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THREE YEARS OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE WEST BANK

October 2023 – September 2026

Cover: Children playing in Shallal Al-Auja. The entire community (around 900 people, half of them children) was forcibly displaced in January 2026. © World Vision

OVERVIEW

Three years on, the humanitarian crisis in the West Bank has become a protracted emergency in which violence, displacement, economic crisis and the collapse of essential services reinforce one another and affect every aspect of the lives of children and their families.

According to OCHA, 90 Palestinians, including 19 children, were killed and around 2,100 injured in the West Bank between January and September 2026. Attacks against communities have continued to rise: more than 1,600 were recorded in over 275 communities, already close to the total for 2025, the most violent year since OCHA began systematically recording these incidents in 2006. More than 33,000 people forcibly displaced from the Jenin, Tulkarm and Nur Shams refugee camps in early 2025 remain displaced and are still prevented from returning. Demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem are running at more than twice the average of the previous 15 years. The number of restrictions on movements has continued to rise to reach 925 across the West Bank, 43% above the annual average over the previous 20 years. Children in the Holy Land have never been at greater risk and the need to scale humanitarian response more acute.



Entrance of the Tulkarem refugee camp, January 2026. Around 33,000 people displaced from the northern camps in early 2025 have still not been able to return. © World Vision

The economic consequences are now felt in almost every household, and food insecurity has worsened significantly. Both the World Food Programme (WFP) and World Vision's Multisectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) found that three in four households had seen their income fall. The MSNA found that 79% of households were living below the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) of around NIS 2,500 per month, and only 11% could fully cover their basic needs. WFP analysis found that 12% of households had poor food consumption in the first quarter of 2026, more than double the 5% recorded in June 2022, and that nearly two-thirds were resorting to crisis or emergency coping strategies (69% in the MSNA), further undermining their resilience to future shocks. One in three households surveyed by World Vision reported moderate or severe hunger, and child labour, reported in 23% of households, shows that children are paying a heavy price for the livelihood crisis.

At the same time, the essential services families depend on are collapsing. The fiscal crisis affecting the Palestinian Authority continues to disrupt the payment of teachers and health workers, severely reducing face-to-face schooling and the capacity of public clinics. The WHO recorded 124 attacks on health care between January and September 2026, 37 of them in July alone, and more than 190 water and sanitation structures were damaged or destroyed in the first half of the year. For the communities World Vision serves, the losses of safety, income, food and essential services now compound one another, and children are bearing the heaviest burden.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

World Vision launched a multisectoral emergency response in the West Bank on 13 October 2023. In its third year, the response continued to focus on the communities most affected by violence, displacement and loss of access to services across the governorates of Hebron, Bethlehem, Jericho, Tubas, Nablus, Salfit, Qalqilya, Jenin and Tulkarm.

Since October 2023



1,390,000
People reached



US\$20.5M
Spent

Year 3 (Oct 2025 – Sep 2026)



330,000
People reached



US\$4.7M
Spent

Year 3 figures cover October 2025 to the end of September 2026. The three-year figure is a best estimate combining previous reporting with Year 3 reach.

Key components of the response in Year 3



Emergency aid

Multipurpose cash and non-food items for families affected by violence and displacement.

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Protection through preparedness

Equipping village councils, local civil defence units and community volunteers with emergency response material and skills, and building and equipping community safe spaces.

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Child protection and mental health

Psychosocial support for children and adults, safe play and social-emotional learning.

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Access to emergency healthcare

Equipping new Trauma Stabilisation Points¹ and supporting primary health centres.

