



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Response summary

Over the past decade, an unprecedented number of global humanitarian crises have emerged or intensified, resulting in more than 134 million people needing humanitarian assistance. Natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes can strike without warning, claiming thousands of lives in seconds. Man-made crises such as war and political instability simmer and progress over time, putting millions at risk over the long term. Through the Global Emergency Response Fund, World Vision aims to help people who have lost homes, possessions, and loved ones—and is invested in being in unstable, challenging places where the greatest needs exist.



According to World Refugee Council, 85 percent of the world's refugees live in low- and middle-income countries, including some of the poorest in the world. More than two-thirds of refugees come from just five countries: Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar, and Somalia.

SUFFERING IN SILENCE

Across the globe, millions of people struggle to survive when their world is turned upside down by drought, civil conflict, or other long-term challenges. To date, 68.5 million people have been forcibly displaced, largely due to prolonged armed conflict, which often results in gender-based violence and severe health problems. While some of these disasters capture the attention of the world, many of them aren't in the headlines. They emerge silently, increasing in intensity and tragedy as the rest of the world is unaware. As a result, people suffer in silence. World Vision is committed to walking alongside these people impacted by the hardest, most challenging emergencies—including those that are not in the news.

Emergencies typically fall under two categories:

Climate-related and natural disasters These emergencies can occur without warning or can take time to ramp up, and are increasing in frequency and severity. They include situations such as earthquakes or tsunamis, most of which have clear start dates. Upward of 20 million people each year on average are displaced by floods, hurricanes, cyclones, droughts, and other weather-related disasters. In the U.S., we might hear about 5 percent of these disasters happening across the globe.

Protracted conflicts Unlike natural disasters, protracted conflicts, such as war in Syria or refugees fleeing persecution in Myanmar, build over time and do not have a start date that grabs the attention of the media and public. Families that are forced to flee from their homes often lack even basic services such as clean water, healthcare, safe places to live, sufficient food, and education. Today, nearly 1 in 100 people worldwide is displaced from their homes. Further, the number of internally displaced people has doubled within the past 15 years.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Over the past 10 years, emergency response accounted for roughly one-third of World Vision's total ministry. During fiscal year 2018 (October 2017 to September 2018), World Vision responded to **143 DISASTERS AND HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES**,* providing humanitarian aid to approximately **16 MILLION PEOPLE** through the support of donors and partners worldwide.

**World Vision responded to 143 events, but 61 were not declared official disasters. The 82 that were officially declared by World Vision took place in 44 countries. Our data collection process counts only the countries with an official declaration.*



In 2018, World Vision provided emergency relief to 4,000 families affected by severe flooding in southern India, and is committed to helping them rebuild their lives.

SAVING **LIVES**

RESTORING **DIGNITY**

RENEWING **HOPE**

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE AND GLOBAL CAPACITY

Our priorities

World Vision's identity as a holistic development and relief organization means that we meet people's urgent needs during the initial response and continue assisting them as they rebuild their lives. Along the way, our priorities include:

- **Rapid emergency assistance** Providing relief supplies, food, clean water, emergency shelter, blankets, and emergency health services
- **Long-term needs** Providing food; health services; education; protection; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), depending on each situation; goods and services in the form of cash or vouchers; and recovering and restoring livelihoods, schools, infrastructure, and more
- **Advocacy** Advocating for people impacted by disasters and empowering them to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and their devastating impact on everyday life
- **Women, youth, and children** Prioritizing the needs of these vulnerable groups, including providing safe places where children can play and learn

