



# Humanitarian Emergency Affairs

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## Who we are

- World Vision International Nepal (WVIN) is a Christian relief, development, and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with the most vulnerable children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

**Humanitarian Emergency Affairs** is a key ministry of WVIN through which we contribute to increasing children and communities' resilience to disasters and building the organisation's capacity to respond to large scale emergencies.

## Our position in humanitarian emergency affairs

- Incorporating disaster risk reduction in each sector helps prepare for disasters before they happen, and mitigate their impact when they happen, thus reducing the impact on vulnerable children and communities. Through our activities in disaster risk reduction we seek to ensure children and communities can survive disasters.

## Nepal's humanitarian and emergency challenges

- Nepal is a disaster hotspot and is at risk of flood, earthquake, epidemics, drought, fire, and Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF). These risks are made worse by Nepal's vulnerability to climate change affecting agriculture, water, forests, and health. Given the unstable nature of the country's governments, conflict-related emergencies cannot be fully overlooked.
- Gaps in policy, infrastructure, and implementation are key challenges associated with humanitarian works. Addressing the needs of the poor, elderly, disabled, women and children, who are the worst-affected by disasters, need to be a national priority.

## What needs to change

- Legislation that will guide the overall disaster-preparedness, and emergency functions to ensure functional and responsive local level structures and capacity to oversee disasters and emergencies when they occur.
- Despite initial efforts at integrating disaster risk reduction into development, there is still a significant lack of capacity to respond to major disasters. A balance between disaster risk reduction for increased resilience/emergency preparedness and response capacity is an urgent need.

## Our interventions

- **Approach:** We are guided by our 'Development Programme Approach' which aims at equipping us to work effectively with partners towards the sustained well-being of children in families and communities, especially the most vulnerable. Specifically, we consider integrating disaster risk reduction and emergency capacity-building in our development programmes across the sectors we work in.
- **Scope:** Our efforts focus on integrating disaster risk reduction as well as emergency response in our key sectors. In an emergency we will not engage in search and rescue or camp management.
- **Key interventions:**
  - We coordinate at national and local levels with humanitarian agencies for planning and resource-sharing for advocacy on relevant interventions. We are an active member of Child-Centred Disaster Risk Management consortium which seeks to raise awareness and ensure child well-being in disaster risk reduction programming.
  - As appropriate in each sector we build disaster risk reduction activities into project designs and prepare for effective disaster response working with government, communities and other NGOs.

## Key facts on disasters in Nepal

- Out of 198 countries in the world, Nepal is ranked as the 11th most at-risk country in terms of earthquake and 30th with respect to water-induced disaster (UN/BCPR, 2004)  
*Source: UN/BCPR, 2004*
- Every year, around 1,000 people die due to natural hazard events in Nepal.  
*Source: NSDRM, 2009*
- Nepal is the 4th most vulnerability country worldwide, indicating the extreme vulnerability that the country faces in terms of climate change.  
*Source: Climate Change Risk Report, 2010*





Deuki Nepal, a Community Nutrition Facilitator (left) visits children in Musahari Tole, Haripur VDC to monitor their growth. After the August 2008 flood in Sunsari District, World Vision continued to support people in need of relief until the end of February 2009 in three flood-affected Village Development Committees (VDC), namely Haripur, Sripur and Paschim Kusaha.

- We have a National Disaster Management Team with knowledge and experience in all dimensions of disaster management including humanitarian standards.
- We use national-level emergency management funds for immediate needs in the early stages of a disaster. A longer-term response focuses on our key sectors.
- **Coverage:** Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs interventions are mainstreamed across all of the districts we work in. Emergency response will be carried out both within our current programme areas but also in other districts where the level of need is high.
- The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- Department for International Development (DFID)
- UNICEF
- Central /District Child Welfare Board, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (Government of Nepal)
- Over 60 national non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- National Coalition for Children as Zones of Peace and Child Protection
- Consortium of Organizations working for Children's Participation
- Support Offices: World Vision Australia, World Vision Canada, World Vision Hong Kong, World Vision Korea, World Vision Switzerland, World Vision Taiwan, World Vision Japan, World Vision Singapore, World Vision UK

## Key donors, partners and stakeholders

WVIN partners with a variety of donors, I/NGOs, government agencies, community groups, churches and World Vision Support Offices. Some of them include:

*Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;  
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so*

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