinics.



A new tool for sterilization (autoclave) is being set up in a health clinic supported by World Vision in the West Bank.



A teacher is providing catch up classes for students who have been impacted by forced displacement in the north of the West Bank.

Access to Safe Education

Schools in the West Bank have not been spared from violence. Hundreds of incidents have affected schools, teachers and students over the past year. Violence, movement restrictions and an ongoing fiscal crisis have resulted in schools operating only two days a week at best, during the 2023–2024 academic year, leading to significant learning losses. Fearing for their safety and concerned about the economic situation of their families and their future, children are experiencing a lot of stress and anxiety that are also preventing them from learning.

To respond, World Vision is improving school safety, emergency preparedness and psychosocial support (PSS) in education. Our response is also supporting schools to offer catch up classes to address learning losses.

In April and May 2025:

- The first cycle of **Catch Up Classes**, supporting nearly **4,000 students** to overcome learning loss in Arabic, English, Math and Science was completed at the end of May. This is the first time Catch Up Classes have been run in the West Bank alongside the school semester, using a Ministry-approved curriculum.
- **37 schools** were supported with emergency preparedness material.
- **98 schools** were supported in reviewing their emergency response plans to ensure the safety of the children in case of incidents.
- **63 kindergartens** attended by 2,300 children were supported with learning tools and material.
- **Social and Emotional Learning** and **Psychosocial Support** sessions continued to run, through a partner organization, *Teachers Creative Centre*, with support from World Vision.

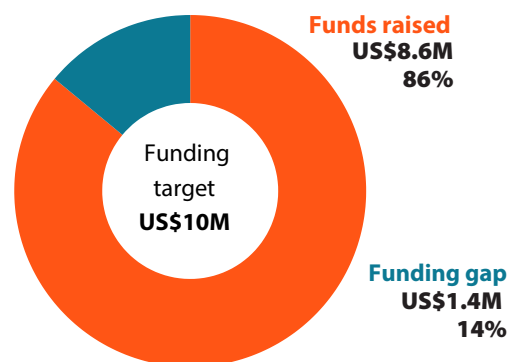
From October 2023 to March 2025 (18 months):

- **160 schools** supported to enhance preparedness to incidents of violence and disasters



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