

SUMMARY

Our goal in 2016 was to empower 30 million women and girls to live safer, healthier, more productive lives by 2022. By the power of God and the support of our donors and partners, we exceeded our goal—reaching more than 30.1 million!

Stepping out in faith once again, our new goal is to reach 150 million women and girls by 2030, motivated by these convictions:

- Women and girls living in extreme poverty face more obstacles simply because they were born female.

- When everyone gains equal access and opportunity, children are better cared for, families are stronger, and communities are more prosperous.
- We can't end extreme poverty if half the population is held back.

“Creating environments for right relationships between girls and boys and women and men is the path to long-term, sustainable change that will end extreme poverty,” says Edgar Sandoval (right).





This report shares the progress we've made together in the first six months of our audacious new eight-year goal.



Edgar Sandoval, president and CEO of World Vision, pours water for 13-year-old Merci, who now gets clean water two minutes from her home in Rwanda.

GLOBAL PROGRESS (October 2022 – March 2023)

5,101,168 **WOMEN AND GIRLS*** reached through World Vision's projects across all sectors and countries

	576,608	women and girls gained access to clean water close to home, significantly reducing the time they spend walking and hauling water.
	626,529	women and girls gained access to healthcare .
	106,545	women and girls have benefited from access to financial services , savings groups, agricultural training, technology, and markets.
	1,411,631	women and girls have benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and to explore or deepen their faith .
	2,290,047	women and girls impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises received life-saving, emergency support services such as food assistance, protection, and livelihood training.
	53,129	women and girls benefited from programs that educated community members, increased protection , and challenged harmful cultural norms such as child marriage.
	36,679	women and girls benefited from education programs, including literacy, life skills, livelihood training, early childhood development, and investments in safe schools.

**This total includes participants reached through World Vision's privately funded projects. Some women and girls have participated in more than one program.*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS REPORTING PERIOD



Clean Water

We focused on reaching communities, schools, and healthcare facilities with access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene behavior-change promotion in 42 countries.

In Rwanda, we celebrated surpassing the goal we set five years ago: to reach 1 million people with clean water. Seraphina (right, with her 12-year-old daughter, Vanessa) was excited to represent our 1 millionth person reached. She told us how their lives are completely different now. Instead of taking long, dangerous, and exhausting walks to an unsafe water source, the family can now access a water point minutes from their home.

Seraphina's younger daughter, Jean, is 4 years old (right). She's full of life and will never have to make the long walk for water. Vanessa is recovering from her years of carrying water. She's determined to succeed and has become one of the best students in her class. World Vision also provided clean water and handwashing stations at Vanessa's school.



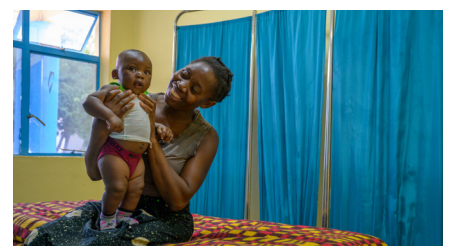
Health

Our health programs focused on training more community health workers to educate and support pregnant women and their children; on bringing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to rural health centers; and on upgrading clinics.

In March, we met Janet (right) who had given birth to her child Blessing in November. Janet has three other children, but Blessing was the first to be delivered at the improved Bunda Bunda Health Post in Zambia.

One of Janet's other children was born at home. Women from the village tried to help her, but they lacked experience. Janet nearly died because the placenta didn't pass fully during delivery. Now, she highly recommends the clinic to other expectant mothers, telling them, "When you deliver from the clinic, if there are any complications, the clinic is able to manage your complications."

As for the new fully equipped and private maternity annex, she says, "When you're done, you just move to the shower room. When you are in this maternity [annex], no one would know there is a person delivering in there."





Economic Empowerment

Our teams are laying the groundwork for phase two of Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) projects. In this new phase, we'll scale significantly in 11 countries to empower even more families with access to small loans, financial education, business training, and savings groups.

In January, we met with two all-female savings groups in Honduras. Rosa (right), a leader of one group, said, "We've learned to value ourselves. In the past, men were the only heads of household. Now women are involved in making decisions."



Child Protection

Our multisector Kenya Big Dream project equips and supports communities to eliminate the harmful cultural practices of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage.

Thanks to a \$1 million gift from private donors, work is now underway to build the first secondary school in the community of Akoret. Students Joshua and Joy (right) are excited and thankful that they'll be able to continue their education at the new school. Without it, Joshua said he might be "herding goats," while Joy said her alternative would be to "undergo FGM and be married off. ... It would be so bad."



Emergency Response

Our teams have been responding to multiple disasters, refugee crises, extreme hunger situations, and ongoing conflicts.

In Ukraine, we're delivering life-saving assistance to those near the front lines, while programs in safer areas support longer-term needs. Over half (60%) of those we've served are women and girls, who face increased risk of gender-based violence during conflict. Our programs educate them about risks and how to stay safe.

When asked about the support she and her family have received, Oksana (right, with her daughter, Julia) said, "When we came here, we found not only a safe place but a community of caring and generous people. We have been provided with food, clothes, and everything we need."



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