

How we respond to global disasters

The impact of major disasters has increased 13-fold in the last 50 years. Global weather trends and increasing political upheavals indicate that the needs will continue to grow. Immediate emergency response, disaster mitigation and a commitment to long-term rebuilding are critical. World Vision is on the ground in some 100 countries—and responded to some 87 emergencies last year.

Preparation

Supplies—World Vision’s strategically located disaster response warehouses are pre-stocked with relief supplies for rapid shipment in response to a crisis anywhere in the world.

Awareness—We monitor nature’s early warning signals—threats of typhoons, hurricanes or famine—to anticipate needs and reduce the impact of a catastrophe.

Training—Our staff in all regions of the world is trained in emergency preparedness and train community leaders how to prepare for and mitigate the impact of disasters they are likely to face in their area.

Response

Expert Teams — World Vision’s 35-member Global Rapid Response Team stands ready for deployment within 24 to 72 hours of a disaster.

Local Partnerships — Aware of the complexity of most disasters, World Vision often partners with other international and local relief agencies and local leaders to maximize the speed and effectiveness of our response.

Immediate Aid — World Vision provides urgent humanitarian relief and services for impacted children and families.

Child-Friendly Spaces — These innovative centers offer children a safe place to play, begin emotional healing and re-establish a normal routine.

Rebuilding

Asset Restoration — World Vision facilitates a return to normalcy by restoring water sources, food, health care services, educational resources and shelter lost in the disaster.

Economic Development — We work to jump-start damaged local economies—and drastically reduce the need for ongoing assistance—by providing in-kind or cash loans to small business owners, farmers, herders and fishermen.

Peacebuilding — In areas impacted by civil conflict, World Vision engages in reconciliation, mediation, and partnership-building efforts between opposing groups.

Long-Term Development — With a commitment to recovery, our emergency interventions often lead to long-term development programs such as child sponsorship.