



DISASTER MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW 2025

West Africa Region



About World Vision

World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian organisation dedicated to the holistic well-being of children, families, and their communities to reach their full potential.

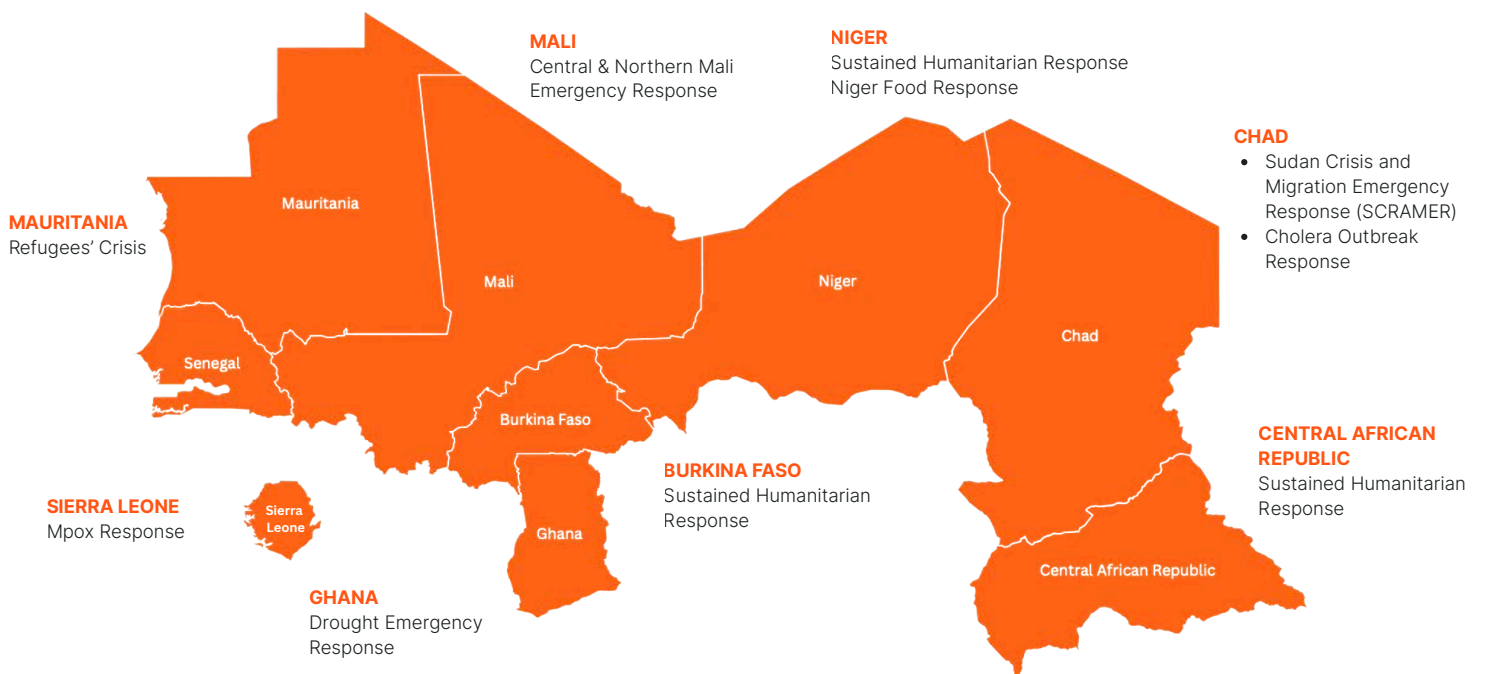
We deliver life-saving support through strategic interventions that reduce immediate suffering while systematically strengthening long-term resilience among women, men, girls, and boys in fragile and crisis-affected settings.

Our disaster management work is guided by humanitarian principles as well as by inclusion, gender, protection, and community engagement.

While developing synergies with our other development programmes and advocacy for greater impact, our humanitarian programming provides solutions to the risks and drivers of crises that threaten children’s survival and well-being.

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45 years of service to vulnerable children and communities across the region
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More than 1,800 staff dedicated to humanitarian and development results
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Long-term presence in 9 countries in the region, enabling continuity before, during, and after crises

West Africa Response Footprint



FOREWORD

Standing with children and communities in crisis

In 2025, millions of people across West and Central Africa continued to face a polycrisis with resilience, even as pressures on humanitarian systems deepened. Humanitarian action during the year took place in an environment shaped by overlapping crises, evolving political contexts, and increasing strain on humanitarian access, capacity, and resources across the region.

