

## Situation Report – December 2024 and January 2025

### Situation Overview

While violence significantly decreased in November and December 2024 in the West Bank, January saw a sharp increase in casualties, attacks, and infrastructure damage, especially in the north. Movement restrictions also reached unprecedented levels, with more than 900 checkpoints and barriers paralysing life in the West Bank, disrupting economic activity, and limiting access to essential services. Dozens of villages and cities in the West Bank have been completely cut off from hospitals and emergency services.

After nearly a year and a half of crisis, and with conditions worsening, food insecurity in the West Bank is escalating rapidly. In December 2024, a World Vision survey of 1,300 households found that:

- 88% of households reported a decline in income since October 2023.
- 74% of families now earn less than US\$561 per month (2,000 NIS), compared to 21% before October 2023.
- 78% reported buying less food than before October 2023.
- Only 20% of households can fully cover their food expenses.
- 9% reported that their children had dropped out of school due to financial difficulties.

According to the Ministry of Health (MoH), 68% of health service points (clinics, health centres, and mobile clinics) in the West Bank are only partially functional, operating at best two to three days a week or sometimes only a few days per month. Hospitals are running at just 70% of their capacity.



World Vision's Emergency Response target area

### People Reached

#### In December 2024 and January 2025

**101,000** people reached including **16,000** directly

**15,000** children reached directly

**142** villages supported

#### From October 2023 to November 2024:

**480,000** people reached including **190,000** directly

**110,000** children reached directly

**384** villages / communities supported

## Response Updates

### Strengthening Community Protection

Since 7 October 2023, communities across the West Bank have experienced an unprecedented surge in violence, leading to numerous casualties and widespread destruction. The presence of hundreds of checkpoints, barriers, and obstacles has made movement nearly impossible, even in emergencies. This has severely hampered emergency services, including firefighters and ambulances, preventing them from responding quickly. In some cases, they have even been targeted.

To enhance community protection, World Vision is equipping first responders and local volunteers with life-saving tools, emergency preparedness materials and essential skills.

#### In December 2024 and January 2025:

- **51 local civil defence centres and village councils** across northern and southern West Bank villages received life-saving tools (fire extinguishers, stretchers, advanced first aid kits, etc.) to strengthen their capacities to deal with emergencies.
- **Four fire cartage trailers** were provided to 3 village councils and a Civil Defence Centre to help local responders combat fires.
- Life-saving tools (fire extinguishers, stretchers, advanced first aid kits, etc.) were supplied to the Bethlehem Civil Defence Directorate to equip and train first responder teams in **13 villages**.
- Local authorities and volunteers in **7 villages** in East Bethlehem received support to develop emergency preparedness and response plans to strengthen community protection.

#### From October 2023 to November 2024:

- **US\$1 million** in life-saving tools were provided to support local first responders in 380 villages to enhance their capacity to prepare for and respond to emergencies.
- **63 community safe spaces were** built or rehabilitated and equipped.



A world Vision's staff member is meeting with a member of Civil Defense in the north of the West Bank © World Vision



A woman cook some traditional bread in the north of the West Bank © World Vision

### Emergency Aid

Many families have lost everything due to violence or forced displacement. As the economic crisis deepens, nearly 1 in 3 jobs has been lost in the West Bank, leaving countless families without a source of income. Now, 18 months into the crisis, many families are struggling to afford their next meal.

To respond, World Vision is providing direct assistance (in-kind support and vouchers) to vulnerable households and families affected by food insecurity, violence and forced displacement.

#### In December 2024 and January 2025:

- **14,000 children received winter items** (coats, blankets and radiators) in dozens of villages across Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Salfit, Nablus, and Jericho governorates.

#### From October 2023 to November 2024:

- **14,000 people received** in-kind donations, cash, or vouchers, enabling them to purchase food, hygiene items, warm clothing and other essential goods.
- **US\$270,000 was distributed** (cash, vouchers or in-kind support).

## Mental Health



Children take part in mental health and psychosocial support activities in the West Bank. © World Vision

Since 7 October 2023, many children in the West Bank have faced a grim reality. Schools frequently close, and the constant threat of violence looms over daily life. Checkpoints have increased, and economic hardship has worsened, forcing many children to stay at home and isolating them from friends, education, and daily routines. The resulting stress, anxiety, and trauma pose long-term risks to their mental health and development.

