

EMERGENCY in SYRIA



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OPENING STATEMENT

Nine months after the earthquakes that struck Syria on February 6th, 2023, WeWorld is continuing to implement a mid and long-term response to the emergency, with the support of ChildFund Alliance Members and other private and institutional donors, responding to the needs of the affected population in the Aleppo governorate. The aim of this document, *Syria Response Plan Update*, is to share the results of the mid and long-term responses, and to coordinate the responses within the Alliance and with other partners to mitigate the suffering of children, families and other citizens in Syria.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The earthquakes of February 6th and of the following days affected many areas of Syria, amplifying the already existing structural needs.



WEWORLD IS THE ALLIANCE MEMBER IMPLEMENTING

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



Aleppo Governorate



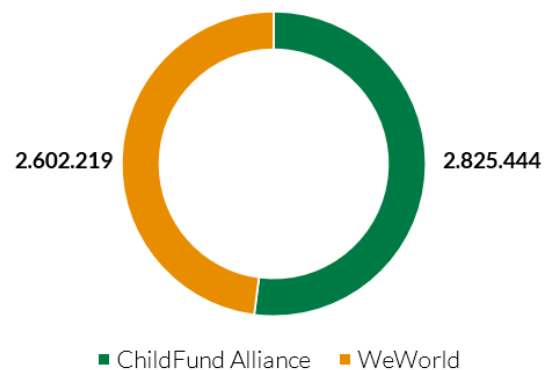
WASH
Education
NFI and Shelter
Early Recovery and Livelihood



5,427,663
MILLION USD RAISED



CONTRIBUTIONS



918,088
PEOPLE IN NEED SERVED,
THE LARGE MAJORITY BEING
CHILDREN AND WOMEN



PLANNED BENEFICIARIES VS. REACHED BENEFICIARIES



14 DONORS
CHILDFUND ALLIANCE MEMBERS AND OTHER DONORS



- Barnfonden
- Educo
- ChildFund Deutschland
- ChildFund International
- ChildFund Japan
- ChildFund Korea / Community Chest of Korea
- ChildFund New Zealand
- Un Enfant Par La Main

- DG ECHO - European Commission
- AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- UN-OCHA
- Plan International
- TFCF - Taiwan Fund for Children and Families

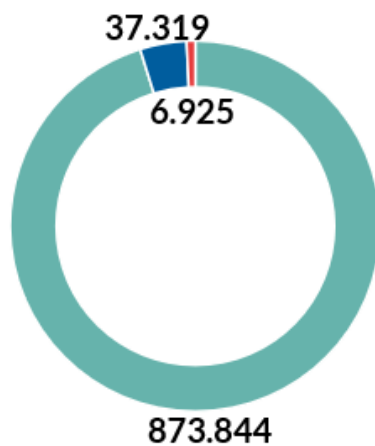
WeWorld operates in Syria since 2011, right before the start of the crisis. Its field offices are situated in Damascus, Aleppo and Deir-Ez-Zor, and it has recently focused its interventions on the rural areas of Aleppo and Deir-Ez-Zor, which are the most underserved and affected by the 12-year-long crisis.

OVERVIEW OF WEWORLD RESPONSE

WeWorld, with the support of ChildFund Alliance Members - ChildFund Korea together with its institutional donor Community Chest of Korea (CCK), ChildFund Deutschland together with its donor Terre des Hommes Deutschland, ChildFund International, Barnfonden, EDUCO, ChildFund Japan and ChildFund New Zealand -, and other private and institutional donors, has responded in the last 9 months to urgent and mid-term needs of the earthquake-affected population in the Governorate of Aleppo. The needs are still extensive, and it is necessary to maintain high financial support for the Syrian crisis and its affected population. WeWorld is the member leading the Alliance response. The organization operates directly in the field in coordination with SARC (Syrian Arab Red Crescent) and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Water Resources.

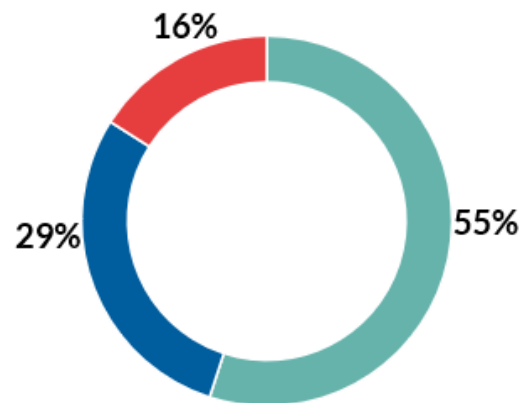
The immediate, mid, and long-term responses to support the population affected by the earthquake in Aleppo have been tailored with an integrated approach. Their results are described hereafter.

