

SUMMARY

World Vision aims to help children thrive in all aspects of life, but nothing exceeds seeing them learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Your support is integral to the Christian Discipleship Fund, which equips churches and children’s ministry leaders with training and resources to help young people develop their faith.

Working virtually or with other limitations because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we reached nearly 900,000 people with discipleship activities.

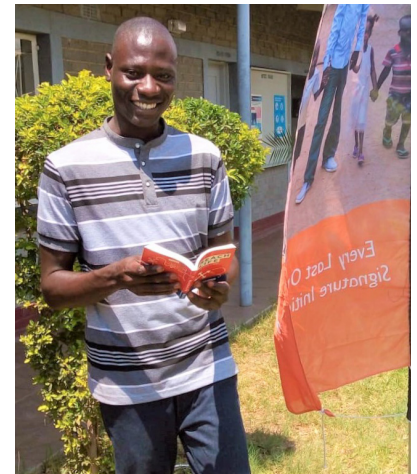
Children learned how to experience, express, and share the love of God with their neighbors. They studied the Bible, developed their spiritual identity and purpose, and benefited

from mentoring.

“I share with my peers that all your decisions and actions should be in line with the commitment that you have made to live your best life for Jesus,” said Kalenga Kalaga, 22, a peer mentor in Zimbabwe (shown at right).

We taught parents and church leaders how to raise and disciple children in a way that enables young people to value themselves and care for others. We also provided effective resources to children’s ministry workers.

Most projects concluded in FY21 and will transition to new ones starting in FY22. We invite you to join us in praying for children and those who serve them in this next key phase.



World Vision equips parents, caregivers, teachers, faith-based leaders, and churches to introduce children to God’s love. This collaboration seeks to remove barriers to spiritual growth, make faith relevant and vital, and bring hope to families and communities.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

6,241,421 pastors, Christian ministry leaders, teachers, and families have been equipped with training and resources children need to discover or deepen their faith in Jesus Christ since October 2015, including 899,871 new people in FY21.

- ✝ **566,619** children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities since October 2015, including 104,600 new participants in FY21.
- ✝ **33,395** pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 3,729 new participants in FY21.
- ✝ **5,639** churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 1,297 new churches in FY21.
- ✝ **220,680** Bibles were made available, including 32,370 in FY21. These benefited 1,103,400 people, including 161,850 in FY21.
- ✝ **115,271** people were directly and indirectly impacted through Christian Discipleship in the Kakuma Refugee Camp for the two-year life of the project, which ended in FY21.

CENTRAL AMERICA

SUMMARY

Using virtual methods to deliver programs, we helped children and parents in El Salvador and Honduras through training, outreaches, mentoring, and other activities. We have helped more than 93,000 children and youth over the past five years, exceeding our target.

Achievements during FY21 include:

In El Salvador:

- Reached 15,500 children through Elim Christian Mission and designed The Tenderness Bus, which provided child discipleship virtually in a television and social media format.
- Created a digital platform to train more church leaders on child discipleship. This included training 269 leaders on methods to disciple children and adolescents.
- Mentored 800 adolescents virtually.

In Honduras:

- Reached 9,480 children and youth through community evangelism,

prayer for the sick, arts and sports events, and other outreaches.

- Trained 662 youth-to-youth mentors, with 97% of them indicating that the training strengthened their commitment to minister to youth.
- Nearly quadrupled the number of churches reached with training.

Challenges and key learnings

COVID-19 changed how we delivered our project. We adapted to virtual methods when in-person events could not be safely carried out.

Tropical storms Eta and Iota in Honduras caused much damage to families and the country. Through our partnerships with churches, we helped coordinate deliveries of food and other aid to the most vulnerable.

Plans for the next six months

Our work in El Salvador and Honduras will become part of the Central America Faith Project, which includes Guatemala and Nicaragua. The expanded project starts in 2022.

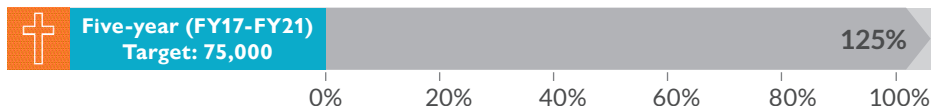


“We follow the ... methodologies that World Vision gave us for the spiritual nurturing of children. In my congregation, we are now more connected with the children, ... so they feel more comfortable, cared for, and motivated. I hope that [someday these children] ... will be able to train others and teach the word of God to people who have not known Jesus. I am very grateful to World Vision and its donors.”

