



Bangladesh

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Saving lives, protecting dignity, renewing hope

As of September 2018, there were **921,000 Rohingya refugees**, half of whom are children. Incidents of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse have been reported in and around refugee camps. Yet not even half of identified children with immediate child protection concerns have received services.

Every child deserves hope

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. Whatever the cause, wherever the place, a humanitarian crisis always delivers the heaviest blow to the poor—especially children—in the most fragile and underdeveloped parts of the world.

Our approach

World Vision is distinctively capable of responding quickly, collaboratively, and holistically to virtually any emergency anywhere in the world. Our crisis response team continually monitors global developments so we're ready to respond to the greatest needs—including disasters that get little U.S. news coverage.



In 2018, World Vision responded to **143 emergencies** in **44 countries**, assisting **16 million people**.



“Efficiency is important to us ... [we will leverage] innovative digital payment and identification systems and shared value partnerships ... to track the delivery of assistance from donor to beneficiary. In the right context, humanitarian cash-based programs should become the norm, not the exception ...”

—World Vision at the 2016
World Humanitarian Summit

AN UNSUNG BENEFIT OF PRIVATE FUNDING

World Vision works to leverage private resources strategically for greater impact in the field, using smaller or closed-ended donations to attract additional partners and funds, both public and private. In FY18, our private fundraising efforts for humanitarian emergencies raised \$17 million in the U.S.

GLOBAL PRE-POSITIONING World Vision's trained emergency teams, including 600 international disaster experts, work around the world in areas prone to crisis and conflict. We have a global network of pre-positioned equipment, relief supplies, and stand-by agreements with suppliers—so we can respond within 24 to 72 hours of a disaster. We aim to reach 20 percent of affected children in every emergency response.

EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS We collaborate closely with the United Nations, USAID, the World Food Program, local governments, and other key partners. These relationships, our established infrastructure, and our long-standing presence in thousands of communities around the world equip us to respond efficiently when crises strike.

A TRUSTED PARTNER World Vision partners with the U.S. government and other large institutions to administer 40 grant-funded emergency relief projects. A leading distributor of emergency food globally, we're the largest implementing partner of the World Food Program.

COMPREHENSIVE World Vision is an industry leader in clean water, health and nutrition, economic empowerment, child protection, and education. With this comprehensive experience, we provide tailored emergency services and long-term, sustainable solutions.

CVP: RESPECTING DIGNITY AND SAFEGUARDING HEALTH

To make malnutrition treatment more effective in South Sudan, internally displaced mothers with acutely malnourished kids got non-food item vouchers for essential hygiene items; **7,200 people benefited** from this programming, funded in part by the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance. In 2018, World Vision reached about **197,000 people in South Sudan** with CVP totaling **\$15.5 million USD**, making us one of the major cash stakeholders in the country across sectors.



Cash and Voucher Programming (CVP)

The use of CVP in humanitarian aid has grown considerably. In 2016, \$2.8 billion was disbursed through cash and vouchers worldwide, up 40 percent from 2015 and 100 percent from 2014. One of the industry's most significant innovations, CVP upholds families' dignity by empowering them to respond to their own needs.

World Vision has been using CVP since 2014 and plays an important global role in growing and diversifying its use. Our dedicated experts and experienced field staff deliver CVP across five conflict-affected states in both rural and urban settings. In FY18, we reached more than 3 million disaster-affected people with CVP interventions—three-quarters of them in fragile contexts.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION

Continue to champion multi-purpose cash alongside other types of assistance, prioritizing over vouchers wherever appropriate.

Foster greater transparency as donors encourage humanitarian actors to share relevant data and registry management, while protecting families' data—and their ownership of it.

Children need to be protected

Children bear the brunt of disasters and crises. They face abuse, exploitation, and violence as social protection structures and basic services collapse. They may face separation from their families, recruitment into armed groups, child labor, or child marriage. **Despite the overwhelming need to ensure kids' safety, child protection in emergencies is often deprioritized or underfunded.**

RECOMMENDATION FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION

Show diplomatic and financial leadership by classifying child protection as "life-saving." This will ensure child protection funding is released as quickly as possible in emergency responses, to acknowledge and mitigate violence against children in humanitarian settings.





EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION TO OWN THEIR FUTURE



When 11-year-old Yacob and his family first arrived at the refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, he mostly stayed inside because there wasn't much for him to do.

But then World Vision

opened its first Child-Friendly Space in the camp—a safe place to learn, play, and be with other kids. He's hardly missed a day since then, driven by a passion for learning. "The whole struggle of leaving our home in Myanmar affected him and my other children, but I see them getting better now," his mom says. "[The center] has helped them overcome their worries."

Promote and protect humanitarian principles

Humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence are the foundational principles of humanitarian action, central to maintaining access to affected people in an emergency. The widely accepted definitions are:

- » **Humanity:** Human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found. The purpose of humanitarian action is to protect life and health and ensure respect for human beings.
- » **Neutrality:** Humanitarian actors must not take sides in hostilities or engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature.
- » **Impartiality:** Humanitarian action must be carried out on the basis of need alone, giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress and making no adverse distinction on the basis of nationality, race, gender, religious belief, class, or political opinion.
- » **Independence:** Humanitarian action must be autonomous from the political, economic, military, or other objectives that any actor may hold with regard to areas where humanitarian action is being implemented.

These principles help all of us protect the well-being of people and their communities in times of crisis. World Vision calls on all humanitarian actors, including NGOs, U.N. agencies, and donors, to adhere to these principles and support life-saving assistance for those in greatest need—wherever they're found.



World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. We serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

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