Despite the growing needs and resources coming under sustained pressure, our commitment did not waver. World Vision sustained its commitment to children and communities affected by crisis, responding across nine countries. We reached 5.8 million people, supported by an investment of over USD 148 million in cash and in-kind assistance. Children accounted for approximately 50 per cent of those reached, reflecting our focus on those most affected by disruption, displacement, and vulnerability.

These efforts were made possible by the dedication of our teams and by strong partnerships with communities, local and national authorities, faith actors, and donors. Even in highly constrained environments, our responses remained grounded in principled, people-centred action, balancing immediate humanitarian needs with protection, early action, and resilience-building.

This regional overview reflects not only what was delivered, but how humanitarian action was carried out in a complex and changing environment. It underscores a continued commitment to ensuring that children across West and Central Africa remain protected, supported, and visible in the midst of crisis.



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Regional Context Overview

In 2025, West and Central Africa continued to experience a convergence of humanitarian pressures driven by political transitions, insecurity, climate shocks, and socio-economic fragility. These dynamics sustained high levels of humanitarian need across the region, particularly among children, displaced populations, and host communities already facing limited access to basic services.

Across the region, political environments evolved significantly. In parts of the Sahel, ongoing political transitions reshaped regional cooperation frameworks and added complexity to humanitarian coordination. In Central Africa, several countries continued to navigate fragile post-conflict or transitional contexts. At the same time, insecurity expanded in scope and intensity, affecting humanitarian access and increasing operational constraints in multiple countries.

The operating environment remained also challenging throughout the year. Humanitarian actors faced restricted access, security risks affecting staff and partners, logistical delays, rising operational costs, and persistent funding gaps. In some contexts, these constraints resulted in reduced assistance or scaled-down activities.

Meanwhile, humanitarian needs remained substantial. More than 57 million people were identified as requiring assistance across West and Central Africa in 2025, with over 34 million people targeted and more than USD 7 billion required to meet priority needs in the most affected countries.

Vulnerabilities were driven by displacement, food insecurity, health risks, limited access to water and sanitation services, and heightened protection concerns — all compounded by recurrent shocks and constrained humanitarian access.

Developments across the region required humanitarian responses that were flexible, context-sensitive, and grounded in strong local engagement. In response and despite these constraints, World Vision adapted its approach through anticipatory actions, community-based programming, and partnerships with national authorities, faith leaders, and local structures.



Our Impact

Over the course of the year, World Vision reached 5.8 million people, including nearly 2.9 million children, through integrated, multi-sectoral programming. Our overall assistance exceeded 148 million US Dollars in cash and in-kind support. Interventions addressed immediate life-saving needs while also strengthening community resilience and protection, spanning food security and livelihoods, health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, child protection, advocacy, social cohesion, and anticipatory action.

Children remained a central focus of our regional response. Across countries, millions of children benefited from food assistance, school meals, nutrition services, health interventions, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) programming, and child protection activities. In particularly fragile contexts such as Central African Republic and Chad, large-scale programming supported children's survival, health, and protection amid prolonged instability and displacement.

Our humanitarian advocacy efforts also ensured that children's voices informed policy processes, with several national-level policy changes influenced through coordinated action.

The 2025 regional experience underscored a reality of operating with high levels of instability, limited resources, and growing needs. At the same time, it reinforced the importance of integrated, child-focused humanitarian action that combines life-saving assistance with protection, advocacy, and resilience.

As crises become more protracted and complex across West and Central Africa, sustaining effective humanitarian engagement will require continued adaptation, strong partnerships, and flexible funding to ensure that the most vulnerable, especially children, are not left behind.

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

5.8 Million+

number of people we reached (including 2.9 million+ children)

Burkina Faso

we reached 514,000+ people, including 216,000+ children

Central African Republic

we reached 3.5 million+ people, including 1.7 million+ children

Chad

we reached 789,000+ people, including 466,000+ children

Ghana

we reached 239,000+ people, including 106,000+ children

Mali

we reached 568,000+ people, including 262,000+ children

Niger

we reached 69,000+ people, including 42,000+ children

Sierra Leone

we reached 108,000+ people, including 29,000+ children

USD 148 Million

Amount invested in cash and in kind (US Dollars)



Country Context Overview

Humanitarian needs in countries where World Vision Operates CAT III emergency responses

Countries	People in Need	People Targeted	Requirements (USD)
Burkina Faso	5.9 million	3.7 million	792.6 million
Central African Republic	2.4 million	1.8 million	326.1 million
Chad	7 million	5.5 million	1.5 billion
Mali	6.4 million	4.7 million	771.3 million
Niger	2.6 million	2.1 million	603 million

Throughout 2025, World Vision implemented a range of emergency and humanitarian interventions, including sustained humanitarian responses in Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Mali, and Niger.

