

SITUATION REPORT #16

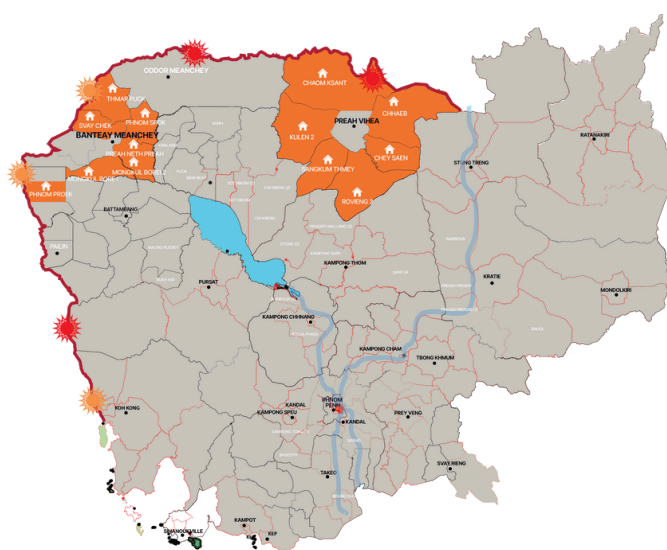
Displacement Crisis as a Result of the Cambodia –Thailand Border Conflict

SITUATION OVERVIEW and HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

The ceasefire agreement that was reached on the 28th of July has halted hostilities in the Cambodia-Thailand border dispute; however, the situation remains fragile. After the General Border meeting on 8th of August 2025, where the 13-point cease-fire agreement was reached, some displaced people have returned home. According to the report from the National Committee for Disaster Management, as of 21 August 2025, a total of 886 displaced households had returned to their homes, while 8,694 displaced households—equivalent to 28,442 individuals—remained in displacement sites across four provinces: Oddar Meanchey, Banteay Meanchey, Preah Vihear, and Siem Reap.

In parallel, over 910,000 Cambodian migrants have returned from Thailand. This remains a significant concern as the loss of income, depleted savings, and reduced family support are driving households toward negative coping mechanisms.

Both the displaced and returning populations continue to face urgent needs across health, nutrition, education, child protection, water, sanitation and hygiene, and livelihoods. The onset of the monsoon season may further exacerbate the health situation at displacement sites. Furthermore, the Psychological Safety Assessment conducted by World Vision at the end of July, 2025, highlighted that affected populations are experiencing high levels of emotional distress and trauma, in particular children and women, in displacement sites.



World Vision and partners continue to deliver timely, responsive, and inclusive life-saving assistance to affected populations, in coordination with local government and partners.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRESS

World Vision International in Cambodia (WVI-C) had been activated a Category I National Emergency Response to address the humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict. From the beginning of World Vision's response, which focused on WASH, education, child protection, and the provision of food and non-food items in **56 displacement sites, support reached 11,727 families, comprising 51,236 individuals (35,506 adults and elderly people, and 15,730 children) in Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, and Siem Reap.**

Currently, World Vision continues to respond to the needs of internally displaced people across 22 active displacement sites, including 14 in Preah Vihear Province and 9 in Siem Reap Province, housing 5,949 internally displaced families, comprising of 18,566 individuals, including 6,527 children.



RESPONSE

To ensure humanitarian accountability, World Vision continues to operate dedicated feedback and complaint mechanisms in all remaining displacement sites in Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey and Siem Reap. In addition, World Vision continues to provide technical support to utilize the Last Mile Mobile Solution (LMMS) data management system in Preah Vihear to strengthen efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of aid distribution across the displacement sites.



56 safety centers



35,506 adults and elderly



153 pregnant women



11,727 families



15,730 children



121 people with disabilities



56 Child friendly spaces



4,076 hygiene kits



20 tons of rice



56 reading camps



21 latrines



9,018 soy and fish sauce



7,750 non-food items (tents, mosquito nets, blankets, and mats)



13 water storages (2000L)



19,332 canned fish





COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

World Vision continues to work closely with government authorities, NGO partners, and the private sector to coordinate emergency support for displaced populations.

