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GLOBAL OVERVIEW

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GLOBAL UPDATE

8.4 **MILLION PEOPLE** benefited from work World Vision U.S. donors like you helped support since these projects began. Thank you for giving generously to transform the lives of children and families in need.



CHILD PROTECTION

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Thank you for your support of our Child Protection projects. Through your partnership, children around the world who are vulnerable to violence are being protected from grave abuse and exploitation.

Children who live in areas where our Child Protection projects are working face many forms of violence that harm them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. While the types of abuse may vary according to context—whether it is female genital mutilation and cutting in Kenya, child marriage in Mozambique, or child sacrifice in Uganda—they all threaten the well-being of children, and sometimes even their very lives.

In many situations, children have to confront multiple forms of violence on a daily basis. No child should have to fear that their health, dignity, and future will be stripped from them as a result of living in a broken world.

Our Child Protection projects are designed to be holistic in nature so that they address many of the root causes of violence in communities.

Our approach involves strengthening informal and formal child protection systems so that they better safeguard children. This includes empowering children with life skills to protect themselves, teaching parents how to better nurture their children, and mobilizing faith leaders to care for vulnerable children. We also strengthen community-led Child Protection Committees, assist governments in coordinating their efforts, and advocate for legislation that can best protect children.

With your support, our projects are tackling some of the worst forms of child violence. In Armenia, children and parents learned how gender stereotypes can lead to gender-based violence, including prenatal sex selection. In Bangladesh, many children were removed from hazardous child labor and enrolled in school.

Our new project in India established child care centers in red-light districts to provide children with a safe place to play and to help prevent second-generation sex trafficking. And in Southeast Asia, communications campaigns educated thousands of people on the harmful effects of violence. Parents also learned how to use positive methods for disciplining their children.



GLOBAL UPDATE

1.3 **MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING 656,915 CHILDREN,** have benefited from our Child Protection projects since they began.

21,244 **CHILDREN** in Uganda were empowered to make good decisions and protect themselves by participating in school and community clubs, parliaments, and life skills classes.

328 **PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS** in Vietnam developed positive discipline skills to use with their children, instead of violent emotional and physical punishment.

120 **CHURCH LEADERS** from Mozambique were equipped to train 5,000 church members in facilitating Celebrating Families, which strengthens family bonds and promotes child protection.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Today, our children. Tomorrow, our leaders.

Ethiopian church leaders are uniting around the vision that children are their hope for creating stronger communities and a stronger nation.

Youth in Central America are finding their way out of the magnetic pull of gangs, inspired instead to make the choice to follow Christ.

A community in Kenya is finding that bringing children together to worship Christ is reducing tensions between the local community and the nearby refugee camp.

Filipino families are finding the conviction to more boldly live out their faith and become strong role models for their children to do the same.

Although each of our project countries is very different, the theme we hear from our field offices is the same—our Christian Discipleship projects are encouraging the voices of children to become stronger in their faith and more confident in their identity in Christ.



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to start a new five-year Christian Discipleship project in Zimbabwe this year. Thank you for your commitment to helping children and youth grow in their faith.

GLOBAL UPDATE

1.1 MILLION PEOPLE benefited from ministry activities since the beginning of fiscal year 2016, including 451,765 during the first half of FY18.

30,374 CHILDREN AND YOUTH directly participated in discipleship activities, including Sunday schools, after-school Bible clubs, and school-based Christian studies classes during the first half of FY18. Since these projects began in FY16, 113,912 children have participated.

1,658 PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS were trained during the first half of FY18 in theology and children's ministry, helping them learn to create programs for children that capture their attention and help them to learn about Jesus. Since FY16, 15,452 have been trained.

903 CHURCHES engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth during the first half of FY18, creating or expanding Sunday schools and Vacation Bible Schools, and encouraging children to participate in the life of the church. Since FY16, 2,794 churches have participated.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND

58,355 Bibles were made available through the separate International Bible Fund, which benefited 291,775 people.

15%

Seven-Year target: 400,000

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

GLOBAL SUMMARY

The 2030 Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by world leaders in 2015. Perhaps most significant among the 17 approved goals is the overall target to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030.

Achieving sustainable development means ensuring that all people have the resources needed to fulfill their human rights, and poverty is a key driver of child vulnerability, directly affecting children's education, health, and nutrition outcomes. The impact of extreme poverty on children's development remains significant. The prevalence of malnutrition among young children from developing countries is approximately 2.5 times higher in the poorest families compared with the richest.

