

TWO YEARS OF RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY HOSTILITIES

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Over the past two years of hostilities, [World Vision Lebanon \(WVL\)](#) has mounted a comprehensive and sustained response across multiple sectors to address both immediate humanitarian needs and longer-term recovery challenges.

Rooted in our commitment to protecting children and the most vulnerable, our interventions have spanned emergency assistance, infrastructure rehabilitation and resilience building.



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World Vision Lebanon's Cumulative Reach through the Middle East Crisis Response:



589,468 individuals directly reached across Lebanon



124,145 individuals reached indirectly across Lebanon

They include:



217,898 children under 18 years of age
- 113,052 Girls
- 104,846 Boys



371,570 adults over 18 years of age
- 193,196 Females
- 178,373 Males

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)



61,224 individuals reached with family hygiene kits.



1,556 consumable hygiene kits handed out to **3,941** individuals.

In the WASH sector, WVL acted quickly to mitigate public health risks and uphold dignity for displaced families. Hygiene kits were distributed in collective shelters and surrounding communities. In parallel, hygiene promotion sessions were also provided to strengthen safe practices. Cash-for-WASH support allowed returnees to meet their basic water and sanitation needs independently and with dignity. At the same time, WVL rehabilitated WASH facilities in collective shelters, restoring safe access for thousands of people.

Recognizing the protracted nature of the crisis, WVL also advanced large-scale infrastructure projects in Beirut's southern suburbs, South Lebanon, Nabatieh, Bekaa, and Baalbeck-Hermel. These projects included wastewater and water network rehabilitation, the restoration of water stations, and the installation of solar pumping systems, laying the groundwork for more sustainable access to water for returnees and newcomers alike.

Child Protection, Gender Equality, and Inclusion



11,662 children reached through psychosocial support sessions.



600 recreational materials were distributed to **400** children.

Gender equality, disability inclusion, and protection remained cross-cutting priorities throughout the response. In partnership with Abaad, WVL launched a gender-based violence (GBV) prevention project that combined case management, prevention initiatives, and male engagement. The project also aimed to build the capacity of health workers and stakeholders on GBV and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) standards.

To enhance accessibility for all, WVL supported the rehabilitation of WFP distribution sites, ensuring safe and dignified access for women, girls, and persons with disabilities. A gender and disability analysis covering Akkar's re-greening sector also guided program design, reflecting the voices of the most affected communities.

World Vision Lebanon also adapted its child protection response to meet urgent conflict-related needs while sustaining long-term programming nationwide. In



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displacement sites and affected communities, children accessed safe spaces to learn, play, and heal, while staff and volunteers provided psychological- first aid, trauma support, dignity kits, and referrals to specialized services – directly supporting more than 15,000 children through psychosocial activities across all governorates.

Caregivers were also equipped with parenting tools to reduce harmful practices such as child labour and to strengthen the role of education in households, while community leaders and children's councils became active voices for protection and resilience. These interventions were delivered in coordination with Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE), UN agencies, municipalities, and civil society, with support from donors including UNICEF, UNHCR, PRM, and the European Commission.

At the same time, World Vision's sponsorship programme continued to offer stability and hope, securing access to education, healthcare, and psychosocial support. It helped to strengthen protective environments for families and communities, while reassuring children that – even in the midst of conflict – they are seen, valued, and supported to imagine a safer future.

Education and Learning Continuity

-  **1,119** children were reached through extracurricular activities.
-  **1,665** education kits were distributed to 1,665 individuals.
-  **1600** children kit were distributed to 1600 children.
-  **736** retention classes were held
-  **913** explosive ordinance risk education sessions were held with **6,707** individuals.

Education has been another cornerstone of the response. During the height of displacement, WVL established child-friendly spaces that allowed children to remain connected to learning and development, while simultaneously safeguarding their psychosocial well-being. Caregivers were also equipped with the tools and knowledge they needed to support children's resilience in times of crisis.

