SUMMARY

In 2021, an independent study of World Vision’s proprietary livelihoods model Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) in Tanzania revealed **game-changing results**. Parents in extreme poverty—even the poorest of the poor living on as little as 38 cents a day—were equipped to lift their families out of poverty, with **incomes significantly higher** than at the beginning of the program.

Now, in partnership with VisionFund International, we are launching an 8-year scale-up plan to **reach everyone, everywhere World Vision works in 10 countries** with the most effective THRIVE interventions and a focus on women and the well-being of children. Through an investment of $285 million, **10 million people will be equipped with the tools they need to lift themselves out of extreme poverty**.
Our plan for 10 countries
Everyone, everywhere we work, has the tools they need to lift themselves out of extreme poverty by 2030.

Where and who

The 10 countries in our business plan were selected based on a high percentage of people still living in extreme poverty within our operating areas, commitment from the targeted field offices and alignment to their strategy, and the presence of a VisionFund microfinance institution.

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Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness. Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

As a child-focused organization, World Vision is committed to helping parents who face the nearly impossible responsibility of providing well for their children on less than $1.90 per day. By building improved and resilient incomes, parents generate the resources to feed, shelter, educate, and care for their children.

Digitization of financial services

The business plan also includes a $15 million investment in the digitization of VisionFund systems and processes, as well as Savings for Transformation groups and farmer producer groups. This will enable us to sustainably scale and reach more of the most vulnerable rural poor.
A package of evidence-based interventions focused on mindset change, collective action, financial inclusion, and value-chain development will lay a foundation to empower families to progress up the economic ladder.

**Finance Accelerating Savings group Transformation (FAST)**
FAST loans to mature savings groups provide additional capital enabling members to take loans for business opportunities. This results in higher household incomes for members and higher savings for the group—usually an increase of 40-60%.

**Local Value Chain Development**
This project model helps farmers and entrepreneurs increase their incomes by working together in groups to better understand and connect to markets, thereby increasing their profitability.

**Savings for Transformation (S4T) Groups**
Savings groups enable community members—often women—to gain basic financial knowledge, including how to save and pool their money, borrow money, pay back loans, and make financial decisions.

**Biblical Empowered Worldview**
This powerful curriculum is the foundation of THRIVE. It builds confidence, shifts mindsets, and promotes a biblically based view of identity, responsibility, and accountability.

**Key Targets**
- 134,500 savings groups supported in 10 countries
- 80% of participants benefiting from savings groups and FAST loans to savings groups are women
The goal

The poorest households have substantially higher incomes and resilient, sustainable livelihoods to provide well for their children.

Estimated cost and funding sources

We are seeking $135 million in new private cash donations to achieve our business plan targets to deliver proven interventions in 10 countries—empowering 10 million women, men, and children to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

Cost Breakdown

- $40M Local Value Chain Development
- $55M Fast Loans to Savings Groups
- $50M Savings for Transformation Groups*
- $100M Biblical Empowered Worldview*
- $40M Enabling Investments

Funding Breakdown

- $135M WVUS Private Funding Needed
- $113.5M Sponsorship Funds in 10 Field Offices*
- $20M WVUS Sponsorship Flexible Funding
- $14.6M Corporations and Foundations
- $2.5M Private Funding from Other WV Support Offices

*Cost covered by 10 participating Field Offices

Other key components of the business plan include an investment in staff and partner capacity building, strengthening household monitoring and management information systems, and ensuring a robust evidence, learning, adaptation, and innovation agenda.
Why World Vision

World Vision’s combination of scale, proven technical expertise, child focus, and a biblical foundation for our work uniquely positions us to empower millions of the poorest families on the planet to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

Christ-centered. We follow Jesus’ example to care for those in greatest need, and demonstrate our faith through our actions here and in every community we work with around the world.

Community-empowering. We build long-term relationships, empowering communities to set their own goals and equipping them to sustain progress over time.

Committed to gender equality and social inclusion. As a leader in equality and inclusion work, World Vision prioritizes women, girls, and people with disabilities in program design, monitoring, and evaluation.

Driven by impact. We earn the trust of our donors and partners by delivering on our commitments—to them and the vulnerable communities we serve globally.

Dedicated to evidence, learning, adaptation, and innovation. Measuring progress and learning from our programming work is an essential part of our accountability to the communities we serve, our partners, and our donors. We partner with learning institutions to gather and analyze data—specifically to support evidence-based, scalable solutions that have been documented to reduce poverty.

“World Vision is leading its peers in applying this type of rigor to their programs. Others don’t and miss the impact and evidence needed.”

—BRUCE RAVESLOOT, VICE PRESIDENT TANGO INTERNATIONAL
“Creating environments for rightful relationships between girls and boys and women and men is the path to long-term, sustainable change that will end extreme poverty.”
—EDGAR SANDOVAL, PRESIDENT/CEO
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Research partners include

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. We serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.