

WORLD VISION

MIDDLE EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE

We have been working in the Middle East and Eastern Europe for more than 45 years and currently have long-term development projects in Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Jerusalem - West Bank and Lebanon.

Serving the most vulnerable children in the toughest places, World Vision is leading the way in contexts of high fragility and gender disparity, local partnering, supporting children on the move and affected by armed conflict, in a region beset by climate change and the global hunger crises. The top four largest UN humanitarian appeals and operations in the world are in MEER in response to crisis in Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Yemen. Fragile contexts are those where the government cannot, or will not, fulfil its responsibilities to protect and fulfil the rights of the majority of the population, particularly the poor. World Vision has an experience in working in such places and in the MEER Region, this includes Syria and Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen. In response to massive spikes in need, World Vision has declared a global hunger crisis that has made cash, food and livelihoods work a top priority in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen we are leading the way globally by declaring the Global Hunger Response and launching our ENOUGH global campaign to tackle child hunger and malnutrition.

Therefore, we partner with organisations to support the needs of those children and their families affected by growing humanitarian crisis in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Türkiye, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania and Yemen. Empowering local actors to lead the response and development in their countries is a priority of our capacity building interventions.

FACTS

MEER includes

4 out of the 5 largest humanitarian appeals globally



MEER is the **source/origin** of more than



60% of the world's refugee population

including **the top 3 refugee producing crises** in the world: Syria 6.5m, Afghanistan 6.1m and Ukraine 5.9m

and **hosts just over 1 in 4** of the world's refugee population

3 of the top 5

IDP situations are in MEER, these are Syria 6.7m IDPs, Ukraine 5m IDPs and Afghanistan 4.5m



MEER is home to

20 million IDPs



1 in 3

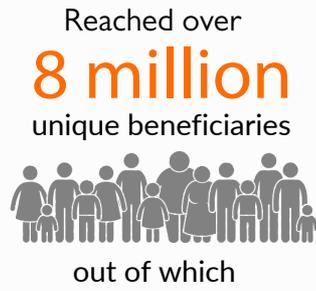
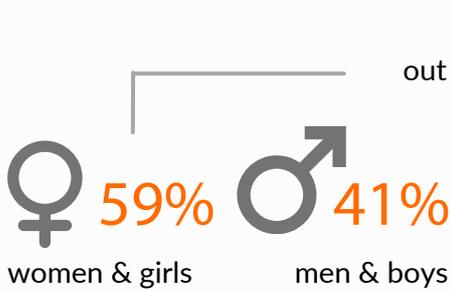
children in MEER live in horrific situations of war, conflict and violence

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FY23 ACHIEVEMENTS



More than **7.4 million people** reached with humanitarian response

During FY23 MEER had humanitarian responses in **12 countries**

More than **600,000 people** reached with development interventions

25 million children were indirectly reached through policy change and influence

Localisation: Programmes increasingly empower local partnerships in development and humanitarian contexts for more effective delivery of aid and fulfilment of our Grand Bargain commitments. E.g., over 50% of new project designs include local partnerships.

Over **1.5 million people** received critical water, sanitation and hygiene support

Over **1.4 million people** benefited from our health programming including MHPSS

Over **1.4 million people** received child protection and education support

Over **100,000 people** supported through partnering with faith-based leaders and actors

Over **US\$395 million** in new acquisitions in cash grants, PNS and Food & Cash Voucher

US\$338 million programming implemented in all MEER responses and Field Offices, of which **US\$139 million** equal to **41%** in Food & Cash Voucher

Over **1.1 million people** received cash assistance. **US\$104 million** of Cash & Vouchers distributed

Over **US\$4 million** raised from local grants and additional **US\$3.5 million** from local marketing efforts (local PNS individual, campaigns, local corporates, and donor grants) in Romania, Armenia, Georgia, BiH and Albania

LARGEST DONORS:



Where we work and some of the fragilities we face



Across MEER, we work in a range of countries that are the **Source**, **Transit** and **Destination** of Children on the Move.

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UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

UKRAINE GEORGIA MOLDOVA ROMANIA

war, refugees, IDPs, massive destruction of critical infrastructure



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BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

frozen conflict, children on the move, violence against children



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ALBANIA

violence against children, access to equal education, protection and employment opportunities for vulnerable adolescents, civic engagement, gender equality

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ROMANIA



refugees, children living in extreme poverty, lack of access to education of vulnerable children, violence and sexual abuse against children, human trafficking



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GEORGIA

refugees, frozen conflict, violence against children, institutionalized and street connected children, gender inequality



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ARMENIA

violence against women and children, border insecurity, ceasefire violations, forced displacement

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AFGHANISTAN



hunger crisis, banking and economic crisis, poverty, conflict, political instability, gender inequality, violence against women and children



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IRAQ

political instability, climate breakdown, water scarcity, violence against women and children, children on the move



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JERUSALEM - WEST BANK - GAZA (oPt)

ongoing occupation and conflict, violence & widespread violation of rights against children, child marriage

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LEBANON



severe economic crisis, children on the move, violence against children, poverty and food insecurity, volatile security situation and/or conflict prone areas

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SYRIA RESPONSE - SYRIA TÜRKIYE JORDAN

ongoing conflict, children on the move, unprecedented violence against children, economic fallout

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YEMEN



famine, conflict, millions of people in need of assistance

Why work with World Vision MEER?



- Capacity to **respond to emergencies** in each country of the region according to international standards.
- Support for **local level innovation** in institutional grant acquisition and management with **expertise in 20 donor countries** across Asia, Europe and North America.
- **State of the art security**, anti-fraud and risk management capability.
- **Consortium leadership, remote monitoring and partnering** with local actors including capacity strengthening.
- Proven ability to bring **field-led advocacy** priorities to global stakeholders in Brussels, Geneva and New York and other back donor capitals.
- Staff and systems capacity to disperse over **US\$104 million of cash-based programming** through a range of transfer modalities, including in fragile contexts.
- Sector leading **Food Assistance systems** and surge capacity that support a global, over US\$479 million **Food Assistance** portfolio globally and US\$107 in MEER FOs.
- All projects and programmes have considered Environmental stewardship.

- Drive an advocacy, policy and evidence of impact agenda for the wellbeing of children and families residing in crisis-affected settings.
- **CLIMATE ACTION**
 - Reducing the Impact of Global Warming on Families and Children
 - COP28 Regional policy brief on impact of climate change on children and young people in the Middle East
- **WINTERISATION - Out in the Cold**
- **FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT - Empowered Through Faith AGENCY OF CHILDREN**
 - No Lost Generation (NLG) Policy brief for Brussels VII Conference
 - World Vision regional Policy Brief for Brussels VII Conference
- **EDUCATION**
 - Syria/Lebanon: Hard Lessons
 - Ukraine Crisis - Education brief
 - Focus on quality programming and critical cross-cutting topics mainstreaming across programmes, such as GESI, MHPSS, ESCA (Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action)