Additionally, we implemented a national response in Chad supporting refugees and host communities; CAT 2 responses in Ghana and Mauritania addressing drought and refugee-related needs; and a CAT 1 health emergency response in Sierra Leone linked to the Mpox outbreak.

For responses such as flood prevention in Mali, preparedness investments and early warning

systems illustrated the importance of acting early in highly vulnerable environments.

In health emergencies like the Mpox outbreak in Sierra Leone, strong coordination with national institutions and capacity-building of frontline workers strengthened both immediate response and longer-term systems.

No emergency response was activated in Senegal during the reporting period.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS BY COUNTRY

Note: Large figures are rounded down for ease of interpretation.

Burkina Faso

Targeted population: 168,000

Total budget received: USD 6.93M

People reached: 514,000 (children: 216,000)

Food Security & Livelihoods

- 17,400 received food assistance
- 3,500 benefited from livelihoods support
- 9,400 youth received vocational training
- 81,000 people reached by hunger response

Health & Nutrition

- 26,700 received psychosocial support
- 9,700 children received dietary supplements
- 12,700 received livelihood assets

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

- 15 boreholes constructed or rehabilitated, providing improved access to water to 9,500 people
- 6,400 people gained access to sanitation through the construction of 84 latrines
- 14,300 people received WASH/NFI assistance
- 39,000 people reached via hygiene promotion

Child Protection

- 11,500 people trained and 6,800 sensitised
- 28,900 reached through faith leaders

Advocacy

- 41 advocacy actions

- 171,200 people received in-kind food assistance
- 275,700 school children received school meals
- 69,800 people reached by hunger response

Health & Nutrition

- 2.5 million people reached
- 2.3 million suspected malaria cases tested (children under 5)
- 214,400 long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) distributed

WASH

- 102,600 people reached
- 45,900 children reached
- 13,100 people gained access to household sanitation facilities

Child Protection

- 38,200 children reached
- 68,500 people reached through community-level child protection programming
- 13,500 children engaged in advocacy actions to end violence against children

Advocacy & Social Cohesion

- 6 policymaking processes influenced
- 5 policy changes supported
- 1,900 advocacy actions
- 2.4 million children impacted by policy changes

Central African Republic

Targeted population: 5,000,000

Total budget received: USD 51M

People reached: 3,500,000 (children: 1,700,000)

Food Security & Livelihoods

- 443,000 people received cash and food
- 131,900 people received USD 2.6M in cash and vouchers





The training helped us build confidence and acquire the skills needed to start a business. At the end of the training, I felt a real change within me. I had become a new person—more confident and determined.”

-Tata, Burkina Faso

Tata (pictured on page 8) is part of a group of young women supported through World Vision's YES KIRE Project in Burkina Faso. This project aims to strengthen sustainable livelihoods and life skills for 1,500 young people from displaced and host communities in the peri-urban areas of Ouagadougou and Boromo.



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- 5,700 children benefited from child protection programs
- 9,800 people accessed GBV response services
- 15,300 people took part in MHPSS activities

Ghana

Targeted population: 162,000

Total budget received: USD 3.7M

People reached: 239,000 (Children: 106,000)

Food Security & Livelihoods

- 5,100 people received cash assistance
- 51,100 people reached with food security and livelihoods

Health & Nutrition

- 50,300 people reached with nutrition interventions

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

- 53,200 people reached with WASH services

Child Protection

- 50,700 people reached with child protection activities

Advocacy & Social Cohesion

- 3,900 people reached through advocacy

Mali

Targeted population: 575,000

Total budget received: USD 9.7M

People reached: 568,000 (Children: 262,000)

Food Security & Livelihoods

- 261,000 reached with cash and food
- 9,200 flood-affected people supported
- 207,500 reached by hunger response

Health & Nutrition

- 61,500 people reached

WASH

- 28,100 people reached

Child Protection / Safeguarding

- 6,900 people trained (teachers, women, committee members)

Anticipatory Action

- 70% of agricultural production protected
- 80 hectares treated
- 45 farmers supported

Chad

Targeted population: 500,000

Total budget received: USD 72.9M

People reached: 789,000 (children: 466,000)

Food Security & Livelihoods (food assistance, cash, shelter)

- 136,200 people received food assistance
- 286,800 people benefited from cash assistance (USD 19.9M)
- 4,100 people were supported with shelter
- 3,600 people received NFI kits
- 82,600 people reached by hunger response

Health & Nutrition

- 13,100 people received health services
- 61,200 benefited from nutrition services

