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GLOBAL OVERVIEW

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GLOBAL UPDATE

6.8 **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

We are grateful for your commitment to bringing an end to violence against children. Your support is changing the lives of children, their families, and their communities forever.

Across the world, children are experiencing many forms of violence, including child marriage, physical punishment, sexual abuse, and child labor. The root causes stem from harmful cultural traditions, lack of parental education, and poverty.

With your support—and through partnerships with children, families, and communities—we are stemming the tide of violence against children in Armenia, Bangladesh, Kenya, Mozambique, Southeast Asia, and Uganda.

In the past year, our projects empowered children to protect themselves through life skills education, training, and peer support groups. We helped vulnerable children to enroll and remain in

school by reducing the financial strain on families. As children gained leadership skills, they became advocates for preventing abuse.

We worked with parents to open their minds to the hazards facing their children and how they can create a nurturing environment for them. The Celebrating Families approach is a tool for initiating family discussions, and creating a place for children to voice their opinions on matters that affect their lives.

Child protection systems were strengthened as community members monitored the well-being of children through Child Protection Committees. World Vision supported research projects and encouraged governments



to adopt laws and policies that protect vulnerable children, as we have done in Armenia and Mozambique.

Faith leaders played a major role in strengthening community support for children and their families. They raised awareness on child protection concerns, formed congregational teams to provide care, influenced policies, and led attitudinal and behavior change within families and churches.

GLOBAL UPDATE

1.2 MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING 572,116 CHILDREN, have benefited from our child protection projects since they began, with 558,241 in FY17.

29,852 BOYS AND GIRLS participated in children's clubs in Uganda in FY17, where they gained crucial skills for protecting themselves and other children.

7,371 MEMBERS OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES in Cambodia were trained in FY17 on how to report child protection cases and refer children to social services.

165 FAITH COMMUNITIES in Kenya took action to protect children in FY17 by reporting cases of child abuse, providing counseling, and helping children in need.

145 PARENTS in Armenia participated in couples' groups in FY17 to learn about the prevalence of prenatal sex selection and how to prevent gender-based violence.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

GLOBAL SUMMARY

The Spirit of God is moving, bringing new life into local church ministries. Thank you for partnering in this work that God has entrusted to us.

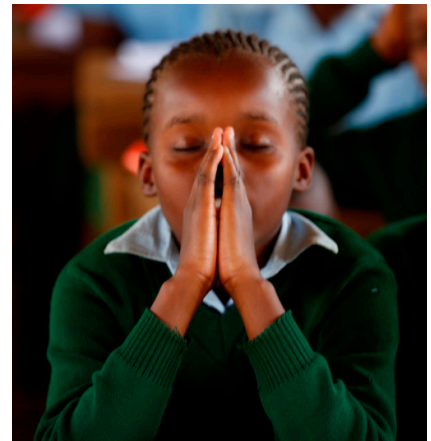
Fiscal year 2017 has been a year of new opportunities and realizing the dream of sharing the gospel in relevant ways. One example is the five-year El Salvador project, which ended with encouraging examples of the impact churches can have in steering youth away from gangs.

In Kenya, teens have become energetic leaders as they share the gospel in their churches and schools. Josephat, a 14-year-old from the Arid Zone Primary School Bible club, said, "I have

learned that God has chosen me, and can use me to share the Word of God with others."

Jimmy, a Filipino youth leader, guides teens struggling with addiction, saying, "God created us. He can mend us."

The International Bible Fund had a unique opportunity this year to acquire Bibles at a greatly reduced price. This contributed to nearly 248,000 people gaining access to the Word of God in the first year of this fund.



Your partnership with World Vision makes this all possible. Thank you for your commitment to sharing the gospel throughout the world.

GLOBAL UPDATE

647,285 **PEOPLE** benefited from ministry activities since October 2015, including 420,128 in FY17.

48,161 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** directly participated in discipleship activities, including Sunday schools, after-school Bible clubs, and school-based Christian studies classes in FY17. Since these projects began in 2015, 83,538 children have participated.

4,699 **PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS** were trained in FY17 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 2015, 13,794 have been trained.

843 **CHURCHES** engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth in FY17, creating or expanding Sunday schools and Vacation Bible Schools, and encouraging children to participate in the life of the church. Since 2015, 1,891 churches have participated.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND

49,582 Bibles were distributed in FY17 through the separate International Bible Fund, which benefited 247,910 people.