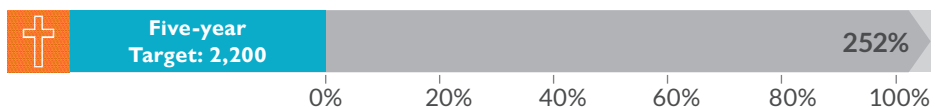
—Sandra Maricela Abarca,
Sunday school teacher
in Honduras

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

93,408 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 23,252 in FY21.



5,545 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 509 in FY21.



637 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 134 in FY21.



ETHIOPIA

SUMMARY

The pandemic—along with security challenges brought on by ethnic conflicts—made the project challenging to deliver, but vital to participants in Ethiopia. Over the past five years, we reached nearly 108,000 children and youth, more than tripling our target.

Achievements during FY21 include:

- Taught 4,465 children how to experience, express, and share the love of God with their neighbors. They learned to do their part in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, participated in spiritual activities in their churches and homes, and demonstrated their faith.
- Trained 3,756 community members, parents, and caregivers on biblical gender equality, child and youth counseling, and child character formation.
- Trained 717 leaders of churches and faith-based organizations on

peacefully raising positive children and youth in hostile situations and during turbulent times.

Challenges and key learnings

The ethnic conflict has worsened and left thousands of families homeless. The problem is extremely complex, with some geographic areas inaccessible to us.

Our team asked for prayer and the Lord's favor in caring for children, making disciples, and delivering services in a war zone.

Because COVID-19 made it difficult to gather people for training and discussion, we rescheduled and revised some activities to stay connected.

Plans for the next six months

FY21 marked the end of the Ethiopia project's first phase, which will become part of the Africa Faith Project. An end line evaluation will be conducted to inform Phase 2.

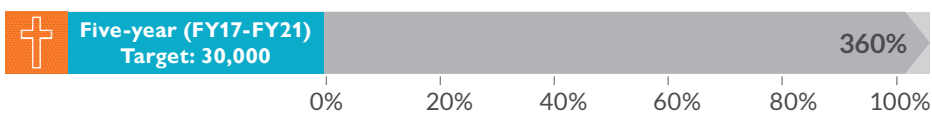


“Had it not been for the [World Vision training on marriage and parenting], I would have remained with my problem. ... Now things are changed in my life. I know how to be tolerant and to express my concerns with a positive tone. ... Thanks [for] the positive impact that has been created in my life in handling my marital relation and in bringing up my child.”

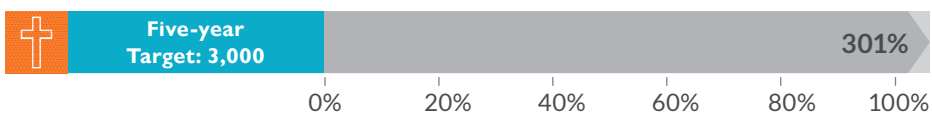
—Bethlehem, trainee and trainer

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

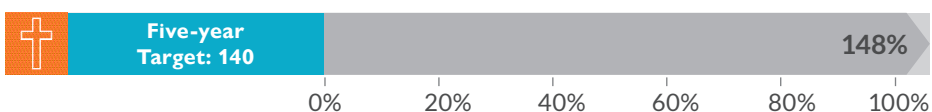
107,872 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 21,857 in FY21.



9,040 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children's ministry, including 2,385 in FY21.



207 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, continuing on from previous years.



KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

SUMMARY

The project helped provide stability to more than 55,000 children and youth in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in northwest Kenya over the past two years, surpassing our target.

Achievements during FY21 include:

- Reached 17,557 students in 14 primary schools with our materials—delivered through a Kenyan government-approved program—to create a supportive environment that enables children to develop and practice spiritual knowledge. The program was taught by 56 Bible Club patrons and peer educators to help children grow in maturity and responsibility.
- Supported 180 Sunday school teachers from 91 churches with teaching materials.
- Conducted rallies in schools that are opening doors for community engagement. Church leaders and members participate as speakers, presenting materials and sharing Bible teachings. Parents and church leaders reinforce lessons.

- Equipped a team to prevent, detect, and respond to child protection issues in 20 churches.

Challenges and key learnings

High rates of attrition among church youth workers and schoolteachers have led us to continually recruit and train replacements.

