

AMAZON BASIN INITIATIVE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

World Vision implements its Amazon Basin Initiative in **Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela** with a humanitarian and development focus through **three programmatic priorities** to respond to the social, environmental and economic challenges that Amazonian children experience with the goal of **positively impacting the lives of 6 million children, 4 million adults and contributing to the sustainability of 25 million hectares of Amazonian ecosystems with a focus on climate action**. World Vision adds value through its capacity for **social mobilization** with local actors, civil society, collaboration with the private sector, local and international governments and **preferential partnership with faith-based organizations**. In addition, **the Amazon Basin Initiative defines as cross cutting** the interests of the **indigenous and native population, the participation of children and adolescents, gender equality and equity, adaptation to climate change and climate justice**.

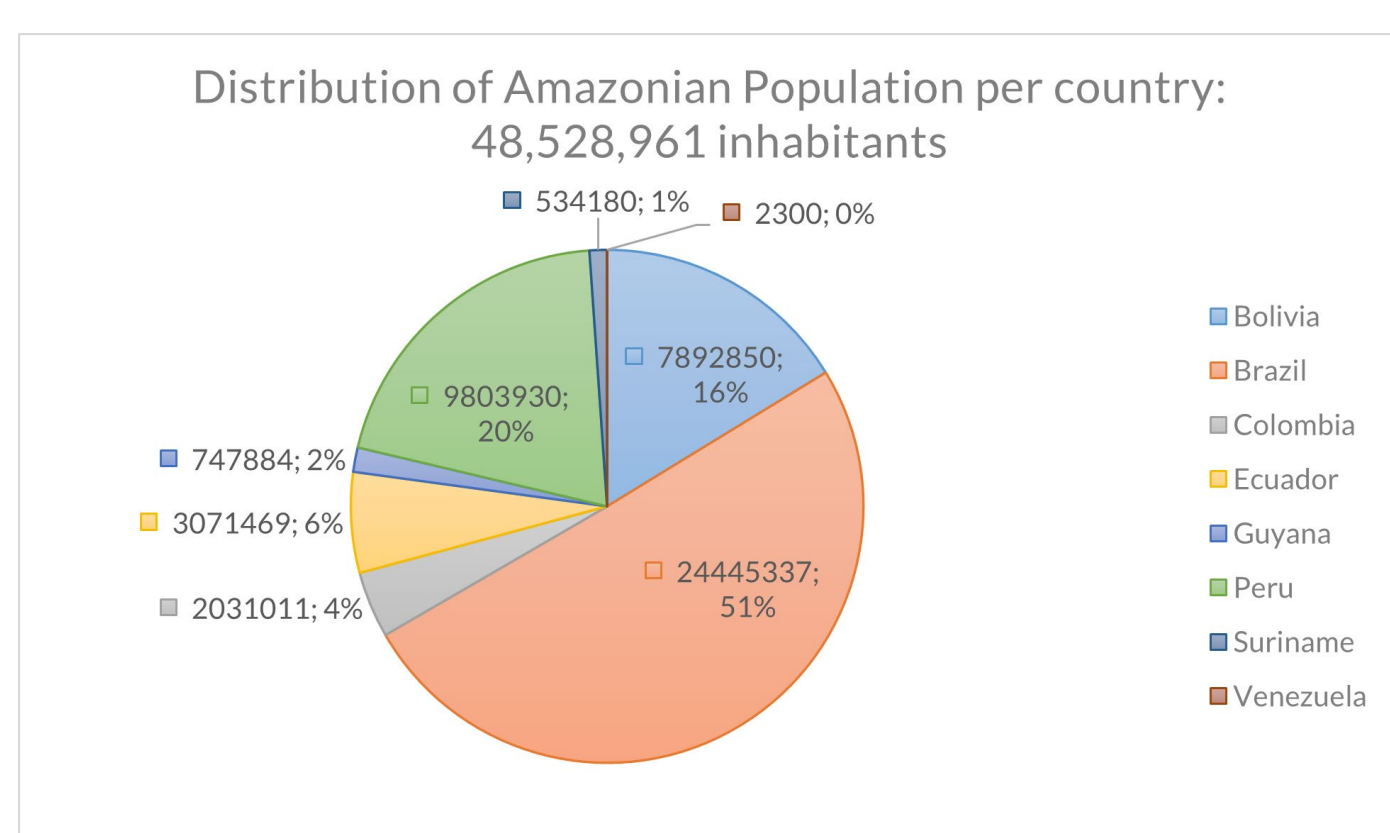
The Amazon region presents biological, ecosystemic and cultural wealth vital for all humanity. However, the high social, environmental and economic vulnerability of the area along with the pressure caused by the advance of deforestation, violence and climate variability is so challenging that if the **Amazon were a country, it would be one of the worst where a child 1 could live**. Acting today for children and the Amazon ecosystems is vital to preserve the present and future of each child and humanity itself.

