

CHILD PROTECTION

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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SUMMARY

Since 2016, World Vision has joined with governments, faith leaders, and other local stakeholders to reach more than 4.5 million people through our child protection efforts. As a partner of World Vision, your investment helped to strengthen the protective environment for children and address issues that cause them physical, emotional, and mental harm. Today, more children are living in safety and are reaching their full potential.

- 2,211 children received training in Alternative Rites of Passage, and 1,187 people enrolled in classes about community change. In Kenya, families receive training to increase their incomes, and communities address child protection issues such as female genital mutilation, and child marriage.
- 113,825 and 80,609 community members in Assam and West Bengal,

respectively, learned ways to prevent trafficking. In India, we are partnering with communities and other local stakeholders to fight against trafficking and empower survivors.

- 2,217 youth have received life-skills education, and 766 families have created family development plans in Bangladesh. Countrywide, we help protect children and youth from labor and violence and help foster supportive families.
- 4,253 youth attended school or vocational training, and 1,667 community-led activities were held to address violence and migration in Guatemala. Countrywide, we address gender-based violence and gender inequality, encourage unity, and empower youth and women by providing opportunities for growth.



Every girl and boy is a precious gift from God, and every one should be protected and feel safe. This is why World Vision is committed to helping end violence against children and youth. And your partnership is most valuable as we work together to help communities become safer places for children. Thank you for your love and care for vulnerable children worldwide.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

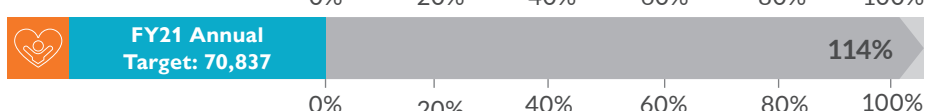
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PEOPLE, including 1,727,706 children and youth, protected by partnering with families, communities, faith leaders, and governments to address the root causes of violence against children since October 2016. In FY21 alone, these projects reached 1,088,026 children and adults.

495 children in Kenya graduated from Alternative Rites of Passage ceremonies



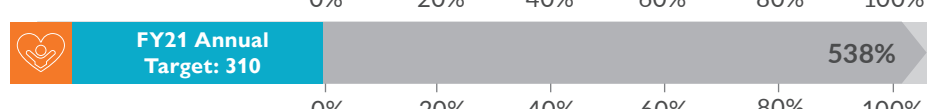
80,609 community members in West Bengal, India, were educated to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration



2,217 youth in Bangladesh participated in Life Skills Based Education (LSBE) courses



1,667 community-led activities were carried out in Guatemala to help prevent violence and migration



KENYA

SUMMARY

The Kenya Big Dream (KBD) Project continued to emphasize increasing family incomes and raising awareness to protect vulnerable children in West Pokot and Baringo from female genital mutilation (FGM), child marriage, child labor, and other forms of maltreatment.

The project helped participants learn alternative ways to generate income, such as poultry farming and beekeeping, impacting 1,785 family members. Less financial pressure helps reduce the circumstances that lead to violence against children. In other FY21 activities:

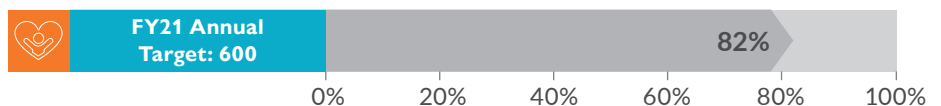
- 2,211 children received training in Alternative Rites of Passage, learning life skills and children's rights. This helps provide a safe passage to adulthood without FGM. Of these participants, 495 children graduated from the program in the past year.
- 1,187 participants experienced positive changes in attitudes and behaviors, especially toward children, resulting from community group discussions.
- 938 members of 56 Savings for Transformation groups learned about child protection. By using savings for livelihood activities, they are better able to pay for basic needs and keep their children in school.
- 751 families were trained in Empowered Worldview, helping members change from a mindset of dependency to one of empowerment. They also learned how God values each member of the family, which is key to strengthening family unity and productivity, and breaking the cycle of poverty.
- 298 at-risk children received fee subsidies to attend school.



Some Kenyan families feel they need their daughter's bride price to survive. Our work helps to reduce the economic pressure on Kenyan families that drives them to place a bride price on their daughters. In FY21, KBD trained 500 participants in poultry farming as an alternative livelihood, helping families to better meet their income needs.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

495 children graduated from Alternative Rites of Passage ceremonies



56 Savings for Transformation groups were established



1,187 participants enrolled in classes about community change



14 children reported child protection data to World Vision



INDIA

SUMMARY

Globally, one in three trafficking victims is a child (U.N., 2020). In the Indian states of Assam and West Bengal, children living in vulnerable areas, like red-light districts, are especially susceptible to trafficking and exploitation. With your support, we are working together with the community to protect children, fight against trafficking, and empower survivors.

