

ANNUAL RESPONSE REPORT

CHINA SICHUAN EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

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Quick Facts

- On 20 April, 2013, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck China's Sichuan province.
- The epicentre of the earthquake was in Lushan County of Ya'an city, a rural county 160 km southwest of the provincial capital, Chengdu.
- The earthquake affected more than 2 million and displaced more than 200,000.
- 13,000 people were injured and 196 lives lost.
- The direct economic losses in Ya'an were RMB 4.46 billion (RM 2.37 billion).



World Vision's Emergency Response

In the past year, World Vision responded to this emergency in the areas of Lushan, Boxing and Tianquan. Our work to meet the immediate needs of the disaster-affected communities had helped more than 127,200 people. World Vision assisted the community through the provision of some of the items and activities below:-

- Family, hygiene, child-friendly and back-to-school kits
- Bedding materials
- Water facilities
- Desk & chair sets
- Agricultural recovery activities
- Disaster drills
- Construction of a bridge



Protection: Child Friendly Spaces, Child Friendly Kits, Psychosocial Support

“When we play together, we will not think about those terrifying scenes!”

11-year-old Mei-chen was a primary five student in Lushan; she was also a big fan of the Child Friendly Space (CFS). She was alone at home when the earthquake struck as both the parents were out working. “I started coming once this place was set up. It is very relaxing to join the big sisters doing crafts, drawing and playing games!”

Mei-chen gave up her precious nap time every day to stay in CFS. She would rush to the CFS after finishing lunch. This was the hottest time of the day, yet the most enjoyable moments for the kids.

World Vision, cooperating with Chinese Academy of Science Institute of Psychology, had set up five CFSs in the epicentre of Lushan. Mental health lessons were incorporated in the CFS, helping the children develop positive attitude towards life after earthquake. Counselling and confidence building were provided to the children through psychological games, group interaction and drawing. Large amount of toys suitable for different age groups were also available there.



Rehabilitation

This year, World Vision targets to increase community and household awareness by improving on, and strengthening the infrastructure in targeted communities, including Baoxing, Lushan and Tianquan.

World Vision’s planned activities include:

- Support house rehabilitation of families with severely damaged houses through subsidies
- Conduct a series of school-based Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities (such as evacuation drills, distribution of DRR awareness-raising materials to students)
- Construction of a resilient bridge for the benefit of students and villagers
- Provide targeted quake-affected communities with early livelihood recovery packages to re-start their agricultural activities.



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