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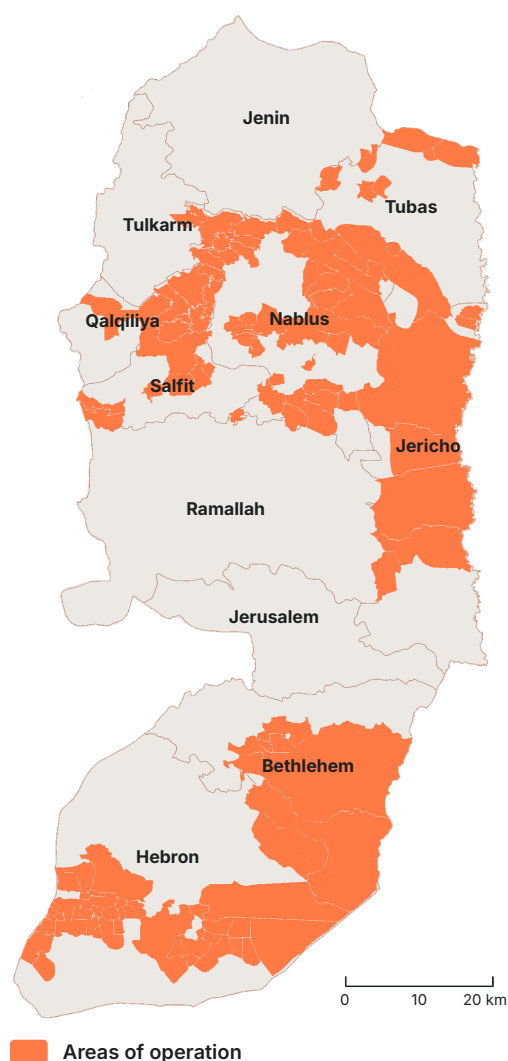


Access to safe education

School safety, emergency preparedness, remedial education and psychosocial support in schools.

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Where we work



¹ Trauma Stabilisation Points are primary health clinics equipped to provide immediate care when access to hospitals is blocked, stabilising patients, including women needing emergency obstetric care, before transfer to higher-level care.

WHAT CHANGED IN YEAR 3 OF THE RESPONSE

In its third year, the response evolved to keep pace with a changing crisis, adapting to new threats, addressing unmet needs and scaling up what was working.

ADAPTING TO INCREASED VIOLENCE AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT

World Vision adapted its response in two ways:

- First, it adjusted its emergency support. When large groups or entire communities were forced to leave, as in Shallal Al-Auja and Al-Jiftlik, assistance followed families through displacement and into their new locations. And because farmers' land, trees and harvests were increasingly targeted, particularly during the olive harvest, World Vision extended its emergency support to farmers so they could continue cultivating their land.
- Second, with emergency services often delayed or unable to reach communities, World Vision brought preparedness down to the household level, helping high-risk families make their homes safer. As places of worship were also targeted, it began working with religious leaders and churches to strengthen their ability to prevent and respond to emergencies. With these new skills and equipment, religious leaders can now not only protect themselves, they can also take a direct part in preparedness and response in their communities.

ADDRESSING UNMET NEEDS

In Year 3, World Vision expanded its programmes to cover needs that had previously received little attention. After a child was killed by explosive remnants in the Jordan Valley in February 2026, and with survey data showing that half of children had never received any information on explosive risks, World Vision began delivering Explosive Ordnance Risk Education. Recognising the toll that violence, salary cuts and extended shifts are taking on those who protect communities, World Vision also started providing mental health and psychosocial support to Civil Defence members and local emergency volunteers.

SCALING UP WHAT IS WORKING

With movement restrictions and attacks increasingly cutting villages off from hospitals, World Vision significantly expanded its network of Trauma Stabilisation Points, supporting 37 new facilities in Year 3 and bringing the total to 50. These points provide triage and life-saving care, including emergency obstetric care, when patients cannot reach hospitals. Firefighting trailers have proven vital in villages where Civil Defence teams are blocked or delayed, allowing local volunteers to contain fires and save lives, and World Vision continued to provide them. Catch-up education was also extended to students in grades 5 to 7, after an independent assessment found a 24% improvement in literacy and numeracy among younger children and recognised the programme as the most effective remedial education programme run by NGOs in the West Bank.