BENEFICIARIES BY SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



■ WASH ■ Education ■ Shelter and NFI

RESPONSE BY SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



RESULTS OF THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

From February to May 2023, the immediate response carried out by WeWorld consisted of providing prompt relief support to the displaced and affected population and reached a total of 279,475 people, divided as follows:

- **WASH**
 - 40,950 people affected by the damages to the water networks in 23 different neighborhoods of the city of Aleppo, through the distribution of 2,033 m³ of drinking and clean water.
 - 229,600 people through the restoration of access to water following assessments and rehabilitations of 206 malfunctioning points of the city of Aleppo.

- **Shelter and NFI**

- 6,925 people in accommodation shelters through the distribution of:
 - 2,450 mattresses and 2,450 blankets
 - 135 hygiene materials (jerry cans)
 - 3,600 packs of baby diapers, 600 packs of elderly diapers, 500 family hygiene kits and 500 dignity kits.

- **Education**

- 2,000 students who have participated in Non-Formal Education sessions to catch up after the interruptions due to the earthquake, and in Psycho-Social Support sessions.

RESULTS OF THE MID-TERM AND LONG-TERM RESPONSES ALREADY ACHIEVED

From May to October 2023, the mid-term and long-term responses carried out by WeWorld reached the following beneficiaries:

- **WASH**

- 80,000 individuals through the rehabilitation and restoration of 1 pumping Station in Aleppo city.
- 40,000 individuals who will benefit from the civil rehabilitation works of 1 Pumping station connected to 40 communities that was kicked off in October. Mechanical and electrical works will follow.
- 16,028 individuals in collective shelters and hosting communities who received 1,835 Hygiene Kits and 1,835 Menstrual Hygiene Materials (MHM).
- 16 collective shelters hosting 2,266 individuals were provided with cleaning kits.
- 5,000 affected households who were assessed for the reception of Hygiene kits, MHM kits, and Diapers Kits.
- 440,000 individuals will have their access to water resumed and improved through the repair and replacement of three water pipelines. Rehabilitation works are ongoing.

- **Education.** A total of 20,231 children, and 291 teachers were supported with multiple assistances as reported below:

- 20,231 girls and boys were ensured safe and inclusive learning spaces through the reparation and rehabilitation of 22 schools. The same schools were also provided with furniture including school desks and other necessary items that were damaged by the earthquake.
- 14 temporary learning centers focusing on catch up classes, homework cafes, and summer clubs were activated and run enrolling 2,137 children whose learning was interrupted due to the earthquake.
- 12,760 children, 400 parents, and 100 teachers were provided with recreational activities, psycho-social support, and awareness-raising activities, to promote wellbeing, resilience and community safety in the targeted schools.
- 191 teachers were capacitated with trainings on Earthquake Behavior and life-saving messages, social-emotional learning, and basic pedagogical skills.
- Finally, all the schools and children targeted were supported with teaching and learning

material, also including stationery and recreational kits.

- **Early Recovery and Livelihood (ERL)**

- 5 vocational schools and their surrounding communities were assessed, and projects were developed and confirmed for funding to strengthen vocational training opportunities and entrance to the job market for vulnerable affected youth and people with disabilities.

WeWorld ensured that the overall midterm emergency response was integrated and harmonized among the different funding streams:

-Schools were rehabilitated in areas where WeWorld repaired water networks and provided water trucking immediately after the shock.

-Stationery, furniture, awareness sessions, recreational events, and trainings were provided to the same children and teachers who were targeted by the rehabilitation works.

-Hygiene and Dignity kits were provided to the school's surrounding communities.

WeWorld also ensured that a holistic approach was maintained, even in times of emergency response.

Multiple projects were designed and resourced in integration with ongoing programs. For example, Maskana's pumping station civil rehabilitation works were kicked off, then funding for the electromechanical repair was secured and planned to follow. The major pipeline extending from the same pumping station will also be targeted for repair and replacement, complementing works completed by other INGOs on the same pipeline. Hygiene, MHM, and diaper kits will be provided to the very same communities connected to the pipeline and to the pumping station.

