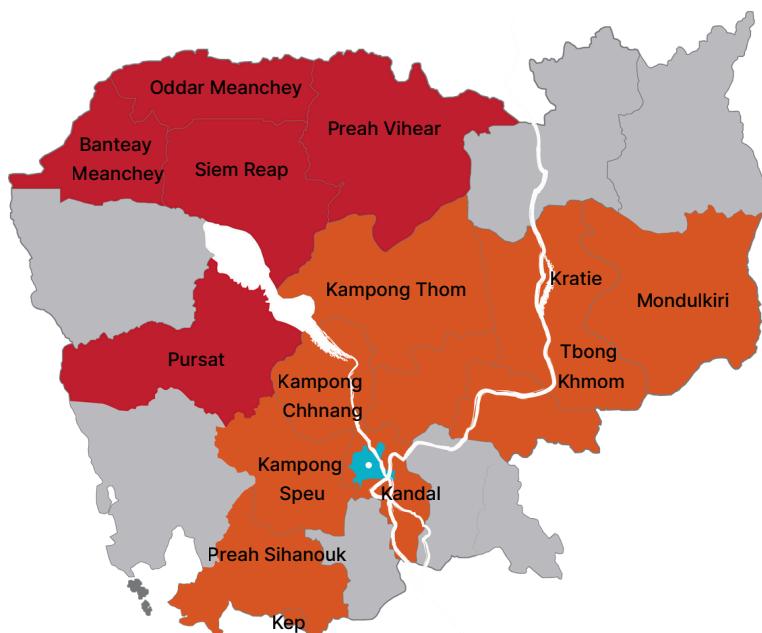


SITUATION REPORT #21

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 **8 January 2026**, approximately **475,387** had returned home with **173,776** people remaining in displacement sites. This represents a **71.2%** decrease compared to the peak on 27 December, when **649,018** 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 (46,706)** and **Banteay Meanchey (18,295)**, together accounting for more than half of the total displaced population.



■ Provinces affected by the crisis where official displacement sites have been set up and remained

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

SITUATION OVERVIEW

More than four weeks into the current phase of the Cambodia–Thailand border crisis, the operating environment remains fluid, with fewer large-scale population movements compared to the peak displacement period in December. While return movements have begun in several locations, conditions continue to vary, requiring response actors to plan for both ongoing displacement and phased returns. Current priorities are guided by safety considerations, accessibility, and the functionality of basic services in areas of return.

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 returned.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRESS

World Vision is responding to humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict. The intervention reached **125,988 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, and Battambang**.

From 11 December 2025 to 9 January 2026, World Vision International in Cambodia has reached:

 **93**
displacement sites

 **88,229**
adults

 **37,759**
children

 **1,878**
pregnant women & lactating women

 **34,092**
families

 **1,055**
people with disabilities

 **51,321**
women

EDUCATION

 **54**
temporary learning spaces

 **4,035**
learning kits

 **21,875**
writing & Story books

 **26,165**
pen, pencils, ruler, sharpener, rubber board markers & sharpeners

PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

 **45**
child-friendly spaces

 **34**
feedback & complaint mechanisms

 **3,241**
people received psychosocial support

SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS

 **2,081**
blankets

 **1,760**
sleeping mats

 **43**
tents

 **1,862**
sets of child and adult clothes

 **1,840**
mosquitoes nets

 **10**
plastic buckets

FOOD ITEMS

 **5,800**
kg rice

 **160**
kg dried fish

 **1,200**
cans of canned fish

 **100**
litres of cooking oil

HEALTH & NUTRITION

 **1,200**
litres of milk

 **2,600**
pack of RUSF Remaqs and pack of RUTF Nutrix

 **100**
sleeping folding chairs

 **215**
boxes of gloves & scissors

WASH

 **8**
hand washing stations

 **20**
water containers

 **720**
pieces of bathing soap

 **480**
bottles of shampoo

 **82**
latrines
39 new latrines
43 sets of materials to build latrine

 **800**
pieces of toothbrush & toothpaste

 **260K**
gram of laundry soap

 **80**
sanitary pad packs

 **60**
pcs of tongs



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.

The below report covers the period from 3–9 January 2026.

Education: World Vision, in collaboration with MoEYS, is maintaining 36 temporary learning spaces in Preah Vihear, Siem Reap and Banteay Meanchey and has provided 1,064 learning kits for Grade 1–6 children in displacement sites, with distributions ongoing.

Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods: World Vision, in collaboration with Coca-Cola Cambodia Beverage Company, Provincial Department of Agriculture Forestries and Fisheries and Commune Agriculture Officers, supported food security and nutrition activities in four displacement sites in Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear through volunteer-supported kitchen gardening, duck raising and refreshments.

Shelter/NFIs: World Vision, with funding support from Grab, distributed 400 shelter/NFI packages (blankets, mosquito nets, mats) to 400 families at displacement sites in Preah Vihear.

Health: World Vision continued to work with operational districts and health posts to support essential health needs and disseminate information on infection prevention, reproductive health, and maternal and child health and nutrition through IEC materials in displacement sites across Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear. World Vision also supported health staff to disseminate supplementary feeding and micronutrients. With additional support, supplementary feeding and micronutrients, including RUTF and RUSF, reached 300 pregnant and breastfeeding women with children under 24 months in Preah Vihear, with distributions ongoing.



COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

WASH: World Vision, in collaboration with Provincial Department of Rural Development (PDRDs), supported construction of 20 additional latrines (bringing the total supported by the organization to 82), providing materials while communities contributed labour. The organization also distributed hygiene kits across displacement sites in Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear provinces.

Protection: World Vision has continued to operate 35 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and 31 feedback and complaint mechanisms (with a reduction in CFS compared to the previous Situation Report due to departures from sites). World Vision in partnership with TPO, continued to deliver Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) across displacement sites in Siem Reap and Preah Vihear.



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, World Vision Switzerland, World Vision Germany 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 9 January 2026, a total of **35 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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