



# GIVING HOPE

World Vision Disaster Management







**CHILD RIGHTS**



**CHILD PROTECTION**



**PREVENTION**



**EMERGENCY SUPPLY**



**EDUCATION**



**VOCATIONAL TRAINING**



## Dear Friends of World Vision

On the following pages, I invite you on a journey to our work in crisis and disaster areas around the globe. You will learn how we help, what is important to us and, above all, what stories the people affected tell themselves.

With 70 years of experience and a presence in almost 100 countries, we are a competent partner for international aid all over the world. Thanks to the generous support of donors, we were able to help more than 1,350,000 emergency and disaster victims in 2019 and give them hope again.

Our multifaceted support ranges from prevention and emergency care measures to child protection. We advocate on a local and international level to influence politicians and governments to strengthen legislation and to protect children's rights. Our teams and the countless volunteers in the field enable World Vision to respond quickly and effectively. We think globally and work locally. From the world's largest refugee camps like Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh to the war in Syria, we are committed to helping children and families in need.

In my humanitarian work, I have seen and experienced many terrible things - including what it feels like to be threatened with death. I have seen many severely traumatized people and great suffering, but was also always surprised by the ability of some children and their families to adapt to the adverse conditions in refugee camps, devastated landscapes, or war zones.

Targeted prevention and strengthening of resilience play an important role here – they are the most efficient protection. But of course, catastrophes cannot be avoided and that is why emergency care must be provided efficiently and, above all, quickly. Even now, in times of COVID-19, it is mostly children who are suffering the most and need our support. Once again, it is a matter of protecting children from hunger, disease, violence, human trafficking, exploitation and abuse – providing them with medical care, education, and attention so that they can be children and develop their potential.

To achieve all these goals, we need you more than ever, because only through teamwork can we give these children a future. Give them hope, especially now.

Thank you very much,



Christoph von Toggenburg, CEO World Vision Switzerland



**FOR CHILDREN.  
FOR THE FUTURE.**



«Thousands of lives can be saved if we are aware of the greatest risks to children and how to react in an emergency situation.»

Isabel Gomes | Global Director Humanitarian Operations, World Vision International

## Goals

Wars, natural disasters, hunger crises and epidemics threaten lives - both acutely and through long-term consequences, especially for children. Our emergency aid is aimed at:

- Strengthening resilience to disasters through protective and preventive measures
- Access to food, clean water, medical care and shelter
- Protection against physical and psychological injury, abuse, exploitation, radicalization
- Preventing school drop-outs, securing livelihoods, prospects for the future

## Missions

Thanks to generous donors, World Vision Switzerland was able to support 1,350,245 emergency and disaster victims in 2019 in 16 projects. The most important are:

- Emergency relief after the tropical storm in southern Africa and earthquakes in Indonesia
- Emergency aid for the malnourished in East Africa due to conflicts, droughts, climate change
- Support for families in the Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
- Food aid in Lebanon via cash cards in cooperation with the WFP

## Expertise

World Vision is well networked globally and locally. In the event of a crisis, we can react quickly both locally and internationally with access to a large, resilient and well-established network of experts, trained helpers and volunteers. Thanks to efficient logistics and our emergency reserves, we are always prepared.

## Our strengths

- **Trust:** We involve communities, provide them with long-term support and can increase the impact thanks to the basis of trust we have built and a network of local volunteers.
- **Efficiency:** We work together with other NGOs in a spirit of partnership and in a targeted manner.
- **Innovation:** We develop and use modern technologies to help quickly and efficiently
- **Commitment:** We are also on the spot before and after a disaster and are committed in doing all we can to ensure that children and families can live in dignity.



# EMERGENCY AID AND DISASTER RELIEF



«In the children's club we learned what to do in case of an earthquake. I told my grandmother and she survived.»

Ajay | former sponsored child



«I am so grateful that my father is safe and was not killed in the war like other fathers.»

Sara | Refugee



«We did not believe that Ebola really existed. Our pastor then enlightened us. He saved my life.»

