

# Situation Report #13

## Displacement Caused by Cambodia –Thailand Border Conflict

World Vision International in Cambodia

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### SITUATION UPDATE

#### Background

Cambodia and Thailand have long disputed several non-demarcated areas along their shared 800-kilometre land border. Tensions escalated in May 2025 following a fatal clash between soldiers, sparking a diplomatic crisis and increased military buildup on both sides. On June 15, Cambodia appealed to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for resolution. The situation worsened after two landmine incidents injured Thai soldiers in July, with mutual accusations of provocation leading to intensified skirmishes and culminating in a major military confrontation on July 24.

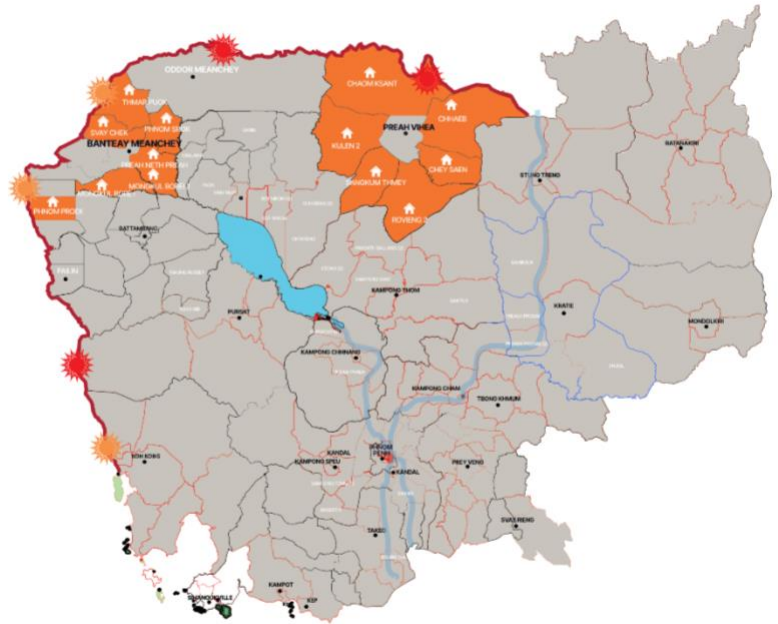
Despite the ceasefire that took effect on 28 July 2025, tensions between Cambodia and Thailand remain elevated following the capture of 20 Cambodian soldiers. Although two wounded soldiers were returned, 18 remain in Thai custody, prompting Cambodia to demand their release under international humanitarian law.

#### Latest Developments

In response to the fragile situation, Cambodia's Ministry of National Defense is leading a delegation of diplomats, military attachés, and stakeholders to assess conditions along the border. Meanwhile, Thailand has agreed to join the General Border Committee (GBC) meeting in Malaysia from 4–7 August with the involvement of US and China as the observers.

The military attaché from six countries (Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam) led by Malaysia will observe the fighting places. This observation will be for two weeks from this 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug onward.

Most displaced people in other provinces have returned home, except the people in the two high-risk provinces—Oddar Meanchey and Preah Vihear. Many remained hesitant to return and are waiting for the results from General Border Committee (GBC) next week.



#### Returned Migrants

**Over 400,000 Cambodian migrant workers** returned from Thailand within a five-day period following the outbreak of conflict on July 24, 2025, as intense border clashes severely disrupted safety and livelihoods, according to the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MoLVT).

#### Internally Displaced Persons

As of 17:45 PM on July 30, a total of 172,094 internally displaced persons (IDPs)—mainly children, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities—have sought refuge in 180 temporary shelters across Oddar Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, Pursat, and Siem Reap provinces, according to the Ministry of National Defense. Update on August 1, most displaced families in Banteay Meanchey and Pursat have returned to their homes, the number of IDPs in Preah Vihear remains the same or has even increased. This is due to people relocating from host households to formal safety camps in search of food and essential support.



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

World Vision International in Cambodia (WVI-C) has activated a Category I National Emergency Response to address the humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict. Our immediate intervention focuses WASH, Education, Child protection, Food and non-food to **56 safety centers with 15,306 families, comprising of 53,352 individuals, in Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, and Siem Reap** with the flexibility to expand into Battambang as displacement and return of my immigration increases.



## RESPONSE TO DATE



**56** safety centers



**35,458** individuals



**74** pregnant women



**11,116** families



**15,736** children



**75** people with disabilities



**34** child friendly spaces



**3,700** units of pure water and containers



**20** tones of rice



**34** reading camps



**4,076** hygiene kits



**43,714** boxes of instant noodle



**6,031** non-food items, (tents, mosquito nets, blankets, and mats)



**18** latrines



**9,018** packs of soy and fish



**13** water storages (2000L)



**16,866** canned fish





## COORDINATION and PARTNERSHIP

- In close collaboration, WVI-C and the Governor of Preah Vihear Provincial Administration have installed the LMMS system to enhance management and monitoring quality across all 15 safety centers.
- WVI-C is actively engaging with the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF) at the national level and participating in sector-specific coordination groups. Current efforts are focused on conducting assessments and sharing critical information to guide the response.
- In collaboration with the Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO), World Vision has completed its own assessment of the psychosocial effects on evacuees in three affected provinces.
- WVI-C and Plan International have partnered to establish humanitarian accountability through dedicated feedback and complaint channels at 3 safety centers. And different 18 safe centers set up by WVI Cambodia.
- In addition, WVI-C and Cambodian Beverage have collaborated to ensure access to safe drinking water, distributing 3,700 units of bottled water across eight safety centers.
- WVI-C has launched local donation efforts through the special Orange Heart and HOPE campaigns, raising \$3,000 and 120 cans of mosquito spray. These initiatives will continue through August, offering Cambodians a meaningful way to support displaced children and families.



## CALL FOR ACTION

The total estimated budget for this initial **three-month response** is **USD 300,000**. World Vision International in Cambodia urgently calls for support to deliver this child-focused, life-saving intervention. Timely funding will enable us to protect lives, restore dignity, and sustain hope for families displaced by the conflict.



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