12%

Seven-Year target: 400,000

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

GLOBAL SUMMARY

World Vision's livelihoods work addresses the underlying drivers of material poverty to help the poorest households escape dependence.

We focus on developing productive and resilient livelihoods that enable parents to feed, care for, and educate their children from infancy to adulthood.

Our work addresses the root causes of child poverty, food and nutrition insecurity, vulnerability to climatic events, and lack of access to information, markets, and financial services.

We equip families with the knowledge, skills, and resources to ensure:

- Children are well-nourished and free of hunger
- Families with children have resilient livelihoods, income, and assets
- Families and children have reasons and resources to be in school
- Adolescents develop hope and skills for a productive future

Led by the United Nations, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development strives to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) covering such areas as poverty, hunger, health, and education.

World Vision's livelihoods work directly contributes to reaching the top two goals (No Poverty and Zero Hunger), along with the eighth SDG (Decent Work and Economic Growth) through our THRIVE program.

We have deployed THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) in five countries, integrating proven approaches to increase incomes and strengthen resilience of rural families and communities.



Our pathway out of poverty focuses on building secure livelihoods and market access, through strengthening the ability of families to radically improve their income-growing capacities.

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1.5 MILLION PEOPLE provided with access to economic empowerment activities during fiscal year 2017.

In addition to the above beneficiaries, World Vision provided a technology platform to increase access to financial services for up to 500,000 clients in at least 15 countries through the OneVision Global Technology Fund.

9,629 SMALLHOLDER FARMERS used improved technology in FY17.

25,083 PEOPLE accessed financial services in FY17.

14,218 PEOPLE accessed improved or expanded markets for their products in FY17.

EDUCATION

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Thank you for investing in the lives of vulnerable children and their families. Education is the right of all children, and your support is instrumental in giving them hope for a brighter future.

For many children in the world, education is beyond their reach—and yet, it is the one thing they desperately desire. Why? Because education opens doors to escaping poverty, just as a flashlight illuminates the dark and shows a way forward. Education also is empowering, for it allows children to believe they can be whatever they want to be in life.

World Vision's education projects for children in Nepal, Zambia, and Syria helped them access learning opportunities through safe classrooms, out-of-school reading groups, and Child-Friendly Spaces. Financial support for school fees, school uniforms, and school supplies encouraged children to stay in school. As children improved their literacy and math skills, their

parents gained a better appreciation for supporting their education to help them be successful in life.

In Nepal, book corners and reading camps motivated children to read and improve literacy. Teachers were trained to develop creative materials and integrate new teaching methods to emphasize core reading skills.

Syrian refugee children in Lebanon benefited from early childhood education and psychosocial support sessions, which helped them learn to develop healthy relationships with others after experiencing difficult situations. The project is nurturing relationships between parents/caregivers and their children to foster lifelong growth.



Young girls in Zambia were awarded scholarships to help them continue their education into secondary school, college, or vocational programs. More than 60 girls affected by gender-based violence received safe housing. Additionally, young people developed skills to prepare themselves for economic opportunities and participated in savings groups to help reach their goals.

GLOBAL UPDATE

7,839 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1,808 CHILDREN, have benefited from education programming since October 2016.

961 CHILDREN participated in reading camps in Nepal in FY17, helping them improve their literacy skills.

220 GIRLS in Zambia received scholarships in FY17 to cover the costs of their education, helping them to remain in school.

113 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS in Lebanon learned the benefit of engaging in their children's education through parenting sessions in FY17.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Though 2017 was a year of historic natural disasters and humanitarian crises, it also revealed Christ's light for this hurting world, through the compassion of donors like you.

From deadly hurricanes to brutal conflicts and refugee crises, 2017 was a year filled with unimaginable humanitarian disasters on nearly every continent.

This includes a worsening refugee crisis in Bangladesh, where people who are widely considered the most persecuted minority group in the world have settled after fleeing extreme violence in Myanmar.

Currently, World Vision donors in the United States are reaching families in 36 countries across the globe with emergency aid. Among them are hurricane survivors in the U.S. and

the Caribbean, families displaced by conflict in Syria and Iraq, and communities coping with extreme drought and hunger across East Africa.

