

SITUATION REPORT #19

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

DISPLACED POPULATION OVERVIEW

According to the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), as of 25 December 2025, approximately **644,589 people have been displaced, including about 336,302 women and 204,992 children. Of these, around 347,346 people are residing in approximately 200 government-established displacement sites**, while about **297,243 people** have sought shelter with host communities or relatives. It also reported **30 civilian deaths**, including an infant and **88 injuries**.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

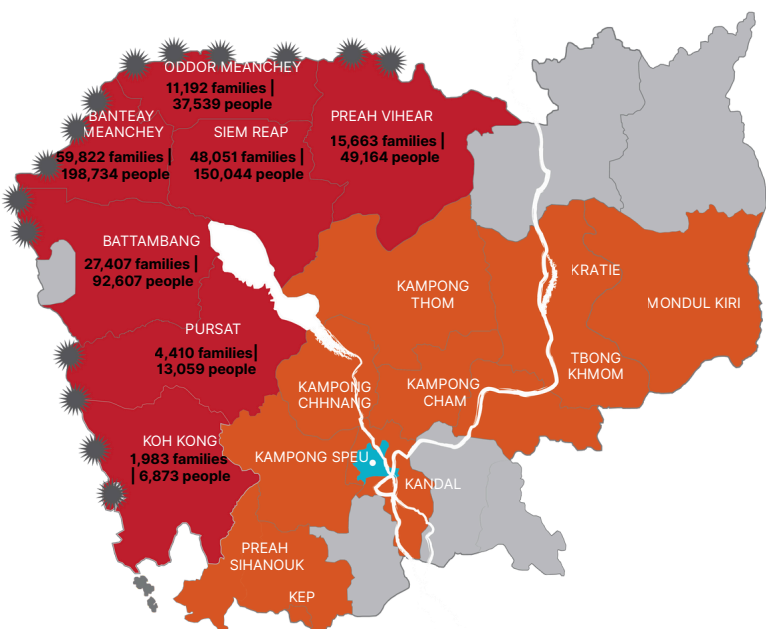
The situation along the 800-kilometer border continues to deteriorate and reported use of diverse weaponry affecting areas in and near civilian populations. Civilian casualties and large-scale displacement are increasing. Although the border area often experiences fragile stability, the current hostilities cover a wider geographic area than in recent years and are reaching deeper into communities.

Humanitarian needs remain high due to inconsistent conditions across sites and repeated population movements. Priority needs include food, shelter and essential household items, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services, protection and psychosocial assistance, health and nutrition support. Education has also faced severe disruption.

Approximately 1,311 schools are closed, disrupting learning for 322,103 students and 15,034 teachers, with most of the affected students currently unable to access education. Food supplies at displacement sites remain inconsistent and donation-dependent.

Protection risks remain significant due to limited monitoring, particularly for children, women, and girls. Families urgently need shelter, non-food items (NFIs), and WASH services following repeated displacement.

Diplomatic engagements, including the Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 22 December and the Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee (GBC) Secretariat meeting on 24 December, have continued, although hostilities persist.



■ Provinces affected by the crisis where official displacement sites (displacement sites) have been set up.

■ Provinces receiving displaced people who have moved to stay with relatives or host families.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRESS

World Vision is responding to humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict. The intervention reached **84,432 displaced people**, focusing on **Education, Food Security and Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Protection and Psychosocial Support, Shelter/Non-food items, and WASH** in **Banteay Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, Battambang, and Oddar Meanchey**, with potential expansion to other provinces.

From 11 to 25 December 2025, World Vision International in Cambodia has reached:





COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

World Vision continues to work closely with national and sub-national authorities, including the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS), the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY), the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), and the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), as well as local authorities, NGO partners (such as Transcultural Psychosocial organization to deliver psychosocial support to affected communities), and the private sector to coordinate emergency support for displaced populations.

World Vision actively engages with the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF) technical working groups, Co-Chairs the Cash Working Group and the WASH Working Group with UNICEF, and regularly inputs into the 5Ws HRF reporting system, which informs the HRF Situation Reports and strengthens response coordination. As a co-chair of Cash Working Group, World Vision is engaging WING to reduce or waive transfer fees for HRF members, ensuring cost-effective cash assistance delivery. Additionally, World Vision continues to meet with local/international partners and embassies to provide briefings on the evolving humanitarian situation.



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

World Vision has been actively mobilizing resources from its support offices/funding offices, local/international partners and embassies to sustain the emergency response, with efforts continuing as the crisis evolves. We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to the **Cambodian public, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Grab, Smart Axiata, Coca-Cola Cambodia Beverage Company, HGB Group, De Heus TMH Cambodia, Courtyard by Marriott Phnom Penh, iCare, Chea Ry Co. Ltd., Six Senses Krabey Island, Cambodia ILO Staff Union, and all our valued partners** for their active support and solidarity. Your contributions are bringing comfort and essential assistance to displaced children and families during this critical time. Resources mobilized for early recovery reports have been shifted to emergency response.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

As of **25 December 2025**, a total of **30 media features**—including coverage from **eight international outlets**—have highlighted World Vision's ongoing efforts in child protection, education, fundraising campaigns, and humanitarian response. This coverage has helped amplify the needs and voices of internally displaced populations, particularly children, reaching an **estimated 2–3 million people** and contributing to increased public awareness and engagement. In addition, social media platforms continue to showcase on-the-ground activities at safety camps, demonstrating ongoing efforts to support displaced families.



CALL FOR ACTION

World Vision has declared a Category II emergency in response to the rapidly increasing number of internally displaced persons. We are urgently appealing for **USD 1.5 million** to implement our updated response plan, which focuses on delivering life-saving assistance to the most vulnerable. This funding will enable us to continue providing critical support across **Education, Food Security and Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Protection and Psychosocial Support, Shelter/Non-food items, and WASH**, while working closely with government ministries and partners to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive response. Immediate support is essential to prevent service disruptions and safeguard children and families during this uncertain period.



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