Assam

In March, we opened a Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Center (CFLRC) in the red-light district of Silchar, becoming the only nongovernmental organization to work there in 100 years. The center provides children of sex workers with nutrition, mental health support, and education. Also, we provided emergency food to 23 CFLRC mothers during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the local government has invited us to host a Celebrating Families workshop in FY22 to help families address abuse and neglect.

Other highlights from FY21 include:

- Empowered 9,507 girls to be powerful community advocates through 233 Girl Power Groups (GPGs).
- Encouraged 4,408 men from 144 Men Care Groups to place more value on—and rethink their perceptions of—women and girls, and to advocate for their protection in their communities. So far, seven groups have helped stop 11 child marriages.

West Bengal

In West Bengal, World Vision is now recognized as one of the top agencies working against human trafficking and is invited to all state-level policy discussions regarding trafficking. In FY21 alone, we:

- Reached at least 1 million people with messages on child protection through TV, radio, and online media.
- Worked with Hindu, Muslim, and Christian leaders to launch a massive Faith in Action Campaign. A day of prayer for trafficking survivors and a call to action was issued in 240 mosques, and the Hindu Brahmin Association organized a “Save Our Girls” campaign to reach 80,000 people in FY22.
- Helped 291 GPGs grow in responsibility and confidence. During Cyclone Yass in May 2021, GPGs monitored adolescent girls to prevent trafficking and abuse. GPGs are now respected by and collaborate with police and faith leaders.



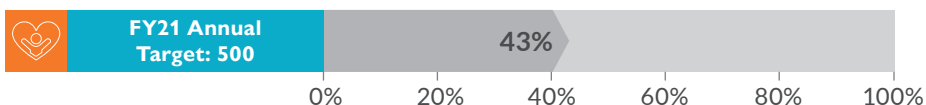
Above, a Girl Power Group conducts a weekly meeting in Dhubri district, Assam. All the members are completing life-skills training, and 1,491 girls are in World Vision's Sports for Development program, where they learn life skills through soccer.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

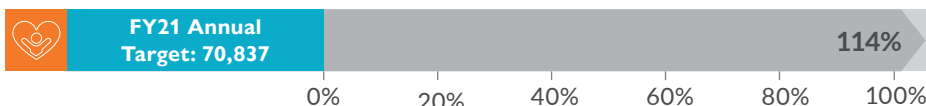
113,825 community members in Assam were educated to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration*



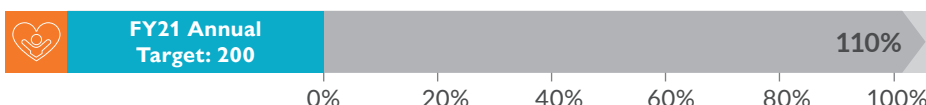
214 faith leaders in Assam completed Channels of Hope for Child Protection training*



80,609 community members in West Bengal were educated to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration



219 men in West Bengal participated in Men Care Groups



BANGLADESH

SUMMARY

Over the past five years, the Jiboner Jannya (Well-Being of Life) Project has removed children from the worst forms of child labor and provided them with catch-up education services. We have strengthened families by improving parents' ability to earn income and care for their children. We mobilized faith leaders to help influence behaviors and end harmful cultural norms. We also have equipped local government representatives to create a safer environment for children in some of the poorest areas of Bangladesh.

We were able to do this because of our partnership with donors like you. Your generous support helped to accomplish the following:

- 2,210 children were impacted by the establishment of seven Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers (CFLRCs), which provide
- early childhood care for 3-to-5-year-olds, as well as primary and secondary school programs.
- 2,319 parents and caregivers received training on positive parenting and nonviolent discipline.
- 948 children were enrolled in formal schooling after they graduated from CFLRCs.
- 572 parents received support with vocational training and cash grants for small businesses, which helped to offset lost income due to removing their children from the workforce.
- 162 Community Based Child Protection Committee members were trained to report child protection cases to local authorities and refer victims to social services.

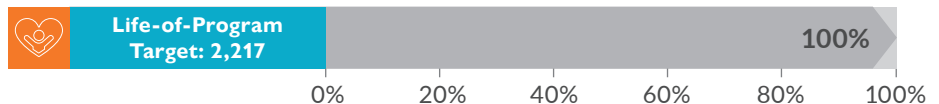


We first met Bristy (pictured above left in red, with her mother) in 2017. She was only 11 and worked 12-to-14-hour days alongside her mother, Amena, peeling shrimp to survive and trying to avoid being married off by her father. Our Child Protection program helped Amena and Bristy create and live out a family development plan. Amena established a small fabric business, and Bristy returned to school.

