

RESILIENCE IN EMERGENCIES

Global Overview



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A system under strain, rewriting childhood. Rising global fragility is pushing humanitarian systems to their limits, leaving millions of children more vulnerable to hunger, violence, and lost futures. More than [two billion people](#) now live in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, where violence, climate shocks, poverty, and weak systems collide to drive hunger and displacement.

Apart from nearly [300 million people facing acute food insecurity](#), forced displacement has reached historic highs, uprooting more than [117 million people](#) who often return or relocate to highly insecure environments with limited essential services and severely disrupted livelihoods.

Women and children are disproportionately affected, enduring heightened hunger, violence, interrupted education, lost opportunities and long-term harm just as humanitarian financing falls short of growing needs and underfunding of critical sectors persists. Climate shocks are further eroding families' ability to cope, pushing vulnerable children deeper into cycles of crisis.



STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE, A SMARTER INVESTMENT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In this volatile and uncertain environment, investing in resilience is one of the most cost-effective ways to protect children, reduce future humanitarian needs, and safeguard development gains. Working across more than 30 crisis-affected countries, [World Vision International \(WVI\)](#) partners with communities to deliver child-focused, locally led resilience solutions at scale, helping children not only survive crises, but build safer, more hopeful futures.





FROM FIREFIGHTING TO FUTURE-PROOFING

How resilience programmes are protecting children in fragile countries

In 2025, World Vision International reached vulnerable families across **16 fragile context countries** through integrated, resilience building food security and livelihoods programmes. Working in close partnership with resilience actors, including the [World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#), we mobilised more than **US \$66 million** in targeted investments.

These efforts supported [1.8 million people](#), helping families maintain food security while protecting children's health and education. Over [700,000 families](#) received livelihoods assistance, with many interventions continuing into 2026, enabling households to safeguard productive assets, rebuild and diversify livelihoods, and better withstand recurring shocks.

Across fragile, protracted crisis, and recovery settings, World Vision demonstrates the operational strength to deliver **scalable, evidence based, and context appropriate resilience solutions**, reaching the world's most vulnerable communities with impact that lasts.



Strengthening family resilience to withstand, adapt and thrive

World Vision strengthens household and community resilience through a three-part framework that helps families withstand shocks, adapt to change, and transform the systems that shape their lives.



Absorptive Capacity - Withstand and Recover

Building the ability to anticipate and absorb shocks through early warning systems, disaster preparedness, and social protection.

9.8 million people supported with life-saving food assistance across (85% in fragile contexts) in FY25.



Adaptive Capacity - Adjust and Innovate

Enhancing households' ability to adjust to shifting climate and market conditions through climate-smart agriculture, diversified livelihoods, and financial inclusion.

235,000 supported through resilience building livelihoods initiatives in 12 countries in FY25. In Malawi, over 24,000 households adopted climate-smart agriculture and savings practices, leading to a 22% drop in child malnutrition and improved diets. In Cambodia, 900 households across 73 villages benefited from integrated support, agriculture, nutrition, and market access, empowering families to rise above adversity.



Transformative Capacity - Shift Systems and Power

Driving long-term, systemic change by strengthening local institutions, social cohesion, gender equality, and policy environments.

World Vision's ENOUGH Campaign active in 82 countries strengthens community resilience by tackling the systemic drivers of child hunger and malnutrition, ensuring every child has ENOUGH nutritious food to thrive.

Through policy and advocacy influence, WVI has contributed to hunger and nutrition policy changes benefiting 233 million children across multiple regions.



RESILIENCE IN ACTION AMID CONFLICT, HUNGER AND CLIMATE SHOCKS

World Vision delivers high impact resilience interventions across diverse contexts, including:



**Food Security &
Nutrition**



**Livelihoods
Recovery**



**Social Cohesion &
Peacebuilding**



**Climate
Adaptation &
ESCA**



**Anticipatory
Action**



Food Security & Nutrition

World Vision helps families survive today's crises while building food security for tomorrow. In fragile and conflict-affected contexts, we combine lifesaving food assistance with climate-smart agriculture, Cash and Voucher Assistance, school feeding, and community-based nutrition services.

This integrated approach protects children's nutrition, strengthens household resilience, and enables families to move sustainably out of hunger.

Household Own Production of food

World Vision supports smallholder farmers in post-crisis recovery by restoring and expanding food production through climate-resilient practices. Across South Sudan, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, and the Central African Republic, we equip households with drought-tolerant seeds, essential tools, sustainable farming skills, and homestead gardening support. These interventions strengthen food security, build household resilience, and safeguard children's well-being by reducing the risks of hunger and malnutrition during and after crises.



Food Assistance

To stabilise consumption during shocks, we deliver flexible food assistance, cash, e-vouchers, and in-kind food, protecting vulnerable families from hunger and negative coping strategies.

In Mali & CAR, Seasonal cash and voucher transfers help households maintain food access while preserving livestock and productive assets.