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND: FACTS OF THE AMAZON BASIN

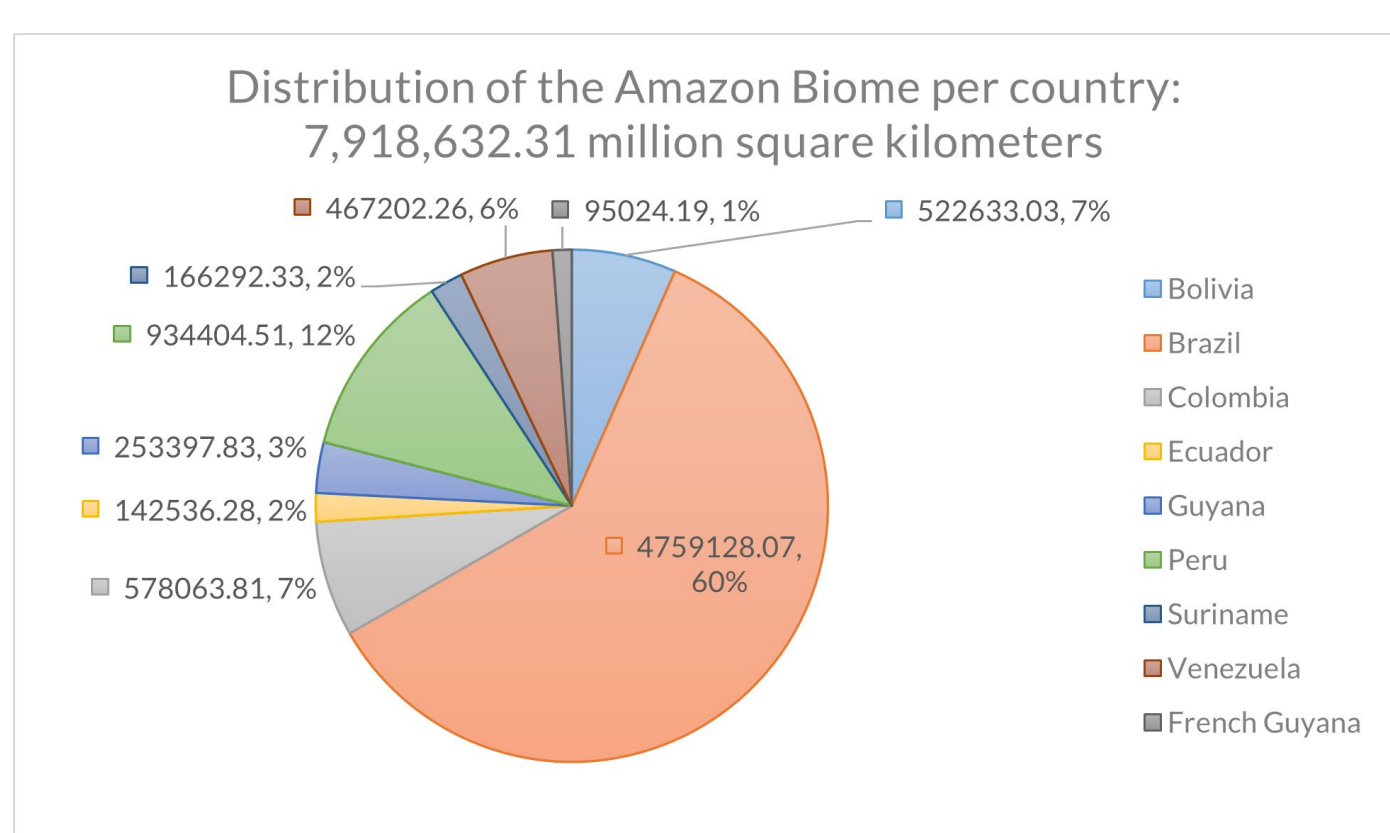


<h4>Geography and physical parameters</h4>	<h4>Biodiversity and environmental assets</h4>	<h4>Demography</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 48.5 million inhabitants. • More than 20 million of traditional peoples of which more than 2.7 million are indigenous. • More than 20 million of children and adolescents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers 8 countries and one overseas territory. • Amazon region surface: 7.918 million square kilometers (791.8 million hectares). • Amazon River Basin area: 6.118 million square kilometers (611.8 million hectares). • Hydrographic basin spans approximately 6.2 million square kilometers (620 million hectares). • Includes the Amazon River and 1,100 river tributaries. • Encompasses 40% of the South American continent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers 54% of worldwide primary forests. • Stores approximately 200 million tons of carbon. • Contributes to carrying 20% of the world's freshwater to the ocean through rivers. • Average water flow of 200,000m³/s • Acts as a regional and global climate regulator. • Host the highest world endemic biodiversity per square meter. • Includes over 30,000 plant species, over 3,000 fish species, over 950 bird species, over 350 mammal species, over 384 amphibian species, over 550 reptile species, and around 57 primates species. 	<h4>Economic profile</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preserved Amazon biome has an estimated annual worth of approximately US\$ 317 billion. • Contribution to the 70% of South American GDP. • Main economic sectors: agriculture (53%), trade (31%) and manufacturing (16%).

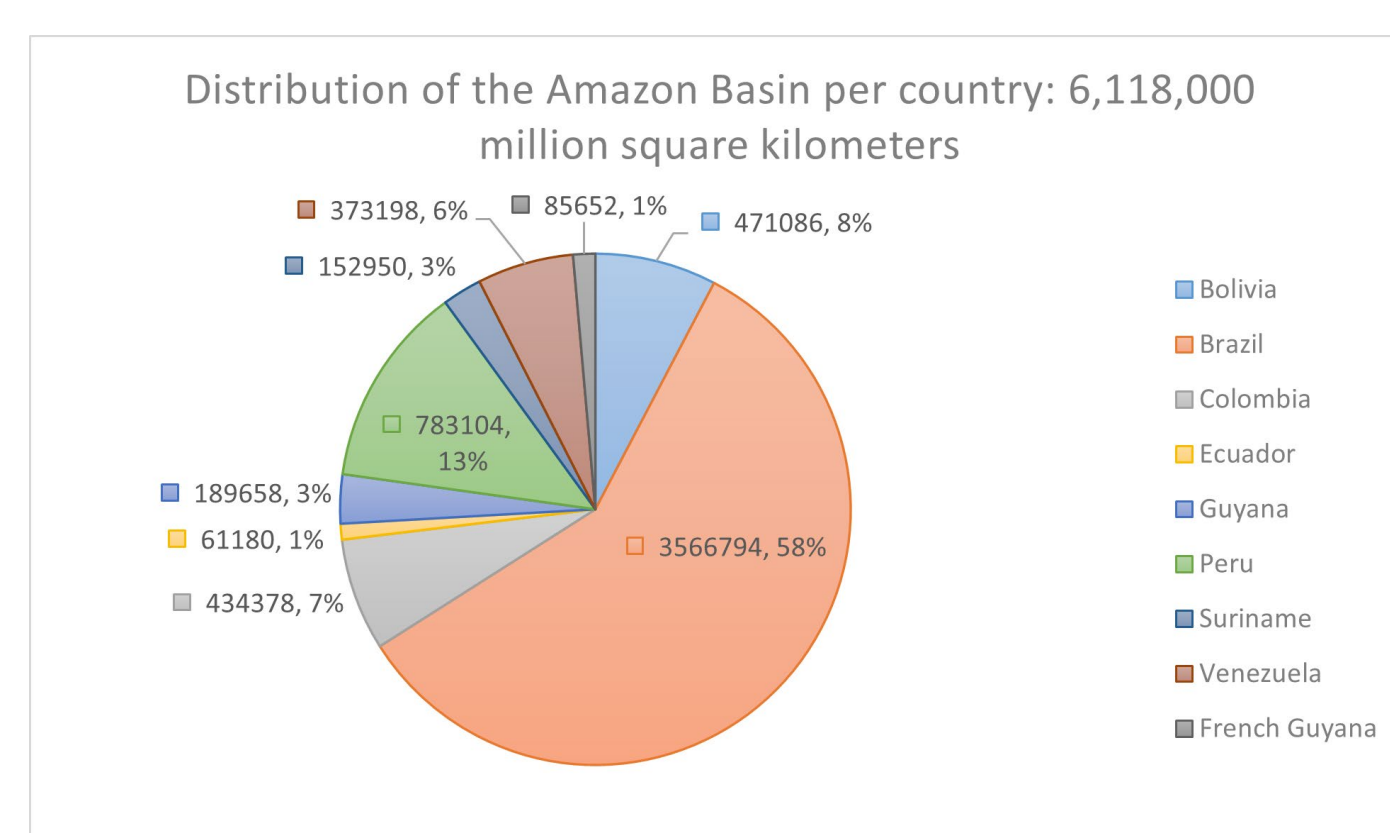
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AMAZON BIOME DISTRIBUTION