The government’s capacity to respond to child protection violations is low. We are working closely with a coalition of child-focused nongovernmental organizations to train church leaders to follow through on child protection issues.

Because of COVID-19, schools reduced classroom hours and suspended co-curricular activities, including our project. To continue our work with teachers, we met with them on weekends.

Plans for the next six months

With carryover funds from the past two years, we will extend a program with Scott Christian University in Kenya to train pastors and Christian leaders in theology.

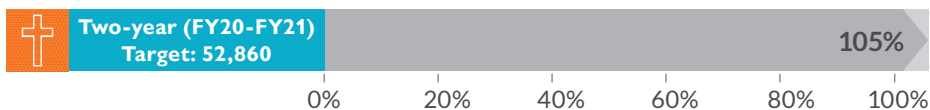


“My performance in class has improved compared to before I joined the Bible club.”

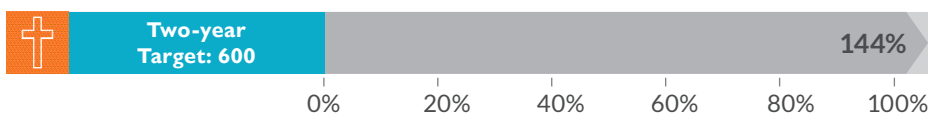
*—Komakech,
seventh-grade student and
Bible club chair, shown
teaching members to be kind,
tenderhearted, and forgiving to
one another, as encouraged in
Ephesians 4:32*

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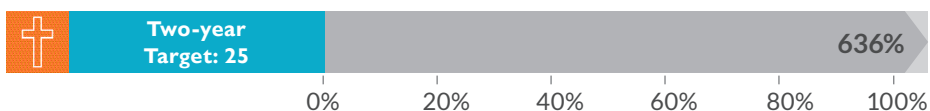
55,646 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 46,066 in FY21.



862 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 456 in FY21.



159 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 91 in FY21.



KENYA

SUMMARY

Our team in Kenya saw positive results as we exceeded our target by serving more than 85,000 children and youth over the past five years.

Achievements during FY21 include:

- Increased the number of children participating in faith development activities nearly sevenfold over FY20. A baseline survey in the Kalawa area program found that the project impacted 2,344 children—more than 98%—through activities designed to help them develop their spiritual identity and purpose.
- Established neighborhood Bible clubs when the pandemic kept children away from school. Children also connected virtually with spiritual activities.
- Trained parents and caregivers in the Celebrating Families curriculum to promote child well-being. Project sites reported improved parent-child relationships, more peaceful marriages, and better planning for the children’s futures.

- Supported 343 church leaders to complete a program in theology and Christian ministry through a two-year partnership with Scott Christian University. Our training helped pastors increase church membership, address community problems, and start programs focused on child well-being.

Challenges and key learnings

Restrictions during the pandemic delayed project implementation, reducing participant reach and time available for meetings. We held smaller meetings, trained online, equipped local trainers of trainers who were not restricted in traveling, and partnered with local Christian radio stations to air some of our programming.

Plans for the next six months

With the project transitioning to the Africa Faith Project in 2022, we will conduct an end line evaluation. We also will help the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops design a child discipleship curriculum.

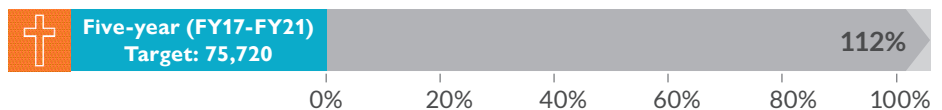


“I once again take this opportunity to thank World Vision for supporting pastors’ theology training. It has changed my old ways of doing things, like preaching and interacting with people of different faiths. My knowledge and skills have greatly improved. My desire is to see the lives of children changing through the word of God.”

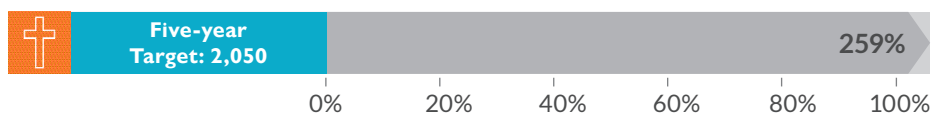
—Emmanuel,
church leader (not pictured)

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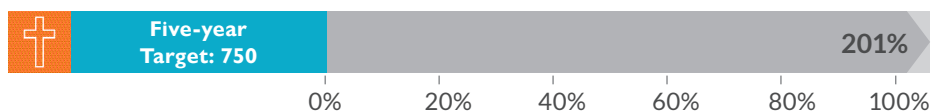
85,077 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 9,508 in FY21.