Livelihoods Recovery

World Vision helps crisis-affected families rebuild livelihoods and regain control over their futures. By restoring productive assets, expanding access to financial services, and strengthening market-relevant skills, we enable households to quickly restore incomes and re-enter local markets with confidence.

Through targeted asset replacement, Savings for Transformation groups, market-based skills training, and private-sector partnerships, World Vision delivers integrated livelihoods recovery alongside food assistance. Backed by decades of experience in fragile contexts and a strong global footprint, our approach reduces dependence on aid, diversifies income sources, and lays the foundation for lasting, market-driven resilience.

Rebuilding productive assets

World Vision rebuilds productive assets by equipping crisis-affected households with livestock, tools, irrigation support, and start-up inputs, enabling families to restart farming and micro-enterprises.

Since 2017, we have delivered [US\\$3.2 billion](#) in food assistance, reaching **20 million people** since 2020 through asset-building approaches such as **Food and Cash for Assets**. These programmes stabilise food access while enabling households to rebuild farms, irrigation systems, and small businesses.

More than [4 million metric tons of food](#) (2012-2023) supported community-led asset creation, including irrigation schemes, land rehabilitation, and community gardens, linking immediate consumption with long-term recovery.

Through multi-country Food for Assets programmes spanning Afghanistan, Myanmar, Kenya, Uganda, Lesotho, Niger, and Zimbabwe, World Vision has consistently connected lifesaving assistance with sustainable production gains.



Supporting small enterprises and value chains

World Vision strengthens small enterprises and local value chains through business training, market assessments, and buyer linkage facilitation. In the DRC, the Sahel, and South Sudan, our programmes have improved processing, aggregation, and market access for **cassava, maize, sorghum, and goats**, increasing producer margins and enabling farmers to participate more profitably in local markets.



Expanding financial inclusion

World Vision expands financial inclusion in fragile contexts by scaling **Savings for Transformation** groups and linking them to formal financial services, alongside targeted financial literacy and business coaching. Today, more than **79,000 S4T groups** support **1.6 million members, 79% women**, across crisis-affected settings.

Through formal financial linkages, including **VisionFund's FAST loan initiative**, over **3,800 S4T groups** now access capital, reaching **90,000 members** and benefiting **320,000 children**, unlocking finance in remote, high-risk environments where banking services are scarce.





Social Cohesion & Peacebuilding

Conflict sensitive programming and interfaith dialogue are central to World Vision's resilience approach, recognising that livelihoods and services cannot recover without safety, trust, and social cohesion.

World Vision Iraq positions peace as a cross-cutting driver of the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus, moving beyond one-off dialogues to system-level transformation. It embeds [peacebuilding](#) across education, livelihoods, protection, governance, climate programming, and disaster risk reduction (DRR); linking peacebuilding with anticipatory action to strengthen community resilience.

By reducing tensions, enabling safe movement, and fostering cooperation around shared assets, such as water points, bridges, and schools, we help communities sustain recovery and build resilience to future shocks.



Climate Adaptation & Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

World Vision strengthens resilience in fragile and humanitarian contexts through [nature based climate solutions](#), including **FMNR, agroforestry, and land restoration**, to protect natural capital and sustain livelihoods exposed to conflict and climate shocks.

1,000,546 people trained in **climate-smart agriculture** and **sustainable land management**.

In highly fragile Pacific settings such as the Solomon Islands, we are regenerating forests and piloting [mangrove FMNR](#), helping communities buffer storm surges, protect coastal livelihoods, and reduce disaster risk. These interventions are directly supporting **over 800 people across eight high risk communities**, enabling families to continue producing food, securing income, and rebuilding stability as climate pressures intensify.

Anticipatory Action

World Vision links early warning to pre arranged early action, enabling families to protect lives and livelihoods before shocks escalate. Across Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Mongolia our anticipatory action programmes deliver early cash, risk communication, and livelihood protecting inputs triggered by forecast based thresholds.

In Mongolia, World Vision's anticipatory action focuses on protecting vulnerable herder families from Dzud (severe winter) by distributing cash, fodder, and food before disasters strike, safeguarding livestock and household livelihoods. Working in western provinces, the initiative supports by enabling families to keep livestock alive and avoid debt.





DESIGNED FOR DISRUPTION: INSIDE WORLD VISION'S TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL READINESS FOR CRISIS

World Vision's technical and operational readiness ensures resilience programming is underpinned by **evidence-driven systems, early-warning and risk monitoring, cash readiness, and strong local partnerships**, enabling support to be activated before shocks escalate.

This capability allows communities to anticipate risks, trigger timely, livelihood-protecting assistance, and maintain essential services during crises, helping households withstand, adapt to, and recover from recurring climate and conflict-related shocks.

World Vision delivers **surge-ready resilience programming** through rapid technical deployment, real-time data, and strong local systems like [Advanced Early Warning Systems](#), stabilising communities during crisis while accelerating recovery and systems strengthening.