OUR DONORS





Children playing in Shallal Al-Auja. World Vision has provided emergency support to the community following its forcible displacement, January 2026. © World Vision

EMERGENCY AID

YEAR 3 AT A GLANCE

2,646

people supported with emergency aid

923

people received cash or voucher assistance

48 hours

usual time to deliver support after an incident

INDICATOR	SINCE OCTOBER 2023	YEAR 3 (OCT 2025 – SEP 2026)
People reached with multipurpose cash or voucher assistance	11,600	923
People supported with non-food items	22,700	1,723
Total number of people supported with emergency aid	51,600	2,646

Cumulative totals include all forms of emergency aid provided since October 2023.

The issue

Over the past years, thousands of families have lost their homes, belongings and sources of income overnight due to violence, military operations and demolitions. Tens of thousands of people have been forcibly displaced from the northern refugee camps and other locations in the West Bank, often given only minutes to leave their lives behind.

After three years of a crushing economic crisis, most of these families have no savings or safety nets to help them cope with these shocks. Without support, they face destitution and often have no alternative but to resort to extreme coping strategies, such as taking their children out of school or sending them to work.

Our response

To protect children and their families, World Vision provides emergency support to families affected by violence, forced displacement or significant asset loss. This assistance, usually delivered within 48 hours of an incident, allows them to meet their most urgent needs immediately after a shock and begin to recover. In Year 3, World Vision reached 923 people with multipurpose cash or voucher assistance and supported 1,723 people with essential non-food items.



STORY FROM THE FIELD

RESPONDING TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN THE JORDAN VALLEY

An entire community was forced to leave, and World Vision supported families every step of the way.

Following months of constant harassment and violence, the entire community of Shallal Al-Auja in the Jordan Valley (roughly 800 to 1,000 people, around half of them children) was forced to leave. World Vision supported families throughout this difficult journey with food parcels, clothing, hygiene kits and school bags for children, helping them meet their immediate needs with dignity. Some of the families eventually settled in An-Nuway'imah, in the Jericho governorate, where World Vision supported the creation of a community centre that provides a safe space for community engagement and services and strengthens social cohesion.



Local volunteers during a training. © World Vision

STRENGTHENING PROTECTION

YEAR 3 AT A GLANCE

26

local civil defence units equipped

60

community safe spaces equipped

US\$1.5M+

in equipment for first responders since 2023

INDICATOR	SINCE OCTOBER 2023	YEAR 3 (OCT 2025 – SEP 2026)
Village councils and communities supported with emergency preparedness tools and equipment	211	11
Local civil defence units supported with emergency preparedness tools and equipment	n/a	26
Firefighting trailers provided	14	2
Community safe spaces built, rehabilitated or equipped	174	60

n/a: indicator introduced or reported separately in Year 3.



Volunteers training to use a firefighting trailer. © World Vision



A teacher during a school preparedness exercise. © World Vision

The issue

Attacks on communities have become more frequent and more violent, with homes, vehicles, crops and olive trees set alight or destroyed, increasing the need for

emergency services such as ambulance and fire crews. However, their access to communities has continued to shrink because of road gates, checkpoints and clos-

ures. The fiscal crisis affecting the Palestinian Authority has also severely affected the capacity of the Palestinian Civil Defence, which faces salary cuts and very limited budgets for maintenance and equipment.

Teams of volunteers are organising in many villages across the West Bank, but they have very limited means to respond. According to the Palestinian Civil Defence, only 96 of the 148 trained volunteer teams (65%) are fully equipped. Most committees have no operational budget, so volunteers pay for fuel, communication and maintenance themselves, without any in-

surance or incentive. In World Vision's October 2025 study of first responders, 77% of volunteers cited insufficient equipment as their most pressing operational challenge.

Households themselves are also largely unprepared for emergencies. World Vision's 2026 MSNA found that only 10% own a fire extinguisher and a third have a first aid kit, while 74% have no plan for security incidents. Almost nine in ten (89%) had received no preparedness support in the previous six months.

Only 65%

of trained volunteer teams are fully equipped (96 of 148)

Only 10%

of households own a fire extinguisher

74%

of households have no plan for security incidents

Sources: Palestinian Civil Defence; World Vision MSNA 2026.



STORY FROM THE FIELD

NOBODY IS COMING: COMMUNITIES LEFT WITHOUT ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES

A ten-minute journey took an hour and a half, and by the time help arrived the farmland was lost.

