

# RESILIENCE IN EMERGENCIES

## Global Capacity Statement

### Background

Rising fragility is stretching humanitarian systems beyond capacity, leaving millions of children exposed to hunger, displacement, violence, and lost futures. More than [two billion people](#) now live in fragile and conflict affected settings, where climate shocks, conflict, poverty, and weak systems collide. [Acute food insecurity](#) and [displacement](#) are at historic highs, while humanitarian financing continues to fall short of escalating needs.

### Our goal

In these contexts, investing in resilience is one of the most cost effective ways to protect children, reduce future humanitarian need, and safeguard development gains. Working across crisis affected countries, [World Vision International \(WVI\)](#) partners with communities to deliver child focused, locally led resilience solutions at scale helping children survive crises today while building safer, more hopeful futures.



**STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE:**  
A smarter investment to protect children and families in crisis-affected context

When families can protect their livelihoods before a shock, children stay nourished, protected, and in school, even during crisis.

### Our footprint and impact

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.



**1.8 million people** supported through resilience building food security and livelihoods programmes in fragile contexts (FY25).



Over **700,000 families** supported through livelihoods and economic development initiatives, enabling households to safeguard assets and recover faster from aftershocks.



## Our approach to household and community resilience

World Vision strengthens household and community resilience through an integrated framework that enables families to **withstand shocks, adapt to change, and transform the systems that shape their lives.**



### **Absorptive Capacity (Withstand and recover from shocks)**

Building and strengthening families' ability to anticipate and withstand shocks through early warnings, preparedness, and social protection so they can protect their lives and livelihoods before emergencies escalate.

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



### **Adaptive Capacity (Adapt to change and innovate)**

Enabling households adapt to changing climate and market conditions, while protecting children's wellbeing, through climate-smart farming, diverse livelihoods, access to markets, and financial inclusion.

**235,000 people** in emergency and crisis settings were impacted through resilience-building livelihoods initiatives across **12 countries** in FY25.



### **Transformative Capacity - (Transform systems)**

Driving long-term, systemic change, beyond the project cycle, 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.

## Delivering Resilience at Scale

World Vision delivers high impact resilience interventions across diverse contexts.



### Food Security & Nutrition

World Vision helps families survive today's crises while building sustainable food security for tomorrow.

In fragile and conflict-affected settings, we combine lifesaving food assistance with climate-smart agriculture, cash support, school feeding, and community nutrition to protect children and strengthen resilience.

In the DRC, conflict-affected families are restoring cassava and maize production through improved farming, local seed systems, and market linkages, moving sustainably out of hunger.



### Livelihoods Recovery

World Vision helps crisis-affected families restore livelihoods and regain control of their futures by replacing lost assets, expanding financial access, and building market-relevant skills.

Our integrated, market-driven approach reduces reliance on aid and strengthens incomes in fragile contexts.

Across multi-country Food for Assets programmes, spanning from Afghanistan to Niger we consistently link lifesaving support with lasting production and resilience gains.



## Social Cohesion & Peacebuilding

World Vision integrates conflict-sensitive programming and interfaith dialogue to rebuild trust, safety, and social cohesion foundations for resilient livelihoods and services.

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.



## Climate Adaptation & Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

World Vision builds resilience in fragile contexts through [nature-based climate solutions](#), such as FMNR, agroforestry, and land restoration, that protect ecosystems and sustain livelihoods under climate and conflict stress.

In highly fragile Pacific settings like the Solomon Islands, these approaches are restoring forests and [mangrove FMNR](#), reducing disaster risk, and enabling over 800 people to continue producing food, earning incomes, and rebuilding stability.



## Anticipatory Action

World Vision links early warning to pre-arranged early action, helping families protect lives and livelihoods before shocks escalate. Across fragile contexts, our anticipatory action delivers early cash, risk information, and livelihood-protecting support triggered by forecasts.