AMAZON BASIN DISTRIBUTION



Source: Atlas of Hydroclimatic Vulnerability of the Amazon Region / Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO). – Brazil, Brasília, DF: Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), 2021

THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY IN THE AMAZON BASIN

MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY INDICATORS IN FIGURES³

- Multidimensional poverty ranges from **31% to 59%**.
- Children with access to early childhood education amount to less than **51%**.
- Over **21%** of the population lives in income poverty, earning less than **\$3.24** per day, and **10%** of the population lives in extreme income poverty surviving on less than **\$1.12** per day.
- More than **79%** of the Amazonian population don't have access to fair-paid formal jobs.
- More than **45%** of inhabitants suffer from food insecurity with one of four children suffering chronic malnutrition.
- Approximately **40% and 80%** of the population lack access to drinking water and sanitation services.
- Child mortality stands at over **14.42** deaths per **1,000** newborns and the maternal mortality ratio overpasses **142.15** per **100,000** newborns, respectively.

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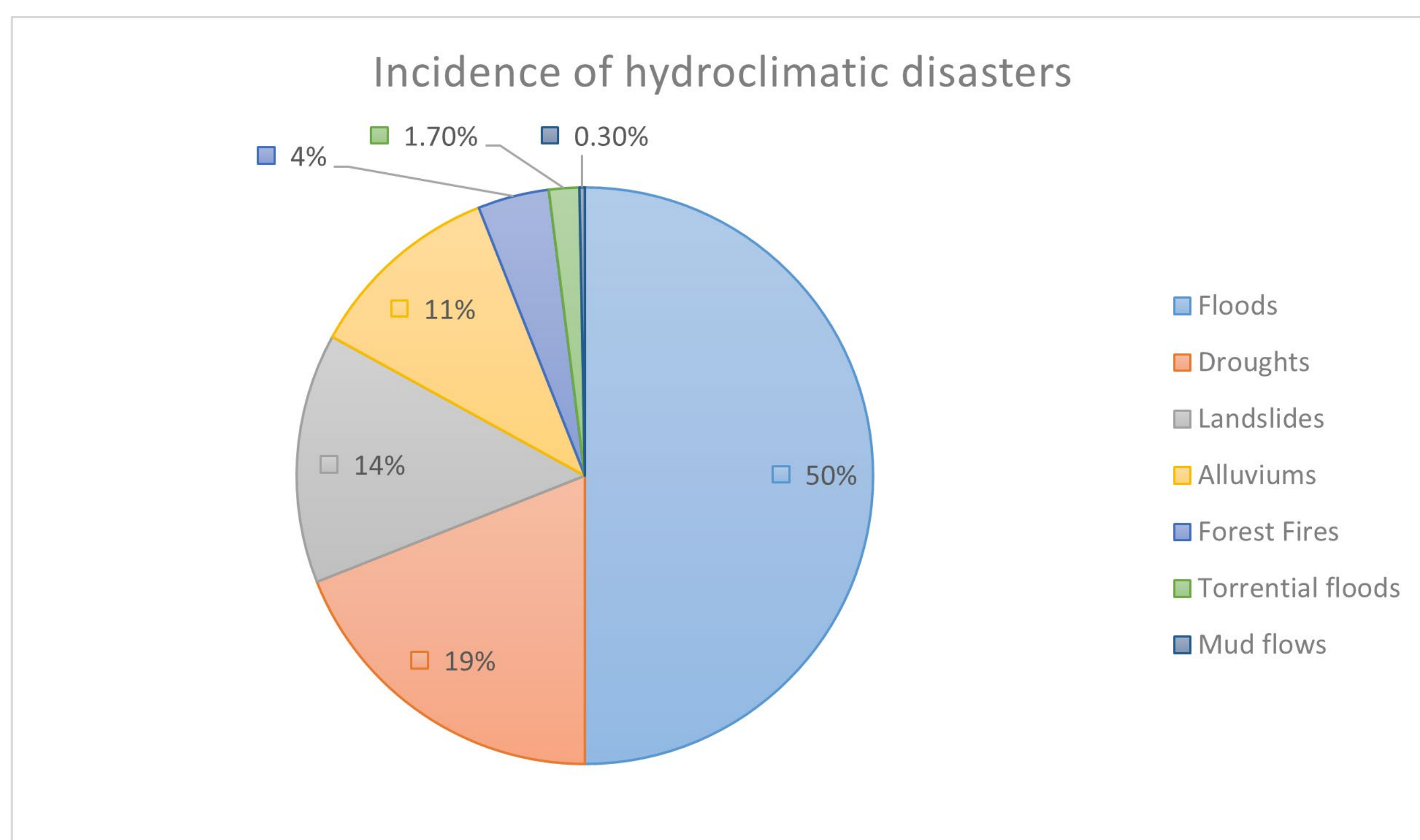