On 17 September 2026, a criminal fire in Marj Al-Ghazal, in the Jordan Valley, destroyed around 25 productive date palms and 5,000 square metres of farmland, an important source of income and jobs for local families. Civil Defence teams were called straight away, but they needed coordination and authorisation to go through checkpoints and barriers and reach the village, so a journey that would normally take around ten minutes took an hour and a half. By the time they arrived, the trees and land had been completely destroyed. This was the second incident of its kind in an area that has become increasingly hard to reach quickly from the nearest Civil Defence centre in Al-Jiftlik. Volunteer groups exist in Marj Al-Ghazal and the neighbouring communities of Az-Zubeidat and Marj Na'ja, but they have received little training and have very little equipment. World Vision is working with local authorities and the Palestinian Civil Defence to strengthen these groups in 2027 so that they have the skills and equipment to protect their communities.

Our response

To respond to these issues, World Vision has worked at several levels to strengthen first responders and bring preparedness closer to children and their families:

- **Civil Defence:** World Vision equipped 26 local civil defence units, serving communities of around 12,500 people.
- **Village councils and community safe spaces:** Eleven village councils, serving communities of around 1,600 people, were equipped, and two firefighting trailers were provided for use by first responders. World Vision also built or rehabilitated 53 community safe spaces and equipped 60, serving communities of more than 33,000 people. These spaces act as hubs for emergency preparedness, first aid, volunteer training and psychosocial activities.
- **Households:** 55 high-risk households (537 people) received support to improve their preparedness and the physical safety of their homes, including first aid kits, fire extinguishers and materials to reinforce windows against forced entry and incendiary devices. 1,195 people also took part in community protection initiatives,

where community members identified their top priority risks, developed safety action plans to prepare or mitigate that risk, and received support to implement those plans.

In total, during Year 3, World Vision provided US\$78,300 worth of emergency preparedness tools and equipment, bringing its total support to local first responders since October 2023 to more than US\$1.5 million.



STORY FROM THE FIELD

RELIGIOUS LEADERS AT THE CENTRE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

43 churches equipped and 129 religious leaders trained to respond to emergencies.

Over the past year, World Vision has worked with religious leaders to strengthen their capacity to identify fire hazards, administer first aid and respond effectively to emergencies. These partnerships respond to a new reality on the ground. Over 2025 and 2026, a growing number of churches, mosques and religious sites in the West Bank have been targeted, damaged, burned or defaced. In addition, because of growing restrictions on movement, community members, including religious leaders, are often the only first responders available in the critical time after an incident. World Vision has piloted this approach with 43 churches in several governorates, providing each participating congregation with a safety kit including fire extinguishers, first aid supplies, fire-resistant blankets and emergency lighting. 129 religious leaders received an orientation on disaster risk reduction and emergency response.



Religious leaders, members of the Palestinian Civil Defence and World Vision staff during the distribution of emergency response material. © World Vision



STORY FROM THE FIELD

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM MINES AND UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Half of children had never received any information on explosive risks.

On 17 February 2026, three children, the oldest aged 16, were collecting herbs in the Jericho governorate when they set off a mine. A 13-year-old boy was killed and the two other children were injured, one of them seriously. This tragedy illustrates the risks children face in the West Bank, where decades of military operations and violence have left dangerous explosive remnants. World Vision's 2026 MSNA found that about one in five children (21%) had personally seen an unfamiliar object they thought might be a weapon or explosive. Yet about half (51%) had never received any information on explosive risks, and four in ten (39%) did not know what to do if they found a dangerous object. To reduce these risks, World Vision started delivering Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) sessions. Ten community facilitators were trained and around 700 children from high-risk areas are expected to take part before the end of 2026. By the end of September 2026, 303 children had already taken part.



