

# MIDDLE EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE

REGIONAL BRIEF  
FY 2025



## HOPE IN ACTION

World Vision has been serving the most vulnerable children across the [Middle East and Eastern Europe \(MEER\)](#) region for the past 50 years. We are leading the way in highly fragile contexts to ensure the most vulnerable children in the hardest-to-reach places are supported – including children on the move and those affected by violence, crisis, and climate change. We currently work alongside local partners responding to humanitarian crises and operating long-term development projects in 15 countries and territories across the region, including Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Iraq, the West Bank, Lebanon, Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Türkiye, and Afghanistan.

Amid ongoing conflict, displacement, overlapping crises, and worsening climate shocks, humanitarian needs across the region are soaring – with over 74 million people, including countless children, relying on humanitarian aid in 2025. In response, World Vision is prioritising child protection, MHPSS and education, livelihoods, health and nutrition, water and sanitation, cash and food assistance, as well as climate-smart initiatives. Through our global [ENOUGH campaign](#), we are working to end child hunger and food insecurity, tackle malnutrition, and ensure that children and young people have access to healthy school meals and kitchens.

We cannot do it alone. Localisation remains at the heart of our approach – empowering local actors to lead response, recovery, rehabilitation, and long-term development in their own contexts. By investing in their capacity and leadership, we strengthen our collective ability to ensure that every girl and boy has what they need to live life in all its fullness. We collaborate closely with supporters, governments, local communities, faith leaders, civil society, faith-based organisations, as well as children and young people, to ensure that the most vulnerable can receive the support they need.

## FACTS

MEER hosted

**5 out of 7**

largest humanitarian appeals in 2025: Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt).



**24%** of global humanitarian needs were concentrated in MEER in 2025.

Among the ten countries accounting for two-thirds of the 117 million forcibly displaced people worldwide,



**5 countries are in MEER**

Afghanistan, the oPt, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen.

MEER is home to over

**16 million**

internally displaced persons (IDPs).



**3 of the top 5**

refugee source countries are in MEER: Syria, Ukraine, and Afghanistan.

**1 in 2 children**

in the Middle East live in situations affected by war, conflict, or violence.





# REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN 2025

In FY25, we reached over

**8 million**



people across the MEER region

out of which **7 million people**

(55% of whom are children) were reached in response to humanitarian crises and disasters across 14 countries.

out of which **1 million people**

benefited from long-term programmes designed to improve children's education, strengthen child protection, support family livelihoods, enhance access to clean water and nutritious food, and build community resilience.



**3 out of every 5 people** reached were women and girls.

including



**4,473,805** children.



**9 out of every 10 children** reached were the most vulnerable.

## NUMBER OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS



ALBANIA	26,319
ARMENIA	12,393
AFGHANISTAN	1,420,379
BiH	17,093
GEORGIA	181,060
IRAQ	426,709
LEBANON	878,358
ROMANIA	195,965
SYRIA RESPONSE (including Syria, Türkiye, Jordan)	4,221,500
UKRAINE RESPONSE (including Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Georgia)	236,915
YEMEN	6,555
WEST BANK	521,407

# OUR IMPACT IN 2025



**76 policy changes**

reached 36,000,000 children across the region.



**150,000 children**

and their caregivers benefitted from mental health and psychosocial support.



**605,197 girls and boys**

received support to continue and/or improve their education.



**3.2 million people**

benefited from access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation services



**450,000+ people**

benefited from dedicated protection and women empowerment interventions



**100,000 people**

people supported through faith leaders and faith-based organisations to transform harmful social norms and practices.

**350,000 people**  
in 7 countries received



**US\$98 million**

in cash and voucher assistance.

Across MEER, we work in a range of fragile contexts and countries that are the **SOURCE**, **TRANSIT**, and **DESTINATION** of children on the move.

## FIELD OFFICE PRIORITIES IN 2025

### WORLD VISION

#### UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

**UKRAINE** **GEORGIA** **MOLDOVA** **ROMANIA**

violence against children, ongoing conflict, displacement (IDPs, refugees), massive destruction of critical infrastructure.