In response, World Vision's THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) program targets rural and predominantly subsistence farming households with dependent children. We are working

with parents and caregivers who generally have some skills and assets, including small plots of land, but are living below the national poverty line. The results from a third-party evaluation of our Tanzania project suggest a significant and positive impact in parents' capacity to provide for their children's needs through THRIVE, specifically to pay school expenses and provide improved household food security.

Through the second quarter of fiscal year 2018, the THRIVE program has already reached 231,252 men, women, and children in

five participating countries (Honduras, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia).

World Vision also works with our microfinance network, VisionFund, to provide financial access to rural farmers living in poverty.



GLOBAL UPDATE

849,845 PEOPLE were provided with access to economic empowerment activities since the program began in FY16.

During the most recent reporting period, we found that we were inaccurately counting all beneficiaries from microfinance programs in our totals. These beneficiaries had been counted in previous totals for the Economic Empowerment Program, but were actually supported through funding from other World Vision offices, and have, therefore, been removed from the totals. This represents a drop of approximately 650,000 beneficiaries from what was reported in the FY17 annual report. We have since moved to a proportional approach that more accurately represents the contribution of World Vision U.S. through the campaign, which is consistent with other beneficiary counting standards for the campaign.

19,021 SMALLHOLDER FARMERS used improved technology in the first half of FY18.

40,364 PEOPLE accessed financial services in the first half of FY18.

17,598 PEOPLE accessed improved or expanded markets for their products in the first half of FY18.

EDUCATION

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Around the world, many vulnerable children are denied access to a quality education, where they can learn and grow. We are grateful for your support in changing this. You are helping to make a difference.

Our Education projects in Nepal, Lebanon, Jordan, and Zambia help the most vulnerable children to pursue an education. Not only is education a fundamental right, but it is also the only hope many children have of changing the trajectory of their lives. Born into poverty, many children will face similar struggles as their parents and elder community members did. In addition to economic despair, this might include exploitation and various forms of violence, such as child marriage. Education offers more than a light into the future—it is the key to unlocking a child's potential to live a more fulfilling life.

Improved school infrastructure and disaster preparedness training helped families to feel confident that their children will be safe in school when another disaster hits. Children improved their literacy skills through greater access to reading materials

in reading camps as well as book corners at school and reading corners at home.

The Syrian Refugee Education project enabled refugee children and the most vulnerable Jordanian and Lebanese children to enjoy safe and playful learning environments. Hundreds of young children benefited from early childhood education and psychosocial support sessions. Rehabilitation of a public school in southern Lebanon will enable more Syrian families to ensure their children continue to learn while they live as refugees.

In Zambia, savings groups and Youth Ready groups helped young

people to develop financial literacy skills and prepare for employment. Scholarships and other financial assistance supported vulnerable children to continue their education.

Our Education projects are providing a crucial bridge for children to make their way into young adulthood. Thank you for partnering with us to make their dreams come true.



10,574 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 3,405 CHILDREN, have benefited from our Education projects since they began in October 2016.

784 CHILDREN in Nepal participated in reading camps outside of the classroom to improve their literacy skills.

153 GIRLS in Zambia received scholarships to cover the cost of their education.

153 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS in Lebanon strengthened their parenting skills to improve the well-being and development of their children.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Your support equipped World Vision to save lives, reduce suffering, and restore dignity in some of the world's hardest places.

Last year was marked by a significant number of humanitarian crises across the planet. Tragically, most of these humanitarian disasters occurred in the poorest countries in the world.

Through the support of our donors, World Vision responded to 170 disasters in 2017, reaching nearly 14 million people with emergency aid.

We assisted families in the Democratic Republic of Congo—an area experiencing conflict and protracted fragility, where thousands of children were forced into armed groups and more than 1.4 million were displaced from their homes.

In Bangladesh, where more than 800,000 refugees poured in after an

eruption of violence and persecution in Myanmar, we reached families with emergency supplies, including food and water.

In addition, World Vision continues to serve families displaced by conflict inside Syria and Iraq, and those living as refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

Whenever possible, World Vision leverages your gift to attain additional funding from other donors, including the U.S. government. This allows us to reach more people with life-saving support and services.