Children and volunteers during a psychosocial support session. © World Vision

CHILD PROTECTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

YEAR 3 AT A GLANCE

16,335

people received mental health and psychosocial support

11,760

children took part in social-emotional learning

3,696

children benefited from safe play and recreation

INDICATOR	SINCE OCTOBER 2023	YEAR 3 (OCT 2025 – SEP 2026)
People receiving mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)	109,300	16,335
People trained to provide MHPSS and/or conduct referrals	1,320	120
People reached with awareness messages on mental health and available services	213,500	8,508
Safe play areas built or rehabilitated	29	3
Children reached with safe play and recreation	38,700	3,696
Children engaged in social-emotional learning	39,800	11,760
Total number of people supported and/or informed	388,400	40,419

The issue

Repeated exposure to violence, displacement, school disruption and economic hardship is taking a heavy toll on children's wellbeing. Many children are confined to their homes and cut off from friends, learning and normal routines, while parents and caregivers face mounting stress of their own.

In a recent World Vision survey, 46% of caregivers reported that their child's mental health had worsened since November 2024, a fourfold increase on the 10% recorded eighteen months earlier. The share of children showing frequent signs of distress has nearly doubled, from 27% to 48%. Yet only 15% of children had accessed any psychosocial support in the previous three months.

46%

of caregivers say their child's mental health has worsened (10% eighteen months earlier)

48%

of children show frequent signs of distress (up from 27%)

15%

of children accessed psychosocial support in the previous three months

Source: World Vision MSNA 2026.

Our response

To address these issues, World Vision's response works at several levels.

- **Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS):** In Year 3, World Vision provided MHPSS to more than 16,000 people, including around 11,300 children and 5,000 adults, most of them women. World Vision continues to use evidence-based, age-appropriate approaches, including structured psychosocial support sessions, Psychological First Aid, social-emotional learning, and two programmes developed by the World Health Organization: Early Adolescent Skills for Emotions (EASE) and Group Problem Management Plus (Group PM+). More than 8,500 people were also reached with information on mental health and available services, and 120 people were trained to provide MHPSS or make referrals to specialised services.
- **Social-emotional learning:** A further 11,760 children took part in social-emotional learning, which helps children affected by violence and displacement understand and manage their emotions, build positive relationships and regain a sense of safety and control, strengthening their coping skills, resilience and ability to keep learning.
- **Safe play and recreation:** 3,696 children benefited from safe play and recreational activities, including in three newly built or rehabilitated safe play areas.



STORY FROM THE FIELD

SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Those who protect communities need support too: 47 Civil Defence members and volunteers took part in sessions.

First responders across the West Bank are working under sustained and growing strain. In World Vision's 2025 study of first responders, 63% of Civil Defence centres said violence and safety concerns were always or mostly a challenge. Around four in five centres and volunteers expected to be attacked if they encountered hostile actors during a response, and one in four volunteer committees reported violent incidents against their members at least once a week. These risks come on top of salary cuts, chronic shortages of staff and equipment, and movement restrictions that delay responses and force crews to cover extended shifts, sometimes for one or two weeks without relief. Demand is also rising: 2025 saw a record number of violent incidents, and 2026 is on track to set a new record. In response, World Vision has started providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) sessions to Palestinian Civil Defence members and local emergency volunteers, helping them manage stress, trauma and exhaustion so they can keep protecting their communities safely. 47 members took part in sessions during Year 3 of the response and this component will continue over the coming months.



A psychosocial support session. © World Vision



Mothers during a Group Problem Management Plus session. © World Vision

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I sat next to her and listened to her without pressuring her or offering ready-made solutions. I realised that my calm and supportive presence helped her express herself and feel relieved.

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Razan, 12

Read this [story](#) to learn how World Vision is helping children and adolescents develop the skills to support one another with empathy, care and understanding. Learn more about our flagship MHPSS project, funded by BMZ, in this [video](#).



A group of children during a psychosocial support session. © World Vision



A group of children during the opening of a newly rehabilitated playground. © World Vision

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We used to play in the street. There were cars everywhere, and sometimes we were scared of attacks.

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Amer, 9

Read this [story](#) to learn how a safe play area, supported by Giro555, has changed life for children in a West Bank village.