But as World Vision U.S. President Richard Stearns said, "What we're seeing in Texas after Hurricane Harvey proves that disasters can bring out humanity's best. There are heroic rescues, volunteers working around the clock, and donations and support flowing in from all corners of the country."

These incredible acts of generosity and compassion are seen not just in Texas, but across the planet. Your support



is saving lives, restoring dignity, and renewing hope in many of the world's hardest places.

Thank you.

GLOBAL UPDATE

919,083 PEOPLE, which includes 622,344 in FY17, have been reached with emergency relief since October 2015 through private donors in the U.S.

81,714 PEOPLE struggling to survive in the East Africa Hunger Crisis received life-saving food, water, healthcare, and livelihood support in FY17.

99,080 PEOPLE in Houston, Texas, received emergency aid to help them recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in FY17.

10,936 PEOPLE from Myanmar, who are seeking refuge from persecution in Bangladesh, gained access to clean water, nutritious meals, and shelter through the Silent Disasters Fund in FY17.

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Your support of the Mother and Child Health initiative is helping to make childbirth the joy it should be, instead of a potential tragedy for families in some of the most challenging places World Vision works.

In FY17, this initiative trained thousands of community health workers to teach families the importance of nutrition, vaccinations, safe water and hygiene, prenatal care, and delivering babies in a health facility. We bolstered that with extra training for nurses and midwives, to better prepare them to handle complicated and difficult births.

Faith leaders learned how to teach their congregations the importance of providing pregnant women, infants, and young children with healthcare and good nutrition. These trusted voices

have a strong influence and are a vital tool in efforts to educate communities and change long-held beliefs and practices.

All this is working together to create a safer world for mothers, babies, and young children. A shining example of this is a recent random sampling of beneficiaries in Uganda that showed the percentage of women having their babies in a health facility increased from 55 percent to 71 percent, and families with access to safe water improved from 59 percent to 86 percent.



Thank you for sharing your blessings to provide these tools for transformation. Your gifts are making a difference.

GLOBAL UPDATE

475,443 PEOPLE* were provided with access to maternal and child health and nutrition services since these projects began in 2016. In FY17, 366,591 people benefited, which included 197,079 children younger than 5.

*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.

403 NURSES, PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES, AND OTHER MEDICAL STAFF members were trained on updated maternal and newborn healthcare practices in FY17.

4,746 VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS were trained to provide frontline healthcare and nutrition/health education in FY17.

597 FAITH LEADERS were trained in FY17 on the importance of maternal and child healthcare and nutrition, and how to share that information in their churches and mosques.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Since launching our rapid expansion of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs in 2010, World Vision has been learning and adapting as rapidly as we have been scaling up.

We not only celebrate the immense progress made in fiscal year 2017, but we also are excited to share the remarkable things we learned last year on our journey of continuous improvement.

We have centuries of combined experience in WASH among our technical experts at World Vision, at the national, regional, and global level. We have long-standing relationships with communities that enable us to co-create sustainable WASH programs. We also have tried-and-true partnerships that complement and expand expertise. It is because of this that we can celebrate that we

now reach one person every 10 seconds with clean water. From this strong foundation and impact, we can learn and adapt to reach more and more people. We continue to pursue excellence in order to reach every person everywhere we serve with WASH by 2030.

We have committed supporters who join us in prayer and partnership, and challenge us to serve God's people with quality, long-lasting WASH. In the face of protracted conflicts, droughts and famines, and the changing donor landscape, we know there are



supporters who are as brave and tenacious as our staff on the ground.

We thank God for the progress we have been able to make over the past several years, and we pray diligently for His continued guidance as we press on toward the future.

GLOBAL UPDATE

7.86 MILLION PEOPLE* have been provided with clean drinking water since these projects began in FY16, and 3.2 million in FY17.

*Of these, 2.1 million were reached with World Vision U.S. private funding; 950,011 of them in FY17.

22,972 WATER POINTS were built in FY17.

403,349 SANITATION FACILITIES were built in FY17.

396,731 HAND-WASHING FACILITIES were built in FY17.

6,605 WASH COMMITTEES were formed in FY17.

STORIES OF HOPE

CHILD PROTECTION



A Kenyan pastor never thought protecting children was part of his job. Now he is determined to stand up for them.

"I didn't know I had a role [in fighting child abuse] as a pastor. I thought it

was only the chiefs. I didn't know I had a voice. I only saw my role as spiritual," said the Reverend Joseph Peywo.

