

# 2015 Relief Work Report

Ruthless conflicts and disasters have continued to devastate the world in 2015. Into its fifth year, the Syrian conflict came under the international spotlight again when the world saw a heartbreaking photo of a Syrian boy's lifeless body lying on a beach. The unceasing conflict has forced millions of refugees to flee to areas of Lebanon, Jordan and Europe; and many more are suffering displacement within Syria.

In late April, Nepal was struck by the most massive and deadly earthquake in 80 years. Food crises in Africa, global floods and typhoons are becoming more common as a consequence of climate change. World Vision has offices in many of the impacted areas, which enables us to promptly respond to the emergency needs of the survivors as well as to support them on their way to recovery and rebuilding their livelihoods.

It is through your support and trust that aid and assistance can reach people affected by natural disasters and violent conflicts. In 2015\*, World Vision Hong Kong raised over HK\$71.46 million (including HKSAR Government's Disaster Relief Fund), and contributed towards the pool of funds for emergency relief with other World Vision offices. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who shows continuous love to the needy in times of tragedy!

\*The 2015 fiscal year is from 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015

In May, Kevin Chiu, CEO of World Vision Hong Kong, travelled to Lebanon and learned about the needs of Syrian refugee children in a Child Friendly Space.



## Syria Crisis

The five-year conflict in Syria is the biggest humanitarian crisis of our time! It has left desperate Syrians with no choice but to flee their home and country with their children. 6.5 million people have been internally displaced, while another 4.2 million (almost half being children) have taken refuge in camps and host communities in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Europe. They see no hope of returning home.

### Key Activities

- Provided food and cash assistance for vulnerable families to meet their daily needs
- Distributed kitchen and household items, blankets and winter coats for winter needs
- Constructed and maintained water facilities and latrines in host communities, refugee camps and schools; organised hygiene promotion campaigns in communities; and provided hygiene kits and other sanitation items for affected children and families
- Organised educational programmes, basic learning classes and remedial classes for children to catch up on schooling
- Set up Child Friendly Spaces to provide psychosocial support for children affected by the conflict to relieve trauma and build emotional strength

**No. of Beneficiaries: about 2,000,000** (since 2011)

## Nepal Earthquake

A powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake devastated northwest Nepal in April. This was the largest earthquake the country had experienced in 80 years. With continuous aftershocks, the death toll hit 8,800, and over 8 million people were affected. The quake brought widespread destruction in capital Kathmandu and surrounding areas. Houses and buildings collapsed and avalanches were triggered in the Himalayas. Many families were left homeless and unsheltered with desperate needs.

### Key Activities

- Distributed blankets, household kits, mosquito nets, food items, hygiene kits and other emergency aid to survivors
- Provided tarpaulins, CGI (corrugated galvanised iron) sheets, solar lamps and related tool kits for building temporary shelters
- Distributed toilet construction materials and aqua tabs to families
- Established Women & Young Children Spaces; sent trained health workers to support families and monitor their health
- Established Child Friendly Spaces and Temporary Learning Centres where children can relieve distress through playing and learning
- Set up Cash For Work Programme and Cash Transfers to meet the basic needs of the affected



Deepak (left) and his family lost their home in the earthquake. They received emergency aid such as household kits, hygiene kits and tarpaulins from World Vision.

**No. of Beneficiaries: about 229,000**

Kevin Chiu visited Kenya and gained a better understanding of the plight of those hit by the food crises.



## Africa Hunger Relief

Drought and irregular climate have continued to result in major crop failure and food crises in many African countries. In some regions, unceasing conflicts are further threatening the lives of millions with food shortages and no means for families to self-sustain.

### Key Activities

#### Kenya

- Trained health workers and community volunteers to monitor the health condition and nutritional status of mothers and children
- Held health and hygiene workshops
- Educated community members on feeding infants and young children with nutritious meals

#### South Sudan

- Distributed emergency food supplies; and provided nutrient supplements for malnourished children, pregnant and lactating mothers
- Distributed seeds, fishing nets, tools and offered training to help families increase food security
- Distributed blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and other items
- Provided drinking water; hygiene kits and built sanitation facilities
- Established Child Friendly Spaces and advocated the importance of child protection

#### Somalia

- Assisted severely malnourished children to receive treatment at clinics
- Equipped health workers to detect and treat acute malnutrition
- Supported community to monitor the nutritional status of their children
- Distributed food aid in partnership with World Food Programme; provided nutrients supplements to undernourished pregnant and lactating women; and provided supplementary food to children under 5

**No. of Beneficiaries: about 730,500**

## Southern Africa and South Asia Floods Relief

Heavy rains have led to massive flooding in Southern Africa and South Asia this year. In flood-stricken countries, houses and infrastructure were damaged, crops and farmlands were washed away by floodwater, and tens of millions of people lost their livelihoods, homes and loved ones. World Vision immediately launched an emergency response in affected areas to meet the urgent needs of survivors.



World Vision offered timely help and distributed emergency items to the flood-stricken people in Malawi.

### Key Activities

#### Malawi

- Assisted 215,000 people with food items
- Supported 35,200 people with livelihood recovery projects, such as cassava cutting, sweet potato planting, and distributing maize seeds
- Provided 22,600 households with plastic sheeting and tarpaulins
- Distributed insecticide-treated mosquito nets; and organised health talks to raise hygiene awareness of the affected communities

#### Mozambique

- Distributed hygiene kits and materials for constructing latrines in resettlement centres
- Constructed boreholes in resettlement centres; cleaned, disinfected and repaired boreholes in flood-affected areas
- Provided training for Water Committees, and hygiene and sanitation training for students

#### India

- Distributed food packs, water purifying tablets, hygiene kits, tarpaulins and other daily necessities to 4,000 families
- Arranged training on WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) for children and parents and strengthened their awareness about child protection during emergency and Disaster Risk Reduction

#### Myanmar

- Distributed rice to 40,800 people
- Provided potable water; purification sachets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets and other daily essentials
- Supported 1,460 children with school kits

**No. of Beneficiaries: about 335,500**

In March 2015, Cyclone Pam swept through Vanuatu. Raging storms and rains caused widespread destruction. Capital Port Vila was covered in debris. It is estimated that almost half of the total population was affected.

### Key Activities

- Supported the government to distribute emergency food aid, seeds and tools, tarpaulins, nappies and other emergency items to survivors
- Provided hygiene kits, kitchen sets and other daily necessities
- Supported over 80 affected schools with books and stationery
- Partnered with other organisations to dispense deworming and vitamin tablets; and immunised over 6,000 children to prevent the spread of disease

**No. of Beneficiaries: about 55,000**

## Vanuatu Cyclone



Children in Vanuatu could finally return school with school items and books distributed by World Vision.