In Kenya's Marsabit County, early warning messages delivered through WhatsApp, radio, schools, and community forums enabled pastoralist households to act early, reducing livelihood losses.



## Technical and Operational Readiness

World Vision is surge-ready to help communities act before crises escalate, using early warning, real-time data, cash readiness, and strong local partnerships. Our evidence-driven systems enable anticipatory cash and livelihood-protecting support that keeps essential services running during climate and conflict shocks.

Through digital platforms and adaptive monitoring, we adjust programmes in real time to protect assets and accelerate recovery across 40+ countries. By strengthening local institutions and systems, we reduce future humanitarian need and build lasting resilience from Somalia to Ukraine, Kenya, and Bangladesh.



## Child Protection and Safeguarding in Resilience Programming

In 2025, World Vision embedded child protection across resilience programmes, reaching 286,000 people and helping families avoid harmful coping strategies during crisis.

By stabilising livelihoods through cash, savings, and skills, we reduce risks of child labour and early marriage, keeping children safe and in school, including in Afghanistan. Integrated psychosocial support and child-led preparedness empower children, especially girls and those with disabilities, to shape safer, more resilient communities from Syria to [Lesotho](#).



## Data-driven. People-powered. Resilience-ready

World Vision's resilience-focused MEAL systems ensure programmes are risk-informed, adaptive, and accountable in fast-changing crisis contexts. By linking early warning to anticipatory action and digital platforms like LMMS, we trigger early cash, protect livelihoods, and strengthen transparency across 30-40+ countries.

Combining real-time monitoring with climate and geospatial analytics, we deliver value for money while sustaining food security and resilience gains beyond the project cycle.



## Crisis-Ready Innovation

World Vision delivers proven innovation in crisis, combining lifesaving aid with digital, market-driven, and nature-based solutions that protect food systems under stress.

By linking early warning to anticipatory cash and livelihood support, we help communities act before shocks escalate, from Viet Nam to Ethiopia.

Our LMMS digital platform ensures secure, accountable assistance at scale, while models like the [THRIVE model](#), deliver strong returns and climate-resilient incomes.

Guided by an agile, conflict-sensitive approach, we sustain livelihoods through crisis and accelerate the shift from relief to long-term resilience.



## More information:



The Long Game: Why Investing in Resilience Is Saving Lives in Fragile Contexts



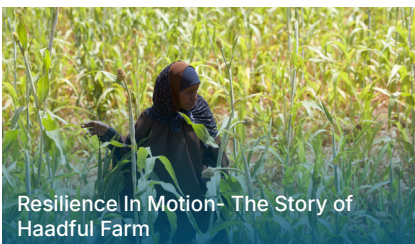
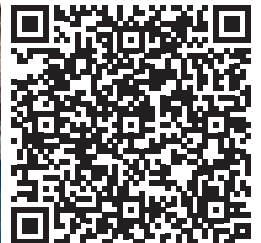
Encouraging self-sufficiency: Empowering women to farm their way out of Hunger



Afghanistan's Drought Deepens a Hunger Crisis



With every cut to aid and failure to invest in resilience, the future of South Sudan's children hangs in the balance



Resilience In Motion- The Story of Haadful Farm



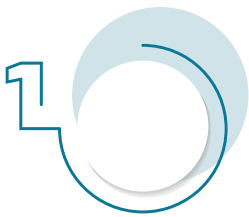
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## Partnerships

World Vision builds resilience by co-designing locally led solutions with communities, faith leaders, civil society, and public systems, strengthening leadership and accountability beyond project cycles. Through strategic partnerships, we expand technical capacity, market access, and shock-responsive programming to deliver resilient food security and livelihoods that last.



### Global Partners

- UN agencies
- Government & Public System Partners: National Ministries of Agriculture, Social Protection & Disaster Management Systems
- VisionFund International



### Strategic Engagement at Various Levels

- Local farmer associations, women's groups, community governance structures
- Faith based organisations and community leaders
- Research & Academic Institutions
- Private Sector & Market Actors



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