5,307 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 271 in FY21.



1,510 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 272 in FY21.



PHILIPPINES

SUMMARY

In the Philippines, the project found success in connecting with children, parents, caregivers, faith leaders, and churches through various means to help boost child well-being. By helping nearly 180,000 children and youth over the past five years, we surpassed our target.

Achievements during FY21 included:

- Reached 11,433 children with Christian discipleship activities, trained 4,949 parents and caregivers on improving their relationships with children, and engaged 102 churches, faith-based organizations, and their leaders.
- Used a variety of approaches to carry out the project in the face of pandemic restrictions, including virtual interactions and distributing printed materials for participants to work on individually and remotely.
- Reconnected with the head of a school, along with teachers, who had earlier participated in

our trainings. That led to the school using the project’s activity booklet for their students and families. It also strengthened the school’s resolve to continue using our materials.

Challenges and key learnings

The pandemic limited mobility of participants and staff, which affected how activities were organized and conducted.

In place of our regular monitoring, we were able to confirm implementation of activities at two schools through a simpler process of monitoring project activities and tracking project participants.

Unstable and inaccessible internet connections also affected implementation of the project.

Plans for the next six months

FY21 marked the end of the first phase of the project, which will become part of the Asia Faith Project in Phase 2.

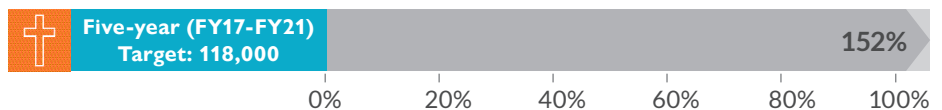


“I believe that God’s word can have a powerful impact in our lives if we reflect on it. ... I hope that my leadership can give an impact to the participants. There are many issues that affect the youth now. It is important that they strengthen their faith in God to guide them.”

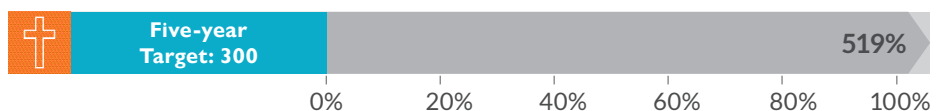
*—Jay, 17,
volunteer workshop facilitator,
holding his Reflection Journal*

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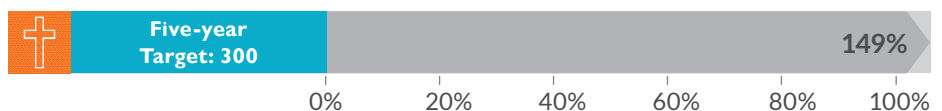
178,942 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 11,433 in FY21.



1,556 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 53 in FY21.



446 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 49 in FY21.



ZIMBABWE

SUMMARY

We continued trainings, outreaches, and other activities in Zimbabwe to engage participants and set up the next phase of the project. We surpassed our target by reaching nearly 78,000 children and youth over the past five years.

Achievements during FY21 include:

- Reached 4,721 children with trainings in Dare to Discover and Empowered Worldview.
- Trained 15,282 women and men in Celebrating Families, with peer-to-peer parent caregiver groups and men’s groups helping to strengthen the capacity of families to protect and care for their children.
- Reached 385 churches and faith-based organizations, a total that was seven times our annual goal.

Challenges and lessons learned

The COVID-19 pandemic slowed program implementation because of lockdowns, curfews, and other restrictions on gatherings. We

communicated with participants through mobile phones and in person in outdoor situations, such as in their gardens or at food distributions.

Schools closed because of the pandemic, and when they reopened, students faced a heavy course load. That made it difficult for schools to allow extracurricular activities.