- Using **adaptive MEAL, early-warning systems, and digital platforms** (including LMMS, GIS, and mobile data tools), we track climate, conflict, market risks, and household coping capacity to adjust programmes in real time.
- **Digital CVA solutions** from secure digital IDs to e-vouchers and QR-based tracking, enable anticipatory cash, protect assets, and ensure accountable delivery across **40+ countries**.
- Our **evidence-driven, context-specific design** integrates climate analytics, conflict sensitivity, market and value-chain analysis, and child- and gender-responsive approaches like the [Somalia Resilience Programme](#).
- By strengthening **local institutions**, from disaster management committees to producer groups and public systems, and delivering **integrated, multi-sector responses**, World Vision reduces future humanitarian need and builds lasting resilience, from Ukraine to Somalia, Kenya, and Bangladesh.



BUILDING RESILIENCE WITHOUT RISK: INTEGRATING CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING INTO CRISIS PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY

In **2025**, World Vision integrated child protection across resilience programmes, reaching **286,000 people** and helping families avoid harmful coping strategies. By stabilising livelihoods through **CVA, savings groups, and skills support**, programmes reduce risks of child labour and early marriage, keeping children safe and in school, including during economic crisis in Afghanistan.



Resilience programming also embeds **psychosocial support (PSS)**, child-friendly spaces, and positive parenting to protect children's wellbeing, as seen in Syria, where PSS was integrated with livelihoods activities. Children, especially **girls and children with disabilities**, are actively engaged in preparedness and resilience planning; [in Lesotho](#), school DRR clubs contributed to community hazard mapping and local resilience plans.



PREDICTING SHOCKS, PROTECTING LIVES: WORLD VISION LINKS DATA, CASH, AND EARLY ACTION

World Vision's resilience-focused MEAL approach ensures programmes are **risk-informed, adaptive, and accountable** in dynamic shock contexts. By tracking the four resilience capacities, **anticipation, absorption, adaptation, and transformation**, through lean indicators and real-time monitoring, we enable rapid course correction and consistent, comparable results.

Forecast-linked MEAL systems connect early warning to pre-arranged action, triggering early cash and livelihood-protecting support, as demonstrated in Marsabit County, Kenya, where anticipatory assistance reached **4,748 people** before shocks escalated. At scale, **Last Mile Mobile Solutions (LMMS)** enables secure digital identity, e-vouchers, distribution tracking, and real-time reporting across **30-40+ countries**, strengthening transparency in hard-to-reach crises.

By combining adaptive management with climate and geospatial risk analytics, World Vision sharpens early-action triggers, protects assets, reduces negative coping, and demonstrates value for money, supporting smarter scale-up and sustained resilience investments.

Our MEAL systems make World Vision's resilience programming evidence driven, community accountable, and shock responsive, sustaining food security and livelihoods gains beyond the project cycle.



INNOVATION THAT SAVES LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS

World Vision delivers innovation that works in crisis, combining lifesaving assistance with – **market-driven, digital, locally-led and natural based solutions** that strengthen food systems under stress.

We operationalise **anticipatory action** by linking early warning to pre-arranged cash, risk communication, and livelihood-protecting inputs, from last-mile messaging in Kenya to pre-shock support for **4,748 people** in South Omo, Ethiopia. Our **Last Mile Mobile Solutions (LMMS)** platform enables secure digital identity, e-vouchers, and near real-time reporting for millions of people across **30-40+ countries**, ensuring accountable assistance in hard-to-reach settings.

In Thanh Hoa Province, Viet Nam, World Vision has successfully integrated digital early warning systems and anticipatory action into [community-based disaster management](#), enabling timely evacuations, preventing loss of life, and reducing damage to crops and livelihoods during severe typhoons, while strengthening local preparedness and coordination.

Through the [THRIVE model](#), which integrates markets, finance, and climate-smart agriculture, World Vision delivers a **567% return on investment**, enabling households to grow incomes while withstanding shocks. In the Sahel, we combine **FMNR**, savings groups, and women-led, solar-irrigated dry-season gardening to restore land and diversify livelihoods in Mali and Niger.

Guided by our **Fragile Contexts Programme Approach**, an agile, [conflict-sensitive operating model](#), World Vision operates with agility and conflict sensitivity, maintaining livelihood services amid instability and seamlessly shifting from relief to recovery and long-term systems change.



PARTNERSHIPS THAT POWER RESILIENCE

World Vision builds resilience through **strong local partnerships**, co-designing programmes with community organisations, faith leaders, civil society, and public systems to ensure solutions are **locally led and institutionally anchored**. By prioritising localisation, capacity sharing, and alignment with government systems, we strengthen local leadership and accountability long after project cycles end.

Through **strategic collaborations**, World Vision expands technical capacity, market and financial access, and shock-responsive programming, delivering resilient food security and livelihoods outcomes that are sustained over time.



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