VIOLENCE AND RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AFFECTING CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND WOMEN IN FIGURES

- Incidents of sexual abuse against women, children, and other vulnerable groups surpass **49.4** victims per **100,000** inhabitants.
- More than **37%** of adolescents between fifth-teen and nine-teen years old are mothers or are pregnant.
- Deaths from victims exceed **33.8** per **100,000** inhabitants.
- More than **67%** of children and adolescents report having been victims of physical or psychological violence.
- Children and adolescents under **15** affected by child labor hood between **7.7%** to **36.4%**.



MAIN HYDROCLIMATIC THREATS IN FIGURES⁵



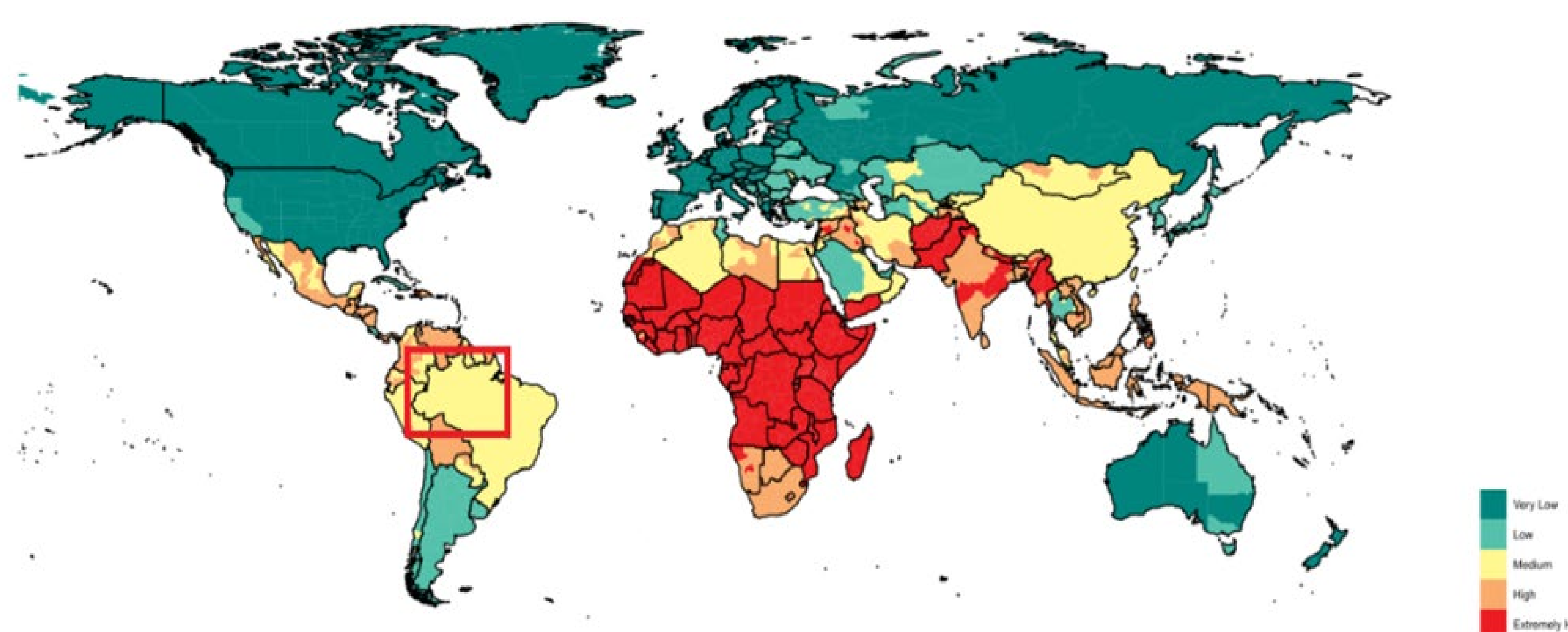
El Niño and La Niña amplifiers of extreme climate events.⁶