A nurse and a patient in a health clinic. © World Vision

ACCESS TO EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE

YEAR 3 AT A GLANCE

37

new Trauma Stabilisation Points, 50 in total

98,940

people served by supported health facilities

26

health workers trained

INDICATOR	SINCE OCTOBER 2023	YEAR 3 (OCT 2025 – SEP 2026)
Primary health centres rehabilitated and/or provided with medical equipment and supplies	149	8
Trauma Stabilisation Points supported with medical equipment and supplies	50	37
Health workers trained	500	26
People benefiting from primary health centre and Trauma Stabilisation Point services	362,900	98,940

The issue

Attacks on health care, checkpoints and closures continue to cut communities off from hospitals, while the Palestinian Authority's fiscal crisis has left public health facilities short of staff and supplies. For many villages, the local clinic is the only option in an emergency, and pregnant women face difficulties in accessing antenatal, delivery and postnatal care every day. Learn more about their challenges in this [video](#).

Our response

To sustain access to essential health care in the West Bank, World Vision's response has several components:

- **Trauma Stabilisation Points:** In Year 3, World Vision significantly expanded its network of Trauma Stabilisation Points, supporting 37 new facilities with medical equipment and supplies and bringing the total to 50 since October 2023. These community-level emergency care facilities are typically staffed by trained health workers or volunteers and equipped with trauma supplies. They provide triage and initial life-saving treatment to injured people where access to hospitals is delayed or blocked by movement restrictions, military operations or attacks on communities. World Vision also supports these facilities to provide emergency obstetric care so they can provide emergency delivery care to women who cannot reach hospitals or maternity clinics.
- **Primary health centres:** One primary health centre was rehabilitated and seven were provided with medical equipment and supplies. In Al Karmel, a town in southern Hebron facing some of the most severe humanitarian

needs, World Vision partnered with the local community to build an entirely new second floor to its local clinic, expanding the space and services that could be offered, while improving infection prevention and control protocols. Together, these facilities served 98,940 people during the year, including 22,225 children.

- **Community health workers:** This year, 26 health workers were trained. They support mothers through home visits with timed and targeted counselling – a local approach critical to reaching more pregnant women and new mothers as economic hardship, safety concerns and movement restrictions reduce access to antenatal and postnatal care.



STORY FROM THE FIELD

A COMMUNITY UNITED TO SAVE LIVES: THE MADAMA TRAUMA STABILISATION POINT

A village where ambulances were often blocked now has life-saving care on its doorstep.

Madama, a village about 5 km south of Nablus, faces frequent attacks, and residents injured in them have often had to wait while ambulances were prevented from reaching them. Road closures and checkpoints around Nablus further delay access to the city's hospitals, leaving families without timely care in emergencies. Under the leadership of local authorities, the community worked with World Vision to establish and activate a Trauma Stabilisation Point in the village. World Vision equipped the facility with essential medical supplies and emergency equipment, including kits to manage severe injuries and emergency childbirth, and trained nurses, midwives and doctors to use the equipment and manage emergency cases. Local leaders secured Ministry of Health approval to activate the stabilisation point, and volunteer doctors were mobilised to provide life-saving care outside regular clinic hours. By bringing together community leadership, health workers and volunteers, Madama now has potentially life-saving care available on its doorstep when residents need it most.



A pregnant woman in a health clinic. © World Vision



A doctor and a patient in a clinic. © World Vision

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These techniques gave me confidence that I can save mothers' lives.

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Manar, midwife

Read this [story](#) to learn how World Vision, with the support of Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), is improving access to emergency obstetric care in villages cut off from hospitals by movement restrictions, through training and support for Trauma Stabilisation Points.

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Our clinic serves a large number of families, but we only operate once a week and our services are limited. Staff shortages make it difficult to provide the level of care, counselling and follow-up that mothers and children require.

