

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Regional Brief

Introduction

World Vision has been present in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for over 50 years, dedicated to protecting vulnerable children and empowering communities.

World Vision LAC prioritizes rapid multi-sector response linked to recovery and long-term development, keeping children's protection at the center.

Across 15 countries, World Vision partners with local governments, churches, and communities to deliver humanitarian assistance, protect children from violence, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), combat hunger and malnutrition, and create economic opportunities for families in need.

LAC region facts

- In Guatemala, **more than two-thirds** of the rural population lives in poverty.
- **Nearly half of the Haitian population** are facing acute hunger.
- Over 6.8 million Venezuelans have left the country, making it **one of the world's largest displacement crises**.
- An estimated **14.1 million children in LAC will require lifesaving humanitarian support in 2026** due to forced displacement, armed violence, and extreme weather events.

Our 15-country footprint



Our FY25 impact

- World Vision delivered humanitarian assistance to **841,000 people, including 456,000 children**, in LAC.
- In Haiti, we supported **37,654 students to stay in school** and reached **14,711 with regular school meals**.
- We partnered with **more than 17,000 churches across the region** to provide economic empowerment, child protection, education, and WASH.



REACHING
1 NEW PERSON
EVERY 10 SECONDS

AND

3 MORE SCHOOLS
EVERY DAY

WITH CLEAN WATER

World Vision is the #1 nongovernmental provider of clean water globally.



Hope at Home: Building Resilience in Central America

In Central America, food insecurity, violence, and a lack of opportunities leave many children and families vulnerable and without hope, often pushing them to seek opportunities elsewhere. **World Vision's Hope at Home framework helps communities feel safer and more supported where they live, tackling the drivers of instability that push them to leave.** By strengthening protections against violence, increasing access to essential services, and expanding education and work opportunities for youth, Hope at Home tackles the vulnerabilities that drive instability and irregular, often dangerous, migration. **Hope at Home boosts resilience, challenges gang violence and the influence of transnational criminal activity, and creates stronger, safer communities** where children and youth can find hope for the future in their own communities.

Between 2022 to 2025, **Hope at Home has reached more than 3 million people in Honduras and Guatemala** with support, including irrigation and WASH (383,664) and economic empowerment (251,181), through U.S. and local government funding and support from churches and individual donors.



Thrive: Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments

Food insecurity and poverty increase the potential that families will migrate. Hope at Home and the THRIVE initiative identify families who have the highest propensity to migrate and connect them to a range of services that create economic opportunity. THRIVE is transforming lives across Honduras and Guatemala by equipping families, especially smallholder farmers, with the tools, and skills to significantly increase household incomes.

In Honduras alone, more than **75,000 households have already enrolled**, expanding farmers' access to profitable, reliable markets. THRIVE also strengthens the foundations of long-term change through **partnering with churches, increasing access to savings groups, and promoting market knowledge and access** – paving a reliable pathway out of poverty.



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New beginnings: Hope at Home in action

Poverty lies to people. It says they lack the ability to make change. **Together with pastors in 17,000 partnering churches, we're pushing back on those lies** by training farmers, business owners, and families to see the resources they have and adopt opportunity-driven mindsets.

Don Antonio, a farmer in Morocelí, Honduras, knew the scarcity of poverty. He had scraped by for 40 years, growing only corn and beans. He farmed the only way he knew how and prayed the rains would come. **"Almost every year was a struggle," he said.** Still, he did everything he could to provide for his family, especially his granddaughter, Génesis, who had already endured more loss than a child should.

Through Hope at Home, Don Antonio and neighboring farmers formed a producer group together and diversified their crops, utilizing new irrigation systems. **His annual income is now eight times what it was before.** He can now provide for his family, save for emergencies, and reinvest in his business. He's traded scarcity for abundance. With a little help and Don Antonio's hard work, his granddaughter Génesis is living out the meaning of her name—new beginnings.

World Vision water technician surveys the stream that will source clean water to the Buena Vista community in Honduras.