WASH

- 8,200 people accessed safe drinking water
- 2 multi-system mechanised water points, 211 semi-permanent latrines and 200 emergency latrines constructed
- 12,400 people received 3,000 hygiene kits and 1,500 NFI kits
- 35,600 people accessed sanitation and hygiene facilities
- 39,400 people participated in hygiene promotion activities

Child Protection

- 4,700 parents and caregivers trained

Advocacy & Social Cohesion

- 4,000 people reached

Niger

Targeted population: 317,000**Total budget received:** USD 7.1M**People reached:** 69,000 (children: 42,000)**Food Security & Livelihoods**

- 120,000 people received food/cash assistance
- 59,200 received agricultural support and training

Health & Nutrition

- 10,300 children supported through nutritional centres
- 640 community health workers trained

WASH

- 8 mini water systems constructed
- 15 boreholes constructed
- 1,600 people reached through hygiene promotion

Child Protection

- 4 awareness sessions organised

Advocacy & Social Cohesion

- 51,300 people reached

Sierra Leone

Targeted population: 711,000**People reached:** 108,000 (Children: 29,000)**Health**

- 1,000 cartons of hand gloves distributed to Mpx treatment centres and hospitals
- Supplied local healthcare facilities with IPC materials

Infrastructure Rehabilitation

- Infectious Disease Unit at 34 Military Hospital rehabilitated
- Jui Government Hospital upgraded to accommodate 50 Mpx treatment beds
- Masanga Hospital rehabilitated (12-bed capacity unit)

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Support

- Distribution of IPC materials to over 120 healthcare facilities across the Western Area (Urban and Rural) and Tonkolilli District

Coordination and Capacity Building

- 3 training sessions delivered for 120 religious leaders
- 2 specialised training sessions delivered for 260 nurses, 120 laboratory technicians, and 60 hospital surveillance officers
- 6 capacity-building workshops conducted for 120 healthcare workers

Logistical Support

- 60 days of logistical support provided for contact tracing and outbreak response (Operation 'Find Them All')

Partnership and Institutional Strengthening

- Memorandum of Understanding signed with the National Public Health Agency
- Collaboration strengthened with the Ministries of Health, Finance, Social Welfare, and Gender & Children's Affairs
- Ongoing collaboration with District Health Management Teams through Area Programmes

Service Delivery and Outreach

- Preventive public health messaging and community engagement conducted



IMPACT STORY

Reclaiming their childhood: Child-friendly spaces provide hope in eastern Chad's refugee and displaced persons camps

The sound of laughter fills the air, rippling across the rolling terrain. Children like Amal (name changed to protect her identity) skip rope, leap, and hit volleyballs over a net in a carefree play reminiscent of schoolyard recess — a rarity in conflict-torn Sudan. In East Darfur, Amal has momentarily reclaimed the childhood that violence has stolen from her.

The crisis in Sudan upended Amal's life. Forced to flee her community in South Darfur, Amal's family left behind not only their home but also her friends and her dreams. "When the conflicts began, we left everything behind except for clothes and little money; all the properties had been damaged and looted. While we were on our way to East Darfur, we were attacked by gunmen who looted our family's leftover belongings," she says.

Amal is among the 14 million people displaced by the crisis in Sudan, which has been marked by turmoil since April 2023. Behind the staggering numbers are children like Amal, struggling to cope and survive — hoping for a moment just to be a kid. After making the approximately 180-mile trek with her family, Amal felt lost and uncertain in the El Daein refugee camp. "... I didn't know what to do and where to go."

The crisis in Sudan has severely disrupted children's lives, affecting their physical, mental, and social well-being. With schools closed for over a year, millions of children face the dual



challenges of displacement and worsening psychosocial health, including increased risk of child labor and armed recruitment.

Before the conflict, Amal's parents could care for their children, but the situation became challenging due to displacement. A team of social workers visited the family and invited her to join one of World Vision's child protection programmes. With social workers' support, she started adjusting to her new life in Daein. She attends sessions where volunteers explain how she can protect herself and when to seek support. "I have good friends at the centre," Amal says.

World Vision is working in eastern Chad providing critical aid to the most vulnerable children and families through activities like food distributions, psychosocial support, and protection services for survivors of violence. We are focusing on children's needs, providing support for malnutrition recovery and psychosocial support through avenues like Child-Friendly Spaces and school feeding programmes to help children access continued education options amid displacement.

Despite rising needs, we remain committed to protecting children like Amal by creating safe places and offering support that fosters healing, resilience, and hope.



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Partnerships:

World Vision works with a broad range of partners to deliver disaster management and humanitarian interventions that are inclusive, context-appropriate, and responsive to the needs of children, families, and communities across the region.

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