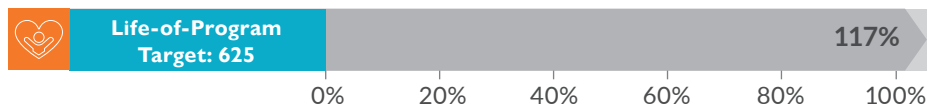
Now 15, Bristy (above right) is healthy, thriving, and determined to become a teacher who works with access-challenged children.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

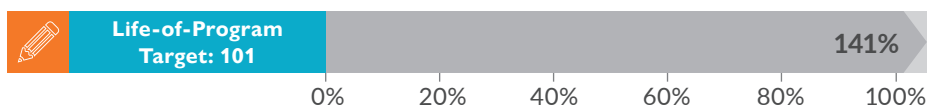
2,217 youth participated in LSBE courses



734 children were legally registered as citizens and received birth certificates, entitling them to government services



142 youth peer educators were trained to lead LSBE courses



766 families created family development plans to improve livelihoods and parenting skills



GUATEMALA

SUMMARY

Gender-based violence is the most reported crime in Guatemala ([USAID](#)). And gender inequality contributes to high levels of violence against women and children. Through the Community Roots Project (CRP), World Vision and USAID are working alongside vulnerable populations to address these types of violence and inequality, empower youth and women, restore families, and renew hope.

Since 2016, the Community Roots Project has engaged 335,254 people in restorative activities. In fiscal year 2021 alone, we:

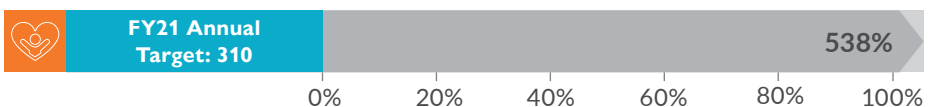
- Trained 358 youth, in partnership with award-winning digital media agency Rana Labs, to create videos on how to avoid unsafe migration, including staying in Guatemala and participating in CRP.
- Strengthened the capacity of 120 women small-business owners in Chiquimula to help increase their competitiveness and business income.
- Collaborated with Azteca Guatemala Foundation and Italika motorcycle manufacturers to train 20 youth in motorcycle repair for future employment. Another 25 youth are scheduled to participate in the next training at the start of FY22.
- “I’d separated from my partner because he was very violent,” said Candy Duarte, who took the course. “Being in a cycle of violence not only harms women, but it also harms our children as well. So, when the Community Roots Project gave me a chance to continue my education, I jumped at it. . . . Many people told me not to enroll because it’s a man’s job and no one would hire a woman for mechanic work. . . . Now, here in Guatemala, there are women that work at this type of thing, too.”
- Trained 48 women living in Malacatán and Coatepeque, teaching them to make products from macramé and banana fiber. Their products will potentially be sold at Walmart in FY22.



In FY21, through the Community Roots Project, we joined with local education providers and law enforcement to provide parenting workshops and helped facilitate virtual sessions for youth on ways to avoid human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and abuse. Also, we worked with students to organize violence-prevention commissions and draft action plans.

PROJECT UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

1,667 community-led activities were carried out to help prevent violence and migration



4,253 children and youth received support to attend school or vocational training



450 program participants obtained jobs or internships



FINANCIALS

Child Protection Fund
(October 2016 through September 2021)

\$14,930,453 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: \$13,326,424

89%

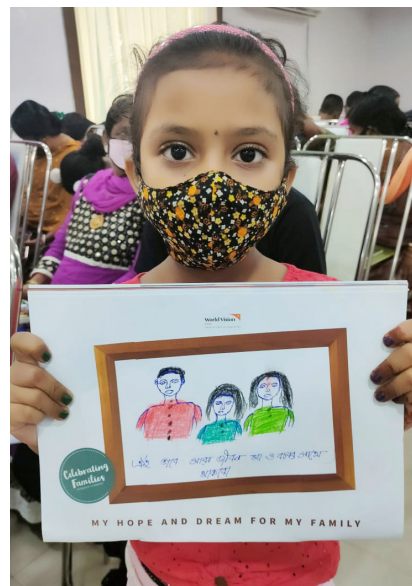
THANK YOU

Through your continued partnership with World Vision, even more vulnerable children, families, and communities throughout Bangladesh, Guatemala, India, and Kenya are being transformed. They are changing their attitudes, behaviors, and livelihoods to end harmful cultural norms (such as child labor, child marriage, and female genital mutilation), exploitation, trafficking, abuse, and violence.

“Conversations with my son, who underwent [Alternative Rites of Passage] training sponsored by World Vision, has made me view things differently,” said a parent in Kenya. “He told me candidly how subjecting our girls to FGM is making their future bleak. ... I have since become [a] promoter of girl child education.”

Thank you for helping to make a difference by giving children and their families hope and the opportunity to dream for a better future.

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you; ... See, I am doing a new thing!” —Isaiah 43:5, 19



A young girl of West Bengal, India, proudly displays art representing her hopes and dreams for her family at a Celebrating Families workshop.



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