As the school year approached, a national Back-to-School campaign facilitated enrolment for both Lebanese and non-Lebanese children. Meanwhile, remedial classes delivered both face-to-face and remote education, ensuring that displaced and








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vulnerable children could continue their learning, despite the instability.

To address economic barriers, cash-for-education support enabled vulnerable families to cover school expenses and reduce dropout risks. In parallel, educators and caregivers received capacity-building training to better sustain children's learning and well-being.

Lastly, rehabilitation efforts were carried out in schools that were damaged by the conflict or used as shelters for children and families during the ongoing hostilities. The rebuilding of schools and classrooms helped restore functional learning environments for students and teachers alike. Together, these interventions ensured that children's right to education was upheld, even during crisis.

Food Security and Basic Assistance

-  **10,222,802** meals distributed to displaced families and children
-  **12,886** mattresses
-  **11,571** pillows
-  **24,732** blankets and thermal blankets
-  **19,119** individuals benefitted from cash assistance with **US\$ 711,548** distributed.

To meet the urgent survival needs of displaced households, WVL's food security and basic assistance response ensured that families did not go hungry. In collective shelters lacking cooking facilities, WVL served hot meals, while Ready-to-Eat parcels and in-kind food kits reached displaced households elsewhere. Community kitchens were equipped with fresh and dry ingredients, allowing them to prepare diverse, nutritious meals.

Alongside food support, WVL distributed core relief items such as mattresses, blankets, pillows, and thermal blankets, to help families endure harsh winter conditions. In high-altitude areas, winterization cash assistance supported households to withstand freezing conditions, while one-off emergency cash transfers (US\$200 per household) and multiple rounds of multipurpose cash assistance supported families affected by the escalations.

These cash transfers, harmonized with sector standards and coordinated with the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), ensured that households could cover both food and non-food essentials.

Funding Overview

Prior to the escalation on September 23, 2024, WVL had acquired US\$ 3.8 million to respond to the needs in South Lebanon. Following the escalation and by September 2025, WVL managed to successfully secure a total of approximately US\$ 30.8 million; exceeding the US\$ 11 million appeal that was set in the initial phase of the response by approximately 280%.

WVL was able to achieve this goal by securing funding from donors such as WFP, OCHA, UNICEF, Global Affairs Canada, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), Humanitarian Coalition, Giro 555, DEC, Dutch Relief Alliance, RAPID (KOICA), Japan Platform, and WV support offices.



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Strategic Coordination and Advocacy

Beyond program delivery, [World Vision Lebanon \(WVL\)](#) played an active role in shaping the broader humanitarian response through strategic coordination and policy engagement. Over the past year, the National Director (ND) and Operations leadership team engaged consistently with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) under the guidance of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), ensuring that the perspectives of children and families most affected by the hostilities were reflected in collective decision-making.

WVL contributed to inter-agency planning and advocacy, aligning its interventions with the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) and sectoral strategies while amplifying calls for child protection, education continuity, and dignified assistance. In parallel, WVL's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) team worked hand-in-hand with government counterparts, particularly the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE), and the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW), to coordinate on service delivery, school rehabilitation, WASH infrastructure, and cash assistance programming.

This close coordination reduced duplication and enhanced targeting through platforms such as AMAN – Lebanon's national social safety net led by the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) – by providing monthly cash transfers and education support to the poorest households. These measures helped families meet basic needs, keep children in school, and reinforce the collective humanitarian effort in Lebanon.

Through joint advocacy with sector partners, WVL emphasized the urgent need for sustainable, multi-year financing and the prioritization of vulnerable children within national and international response frameworks. Looking ahead, our advocacy will continue to push for:



Ensuring access to quality education for all children in Lebanon, regardless of nationality, and tackling barriers such as school fees, transport, and child labour;



Securing predictable, multi-year humanitarian and development financing that safeguards essential services for children and their families;



Strengthening child protection systems to prevent and respond to violence, exploitation, and child marriage, particularly in times of crisis; and



Amplifying children's voices in decision-making, while ensuring their perspectives inform national policies and international aid priorities.