HUMAN THREATS WITH A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SECURITY AND HEALTH OF PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN FIGURES

- Illegal mining
- Human trafficking
- Illegal petroleum extraction⁷
- Drugs trafficking

THE AMAZON BASIN IS ONE OF THE WORST PLACES FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND WOMEN TO LIVE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.⁸

WORLD VISION'S MULTIDIMENSIONAL CHILD VULNERABILITY WORLDWIDE MAP



Two of each three children are victims of violence.



Three of each five children live under poverty.



Three of each five children at risk of climate and environmental shocks.



Nine of each twenty children suffer



GOVERNANCE IN THE AMAZON BASIN

Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela signed the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ATC) in **1978**, giving rise to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ATCO) in **1995**, oriented to promote sustainable development of the Amazonian territories. The ATCO's Permanent Secretariat was established in Brasilia (Brazil) on December 13, 2002, and installed permanently in March **2003**. The ATCO's priorities are:

- Natural Resources.
- Indigenous Peoples.
- Regional Health Management.
- Knowledge Management and Information Sharing.
- Emerging topics including Climate Change; Regional Development; Energy
- Tourism.
- Infrastructure and transport.
- Institutional, financial, and legal strengthening.



STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES OF THE AMAZON BASIN INITIATIVE

Working in six countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú and Venezuela.

- **1,200** communities.
- **100** traditional and indigenous.

Goal 1: 10 million people overcome poverty until 2030.

- **6** million children.
- **4** million adults (**2.5** million women and **1.5** million adults).

Goal 2: 1 million children, adolescents, and women safeguarded of:

- Violence.
- Natural and environmental crisis.
- Hunger and malnutrition.

Goal 3: 22 million hectares conserved and 3 million hectares restored.

- Forest and rivers.
- Biodiversity and ecosystem services.

⁴ Instituto Mãe Crioula and Fórum Brasileiro de Segurança Pública, Executive Summary Cartographies of Violence in the Amazon, November 2023
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⁹ Greenpeace, How illegal gold mining threatens biodiversity in the Amazon, May 2023
¹⁰ World Vision analysis using OECD Fragility Index in contrast with available development indicators of the region.



Priority 1:

- Enhance survival and multidimensional well-being services, particularly for vulnerable children, adolescents, and women.

Responding to the effects of reduced access to basic and vital services.

Key areas: Integrated social protection.

Expected result: Amazonian children, adolescents, women, and their families overcome poverty, violence, and emerging shocks with resilience and dignity.