WeWorld also directed its regular programming under Education in Emergency to support children in communities benefiting from the same intervention under the Earthquake response. **This chain of interventions conducted, or planned, will eventually exponentially elevate the impact of each single intervention and ensure the resumption of basic services interrupted by the earthquake is achieved.**

On the other hand, throughout the whole response, WeWorld prioritized the accountability to the affected population through ensuring that the complaints and feedback mechanism is activated in each location, and that the communities' feedback are received, responded to appropriately and in time. The Organization's Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) team is accompanying the program team on a regular basis through monitoring visits, the conduction of interviews and surveys to ensure measuring the impact of the intervention, and the community's satisfaction with it.

FUTURE RESULTS OF THE LONG-TERM RESPONSE

From December 2023 until the end of the last Earthquake response project in March 2025, WeWorld's response will consist of the following:

- **WASH**

- The civil works on the Maskana pumping station will continue, and will be followed by the electromechanical repair, reaching a total of 40,000 individuals.
- 440,000 individuals will benefit from improved access to water through the rehabilitation and replacement of 3 pipelines with a total length of 8km.
- Hygiene kits, dignity kits, and diapers kits will be distributed to 5,000 households connected to the infrastructural works planned.

- **Education**

- Complete the ongoing rehabilitations of 5 schools.
- Resume regular Education in Emergency programming while equally focusing on the communities affected and supported by our Earthquake response program in rural Aleppo.

- **ERL**

- Rehabilitation of 5 vocational schools.
- Conduction of vocational trainings for 250 individuals.
- Support youth to access the job market through market assessments, provision of start-up kits and on-the-job learning programs.

WeWorld's work for the way forward will be focused on integrating the completed and ongoing Earthquake response with the regular programming of the Syria Mission. Through a **multi-sectoral, area based, and community engaging approach**, the Organization is able to provide immediate life-saving assistance and develop strategies for a long-term early recovery programming enhancing the resilience of the targeted communities to future shocks.

LONG-TERM WAY FORWARD (NEXUS EARTHQUAKE NEEDS-PREVIOUS NEEDS)

In Syria, the majority of the population remains reliant on life-saving humanitarian assistance that does not adequately meet the most basic needs and poses challenges in terms of sustainability and cost effectiveness of the interventions. Investing in **early recovery and resilience-building programming** could enable WeWorld to adopt a longer-term approach and promote more durable support for the affected population, thus reducing aid dependency and empowering local communities.

WeWorld aims to enhance an **area-based integrated and multi-sectoral approach** within its programming in line with the *Nexus*, establishing and promoting linkages among all activities and stronger complementarity and synergies. Engagement and participation of local communities shall be kept as a critical component in any intervention, to ensure that Syrian people become agents of their own recovery and can count on more resilient local support systems. Inclusion of people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups, such as women, will be mainstreamed across WeWorld's longer-term actions across all sectors.

The Education Programme in Syria will continue focusing on three main pillars: **Access, Quality and Resilience**, which envisage both (a) Education in Emergency and (b) Education for Employability. Resources are needed to ensure that children have access to safe and protective learning spaces, well equipped with education materials. Capacitating teachers and promoting quality education services is another crucial component that WeWorld aims to address. This approach is instrumental to respond to needs of thousands of children and youth – out-of-school or at risk of drop out - who have been suffering for years from the lack of access to learning opportunities and that are currently at risk of not having a dignified future ahead of them.

The WASH Programme needs to address the raising needs of the vulnerable population who is experiencing decreased access to safe drinking water and that is exposed to widespread health risks and water-borne diseases. WeWorld intends to mobilize resources to address gaps in the rehabilitation, operation, and maintenance of essential infrastructure of water systems, from the source to the end user, also reinforcing water quality testing and monitoring. Innovation technology could also be introduced to support water quality assurance, operation and maintenance of water

supply systems Strengthening capacities of local actors and water authorities, along with promotion of hygiene and behavioral change within local communities, remain the priority objectives of WeWorld's WASH strategy in the country.

The Early Recovery and Livelihood (ERL) Programme will remain linked to Education and will keep aiming to provide to vulnerable youth the opportunity to gain agency in their own lives, to acquire basic technical competences, and to have access to employment and business opportunities. In a continuously deteriorating local economy with a very limited and challenged job market, vulnerable groups such as people with disabilities and young women are excluded from income-generation activities, autonomy, and participation. By providing support to vocational schools, vocational trainings, start-up kits and on-the-job learning opportunities, WeWorld aims to empower these young people, taking them out of cycles of poverty and of the neglect within their own communities, and giving them - instead - a renewed sense of hope.

Syria Response Plan as of November 27th, 2023