Theresa | Ebola-survivor

## Earthquake in Nepal

In 2015 several major earthquakes killed 8,900 people and 880,000 houses were destroyed or damaged. In remote areas, heavy rainfall and landslides made rescue work difficult.

### What we have achieved

With water and emergency supplies we helped the homeless families. We supported villages in our Lamjung project in the construction of earthquake-proof health centers and school buildings and helped young people to receive training.

### What we have learned

- Children are important multipliers for prevention.
- Vocational training strengthens the resilience of the population.
- Sensitization e.g. for earthquake-proof houses is an important part of prevention.

## Refugee crisis in Syria

In 2011 a brutal civil war broke out in Syria, tearing the nation apart, killing hundreds of thousands of people and forcing millions to flee. It is the biggest refugee and displacement crisis of our time.

### What we have achieved

Since the beginning of the Syrian refugee crisis, we have supported over 2.8 million people in Syria and neighboring countries with food, water, sanitation, education and child protection programs.

### What we have learned

- Collaboration with other organizations is more effective.
- Integrative programs prevent rejection and radicalization.
- Psychological support for traumatized children is essential for their future.

## Ebola-epidemic in Africa

Ebola is a serious, often fatal disease that claimed thousands of lives in West and Central Africa between 2014 and 2016. The Democratic Republic of Congo has been fighting the epidemic since 2018.

### What we have achieved

A network of representatives of trust and faith helps to warn and educate the population. In total, we supported more than 960,000 people, for example through hygiene kits and training, and by training health workers.

### What we have learned

- Local respectable people and volunteers create trust.
- Cooperation with neighboring countries helps to contain it.
- Age-appropriate education protects children from false information.



# COVID-19

## The devastating consequences for the children

- Children die of measles, malaria and malnutrition because health systems are overburdened.
- They fall into extreme poverty because their parents have no work.
- Domestic violence and exploitation increase under the massive pressure.
- The schools are closed, there are no classes, no school meals, no friends.
- More girls are married off to relieve the family budget.



**«The more passively one has to endure a crisis, the greater the feeling of uncertainty. Children therefore wish to be actively involved in the containment of the pandemic»**





«I explain to the people that they should not meet because of the virus. We're not allowed to play soccer now either.»

William | 14 years old, Uganda

World Vision informs the population about the current situation. To reach as many people as possible, we use a network built up over the years and work together with faith representatives, for example, who are strong multipliers who convince many people. As ambassadors, children like William sensitize their friends and families.

«COVID-19 has made my life more difficult. I am afraid that the virus will spread all over the world and then everything collapses.»

Enkhjin | 12 years old, Mongolia

World Vision offers psychological help to children who have to stay at home and helps them to deal with their fears. For the benefit of the children and their families, we visit them regularly with the necessary distance and use social media to sensitize parents and guardians for a non-violent upbringing. If the children get bored at home, we support them with activity packages and teaching materials.



«At the World Vision Children's Center I learned how to wash my hands properly. I also avoid large crowds and frequent going out.»

Nurankis | 11 years old, Bangladesh

World Vision shows the people in the refugee camps how they can protect themselves and strengthens hygiene measures. To prevent infection, we keep the necessary distance at the distribution points and limit the number of participants in activities. We support health systems by distributing hygiene products, protective clothing and simple medical material. We also provide hand washing stations and conduct hygiene training.

