

SITUATION REPORT #24

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

SITUATION OVERVIEW

According to the Ministry of Interior, there were no reports of armed clashes, as the ceasefire from 27 December 2025 continues to hold.

In total, approximately 600,000 people (93%) of the more than 640,000 originally displaced have now returned. However, 47,714 individuals, including 25,047 women and 15,857 children, remain displaced across various sites and host communities.

Although some essential services have resumed in certain areas, access remains limited in others. Some schools and hospitals in Oddar Meanchey, Banteay Meanchey, and Preah Vihear provinces are still closed, preventing families from accessing education and healthcare.

The sustainability of returns depends on continued security, restoration of basic services, and the mitigation of residual risks such as unexploded ordnance. Field observations indicate that many families may remain in displacement sites for an extended period. The Government announced a three-part recovery plan to help displaced residents return home, support those unable to return, and urgently restore public infrastructure.

640,000

Total people displaced

47,714

Total people remain displaced

25,047

Total women remain displaced

15,857

Total children remain displaced

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

As the situation evolves from a mass displacement emergency to a more complex recovery phase, the following priority humanitarian needs have been identified:

- **Education:** 42 schools remain closed, disrupting learning for thousands of children. Temporary education activities are ongoing in displacement sites but require further support.
- **Protection:** Congested living conditions continue to pose significant risks, including child protection concerns and gender-based violence (GBV).
- **WASH:** Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities remain under significant pressure despite ongoing efforts by humanitarian actors.
- **Food and Nutrition:** Food insecurity and malnutrition risks persist. Supplementary feeding programs are currently underway but need to be sustained.
- **Health:** 20 hospitals and health centers remain closed across the three provinces, leading to uneven access to primary healthcare, immunization, and referral services.
- **Shelter/NFI:** Temporary shelter arrangements lack privacy and essential household items, affecting the dignity and well-being of displaced families.
- The response must now address both the needs of those still in displacement sites and the recovery requirements of returning households.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

From 11 December 2025 to 4 March 2026

World Vision International in Cambodia (WVI-C) has been responding to humanitarian needs resulting from the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict since the early stages of the conflict. The intervention focuses on Health and Nutrition, WASH, Education, Protection and Psychosocial Support, Cash Transfers, and the provision of food and non-food items across **Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Oddar Meanchey, Siem Reap, and Preah Vihear provinces.**

101
displacement sites

17
districts



141,701
internally displaced people reached



98,095
adults assisted, including **57,131** women



43,606 (30%)
children, including **21,448** girls



38,941
families



2,251
pregnant and lactating women assisted



1,208
people with disabilities assisted



EDUCATION

World Vision has established 54 temporary learning spaces/reading camps and continues operating more than 10 temporary learning spaces/reading camps across displacement sites, where facilitators run daily sessions to help children resume learning. These spaces are equipped with a full set of educational and recreational materials. World Vision distributed 9,380 learning kits (each kit includes a backpack, writing books, pens, pencils, and rulers) and 909 modified learning kits (excludes backpack), 6,862 uniforms, and 170 bicycles. Through its corporate donations, World Vision distributed 1,295 learning kits (each kit includes a story book, writing books, pens, pencils, and crayons) and nearly 50 types of teaching and learning materials (53,146 items) to displaced students and teachers studying and teaching in temporary learning spaces across displacement sites. With support from an institutional donor, World Vision also set up an additional 12 temporary learning spaces and plans to modify existing temporary learning spaces to be more child-friendly and climate resilient. Through its education interventions, World Vision reached nearly 20,000 children, including 10,000 girls.

54
temporary learning spaces

10,675
learning kits

53,146
teaching & learning items

507

families receiving cash assistance

1,893

family food assistance kits

18

displacement sites having kitchen gardening and duck raising initiatives

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



World Vision identified 1,400 families for multi-purpose cash assistance; 507 families have already received the support (each family received USD 100). Through public and private partnerships, World Vision distributed 1,893 family food assistance kits (each kit includes dried fish, rice, canned fish, milk, cooking oil, fish sauce, and sausage). Through a corporate donation, World Vision has supported food security initiatives, including kitchen gardening, duck raising, and refreshment programs in 18 displacement sites. Through its food security and livelihoods interventions, World Vision reached more than 7,500 families, including women and children.



PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

World Vision has established 47 child-friendly spaces and 34 feedback and complaint mechanisms and continues operating more than 10 child-friendly spaces across displacement sites. In collaboration with Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO) Cambodia, World Vision also provide psychosocial support to 14,472 individuals, including women and children.

47

child-friendly spaces

14,472

individuals receiving psychosocial support

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

3,000

children nutrition kits

1,600

pregnant/lactating women nutrition and newborn care kits

World Vision distributed more than 3,000 nutrition kits (supplementary feeding and micronutrient) to support displaced children under five and more than 1,600 nutrition and newborn care kits for pregnant/lactating women and postpartum mothers. World Vision also provided three motorbikes for a health center, so that health staff can travel long distances on rough roads to reach remote displacement sites for home visits, emergency follow-ups, and nutrition monitoring. World Vision is also working to construct a health center building in Preah Vihear province. World Vision also essential items such as gloves and folding sleeping chairs to health posts in displacement sites and will continue collaborating with the Operational District and health posts in safety centers to provide essential items and support ongoing needs. Through its health and nutrition interventions, World Vision has reached approximately 4,000 families, including women and children.



WASH

World Vision constructed 127 temporary latrines and provided essential WASH items, including 8 handwashing stations, 2 wells, and 29 water containers (>50L), 3 drinking water treatment systems, and other essential hygiene and waste management items for the displacement sites. World Vision also provided 1,820 family hygiene kits and 1,893 modified family hygiene kits integrated into the family assistance kits. Each hygiene kit contains items such as bathing soaps, cleaning soaps, laundry soaps, sanitary pads, shampoos, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Through its WASH interventions, World Vision reached more than 18,000 families, including women and children.

127

temporary latrines

8

handwashing stations

3,713

hygiene kits

SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS

12,000

families have benefited from the shelters and non-food items.

World Vision distributed 53 tents, 4,284 blankets, 3,303 mosquito nets, 3,223 sleeping mats, 1,689 child cloths, 627 adult clothes, 161 towels, 41 dippers, 403 buckets, and 37 sets of solar lights across displacement sites, reaching more than 12,000 families, including women and children.



COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

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. 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.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

As of March 2026, more than 100 media features—including coverages from major international outlets—have highlighted World Vision's efforts in child protection, education, fundraising campaigns, and humanitarian response. This visibility has helped amplify the needs and voices of internally displaced families, especially children, reaching an estimated 5 million people and strengthening public awareness and engagement. In addition, World Vision's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram) and website continue to document on-the-ground activities at displacement sites, demonstrating the ongoing support provided to affected families.



“ **Displacement should never interrupt essential maternal health services. When communities, health workers and partners work together, we can ensure antenatal care reaches women wherever they are.**”
Pom Theara, a midwife at Tbeng Meanchey Health Centre, emphasized the importance of continuity of care during displacement.

For families in the safety centres, the assistance brings both practical relief and renewed hope. **Sreynoch's mother, a first-time mother living at one of the sites**, shared quietly: **“We left our home with almost nothing. The supplements and baby items help us care for our child while we wait for the chance to return safely.**”



Humanitarian Partnership

World Vision has been actively mobilizing resources from Cambodian publics, its support offices/funding offices, institutional donors, and corporate partners to sustain the emergency response, with efforts continuing as the crisis evolves. WV extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for their contribution to Education, Food Security and Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Protection and Psychosocial Support, Cash Assistance, Shelter/Non-food items, and WASH in Banteay Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, Oddar Meanchey, and Battambang provinces.

- **World Vision Support Offices:** Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United States.

- **Institutional Donors:**

- **Corporate Partners:**

CALL FOR ACTION

World Vision is appealing for **USD 3 million** to implement our recovery plan. This funding will enable us to continue providing 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 recovery plan.



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