Related Sustainable Development Goals:



Key sectors and key outcomes:

- **Education:** Children and adolescents can access to formal education.
- **Health and nutrition:** Children, adolescents and women stay healthy against tropical diseases and other basic health issues.
- **Water, sanitation, and hygiene:** Families and communities access to drinking water and sustainable sanitation facilities.
- **Child and gender- based protection:** Children, adolescents and women human rights are guaranteed.
- **Disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation:** Communities are resilient against climate change.
- **Humanitarian and Emergency response:** The life of children, adolescents and adults survive and recover after climate shock events.



Priority 2:

- Protecting bio communities and vital environmental services for the well-being of Amazonian communities.

Responding to biophysical vulnerability and loss of biodiversity due the hydroclimatic threats and global climate emergency.

Key areas: Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship.

Expected result: Amazonian children, adolescents, women, and their families live in a healthy and sustainable environment.

Related Sustainable Development Goals:



Key sectors and key outcomes:

- **Livelihoods:** Indigenous, traditional, and local communities can access ecosystem services needed for life.
- **Climate mitigation:** Indigenous, traditional, and local communities scale up Nature-Based Solutions restoring and conserving native ecosystems.



Priority 3:

- Ensuring food security and economic development through scaling climate-smart agriculture and sustainable value chains.

Responding to the food crisis.

Key areas: Food security and economic development.

Expected result: Children, adolescents and women accessing sustainable food and income sources.

Related Sustainable Development Goals:



Key sectors and key outcomes:

- **Livelihoods:** Indigenous, traditional, and local communities implement sustainable agri-foo and bio-economic business.

AMAZON BASIN INITIATIVE CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Indigenous and Traditional peoples.

Gender, Equity, and Social Inclusion. (GESI)

Children and adolescents' voices and participation.

Climate Justice, Loss, and Damage.

OPERATIVE AND INNOVATIVE PRIORITIES, TARGETED GROUPS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Operative and innovative priorities, targeted groups and key stakeholders

- To put children, women, and adolescents at the center.
- To accelerate localisation.
 - To be sustainable.
- To implement, learn, and adapt.
 - To act as platform.
- To integrate existing efforts and coalitions.
- To expand partnerships with Faith-based organizations, civil society, local, national, and international non-governmental organizations, the private sector, local and international government, and universities.

Operative Models

- Piloting modular, scalable, and evidence-based solutions.
- Implementing sponsorship programmes for long-term impact in the zone.
 - Scaling impact and partnerships through Private Non-Sponsorship, Philanthropy, Private and Public Grants.
- Amplifying middle and long-term impact through climate and social impact and results mechanisms.

WORLD VISION FRAMEWORK FOR THE AMAZON BASIN INITIATIVE

World Vision applies the World Vision's Evidence Based Models and the World Vision's Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action Handbook throughout all the Amazon Basin Initiative cycle.

THE WORLD VISION EVIDENCE BASED MODELS:



Farmer Managed Natural Resources Regeneration (FMNR)



Community Based Disaster Reduction Management (CBDRM)



Building Secure Livelihoods (BSL)



Regreening Communities



Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH)

WORLD VISION KEY AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



Natural Resource Management (NRM)



Waste Management



Community-based Disaster Risk Management



Energy-efficient Technologies



Climate-smart Agriculture (conservation agriculture/agroecological approaches)



Integrated Water Resource Management



Agroforestry and Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR)



Climate Empowerment Through Environment and Climate Change Education

The Amazon Basin Initiative seeks to promote climate justice in favor of the most vulnerable children, adolescents, and women belonging to indigenous and native communities who suffer the most from the effects of climate variation added to the effects and consequences of underdevelopment, violence, and poverty. In complementarity with the Regreening the Dry Corridor initiative implemented in Central America, the Amazon Basin Initiative is part of World Vision's programs with a Climate Action-Approach for Latin America and the Caribbean to contribute to today's children and tomorrow have life in abundance and fullness.

ESTIMATED FUNDING NEED

To fulfill the promise of impacting the lives of 6 million children and 4 million adults living in the Amazon Region positively and contribute to the conservation of 22 million hectares and the restoration of 3 million hectares of the Amazonian ecosystem, it is estimated that \$500 million will be needed by 2030. This funding will be sourced from sponsorship, public and private grants, individual contributions, philanthropy, impact funding, and new funding mechanisms.

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