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SITUATION REPORT #20

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 1 January 2026, approximately 409,149 people remain displaced, including about 214,486 women and 131,400 children. Of these, around 186,246 people are sheltering across 161 government-established displacement sites, while about 222,903 people have sought refuge with host communities or relatives. This represents a 36.9% decrease compared to the peak on 27 December, when 649,163 people were displaced. Subsequent official updates indicate that some displaced people have begun returning to their homes, though movements remain limited and uneven across provinces. The largest caseloads continue to be concentrated in Siem Reap (132,876) and Banteay Meanchey (102,113), together accounting for more than half of the total displaced population. The Ministry of Interior reported 32 civilian deaths and 94 injuries since 7 December, with no additional casualties recorded during the ceasefire window covered by the statement.



- Provinces affected by the crisis where official displacement sites have been set up.
- Provinces receiving displaced people who have moved to stay with relatives or host families.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the reporting period, the Cambodia-Thailand border situation showed early signs of stabilization following the ceasefire that took effect on 27 December and a 72-hour monitoring period. The ceasefire was welcomed by ASEAN and the international community as a step toward regional stability and relief for affected communities. Official sources reported generally calm conditions in several border areas, while cautioning that the situation remains fragile and could change. Diplomatic engagements, including bilateral and trilateral discussions, continued to support deescalation and gradual restoration of normalcy in affected locations.

Humanitarian needs remain significant, driven by widespread displacement, disruption of essential services, and damage to civilian infrastructure. Civilian harm and infrastructure damage continue to exacerbate risks. Damage includes private homes, schools, health facilities, government buildings, roads, bridges, electricity networks, and cultural sites. These impacts, combined with prolonged displacement and restricted access to services, heighten vulnerabilities for children, older persons, people with disabilities, and those with chronic health conditions.

While some schools, health facilities, and administrative services have resumed in certain areas, others remain closed. Returns will depend on continued security, restoration of basic services, and mitigation of residual risks such as unexploded ordnance. As displacement and return movements occur simultaneously, the response must address urgent needs in displacement sites while supporting early recovery for households that have started to return.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRESS

World Vision is responding to humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict. The intervention reached 108,971 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.

From 11 December 2025 to 2 January 2026, World Vision International in Cambodia has reached:



displacement sites







people with disabilities







304 pregnant vomen & lactating women

EDUCATION



temporary learning spaces





4.035 learning kits



500 colours books & boxes



14,095 writing & Story books



18.890 pen, pencials, ruler, sharpener, rubbers & board markers

PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



45 child-friendly





241 people received psychosocial support

SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS



1.920 blankets



1.760 sleeping mats









FOOD ITEMS



5,800



kg dried fish





100 litres of cooking oil

HEALTH & NUTRITION



200 litres of milk



2,600 pack of RUSF Remags and pack of RUTF Nutrix



100 sleeping folding chairs



boxes of gloves & scissors

WASH



g hand washing stations



water containers



720 pieces of bathing



480 bottles of shampoo



62 latrines 27 new latrines 35 sets of materials to build latrine





260,200 gram of laundry soap



80 sanitary pad









COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

As an active member of the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF), World Vision has been working closely with the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), UN agencies, and humanitarian partners to support the Joint Multi-Sector Rapid Needs Assessment across displacement sites in conflict-affected provinces. Conducted from 24–27 December, the assessment engaged directly with internally displaced people (IDPs) and local authorities to identify urgent needs across key sectors. The findings support the Royal Government of Cambodia and partners to prioritise assistance and ensure a timely, coordinated humanitarian response.

World Vision have continued to work closely with national and sub-national authorities—including MoEYS, MoSVY, MRD, and NCDM—alongside local authorities, NGO partners (including the Transcultural Psychosocial Organization), various faith partners and the private sector to coordinate emergency support for displaced populations.

Actively engaging in HRF technical working groups, World Vision co-chairs the Cash Working Group and the WASH Working Group with UNICEF, regularly contributes to the HRF 5Ws reporting system, and supports the development of HRF Situation Reports. As co-chair of the Cash Working Group, World Vision is working with WING to reduce or waive transfer fees for HRF members to enable cost-effective cash assistance. In parallel, World Vision continues to brief local and international partners and embassies on the evolving humanitarian situation and is integrating psychosocial support into the response in collaboration with TPO and local authorities.

World Vision joined a briefing session with a local NGO network of 357 member organisations to monitor the situation and strengthen support for affected communities. The engagement enabled the sharing of firsthand information on humanitarian needs, protection concerns, and gaps in response, supporting coordinated efforts in line with humanitarian principles.







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 World Vision Taiwan and World Vision Hong Kong for its contribution to WASH, children's education, and livelihoods for displaced people. We also sincerely thank our partners in the country such as 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, IBIS Rice, Maersk Cambodia Ltd., 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 2 January 2026, a total of 33 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 displacement sites, 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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