

HUMANITARIAN DISASTER RESPONSE REPORT

DISPLACEMENT CRISIS

by Cambodia – Thailand Border Conflict

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CONTEXT

Civilians affected by the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict continue to face critical challenges despite the ceasefire. The situation escalated between the 24th and the 28th of July with hostilities resulting in thousands of families being displaced to temporary sites where overcrowding, limited health services, poor nutrition, and inadequate water and sanitation increase risks, especially for children and women. In addition, over 910,000 Cambodian migrants have returned from Thailand since the border tensions escalated, with many households struggling from loss of income, depleted savings, and reduced support systems—pushing them towards negative coping mechanisms. Emotional distress and trauma are widespread among affected communities, particularly children and women. These pressures, compounded by the monsoon season, leaves civilians highly vulnerable and heightens health risks.

DELIVERABLES

The response effort was strategically implemented to support internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently residing in 56 displacement sites across the provinces of Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap, and Oddar Meanchey.



Food Security

Provision of emergency food packages benefiting **75,544** children and adults



WASH

Provision of water tanks, hygiene kits, and repair of degraded water supply systems at health centres, benefiting at least **60,127** children and adults



Health and Nutrition

Provision of vital nutrition support to children under five, and to pregnant and lactating women, benefiting over **1,680** children and women



Education

Establishment of 56 child-friendly spaces, benefiting **1,151** children



Humanitarian Protection

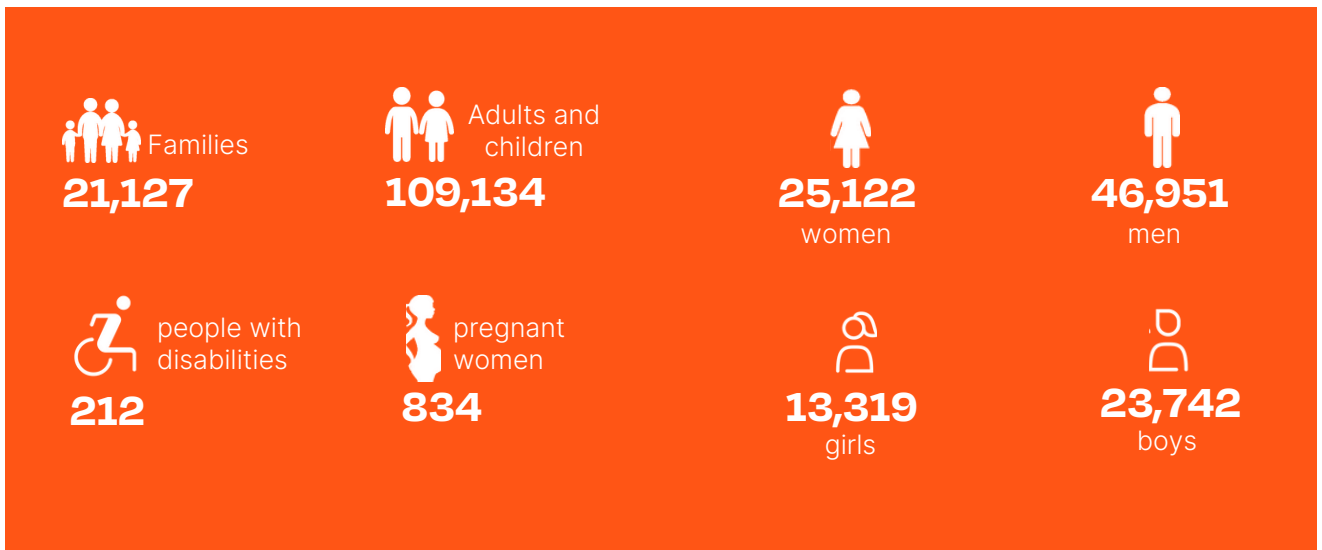
Training on safeguarding, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, gender-based violence, and child protection, benefiting at least **36,012** children and adults



Shelter and Non-Food

Items (NFI): Provision of tents, mosquito nets, and baskets, benefiting **109,134** children and adults

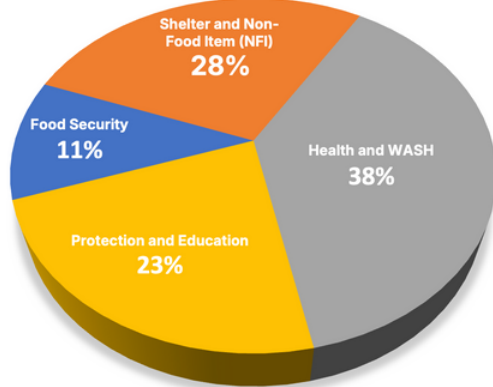
RESPONSE OVERVIEW



COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

- World Vision ensures accountability by operating feedback and complaint mechanisms in displacement sites in Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, and Siem Reap.
- In response to a request from the Provincial Governor, World Vision supported the setup of a data management system for displacement sites and trained Government counterparts in Preah Vihear to improve the efficiency and accountability of humanitarian aid distribution. The system has been operating in 15 displacement sites in Preah Vihear and 6 host villages, with potential expansion to neighboring provinces
- World Vision helped drive a Joint Multi-Sectoral Early Recovery Rapid Needs Assessment, led by the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) and the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF). The assessment's findings will inform coordinated and collaborative response plans that are sensitive to Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), ensuring effective support for returning Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
- World Vision conducted a Psychological Safety Assessment to understand the trauma experienced by conflict-affected families and guide response efforts. Key recommendations include providing immediate access to qualified counselors, raising awareness on support services, establishing triage and referral systems in safety centers, coordinating peer support groups for adults, and facilitating trauma healing sessions for children. The report gained 28 media hits, amplifying IDP children's voices, reaching up to 6M people, and strengthening advocacy for urgent humanitarian action.
- With support from the German Embassy, more than 1,680 young children and pregnant and lactating women in displacement sites received vital health and nutrition interventions, including supplements, care, and screenings.
- A total of 76 media outlets have featured World Vision's timely interventions, highlighting the psychological impacts of border conflicts on displaced populations, particularly children. Coverage also emphasizes support for the most vulnerable, including children under five, pregnant, and lactating women. Four of these outlets are international.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION



Total funding USD 275,000, including 14% from local resource mobilisation.

World Vision International in Cambodia has been actively mobilising in-country resources to sustain its emergency response, engaging corporate partners, development partners, and the public. Key partners include the Embassy of Germany, the Australian Embassy's Cambodia Community with an in-kind education donation, Schneider Electric, De Heus TMH, Cambodia Beverage Company (Coca-Cola), Fountain of Wisdom, Singapore Cambodia International Academy (SCIA), JCI Phnom Penh, Korean Businesswoman, Global Korean Scholar, Grab, and OCIC Group, along with supporters from Hong Kong and Japan through World Vision's partnership.

WAY FORWARDS

In partnership with the National Committee for Disaster Management, the Committees for Disaster Management at provincial, district, and commune levels in the affected provinces, and the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF), **World Vision International in Cambodia will seek more resources, both externally and internally, to support the implementation of a three-pronged approach as the situation evolves**, namely:

- 1) Continue to provide life-saving support in the displacement sites with a special focus on health, protection and education;
- 2) Early recovery support for families who have returned home, with a focus on cash transfers, livelihoods and restoring access to basic needs and services; and
- 3) Joint assessment of migrants returned from Thailand to inform response strategy.



“Amidst the conflict, eight-year-old Na and her friends find safety, learning, and play at World Vision's Child-Friendly Space in a displacement site in Preah Vihear, as part of support for over 100,000 people affected by the border crisis.

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