This view represents that of many Christians in the community, who tend to see themselves only as observers of the people around them—even in situations that cause significant harm to children.

But through a Channels of Hope-Child Protection workshop, Pastor Joseph's view was transformed. He was challenged by Scripture that confronted his long-held beliefs and customs. He realized that Christ directs his followers to actively care for those who are suffering.

Pastor Joseph now leads a

Community Hope Action Team (CHAT). His team is actively working to improve how children in their community are protected. The CHAT members teach people about children's rights and the practices that harm them, including child marriage, female genital mutilation and cutting, neglect, and sexual abuse.

With eyes open to opportunities for putting their faith into action, church members are stepping into their roles as true advocates for children in need of safety, love, and care.

Pastor Joseph and his CHAT are committed to creating change in their community. "I anticipate impact because we are motivated by Scripture, and we have passion to do it," he said.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"Trial and error" and "No clear direction"—these are the words that teachers at Kaboson Primary School used to describe how they taught the weekly Christian Religious Education class. Although the class is required by the Kenyan government, there are no lesson plans provided. Most teachers resorted to simply singing songs, as they didn't know how to teach Bible stories or use them to explain values by which children should live.

Mrs. Chororey, the school's head teacher, has seen a dramatic difference since teachers participated in the Kenya Christian Discipleship Project's training, and received Bibles

and teaching materials. Now, she says, the teachers lead religion classes that are structured, consistent, and interesting, so children learn to live out Christian values. School discipline has improved.

In addition to the teacher training, World Vision also trained 40 students as peer educators, which included 14-year-old Abigail. She's become a confident leader of the Bible club that meets each Wednesday after school.

"The Bible club training helped us to know how to lead the clubs when the teachers are not there," she said. "We have learned that God is our helper, protector, and provider."



"There is a thirst for the Bible among the children these days," said Mrs. Chororey.

STORIES OF HOPE

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



It was only last year that Theresa Uwamariya, 11, was ranked 52nd in her class of 52 students. “The saddest time I remember in my life,” said Theresa, “is when I missed an exam last year because I was so hungry.”

Now, Theresa proudly ranks number six in her class, due to eating two, and sometimes three, meals a day instead of just one. She no longer worries where her next meal will come from.

Through World Vision's sponsorship and economic development activities, many families in the Nyamagabe district of Rwanda, where Theresa and her family live, are seeing their lives change for the better.

As subsistence farmers who owned just a small garden plot, Theresa's parents survived by looking for work every morning in other people's fields. They made less than \$2 a day.

Then World Vision organized farmers, including Theresa's parents, into producer groups, helping them reclaim marshland near their village. Anastasia, her mom, also is a member of a savings group, and farmers in the group are being linked to VisionFund, World Vision's microfinance institution, to borrow money for the next growing season.

Now that Theresa's mother and father work together on the farm, it “makes me feel safe,” Theresa said. “When I see them going to the farm, I feel happy because I know they will come back with food.”

EDUCATION

It is common for teachers at World Vision's early childhood education centers in Lebanon to encounter troubled children on the first day of class. Most of the Syrian refugee children at the center are vulnerable.

Four-year-old Hamza was no exception. Though he has an angelic face, he used fierce words to talk about how he could hurt other children.

While Hamza did not witness the conflict in Syria, from which his family fled in 2013, he heard the retelling of violent stories of war from those who had witnessed it.

His mother, Rim, enrolled him in the early childhood education program, which offers a peaceful environment



for children to learn.

The teachers at the center asked his mother to find ways to help him understand the difference between right and wrong language. He wasn't

physically aggressive, but his language was concerning.

Hamza wanted to be considered strong, and from the stories he heard, he thought strength was shown through violence. But as Hamza bonded with his teachers and participated in play activities, Rim saw a change in her son.

Hamza's violent speech diminished and was replaced by heroic stories of Superman.

“He defends and saves weak people,” he said. “If I ever get a Superman costume, I will wear it all the time.”

Hamza now enjoys a childhood of play and education, without stories of violence.

STORIES OF HOPE

EMERGENCY RELIEF



Days after Sajeda's family fled extreme violence in Myanmar, she noticed that her 18-month-old son, Harech, was unresponsive.

"He was not eating and his weight dropped significantly. In Myanmar, he used to laugh a lot, but since we moved here, he became sickly. I

thought I'd lose him," she said.

