ABOUT U.S. PROGRAMS

Since 1981, World Vision’s U.S. Programs has partnered with communities to create environments in which all children are healthy, educated, cared for, protected, and thriving.

Our mission has led us to work with some of our nation’s most vulnerable populations, where poverty is high and opportunities are limited—including urban, rural, migrant and immigrant, and Native American communities.

U.S. Programs focuses on empowering communities for holistic transformation, through programs that support kids and families living in poverty and through donated products, disaster response, educational resources, and volunteer engagement.

DISASTER RELIEF IN THE U.S.

In the wake of disasters in the U.S., World Vision is often one of the first organizations to respond. Our domestic disaster response program draws on World Vision’s decades of experience by partnering with local organizations to provide immediate relief to affected children and families through essential supplies and cash transfer programming. And we stay to help families and communities rebuild: World Vision’s holistic approach to disaster response includes long-term support throughout the recovery and rebuilding phases.

How we prepare

The World Vision Storehouse is a network of seven warehouses around the U.S. stocked with building supplies, furniture, appliances, and other resources. With these fully staffed warehouses around the U.S., we stand ready to respond to any domestic disaster.

How we respond

When a disaster strikes, World Vision works with our vast network of partners—over 3,000 churches and nonprofits around the country—to identify the needs of those impacted, assess the damage, and distribute emergency supplies where they’re needed. The disaster response assessment process includes locating those hard-hit areas where other organizations aren’t currently responding and directing our response efforts there.

While working in an impacted community, World Vision is accompanied by a Pastor Ambassador who has firsthand experience of our disaster response efforts and can offer prayer, guidance, and mentorship to equip leaders for effective and lasting community care. When a community needs support beyond the initial relief and recovery phases, we stay—offering assistance to churches and their communities throughout the rebuilding phase, even after other organizations have left.

When disaster strikes, we are on the ground, quickly providing immediate support—and we stay to help children, families, and communities rebuild for the future.
Thanks to our generous donors and partners, together we have been able to make a lasting impact. This year alone, in partnership with 36 churches and other nonprofits, we served 80,630 children and adults through emergency and disaster relief in the U.S.

**2022 YEAR IN REVIEW**

**COVID-19 response:**
- 34,180 total participants
- 29,120 people benefited from Family Emergency Kits
- 5,874 total Family Emergency Kits distributed
- 5,060 other people variously supported

**Other disaster responses:**
- 46,450 total participants
- 12,310 people supported in the wake of Hurricane Ida (ongoing response)
- 19,375 people helped after Kentucky tornadoes
- 11,400 individuals assisted during various flooding events
- 2,000 people supported after the Buffalo shooting

**Product donation**
- 2,014 pallets distributed
- 84 truckloads sent
- Over $3 million in value

**Total disaster response:**
- 80,630 participants
Community impact story | Bowling Green, Kentucky

On the evening of December 10, 2021, a series of tornadoes ripped through multiple midwestern and southern states. Western Kentucky bore the largest storm damages.

World Vision immediately delivered truckloads of emergency response supplies from our Storehouse, including hygiene items, heaters, blankets, food, toys for children, and more. In total, we worked with eight churches and ministries across the region during our immediate response and into the long-term rebuilding phase. For children and families that were displaced overnight, World Vision supported Crossland Community Church, a partner church in the area, by providing furniture in temporary housing or new rental locations. Over a year into our response, World Vision continues to provide roofing supplies and lumber, as well as tiles, vanities, bathtubs, and furniture for 16 houses being built.

"Through World Vision, we’ve been able to provide insulation. We’ve reroofed multiple homes. We’ve purchased lumber packages that are rebuilding the homes that have to be rebuilt from the ground up. We’re using tile—we’re using fixtures like vanities and furniture that have come through World Vision to help put back into some of these homes that are being rebuilt and repaired," says Pastor Joel of Crossland Community Church.

“World Vision is a supply chain for us. In these situations, we are in need of hygiene products, diapers, just survival items, and World Vision is a leader in disaster and emergency help. They have the donor base and the friends that partner with them and give them products to meet the very people that we serve.”

—Melody Cisneros Milstead, Executive Director of Development and Engagement for Urban Strategies