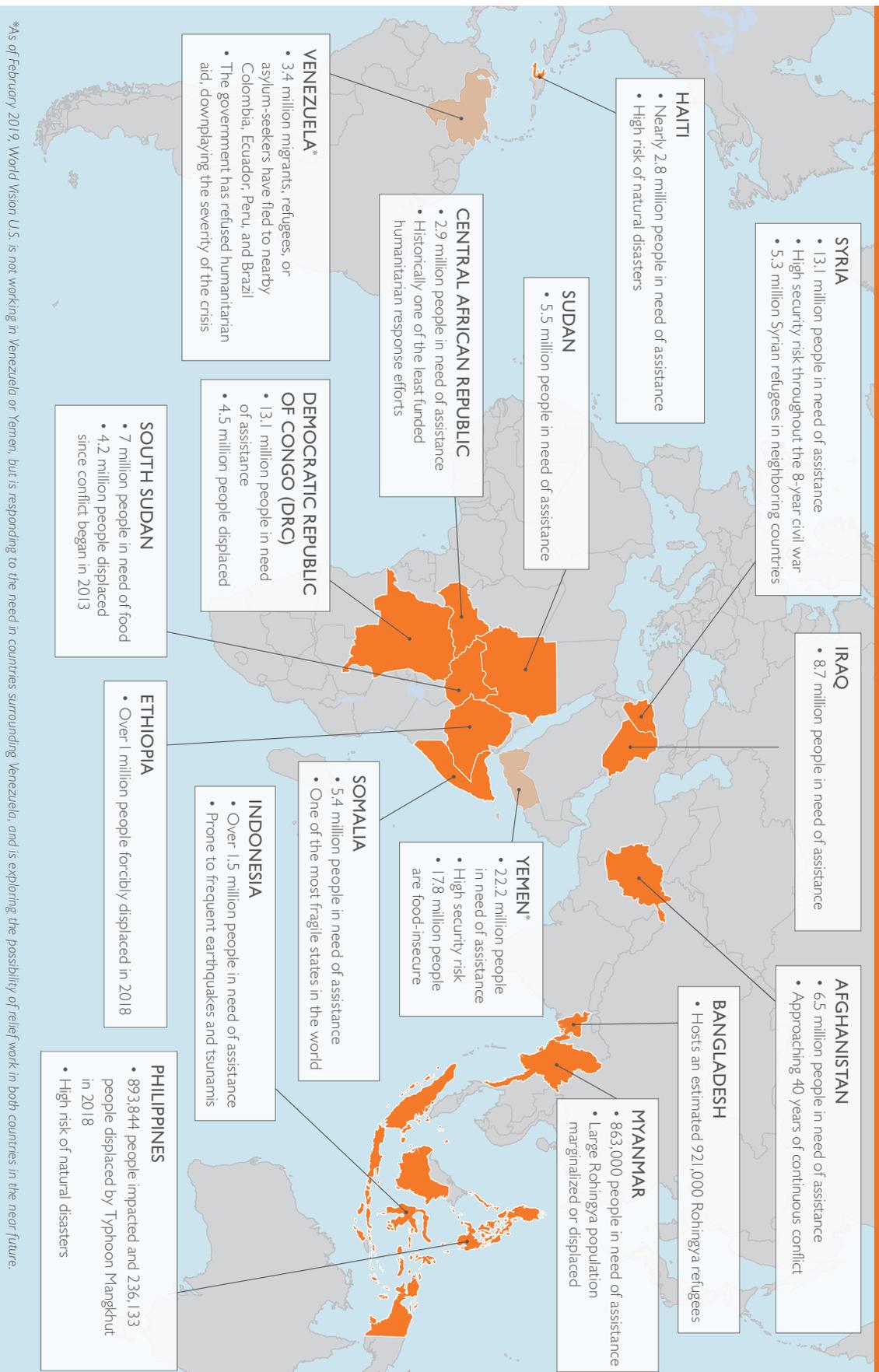
Our global network

Drawing upon our global rapid response team, local and global partners, and the capacity of more than 600 international disaster specialists from around the world, World Vision can quickly provide critical assistance within 24 to 72 hours after a disaster strikes. Given our robust response capacity, we aim to help 20 percent of affected children in every emergency response.

We maintain a global network of pre-positioned equipment, relief supplies, and stand-by agreements with suppliers. This network includes warehouses in Dubai, Malaysia, Germany, Panama, Ghana, and Uganda, each with emergency supplies for up to 250,000 people. In the U.S., we have supplies in six states.

Although we cannot predict where humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters will occur, we have compiled a list of priority countries, based on the following criteria: current funding allotments; vulnerability to recurring natural disasters, prolonged conflict, or displacement/hosting arrangements; categorization as a fragile state (defined by UNICEF as a country with an enduring legacy of conflict and that struggles to achieve sustainable development); alignment with World Vision's strategy and goal to end extreme poverty by 2030; and potential for private and public funding opportunities.

HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY PRIORITY COUNTRIES



*As of February 2019, World Vision U.S. is not working in Venezuela or Yemen, but is responding to the need in countries surrounding Venezuela, and is exploring the possibility of relief work in both countries in the near future.



JORINA'S STORY

When a wave of violence erupted in Myanmar in August 2017, 25-year-old Jorina (above) and her family were living in a displacement camp. That camp, along with other villages, was burned and completely destroyed. Jorina, her husband, and 14-month-old son traveled alongside almost 700,000 people to Bangladesh to flee the violence. Jorina was two months pregnant then. Frail and weak from hunger, she fainted several times on the journey.

