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MOTHER and CHILD HEALTH

Every mother and child has a right to health and an opportunity to flourish.



Goal

Deliver essential healthcare, nutrition support, and treatment to 2 million pregnant women, newborns, and children under 5



Progress

917,723 people reached* from October 2015 through September 2020



Investment

\$50 million (fiscal years 2016–2023)

*The total program participant numbers reflect some 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 reflect our active work as well as projects in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia that have been completed, and similar projects in Kenya and Zimbabwe that were funded by a foundation donor.



A massive gap still exists

Despite progress made in the last 30 years, many people living in poor rural communities lack access to basic healthcare.

- Every day, over 14,200 children under the age of 5 still die. Imagine if every child in 30 elementary schools here in the U.S. died today. And every day after that. It's one child every 7 seconds.
- The worst part is that most of these children are dying from preventable causes like birth complications, pneumonia, diarrhea, and malaria.

Stopping preventable death in its tracks

Every child is a precious gift from God, which is why World Vision is committed to helping end these needless tragedies. We're already making a significant impact—and with your partnership, we can continue our proven, cost-effective, and community-empowering methods that save lives and dramatically improve the health of women and children.

What is our approach?

We focus on pregnant mothers and the first 1,000 days of their children's lives in three critical ways:



1

Prevention

We empower women with vital health knowledge and support so they and their children are less likely to be affected by malnutrition, disease, and sickness in the first place.

2

Treatment

We equip and train local community health workers to quickly diagnose and treat cases of malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea in homes to greatly increase survival rates.

3

Clinic upgrades

We fill gaps at rural clinics—access to clean water, equipment, supplies, medicine, and staff training—so workers have a better chance of successfully treating patients.



Scan to meet Rhoda, a community health worker in Zambia.

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Since 2016:

7,629 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS and volunteers were trained.

770 NURSES AND MIDWIVES in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.

138 CLINICS received support—such as access to clean water, sanitation facilities, equipment, and training—to provide improved mother and child healthcare.

939 FAITH LEADERS were trained to advocate for the use of mother and child healthcare services.



Gertrude in Zimbabwe is one of 184,000 community health workers trained and supported by World Vision globally.



“The thing that most impressed us was the breadth, depth, and interconnectedness of World Vision’s health programs.”

—Dr. Anne Klamar, Mother and Child Health co-chair, Ohio (with her husband, co-chair Dr. Rob Klamar)

Double-digit improvements

In October 2015, World Vision launched Phase 1 of our Mother and Child Health Signature Initiative with projects in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia.

At project completion, we had exceeded all targets and delivered double-digit impact on key indicators:

- **94% of the malnourished children** we treated in our Somalia project areas made a full recovery.
- Infant mortality in our Uganda project areas was **reduced by 27%**.
- Exclusive breastfeeding rates in our Zambia project areas **increased from 71% to 88%**.
- Assisted births in our Uganda project areas **improved from 56% to 89%**.

Going further

Now in Phase 2, we’ve launched our proven programs in northern Zambia and Niger, where the needs are even more urgent.

With your support, we will cover three entire districts and support another 200,000 women and children with vital health information, treatment, and access to better healthcare.



Over the last 10 years, **89% of the severely malnourished children** we treated made a full recovery.



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High-impact partners

We're able to reach more people and your investment is leveraged for greater impact because of our local and global partnerships within the private and public sectors.



World Vision Join us in following Jesus into the toughest places, where He's already at work. Together, let's equip more children and families to create change for themselves. **Help end preventable mother and child deaths.**

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