

Situation overview

More than 100000 people have been blockaded in Nagorno-Karabakh since December 2022, when the Lachin corridor was closed even for humanitarian aid. The situation for children and families has deteriorated rapidly, due to the military operation which was launched on 19 September 2023.

According to the Human Rights Defender and Ombudsman of the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh, the attack on the territory earlier in the week resulted in a death toll of [200 including 10 civilians, out of which 5 are children](#). More than 400 people have been injured, including 13 children.

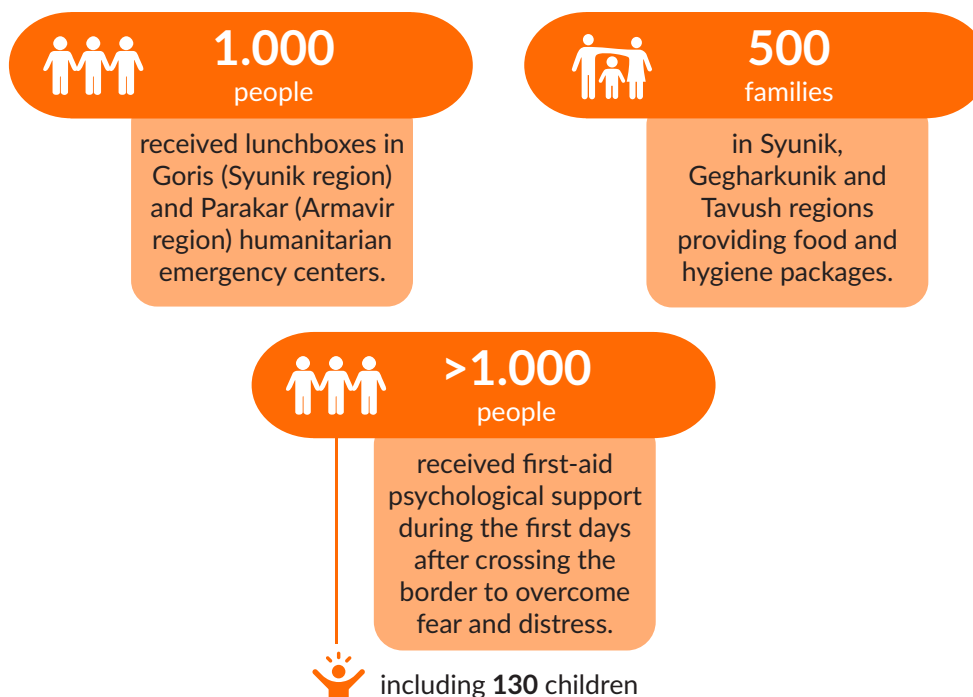
[As of 2 October 2023, 100,514 ethnic Armenians](#), including women and children, have already been displaced from the Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia, leaving behind their homes and almost all belonging. 85,975 people, that is, about 86 percent of the people transferred to Armenia, have already been registered.

[The number](#) of pregnant women is 222, the number of disabled is 2105, the number of wounded is 283. 48,649 people who were forcibly displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh used the shelters offered by the state. The rest are staying in a mix of privately rented accommodation or with relatives. Those in government shelters are distributed in the following regions: *Aragatsotn region*: 2305 people, *Ararat region*: 12445 people, *Armavir region*: 4461 people, *Gegharkunik region*: 3996 people, *Lori region*: 2686 people, *Kotayk region* - 11630 people, *Shirak region* - 2275 people, *Syunik region* - 4592 people, *Vayots Dzor region* - 1937 people and *Tavush region* - 2322 people.

All these people have an urgent need for food, clothes, hygiene supplies, medication, blankets, shelter, etc. The government is committing to a one of cash distribution of 100,000- AMD (255 USD) and then payments of 50,000 AMD (127 USD) per person for per month for six months. This will be for rent and utilities.

World Vision's Response

From the very beginning of the crisis and first flow of arrivals of forcibly displaced population, WV Armenia immediately has established Response teams at National and regional levels and the staff is already engaged in relief actions. In particular:



WV Armenia regional offices located in Vardenis (Gegharkunik), Kapan and Sisian, (Syunik), Ijevan (Tavush) serve as an incident response structures. The staff of regional office composed of multidisciplinary teams working directly with forcible displaced people to collect contact data and information on their primary needs and location.

In addition, we have established safe spaces for vulnerable children in above mentioned communities where we have Daycare centers, where they can access essential services, receive psychosocial support, and be protected from potential risks.



This initial support will be followed by more long-term interventions (psychological support, livelihood, winterization, social and economic integration, etc) for which WVA staff collects data on the urgent needs of displaced people referred to by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and local partners on on-going basis.

Coordination

World Vision Armenia closely coordinates all its activities related with this crisis with Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MLSA) through Ministry's newly developed NGO resource mapping platform. We are actively engaged with various working groups, and considered as one of the main partners of MLSA in the fields of emergency response and social protection. This strategic partnership allows us to work closely with the ministry, sharing valuable insights, data, and expertise. Through this collaborative effort, we contribute to the development and implementation of effective crisis response strategies and policies, ensuring that the most vulnerable populations receive the support and assistance they need during these challenging times.

Additionally, World Vision Armenia is actively participating in UN clusters that are activated in response to conflict escalation. We are engaged in several key clusters, including Child Protection, Shelter, Early Recovery, and Cash clusters. These involvements signify our commitment to a multi-sectoral approach in addressing the complex challenges posed by crises. By collaborating within these clusters, we can harness collective expertise and resources to provide comprehensive support to affected communities. Our contributions extend beyond individual sectors, enabling us to offer a holistic response that promotes recovery, resilience, and sustainable solutions during post-conflict scenarios.

Along with UN agencies, WV Armenia is in constant touch with BHA, USAID, EU, ECHO, and other donor organizations for cooperation and collaboration work on the ground.

At local level our regional offices are in close coordination with local and regional authorities, community social workers, territorial agencies of Unified Social Service, as well as with focal points of Humanitarian centers established by MLSA to provide targeted support and avoid duplication and.


Plans to scale up


- WV Armenian has established Response teams at National and regional levels.
- At the start of the crisis World Vision made available 100,000 USD of emergency funds to start an operation. Further fundraising has started from local and global sources.
- WV Regional Humanitarian Director arrived to Armenia to help advise the local team and position with humanitarian actors.
- WV Armenia continues provision of food and hygiene packages within available limited resources, until the allocation of additional funds to address the basic needs of displaced population.
- A quick rapid needs assessment is currently underway to gather initial information to guide programme set up.
- WV Armenia has also been delegated by the Government to conduct thorough needs assessment of forcibly displaced population together with 2 more local partners which will be a base for short term and long term interventions both for the Government and humanitarian organisations. This will start soon, and be in more depth than WV's rapid assessment.
- In addition, WV Armenia is cooperating with regional and global WV offices to utilize the organization's capacity for our response programs in Armenia.







KEY RESOURCES


Armenian public TV on crisis response and World Vision Armenia mission 

World Vision global on the forced displacement of Artsakh population 


World Vision France report on the situation escalating in Nagorno Karabakh 


Azatutyun reporting on DP support 

WV France on ethnic cleansing of Armenians of Artsakh 

WV MEERO on conflict escalation in Nagorno Karabakh 

David Thomson's support to WV Armenia and Armenians of Artsakh  

WV Global on support provided to the children of Artsakh forcibly displaced from their homes 

Elenour Monbiot on the urgent needs of more than 100'000 Armenians of Artsakh forcibly displaced from their homes under a threat 

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