

ANNUAL RESPONSE REPORT

CHINA GANSU EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

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Quick Facts

- On 22 July 2013, a 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck the area bordering Minxian and Zhongxian counties, Dingxi city, northwest China's Gansu province.
- The disaster injured more than 1,000 people, forced 225,300 to relocate and impacted more than 477,400.



World Vision's Emergency Response

World Vision responded to this emergency in Gansu province by restoring the basic life necessities of children and communities affected, improving the quality of life and increasing the resilience of those affected from future disasters. During the assessment phase, World Vision distributed hygiene and child-friendly kits including canvas rolls to meet the needs of those made homeless by the quake. Other items that were subsequently distributed were quilts, classroom desks and chairs including school tents.



To provide children with a safe space to recover and play, World Vision established a Child-Friendly Space equipped with books, games, simple recreational and sport facilities including promotional materials on disaster risk reduction. Psychosocial support activities such as individual counselling, games and community-based Taichi sessions were also carried out for both children and communities affected by the event. More than 8,880 children benefited from the Child-Friendly Space that was set up.

Feeling Safe in a Tent

Eight-year-old Lin Pengrui says he can never forget the earthquake that happened. His house collapsed completely, leaving his family homeless. He is afraid of tremors ever since. Worse still, he cannot go to school as the school building is severely damaged by the quake.



The earthquake has not only destroyed his house, but also the livelihood of his family. His parents have to become daily labourers and work day and night to sustain their life. His school has been suspended. He has no place to study or to play.

To help children to resume schooling in quake-affected communities, World Vision distributed large tents to targeted areas in Minxian County. The tents arrived during summer vacation, providing Lin Pengrui and other school children safe places to play. Since the beginning of the new school year, classes have also resumed in these large school tents. This has helped re-establish daily routine and a sense of normalcy for the quake-affected schoolchildren. The tents are now protecting them from winds and rains, as well as making them feel safe again.

Pengrui says he is very grateful for World Vision's help. "My classmates and I will work extra hard to have good performance in school. I believe this is the best way to express our gratitude for the support from everyone," he smiles.



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