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Ahlam, nurse

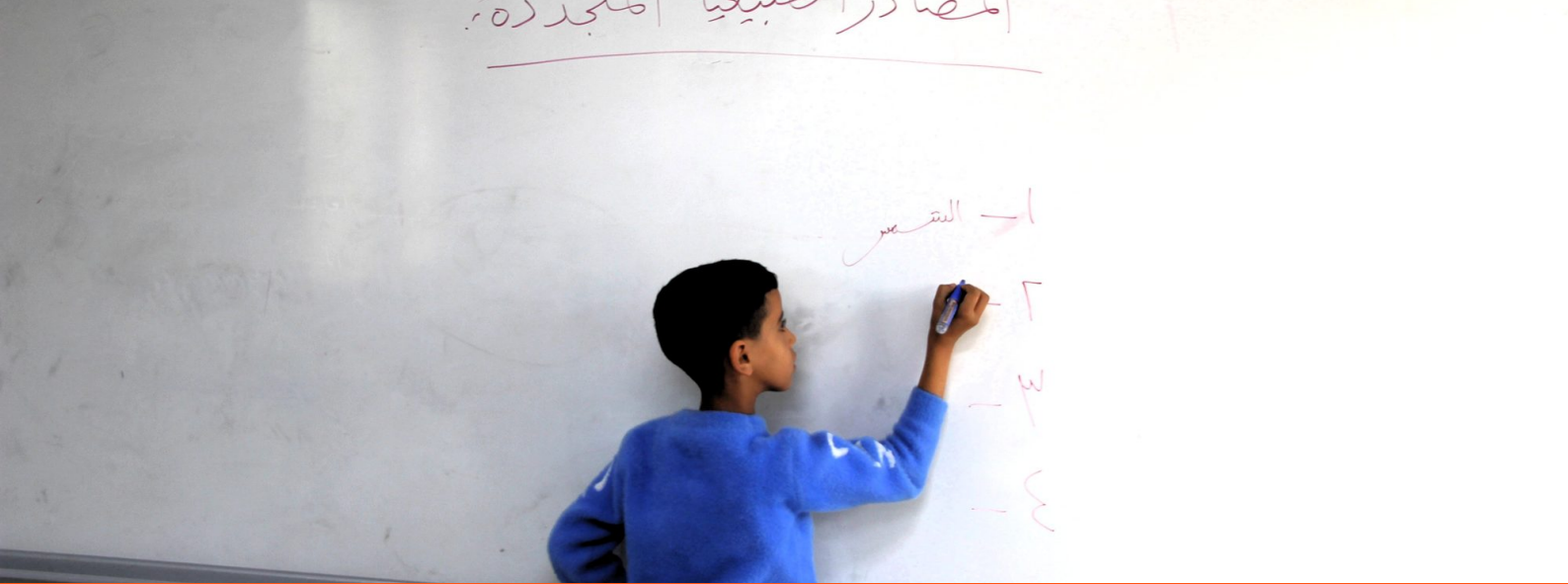
Read this [story](#) to learn more about how community health workers support mothers through home visits and individualised counselling.



A nurse during a training on Emergency Obstetric Care. © World Vision



A new oxygen refilling station at a Trauma Stabilisation Point. © World Vision



A student in a rehabilitated classroom. © World Vision

ACCESS TO SAFE EDUCATION

YEAR 3 AT A GLANCE

129,553

children accessing learning in supported schools

3,232

children enrolled in catch-up classes

24%

improvement in literacy and numeracy

INDICATOR	SINCE OCTOBER 2023	YEAR 3 (OCT 2025 - SEP 2026)
Teachers trained on psychosocial support and social-emotional learning in schools	2,127	527
Children enrolled in catch-up (remedial) classes	8,200	3,232
Schools supported with emergency preparedness tools and training	296	17
Schools and kindergartens rehabilitated to improve safety and/or accessibility	102	37
Children accessing learning in schools supported by World Vision	255,600	129,553

The issue

Schools in the West Bank continue to be affected by violence, military operations, demolition orders and movement restrictions. Combined with the Palestinian Authority’s inability to pay teachers in full and the resulting reduction in face-to-face schooling, this has led to significant learning losses for girls and boys of all ages. In a recent World Vision survey, caregivers judged that about three quarters of children (75%) needed moderate, extra or full-time support to reach expected academic levels.