Thank you for helping us serve children and their families in their greatest hour of need.



As families arrived at a displacement camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo, World Vision provided emergency food supplies, including hot meals and high-energy biscuits.

GLOBAL UPDATE

2 MILLION PEOPLE were reached with emergency relief from October 2015 to March 2018 through private donors in the U.S., including 1.1 million in the first half of fiscal year 2018.

103,287 HURRICANE SURVIVORS in Puerto Rico were reached with aid after Hurricane Maria.

849,501 PEOPLE struggling to overcome drought and hunger in East Africa received life-saving food, water, healthcare, and livelihood support.

3,476 PEOPLE displaced by conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo were assisted in their efforts to heal and thrive through the Silent Disasters Fund.

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Your support of World Vision's mother and child health initiatives has helped bring improved health and well-being to families in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia.

Because of your faithful and generous partnership, pregnant and nursing women and young children are being cured of malnutrition and learning how to find and prepare healthy, nutritious food.

Women of childbearing age and young children are receiving preventive healthcare through immunizations, growth monitoring, and health education campaigns. Expecting mothers and their families are learning the importance of prenatal and postnatal care, and delivering their babies in a health facility. Because of you, pregnancy and motherhood are becoming less of a deadly threat in campaign program areas.

Volunteers are equipped with the training and tools (such as smart phones, illustrated manuals, and bikes) they need to keep children from dying needlessly due to common illnesses like malaria or diarrhea. Health facilities are better equipped, too, with staff training and donations of medical supplies and equipment.

More families are now able to reach the potential that God intends for them. They are living life in the fullness promised to us in John 10:10. May you be richly blessed for bringing this help and hope to families.



A community health worker in Zambia provides counseling to a mother on nutrition and maternal and child health issues.

GLOBAL UPDATE

582,162 **WOMEN AND YOUNG CHILDREN*** were provided with access to maternal and child health and nutrition services, which included 167,987 children younger than 5 during fiscal year 2018.

*These global beneficiary numbers include people who might have received more than one service. For example, women who delivered their babies in a health facility often also received prenatal care services. These numbers also include beneficiaries from projects supported by our corporate and foundation partners.

71,059 **CHILDREN UNDER 5** were screened for malnutrition and received appropriate treatment and care as needed during the first half of FY18.

21,068 **PREGNANT WOMEN** attended prenatal care clinics during the first half of FY18, most for the prescribed four times.

14,506 **WOMEN** delivered babies in a health facility with trained medical staff during the first half of FY18.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

GLOBAL SUMMARY

World Vision's WASH programming strategically focuses on universal and equitable WASH access. World Vision and our partners are committed to positively impacting the lives of millions of children and adults through life-saving WASH services.

Fiscal year 2018 is a milestone year for the World Vision Global WASH Program. With this semiannual report, we reached the midpoint of our five-year commitment of serving 20 million people with water by 2020. We are thrilled and humbled to share we now have reached 10.4 million people with clean water since September 2015, including 1.5 million (1,064,310 rural community members and 505,641 municipal water beneficiaries) during the first half of FY18. This achievement was made possible because of your support.

As we enter into this next phase of our five-year goal, we will work to deepen the impact of our sanitation and hygiene work. The preliminary results of our multicountry evaluation performed by the University of North

Carolina Water Institute indicated the need for improved sanitation, hygiene, and microbial water quality at the household level, in schools, and in healthcare facilities.

Already, we are working to improve sanitation and hygiene programming. World Vision is increasing the capacity of our teams to conduct effective behavior change, including working with faith-based leaders and training children to serve as positive change agents in communities. Through our collaboration with Sesame Workshop, we continue to expand the WASH UP! program in more schools across 11 countries.

We also work to bring quality, innovative, and adaptive programs,



sharing what we learn along the way. World Vision will seek additional, and strengthen existing, partnerships to improve impact in our WASH programs. These strategies have proven effective, and have helped us achieve this milestone over the past 2.5 years.

As we work together, we can achieve a world where everyone has access to safe WASH. Thank you for taking this journey with us.

GLOBAL UPDATE

10.4 MILLION PEOPLE* *have been provided with clean drinking water since these projects began in FY16, including 1.5 million in the first half of FY18.*

*Of these, 2.6 million were reached with World Vision U.S. private funding; 538,245 of them in the first half of FY18.

