

What Is the Global Pre-positioning Resource Network (GPRN)?

The GPRN's mission is to serve as World Vision International's (WVI's) global humanitarian logistics unit. It strives to provide unmatched responsiveness and industry expertise in logistical assessment, preparedness, pre-positioning, rapid procurement, and delivery of life-saving products to our global, regional, and national emergency response teams for the benefit of children and families affected by disaster.

The GPRN Network

As a leader in the humanitarian logistics community, to deliver and improve logistics excellence during disasters, leverage resources, and promote the advancement of the humanitarian logistics profession, the GPRN actively partners with other agencies, and is a member of the UN Logistics Cluster.



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1. Regional Logistics Knowledge, Guidance and Leadership

A key GPRN focus is helping WV's regional and national offices develop the logistics knowledge base, skills and tools they need to respond rapidly and effectively to disasters. A GPRN Regional Logistics Advisor based in each region supports this, plus development of regional relationships within the greater humanitarian logistics community and logistics planning and response procedures.

2. Preparedness, Planning and Pre-positioning

The GPRN provides assistance in emergency logistics preparedness and planning at all levels within the organisation, including logistics assessments, preparedness plans, programming standards, development of logistics plans, and pre-positioning of NFI (non-food items). NFI are pre-positioned for up to 225,000 beneficiaries in seven strategically located global warehouses around the world: Denver, USA; Panama City, Panama; Frankfurt, Germany; Brindisi, Italy; Dubai, UAE; Brisbane, Australia; and Accra, Ghana. Plans are also underway to pre-position relief supplies in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. These warehouses are operated and managed by numerous partners, including WV support offices, the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot, various consortia and corporate partners. Additionally, the GPRN has pre-positioned NFI for six high-hurricane-risk-countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, is developing sub-regional NFI warehouses to reach into South America, and has begun sub-regional approaches for NFI warehouses in South Asia and the Pacific. These all work together to improve WV response capacity in both small- and large-scale disasters.

3. Competencies Development and Capacity Building

To enhance the effectiveness of WV's overall disaster response operations, GPRN provides policy and oversight for NFI programming, emergency logistics standards, logistics competencies development, training, and mentoring. The GPRN delivers emergency logistics capacity building throughout the organisation via a humanitarian logistics course, workshops, disaster simulations and one-on-one mentoring.



4. Emergency Logistics Operations

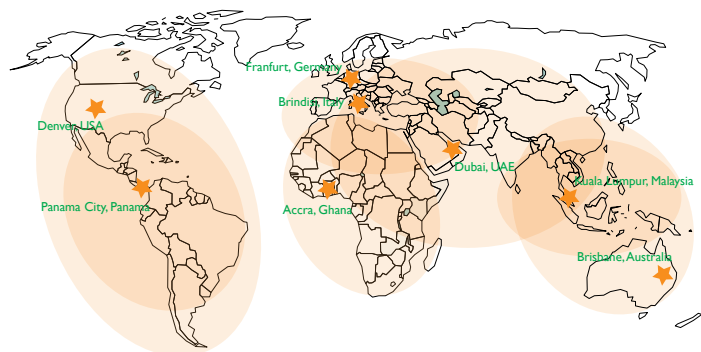
From the GPRN Operations Centre based in Denver, Colorado, USA, the GPRN co-ordinates global response operations. The Operations Centre works closely with a number of different WV groups to provide logistics information, rapid procurement, and transport of NFI to disaster sites. These different groups include GPRN Emergency Logistics Teams on the ground, regional humanitarian and emergency affairs teams, WV support offices, the WV Global Rapid Response Team (GRRT), plus other partners from the humanitarian logistics network.

5. GPRN Emergency Logistics Teams

The GPRN Emergency Logistics Teams (ELT) are professional emergency logisticians that are responsible globally for emergency field logistics in WV's large-scale relief operations, including support for emergency radio communications, security, and field facilities set up. The team primarily will deploy as a member of the GRRT, as the GPRN is the logistics arm for emergency response within WV's HEA work. ELTs can also deploy to support regional logistics work.

The ELT is made up of permanent GPRN staff supplemented as needed from other WV groups: Regional Disaster Management teams, Global Surge Capacity Network, Global Relief Register, WV support offices and national offices worldwide.

World Vision's Global Pre-positioning Network



On 2 May 2008 Cyclone Nargis made landfall off the southern coast of Myanmar, quickly moving north to the capital city of Yangon. It left hundreds of thousands homeless and nearly 130,000 dead or missing.

WV responded to the disaster by mobilising the GPRN Operations Centre within the first 24 hours. Within 72 hours of the disaster, logisticians from the GPRN were deployed as part of the GRRT and were on the ground providing logistics support. The GPRN initially deployed an ELT to Bangkok, which was the hub for receipt and trans-shipment to Myanmar of all WV relief goods. The Denver GPRN Operations Centre and ELT worked together with GRRT members in Yangon to provide branded emergency supplies and equipment from the GPRN warehouses in Dubai, Frankfurt and Brindisi, as well as procuring goods directly from vendors.

The GPRN was able to provide complete emergency logistics pipeline coverage for relief goods from the GPRN warehouses that shipped them to their final distribution to those worst affected by the disaster, in Myanmar's Irrawaddy Delta region. The GPRN shipped relief supplies valued at approximately US\$3.2 million, weighing more than 1,500 MT to Yangon via the Don Mueang International Airport in Bangkok, the international staging location for the response.

In Bangkok, World Vision partnered with the UN Logistics Cluster to have emergency supplies trans-shipped via air to Myanmar. The GPRN worked closely with the Logistics Cluster to use air bridge capacity and co-ordinated transport with other global network partners to provide more than US\$3.35 million worth of air transport.