Our response

In Year 3, more than 129,000 children accessed learning in schools supported by World Vision. Our response involves several components:

- **Rehabilitation, safety and preparedness:** Our programmes strengthen the protective environment of schools to reduce risks to children’s safety, especially from violence. In Year 3, 37 schools and kindergartens were rehabilitated to improve their safety and accessibility, and 17 schools were supported with emergency preparedness tools and training, reaching more than 7,100 students and staff. Twenty-two schools now have safety plans in place.

- **Mental health and psychosocial support:** 527 teachers were trained to integrate psychosocial support and social-emotional learning into the classroom, helping children manage stress and emotions so they can concentrate and learn better.
- **Catch-up education:** A total of 3,232 children enrolled in catch-up classes to recover from learning losses. An independent assessment (DAPA) found that students enrolled in these classes over the past year improved their literacy and numeracy skills by 24%. The programme was also recognised as the most effective remedial education programme run by international and national NGOs in the West Bank.



A child during a catch-up class. © World Vision



A safety drill with Civil Defence volunteers in a school. © World Vision



STORY FROM THE FIELD

SUSTAINING EDUCATION IN THE MOST VULNERABLE PLACES

When their school was vandalised, temporary classrooms brought children and families back to Ibziq.

In February 2026, the school in Ibziq, in the Tubas governorate, which serves about 30 students, was broken into and vandalised. Almost everything inside was broken or stolen, and the water, electricity and internet networks were damaged, preventing the school from reopening. With the school closed, families faced a terrible dilemma: stay in their village with no way for their children to learn or leave so that their children could continue their education. Many left. To support the community, World Vision helped install several prefabricated units in a safe location to serve as temporary classrooms and equipped them with learning materials. Since this work was completed in September 2026, children have once again been able to continue their education in Ibziq, and several families have returned to the village.

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I never imagined I'd be forced to leave my home.

”

Saeda, 11

Read this [story](#) to learn how a World Vision project funded by the European Union is helping children forcibly displaced from the Tulkarm and Nur Shams refugee camps continue learning and recover from learning losses.



A child takes part in an emergency preparedness session in a school. © World Vision



A child during a psychosocial support session in a school. © World Vision

LOOKING AHEAD

As violence, displacement and the collapse of essential services continue to shape daily life across the West Bank, World Vision remains committed to delivering life-saving assistance to the most vulnerable families and children.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Rapid response assistance will be targeted at households at high risk of attack, those whose homes have been damaged, and families at imminent risk of, or already experiencing, forced displacement.

PROTECTING CHILDREN – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Interventions to directly support children in crisis will continue to be the top priority of World Vision's response. A renewed focus on expanding safe areas to play for girls and boys will be a priority, along with scale-up of Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) for children. Alongside its existing MHPSS models, World Vision plans to pilot Building Lifelong Opportunities for Mental Health (BLOOM) with UNICEF and WHO, a new approach that equips parents and caregivers to strengthen the psychological resilience of children aged 6 to 9. World Vision also plans to lead an inter-agency update of the West Bank MHPSS referral pathway.

PROTECTION OF COMMUNITIES

Protection efforts will concentrate on community-based protection measures, advancing learning and capacity in anticipatory action. Priorities will include continuing to support local first responding volunteer units, at-risk households and farmers – including prepositioning tools ahead of harvest seasons, and helping households and communities be better prepared for emergencies and critical incidents. World Vision will be working more with churches and Christian communities to advance community-based protection from a faith-based perspective, training faith and community leaders to provide psychological first aid and psychosocial activities for children as part of community-based protection and preparedness.

ACCESS TO EMERGENCY HEALTH

Our support will help primary health centres keep services running and extend basic care to households through community health workers, with an enhanced focus on maternal, newborn and child healthcare.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

As learning losses deepen and attacks on education increase, looking ahead World Vision will be prioritising emergency preparedness in schools and delivery of remedial education, offering catch-up classes in both school and temporary learning spaces that allow children to access learning support closer to home to reduce the risks encountered on the way to their school, and scaling World Vision's rapid response mechanism to support the restoration or continuity of learning in places where education is under attack.

ABOUT WORLD VISION

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and their communities to reach their full potential by tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision has operated in Jerusalem and the West Bank since 1975.

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