World Vision has been actively engaging with Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF) technical working groups and regularly inputting into the 5Ws HRF reporting system which informs the HRF Situation Reports and strengthens response coordination. HRF is in the process of re-activating the cash transfer working group, of which World Vision will co-lead with a UN agency. WV will use this platform to advocate for cash distribution through the government social protection scheme.

Inter-Agency, Multi-Sectoral, Early Recovery Assessment

World Vision was invited to present its early recovery assessment plan to HRF. **As a result, the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) and the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF) have agreed to coordinate the inter-agency, cross-sectoral, early recovery assessment** that can inform joint recovery plans. Thirteen agencies were mobilized to participate in the assessment and World Vision has led on technical questions, tool development and coordination and training of the 41 enumerators. Data collection will take place over three days (27, 28 and 29th of August) in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey Provinces.

Resource Mobilization

World Vision has been actively mobilizing resources from its support offices/funding offices to sustain the emergency response, with efforts continuing as the crisis evolves. Resource mobilization efforts remain ongoing, targeting both existing and new partners to bridge critical funding gaps and ensure the timely delivery of life-saving assistance and recovery support to affected communities.

Significant support has been mobilized from both corporate and community partners to assist displaced families through **the Orange Heart and HOPE campaigns**, a total of USD 19,691 has been raised from individuals and companies such **as Schneider Electric and De Heus TMH**.

In-kind contributions (GIKs) have also played a vital role, including:

- **936 children's books from Fountain of Wisdom (valued at approx. USD 2,900).**
- **A truckload of food and non-food items from the Singapore Cambodia International Academy (SCIA) (valued at approx. USD 2,800).**
- **4,900 cases of Dasani drinking water from Coca-Cola (CBC).**
- **120 cans of mosquito spray from a Korean businesswoman.**
- **15 boxes of recreational materials, storybooks, and toys from the Embassy of Australia community.**
- **Study kits for children from JCI Phnom Penh – Sharing of Smile.**

World Vision is also holding ongoing discussions with **Grab, Smart Axiata, OCIC Group, and Sromoch Trading Solution** to further strengthen engagement with the private sector.



UPDATED RESPONSE PLAN

As the current situation remains stable yet fragile, World Vision has updated its response strategy to more adequately respond to the evolving needs. World Vision will continue operating in its existing sectors (child protection, WASH, education, health and livelihood), working and advocating with Government Ministries and other stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support for affected populations. World Vision will also meet with the Provincial Governor in Preah Vihear next week to better understand Government strategies for long term support in displacement sites so World Vision can help fill the gaps.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

As of 25 August 2025, there have been 28 media hits covering World Vision's Psychological Safety Assessment Report. Through these coverages, the needs and voices of the most vulnerable internally displaced people—especially children—have been amplified. Numerous feature stories have cited the report's findings, further strengthening calls to address the urgent needs of internally displaced communities who remain in precarious and uncertain conditions. Media outlets covering the report range from a reach of 1 million to 6 million audiences, significantly expanding public awareness and influence. This demonstrates the power of media in elevating the voices of the vulnerable and shaping the humanitarian response to the border crisis.



CALL FOR ACTION

World Vision is urgently appealing for **USD 600,000** to sustain its updated response plan, which prepares for multiple scenarios: a short-term 30-day response in safety centers, a prolonged stay of 60–90 days, and early recovery for families returning home. These strategies may need to run simultaneously, depending on how the crisis evolves. Funding will enable continued delivery of life-saving assistance and recovery support across **child protection, WASH, education, health, and livelihoods**, while working closely with government ministries and partners to ensure comprehensive, coordinated care for affected populations. Immediate support is critical to prevent service disruption and protect the most vulnerable during this transitional and uncertain period.



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