Plans for the next six months

With 2022 as the transition year for the project to become fully part of the Africa Faith Project in 2023, we will:

- Engage with partners on planning Vacation Bible School and Reach 4 Life
- Conduct follow-up workshops on Dare to Discover and Empowered Worldview
- Enable mentors to follow up on established youth groups, and train community leaders
- Train community leaders on managing child-friendly spaces

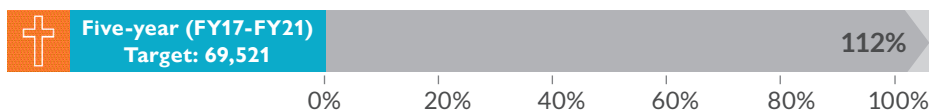


“In the past, my wife and I would make decisions for our family without involving the children. It is only after attending the Celebrating Families workshop organized by World Vision that I realized some of the decisions we made were negatively affecting our children, but they could not say anything because they are ‘just kids.’ ... I can testify that these materials have been a great support in our spiritual growth.”

—Chinamano Ncube Jay,
Hwange area program

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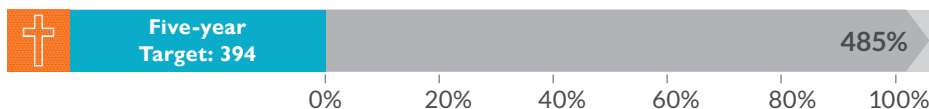
77,787 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 38,550 in FY21.



4,319 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 273 in FY21.



1,909 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 842 in FY21.



INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND

SUMMARY

Thanks to your generous support of the International Bible Fund, World Vision provided guidance and hope to 161,850 people in FY21 by giving out 32,370 Bibles in four countries.

A recent distribution by World Vision's community development initiative in Malawi provided not only food for spiritual growth, but also inspiration for academic achievement among high school students and community outreach by churches. For example, the Bibles equipped church partners to teach parents to cherish and nurture their children through child protection training.

"At World Vision, we always make sure that in everything we do, we are led by the Word of God," said Thokozani Chibwana, project manager, during the distribution ceremony. "[For instance], the child protection project is well aligned with the Christian faith. We must make sure that our children and parents ... can read the Word of God and believe."

In FY21 alone, this community-changing, hope-giving gift of God's Word reached children and adults in Malawi, Mozambique, Peru, and Zimbabwe.

The Bibles are being used for kids' clubs and Bible study groups. They also serve as a resource for pastors leading World Vision's Christian Discipleship programs, including child protection activities.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic slowed supply chains and complicated travel last year, we have plans to increase distributions next year. Approximately 45,000 Bibles are currently being procured in Malawi, Peru, and Angola for distribution in the coming year.

As you support World Vision's International Bible Fund, you help place Bibles into the hands of vulnerable children and families. Thank you for your generous expression of God's love and grace.



"Let us thank God for the gift of Bibles as the world is changing. Without the Word of God, we can easily lose our faith."

*—Richard Chigwenembe,
World Vision director of Faith
and Development in Malawi*

PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

1,103,400 PEOPLE have benefitted from Bibles provided through the International Bible Fund since July 2016, including 161,850 people in FY21.



220,680 Bibles have been made available since July 2016, including 32,370 in FY21.

FINANCIALS

Global Christian Discipleship Fund Program-to-Date Spending (October 2015 through September 2021)

\$12,699,442 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: \$12,338,952

97%

International Bible Fund Program-to-Date Spending (July 2016 through September 2021)

\$2,128,946 program-to-date funding*

Program-to-date spending: \$1,803,727

85%

Kakuma Refugee Response Program-to-Date Spending** (October 2019 through September 2021)

\$460,000 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: \$435,423

92%

*This figure corrects the semiannual report, which should have shown this same funding amount.

**As this response has ended, remaining funds (\$24,577) will be used for an extended program with Scott Christian University in Kenya to train pastors and Christian leaders in theology in FY22.

THANK YOU

Discipling children and helping them develop their faith can transform their lives forever. Your vital support makes that possible—enabling World Vision to equip and encourage faith leaders, support parents, and join with partners to strengthen children’s relationships with Jesus.

This is even more essential during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we need to adjust to changing conditions to safely implement our projects. You share in this rewarding work. Consider Nicole and Nomvelo (shown at right) as they display their prayer points for the 2021 Day of Prayer in Zimbabwe.

“Lord guide us during this pandemic as a nation,” they wrote. “God assist us with our studies. Lord we seek your wisdom. We pray for restoration from the losses due to COVID-19. Thank you almighty for the gift of life and for your wisdom you have given us as a family [and] nation.”

We appreciate your investment in the Child Discipleship Fund and the spiritual lives of children. Thanks to your support, and with God’s favor, we can help youth like Nicole and Nomvelo know Jesus and live life in the fullness He promised.



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