When World Vision opened a Women and Young Child Space (WaYCS) in the Bangladeshi refugee camp, Harech was one of the first children to be screened for malnutrition. A WaYCS is a dedicated space for pregnant and nursing mothers to gain advice on how to keep their children healthy.

Sadly, Harech's case was severe. "When they told me about his condition and the risks that come with it, I couldn't sleep well," Sajeda recalled.

Severe acute malnutrition, the most visible and extreme form of under-nutrition, is one of the world's leading contributors to death among children under 5.

Harech was immediately referred to a therapeutic center for treatment. After just 25 days, he showed miraculous improvement.

Sajeda learned that, despite their challenging situation, there is a lot she can do to keep Harech healthy. "I try my best to follow the facilitator's advice. I drink a lot of water, I try to keep myself healthy, especially now that Harech is back to breast-feeding. I also keep our surroundings as clean as I can."

"Harech is smiling and laughing again, and it makes me happy. 2017 has been a tough time for us, but having my child back to his normal self seems to remind me that there is hope for this new year."

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

Too often, when girls get pregnant at a young age, or mothers don't go to a health facility to give birth with the help of trained staff, they suffer from obstructed labor, which can have lasting effects—physically and socially.

Obstetric fistula occurs when obstructed labor causes a tear between the uterine wall and the bladder or rectum, creating constant, uncontrollable leakage. In some cases, husbands abandon their wives, and even more horribly, entire families and communities ostracize women because of the lingering odor.

A simple operation can, in most cases, repair fistula, and a recent fistula camp in Hoima, Uganda, brought in surgeons to provide this life-restoring operation to 52 women and a young girl, who suffered from a congenital form of fistula.

The results of Victoria's last pregnancy were tragic. She lost her baby and her uterus, and was left with fistula. Her husband, Karofi, brought her to Hoima to undergo surgery to repair some of the damage.

"Before this operation, I wouldn't socialize ... because of the smell and leaking of urine all the time. I couldn't even do gardening, because I had a lot of backache. I would just keep at home, sleeping and doing nothing," Victoria said.

"Now I feel somewhat better, and I thank so much the people who worked on me," she added.

Rosemary is just 12, and has suffered from leaking urine since birth. She dropped out of school because of embarrassment and ridicule from other



students. A surgery at age 9 did not cure Rosemary's fistula, and her family was told she needed one more operation to fix her problem. Sadly, her family couldn't afford another procedure.

The fistula camp has given Rosemary new hope. She said she is optimistic, because she already has seen signs the leaking has stopped.

STORIES OF HOPE

WATER

Members of Dergagen community in Ethiopia would give anything for clean water, water they can maintain for generations. Water is not only the source of life, it's a treasure there.

When a piped-water system (sourced from a deep well) was brought into his community, Asay Gugsu, a priest and a father of six children, joined the WASH committee. The community partnered with the Ethiopia WASH Program to install 11 tap stands that serve 12,400 people. Knowing the rich blessing of water, Asay serves as secretary of the WASH committee that manages the smooth functioning of the water point in his village.

"We are out of words to express our delight on the arrival of clean water in our village," Asay said. "Better rains and clean water have always been on top of our prayers for God in the daily praise and prayer notes at the church. Our prayers are answered through World Vision."

Asay explained the training members of the WASH committee received. "The first big lesson we learned was to consider the water access provided to us as our lifeline. But I think we already knew that, living

without water for years. The trainings also involved how to change taps that have gone out of use, keeping the surroundings clean, keeping our ledger books in order, and overall good management of the water points," he added.

Joining him on the WASH committee is Kahsu Kahsay, 45, a mother of seven. She serves as treasurer of the committee. "Waking up at 5 in the morning before the sun rises and trekking for 45 minutes was an everyday task for me and the other women and girls in this village. Things are about to change now, thanks to God," she said.

Members of the community pay 30 cents per 20-liter container. The money collected is kept in the bank for any maintenance costs the water points may need.

As a member of the WASH committee, Asay not only helps to manage the water points, he also is



tasked to promote sanitation and hygiene messages during church services. "We have water to keep ourselves and our children clean to prevent diseases. That's the message I get across at the end of my church services always," he happily shared.

We rejoice with the Dergagen community for the treasure your support has provided. We praise the Lord for His answer to prayers, and we look forward to generations enjoying clean, safe water.