Checkpoints have multiplied, and economic hardship has deepened, confining many children to their homes, isolating them from friends, education, and normal routines. This stress, anxiety, and trauma pose long-term risks to their mental health and development.

**In response, World Vision is delivering mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for children, parents and caregivers.**

### In December 2024 and January 2025:

- **1,500 children** received mental health support through various evidence-based models tailored to their age group. Additionally, **100 adults** received psychological support through the Group Problem Management Plus (Group PM+), a method designed to provide mental health assistance to adults experiencing distress in communities facing adversity.
- **Twelve Safe Play Areas** were rehabilitated and handed over to local authorities.
- **29 Child Protection staff** and facilitators were trained to provide MHPSS services to adolescents using an innovative and evidence-based methodology developed by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- **52 adolescents** were trained to lead their local adolescent clubs (Impact + clubs), focusing on social and emotional learning and psychosocial support.
- **100 child club facilitators** (Makani clubs) were trained in social and emotional learning and psychosocial support.

### From October 2023 to November 2024:

- **52,000 people** received psychosocial support.
- **340 teachers, youth club facilitators and health workers** were trained to provide MHPSS services and referrals.
- **10,000 children** participated in World Vision's summer camps.

## Access to Healthcare

The escalating violence and movement restrictions have isolated many villages from hospitals, leaving local health clinics as the only option for medical emergencies. Pregnant women, in particular, face serious challenges in accessing antenatal and postnatal care, causing widespread anxiety over the health of their unborn children.

**To support communities, World Vision is strengthening primary health centres to improve emergency response and provide obstetric care.**

### In December 2024 and January 2025:

- Funding was secured to upgrade and equip **6 health centres** into Stabilization Points [1].
- **68 community health workers** were trained in Basic Life-saving Skills and mental health screening and referral.
- **18 primary health clinics** received emergency medical equipment.
- **Home visits** to support pregnant women and new mothers began in dozens of villages across the southern West Bank.

### From October 2023 to November 2024:

- **91 clinics**, serving 104,000 people were rehabilitated and/or equipped.
- **24 mobile ultrasounds** and obstetric care equipment were provided to health clinics.



A doctor monitor the development of a toddler in a health center in the south of the West Bank. © World Vision

[1] Stabilization Points are an initiative of the Ministry of Health supported by several partners. They aim to ensure that all villages in the West Bank has access to at least one service providers able to handle emergencies, even in case of stringent restrictions on movements.



Children and their teacher take part in art activities in a school in the north of the West Bank © World Vision

## Access to Safe Education

Schools in the West Bank have not been spared from violence. Hundreds of incidents have affected schools, teachers and students over the past year. Violence, movement restrictions and an ongoing fiscal crisis have resulted in schools operating only two days a week at best, during the 2023–2024 academic year, leading to significant learning losses and leaving students facing severe barriers as they attempt to return to school.

**To respond, World Vision is improving school safety, emergency preparedness and psychosocial support (PSS) in education**

### In December 2024 and January 2025:

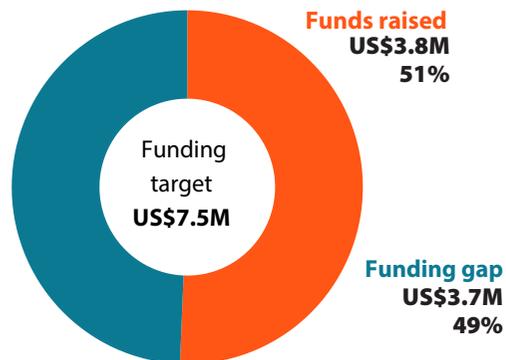
- **16 kindergartens** were rehabilitated and 31 received preschool learning material.
- The Ministry of Education approved the implementation of **catch-up classes** during the second school semester to address learning gaps among children who have been impacted by school closures. Building on leading international practices, a catch-up class model was tailored to the Palestinian context, and a curriculum was developed in line with local education standards. Twenty-seven teacher supervisors were trained in this model and subsequently trained additional teachers. in January.
- Safety assessment of **61 schools** began to establish or update their safety plans.
- **32 education supervisors and teachers** were trained to help children cope with stress and anxiety.

### From October 2023 to November 2024:

- **153 schools** supported to enhance preparedness to incidents of violence and disasters

## Funding

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