29,653 WATER POINTS *were built in the first half of FY18.*

211,434 SANITATION FACILITIES *were built in the first half of FY18.*

208,568 HAND-WASHING FACILITIES *were built in the first half of FY18.*

3,476 WASH COMMITTEES *were formed in the first half of FY18.*

STORIES OF HOPE

CHILD PROTECTION



Riya* has experienced many trials in her 14 years of life, including becoming a domestic servant.

Her mother, Latika,* has also

suffered many hardships, such as being married for the first time as a child. Fleeing poverty and an abusive husband, she entered into prostitution to support her two children.

Latika eventually brought her daughter to live with her in one of India's red-light districts so that Riya would not face the same fate as a child bride. But living in this area comes with new risks, including being trafficked into prostitution.

With the help of her teachers at the Child Friendly Learning and Recreation Center (CFLRC), Riya enrolled in a government school. She continues to attend after-school coaching at the CFLRC.

"A few months ago, I thought it was my fate to accept my mother's profession and that I, too, would be forced to get into the same line. But today ... I feel like I can do anything now because I'm finally going to school."

Now Riya is dreaming of becoming a police officer. Her mother, who has worked in a brothel for 11 years, also has dreams—of a time when she no longer has to engage in prostitution.

"I'm happy that I have gotten this opportunity and I won't let this place define me," said Riya. "But I'll be happier when more girls are helped."

(*Names changed to protect identities.)

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Diego's* life revolved around his gang member friends, who gave him a sense of belonging that he didn't find with his family. Despite being constantly high on drugs, somehow he managed to continue in school—which is where he met Pastor Alberto, who was using World Vision's training to teach youth about values.

Something about Pastor Alberto drew him in. Although Diego knew that the life he was living did not reflect any of the values the pastor was teaching, he volunteered to assist with the classes. And he felt something change in his heart.

"World Vision training helped me change my life's way," Diego said.

"Finally, I started to walk along with Christ."

In Central America, breaking free of gangs is only possible through a true commitment to Christ ... or death. Gang members admit that the only thing they fear and respect is God. "You don't mess with God," they say.

Diego's commitment to following Jesus has truly made him a new creation—free of gangs and pursuing an education. He is committed to helping others experience the same transformation and regularly speaks at schools and in his community about God's love. "I cannot change the world, but if I can change one, and this one joins and changes another, then



we are more. And together, we can be part of something big."

(*Name changed for safety reasons.)

STORIES OF HOPE

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



With his solar-powered brick house, television set, and educated children, the man known as the best ginger farmer in the area enjoys the fruits of success.

Lameck Zimba and his wife, Maria, were once so poor; they panicked when their grass-thatch home in Malawi leaked in heavy rain.

After World Vision's THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) program provided training in fruit farming and extension services, Lameck's agricultural skills improved. His crop diversified to corn, bananas, oranges, tangerines, mangoes, avocados, and pears. He earns more from growing ginger; about \$1,350 annually, than any other crop.

"Now meeting our basic needs is not a problem," Lameck said. "My desire is to educate all [of my children who are not] already out of school." He pays

school fees for his three children to attend high school.

The family has a metal roof, enough food, and solar electricity. Having lights at home is not only an indication of success, but has practical benefits: The children can read and study at night.

Lameck was chosen as a lead farmer for THRIVE in the community, a recognition that has motivated him even more.

"Life is better for us now than before," Maria said. "We used to do piecework for survival in the past, but we no longer do that. Instead, it's us who employ people in our gardens."

EDUCATION

Goma is a second-grade student at Kuseshwori Primary School, which has a low rate of educational achievement like many public schools in Nepal. She comes from a "lower caste" community and is among the most vulnerable children in her area.

Goma struggled to read because she could not recognize letter sounds, decipher printed words, or understand the contents of books. Her mother did not appreciate the value of reading, and their home lacked books to read.

Through the Nepal Education project, Goma's teacher was encouraged to become more involved in developing the reading skills of her students, focusing especially on those who

were struggling. She and other teachers learned how to develop learning materials using local resources and how to make classes more interactive through dancing and singing.

"Children can become better readers if teachers have the right skills set and use stories, poems, songs, and other locally developed reading materials to teach them," said Sita Dahal, principal at Kuseshwori Primary School.

Goma began attending a local reading camp on the weekends to develop her reading skills. The reading materials made during reading camp



sessions were used for setting up a reading corner in each student's home.