The trek ended at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, one of the world's largest refugee camps. Jorina and her family live in a makeshift shelter made from tarps and bamboo. The camp is overcrowded, chaotic, and dirty, but Jorina sees it as a safe haven. "At least we don't worry about being attacked here," she said.

CRISIS AND DISASTER SPOTLIGHTS

Refugee crisis in Bangladesh

In August 2017, hundreds of thousands of Rohingya—an ethnic minority group in Myanmar—fled violence and persecution in their country and settled in a refugee camp in the neighboring country of Bangladesh. Currently, 908,000 refugees are in the camp, bringing the total of those needing humanitarian assistance there and in host communities to more than 1 million.

The Myanmar government denies the Rohingya citizenship and considers them illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. Without a place to call home, refugees have sought shelter in camps and host communities. Their lack of essentials such as food, shelter, and healthcare, and the absence of security and normalcy leaves their world in chaos and families feeling traumatized.

During FY18, private donors (individuals, foundations, and corporations) gave \$650,000, mobilizing \$2.75 million in U.S. government and United Nations grants that reached more than 100,000 people impacted by this crisis. Our work in the camp included providing access to clean water and sanitation facilities, distributing relief items, improving nutrition among children and mothers, and assisting people with paying jobs.

Conflict in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



This family is among the 300,000 Congolese expelled from Angola by its government to create more job opportunities for Angolans.

Conflict and displacement have made the DRC one of the worst places to be a child, and it is home to one of the world's worst child protection crises. Across the country, at least 13 million people need humanitarian assistance and protection. Today, the number of internally displaced people has reached 4.4 million—the highest number of any African country—as people are desperately seeking refuge from ongoing conflict between opposing groups.

Children bear the brunt of the crisis. They have been forced into militias by family members and other children, and they also are targeted by military and countermilitia groups as suspected combatants.

During FY18, World Vision distributed hygiene kits, treated children and mothers for malnutrition, passed out food and cash to help buy food, provided safe places for children, and maintained WASH facilities. In addition, \$38,228 in private donor gifts mobilized \$325,543 in food aid from World Food Program, reaching more than 69,000 people.

HUMANITARIAN DONORS

World Vision is able to reach more people because of our local and global partnerships within the public and private sectors.

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MULTIPLYING THE IMPACT OF OUR RESOURCES

World Vision is focused on leveraging private resources for greater impact in the field. Leverage refers to a “multiplier effect,” when a smaller donation attracts additional funding, maximizing the yield for each dollar donated. It enables a donation to have a greater impact and allows World Vision to do something we could not have done otherwise.

In FY18, \$14 million in private gifts mobilized \$96 million in public grants from U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNICEF, and World Food Program (WFP). These grants alone enabled us to assist more than 5 million people. While the multiplier number varies across grants, the average is 1 to 7. This means for every dollar provided by private donors, World Vision is able to mobilize an additional \$7 in public grant money.

Private gifts also help World Vision to establish new programs and strengthen existing work. In 2016, World Vision saw a massive humanitarian need in southern Syria, and used \$1 million from a donor to launch a vital health initiative there. Within a year, an additional \$11.2 million from institutional donors, including USAID, UNICEF, and UNHCR, were added to the program. Without the initial private gift, these subsequent grants would not have been possible.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

In the U.S., World Vision is partnering with the U.S. government and other large institutions to administer 85 grant-funded emergency response projects. We closely collaborate with the United Nations and other agencies to coordinate efforts, reducing duplication of our work and maximizing effectiveness. World Vision is the primary distributor of emergency food globally, and WFP’s main partner in addressing hunger and promoting food security.

Further, our partnerships with community members and local groups are essential in increasing the reach of our response. We work with faith communities that already have relationships with the locals, positioning churches and their leaders to be agents of change and healing within their communities.

“With all of the conflict in the world resulting in brokenness and hunger, it’s great to have a partner like World Vision who clearly understands that there’s nothing more powerful than loving your neighbor as yourself.”

—David Beasley, Executive Director, U.S. World Food Program

“I will turn their mourning
into gladness; I will give
them comfort and joy
instead of sorrow.”

—Jeremiah 31:13 (NIV)



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

World Vision believes God has called us to walk alongside people in some of the darkest places in the world, helping families living without hope because conflict or disasters have torn their worlds apart. We hold to the belief that our faith demands a response, living out the example in Luke 10 of the Good Samaritan. Essentially, anyone who is suffering or in need is our neighbor, regardless of their religious beliefs, political stance, skin color, or language.

We invite you to consider giving to the Global Emergency Response Fund and joining us to care for families in their times of greatest need. Through this fund, World Vision is able to carry out the vast majority of our emergency response work. Thank you for prayerfully considering a partnership with us.



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