

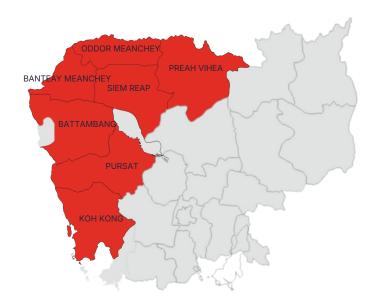
SITUATION REPORT #17

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

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 7 December 2025, tensions re-escalated in several areas of Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey provinces. By the early morning of 8 December, reports indicated the use of heavy weapons and airstrikes, extending into parts of Banteay Meanchey Province. Between 9 and 13 December, the conflict intensified, with military operations spreading into Pursat, Battambang, Siem Reap, and eventually reaching Koh Kong Province.

According to the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), as of 14 December 2025, the violence resulted in 12 civilian deaths, including an infant and an elderly person, and 74 injuries. Approximately 120,814 families (403,601 people), including 208,266 women and over 97,209 children, have been evacuated to safer areas. Of those displaced, 89,319 families (300,441 people) have moved into 236 displacement sites established by the Government, while the remaining 103,160 people have sought shelter with relatives.



RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) on the Cambodia displacement crisis highlights the severe humanitarian impact of escalating armed conflict. Conducted by World Vision's staff on 8-9 December 2025, in Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, and Banteay Meanchey, the assessment used secondary data review, focus group discussions with displaced community members and local authorities, and field observations across 50 safety centers to identify urgent needs. Findings inadequate food and shelter, lack of safe drinking water and sanitation, heightened protection risks, including fear at night and limited reporting mechanisms. psychosocial distress among displaced populations. Schools remain closed, disrupting education for thousands of children, while women, girls, and persons with disabilities face increased vulnerability.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

World Vision International in Cambodia (WVI-C) is responding to humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict. The intervention focuses on WASH, education, child protection, and the provision of food and non-food items.

From 11 to 14 December 2025, WVI-C has reached:





COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

World Vision continues to work closely with 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.

Additionally, World Vision continues to meet with embassies to provide briefings on the evolving humanitarian situation.



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. WV extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to Cambodian public, Smart Axiata, Coca-Cola Cambodia Beverage Company, HGB Group, De Heus TMH Cambodia, 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 14 December 2025, there have been 12 media features, including coverage from five international outlets, highlighting World Vision's call to strengthen child protection, local fundraise campaigns and emergency response. These reports have amplified the needs and voices of the most vulnerable internally displaced populations, particularly children, reaching an estimated audience of 2–3 million people and significantly increasing public awareness and engagement. In addition, social media platforms have showcased on-the-ground activities at safety camps, demonstrating efforts to support displaced families.



CALL FOR ACTION

World Vision is urgently appealing for USD 200,000 to support its updated response plan, which prepares for a short-term 30-day response or for immediate relief of USD 50,000 in the first 7 days for life-saving assistance. Funding will enable continued delivery of life-saving assistance 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 uncertain period.



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