Earlier in the school year, Goma could correctly pronounce only a handful of words per minute. But now, Goma is able to read fluently with confidence.

STORIES OF HOPE

EMERGENCY RELIEF



Of all her worries since escaping the violence in Myanmar, Nur is thankful that she no longer fears being sexually assaulted while fetching water.

“This water pump means a lot to me

and my neighbors,” she shared, referring to the well that World Vision installed near her tent. It is one of 54 wells that provide clean, safe water to 54,000 refugees living in camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh.

Nur used to walk 30 to 40 minutes just to fetch water from a canal. She always went with a group of women for added safety. Some 5,617 cases of gender-based violence have been reported in the camps since August 2017.

When Nur collected water during the day, she took her children, ages 7 and 2, with her on the long, hot walk. Her husband couldn’t stay with them

because he needed to find food and other relief items being distributed in the camp.

“There have been stories of children being kidnapped, so I couldn’t leave them alone in our tent,” said Nur. “I didn’t mind if I had to keep going back to get more water, as long as I was sure that my children were safe.”

Sadly, the contaminated canal water made Nur’s whole family sick. Her children and her husband often suffered from diarrhea.

Now with clean water just a stone’s throw away from their tent, Nur is at peace. She doesn’t have to worry about her children catching water-borne diseases, or their safety.

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

In most isolated communities in Uganda, healthcare services can be hours away on foot. For a woman going into labor, that’s not a journey she wants to make. Too often, complications during labor at home or along the way to a health center cause the death of mother and child.

Thanks to a transportation voucher program supported by this project, mothers like Francine Onyera are enjoying happy endings to their pregnancy and delivery stories.

When World Vision-trained community health workers visit pregnant women, they encourage them to get prenatal care at least four times before giving birth. At health

facilities like the one in Francine’s village of Kina, midwives give women transportation vouchers on their fourth visit. Community members who have cars or motorcycles—like John Asaba—are recruited to make themselves available to carry pregnant women to facilities that provide the services they need to give birth safely.

For Francine, everything worked as designed. “I got to know about the [voucher system] from a village health worker who encouraged me to go for antenatal visits. It is also at the health center that I got John’s contact,” she said.

Because Francine was carrying twins, her local facility in Kina referred her to



Kyangwali Health Center. Once there, she was referred again—this time by ambulance—to Hoima Referral Hospital, which has the operating rooms and surgeons needed to perform a C-section on Francine. There, Francine’s twin daughters were safely delivered. All three trips were covered by vouchers.

STORIES OF HOPE

WATER

Magdalene, affectionately called “Gogo” by her family, now has running water near her home. Blind all her life, she never gave up collecting water, and now enjoys dignity and rest by having accessible water.

Magdalene Kaboon was born blind and has lived in Chepkulul village, Kenya, all her life. She lives with her nephew Joseph Kiptoo, his wife, Salina, and their children. Even though she never married and has no children, she is surrounded by many young grandchildren belonging to her nephews and neighbors. To everyone in her village, she is Gogo.

But even with community help, Gogo used to struggle to get water. She walked nearly three miles round trip to get water from a traditional hand-dug well. Water, though unsafe, had to be pulled up from the 70-foot deep well, using a rope and a bucket. This was dangerous for Gogo.

“I used to go with children to guide me to the water source, and I would carry on my back a whole 20 liters for my use,” Magdalene said. She used to go for water every other day when she was stronger. As she got older, the

trek for water become more dangerous, and Salina would carry extra water for her.

“But thanks to World Vision, we now have Chepkulul water project. It first came with a water kiosk about half a mile away from us, but later we got piped connection right to our home,” Salina shared in excitement. The water is pumped using solar power, making it cost-effective. A hardworking water committee was established by the community, and collects user fees. Later, an automated chip card was introduced to pay for the water, making management more effective and efficient.

With clean water nearby, Gogo no longer feels like a burden to her family. She can get water easily, and with the time she saves, she tends to her chickens and helps take care of the village children.

On behalf of Gogo and her family, we thank you for helping us reach the most vulnerable with clean water, dignified sanitation, and improved hygiene education.



As she got older, Gogo (right) would stay home alone as others went out to look for water. But now she can spend more time with her family.

“I used to walk all the way to the water source with children guiding me. Now, there is plenty of water right at home.”

—Gogo, 80