As of May 2020



**20 577 000**

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



**220 000**

Community health workers activated



**US\$ 11 325 000**

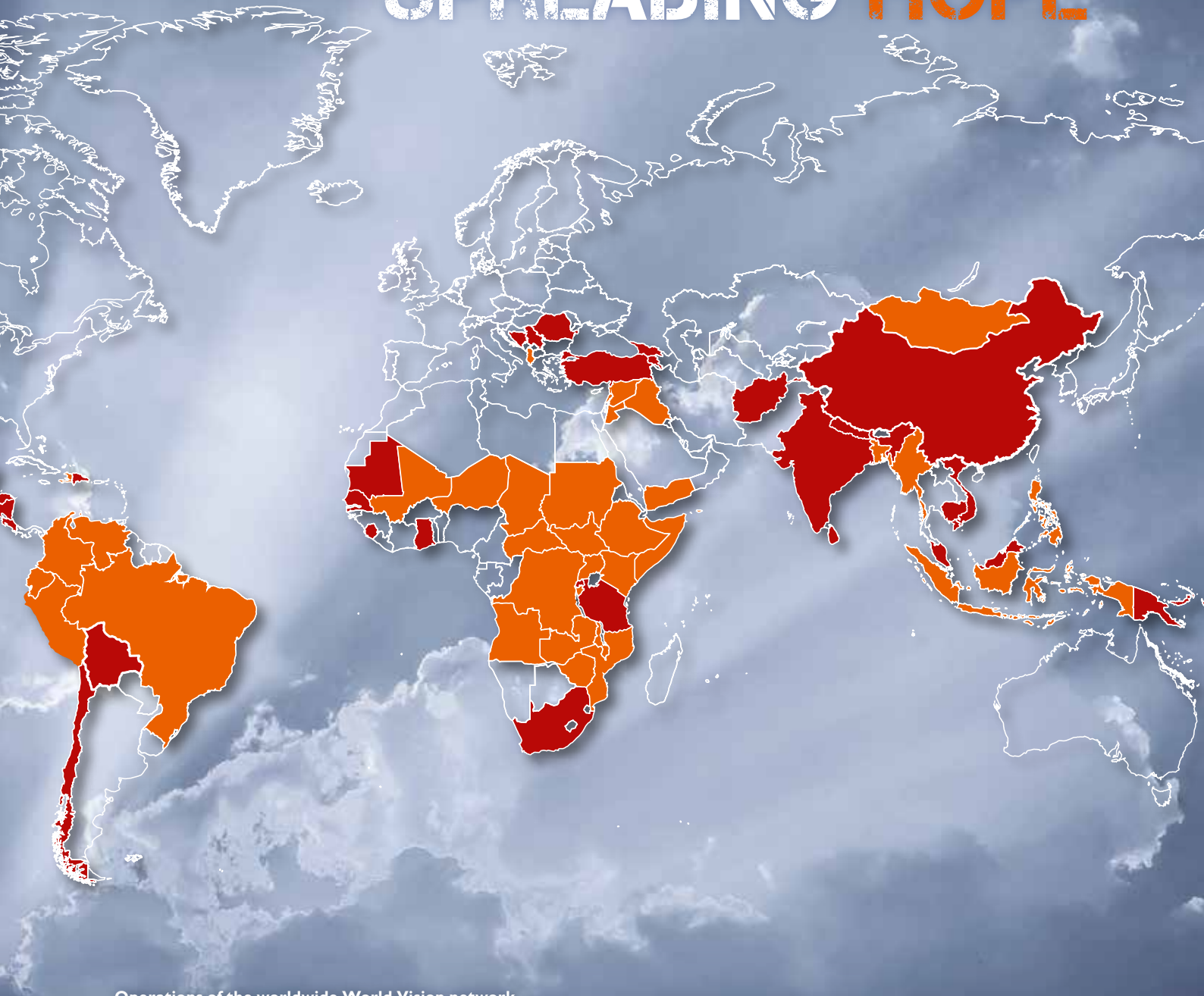
Cash and voucher assistance distributed



**557 000**

Children supported with child protection programming

# SPREADING HOPE



- Operations of the worldwide World Vision network
- Emergency & Disaster Relief Including COVID-19
  - Exclusively COVID-19 emergency relief

## For children. For the future.

We use resources and donations in an efficient and transparent manner. World Vision Switzerland has been dual certified (ISO 9001, NPO label) by the internationally recognized, independent Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems (SQS) and bears the quality seal of the Foundation Ehrenkodex.

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