### WORLD VISION

#### BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



frozen conflict, displacement (migrants, children on the move), violence against children.

### WORLD VISION

#### ALBANIA



violence against children, access to equal education, livelihoods and employment opportunities, protection for vulnerable adolescents, gender equality.

### WORLD VISION

#### ROMANIA



displacement (refugees), children living in extreme poverty, lack of education access for vulnerable children, violence against children.

### WORLD VISION

#### GEORGIA



frozen conflict, political instability, displacement, violence against children, street connected children, gender inequality.

### WORLD VISION

#### ARMENIA



displacement (IDPs), violence against children, border insecurity, ceasefire violations.

### WORLD VISION

#### AFGHANISTAN



hunger, economic crisis, political instability, gender inequality, violence against children, natural disasters, climate change, displacement.

### WORLD VISION

#### IRAQ



displacement (refugees, IDPs, children on the move), political instability, impact of climate change, water scarcity, violence against children.

### WORLD VISION

#### WEST BANK



conflict, violation of rights, depleted livelihoods, movement restrictions, violence against children, hunger, destruction of critical infrastructure.

### WORLD VISION

#### LEBANON



ongoing conflict, displacement (IDPs, refugees, children on the move), economic crisis, violence against children, poverty, hunger, climate change.

### WORLD VISION

#### YEMEN



ongoing conflict, displacement, hunger, economic crisis, climate change.

### WORLD VISION

#### SYRIA RESPONSE - **SYRIA** **TÜRKIYE** **JORDAN**

displacement (IDPs, refugees, children on the move), hunger, violence against children, internal conflicts, economic crisis, climate change, post war destruction.

# 2025 FUNDING OVERVIEW

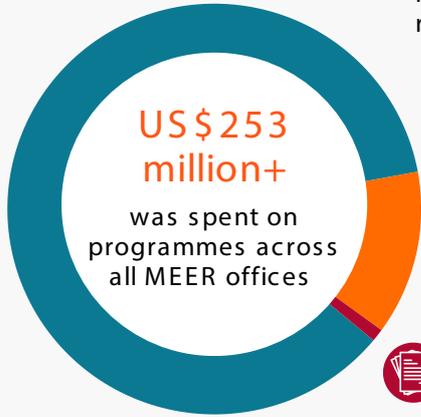


## TOTAL SPENDING

 **US\$ 209 million**  
humanitarian and disaster response programming (83%)

 **US\$ 44 million**  
development programming (17%)

 **US\$ 22,000**  
other support



## FUNDING ACQUIRED\*

 **US\$ 166 million**  
in institutional grants



 **US\$ 17 million**  
in private funding from individual donors, sponsors, and World Vision's support offices

\*N.B. Includes all awards acquired during 2025, including for ongoing and/or future programming.

## BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR

 **US\$ 109 million** for food assistance: in-kind food, cash & voucher assistance

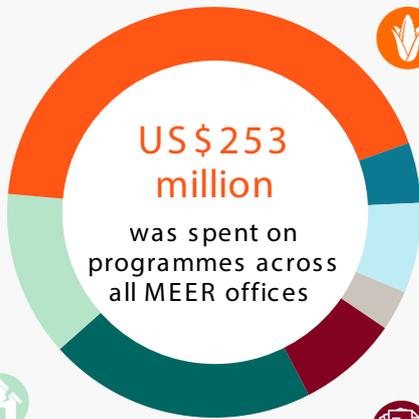
 **US\$ 12 million** on health and nutrition

 **US\$ 18 million** on water, sanitation, and hygiene

 **US\$ 8 million** environment, climate, GESI, sustainability

 **US\$ 20 million** supporting services

 **US\$ 53 million** on education, livelihoods, child protection, advocacy, etc.



 **US\$ 33 million** on disaster management initiatives, including response management and anticipatory action

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