

An invitation to partner

Beyond Access

Family-centered and women-focused for lasting change



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We believe ending extreme poverty is possible—but only if we act now to empower women and girls. When half the population is held back, progress stalls. By following Jesus’ example in serving the most vulnerable people, we accelerate true transformation and fullness of life for all.

The **Beyond Access** program is built on the belief that ending extreme poverty can be accelerated when families increase their incomes through empowering women.

By intentionally sequencing our behavior change, water, and economic empowerment

programs, women move from hopelessness, dependency, and having the burden of daily water collection to living with time and freedom to pursue income-generating work. Transformation is accelerated when women’s human, spiritual, and economic potential are unlocked, strengthening families and uplifting entire communities.

Program expansion

Originally launched (2023–2025) in four countries, the program demonstrated strong results, prompting its expansion (2026–2030) to a total of 12 countries to reach

more families and amplify its impact.

Data validation

Results from the original program’s midterm study show that women in the Beyond Access program are experiencing improvements in many aspects of life, including significantly increased water access, autonomy over their time, and improved incomes.

By 2030, World Vision’s Beyond Access program will empower 360,000 people across 12 countries to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

THE CHALLENGE



According to the World Bank, 831 million people, just over 10% of the global population, live in extreme poverty on less than \$3.00 per day.

Nearly 4,000 people—over 1,000 of them children under 5—die every day from diseases related to lack of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Extreme poverty remains a global issue, driven by factors like harmful cultural norms and limited access to clean water and economic opportunity.

Women and girls, in particular, face persistent obstacles that hold them back from reaching their full, God-given potential.

Harmful cultural practices rob women and girls of opportunity—fueling early pregnancies, child marriage, violence, food insecurity, and increasing the risk of school dropout and long-term health complications.

Globally, the water crisis steals time from women and girls.

In sub-Saharan Africa alone, women and girls spend nearly 200 million hours every day collecting water instead of going to school or earning income.

Data collected in the initial Beyond Access program areas of

Kenya and Zimbabwe show that women were walking up to 9.8 miles round-trip, burning up to 950 calories, and carrying up to 110 pounds in their daily journeys to collect water.

Even with additional time, many barriers still stand between women and true economic empowerment. Despite making up 43% of the agricultural workforce in developing economies, women face significant obstacles to financial and economic opportunity, with hundreds of millions lacking access to credit, technology, and financial services.

Extreme poverty affects entire families, but women and girls bear the greatest burden. Without breaking these barriers, poverty will persist from one generation to the next.

OUR APPROACH



Beyond Access is a carefully sequenced multisector program that tackles extreme poverty at its roots. It is family-centered, community-driven, and women-focused, to accelerate lasting impact for generations to come.

When families—particularly women and girls—gain seamless access to clean water, economic opportunities, and supportive environments that promote personal growth and well-being, they begin to thrive. By expanding access to business markets and ensuring women and girls have equal voices in household and community decision-making, the program fosters empowerment and resilience. This multisector approach leads to stronger, healthier families and more vibrant communities.

Beyond Access helps fulfill World Vision’s economic empowerment and water programs in 12 countries, integrating behavior change programming to drive lasting impact.

Behavior change: The Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) model addresses dependency mindsets and promotes personal empowerment for those living in extreme poverty. Building on the foundation of BEWV, we add Celebrating Families workshops, equipping men, women, pastors, and caregivers to create loving, safe homes where children can flourish. These biblically based resources foster secure, unified, and violence-free family environments, following Christ’s teaching to love and serve one another.

Water: Clean water access is a catalyst for lifting communities out of extreme poverty. With water sources nearby and improved sanitation and hygiene, sickness and malnutrition decrease, freeing children to attend school and empowering women to pursue economic opportunities that

support their families. Our water programs respond to the specific needs of women and girls—including menstrual health—and combine infrastructure with proven approaches to impact everyday hygiene practices.

Economic empowerment: Through our economic empowerment program, THRIVE, women form savings groups to pool their funds and lend to each other for starting or growing businesses. They gain financial literacy, learn to manage household and business budgets, and coach one another in entrepreneurship. As their businesses grow, market knowledge and access training helps increase productivity and profitability. After two years, mature savings groups can access loans from our partner VisionFund to accelerate their lending activities.

OUR APPROACH (CONTINUED)

Objectives and outcomes

We will track progress through the implementation of our sequenced approach and the following Beyond Access targets:

Behavior change: 150,000 people participated in Biblical Empowered Worldview workshops

Water: 360,000 people gaining access to a clean drinking water source in communities

Economic empowerment: 130,000 members of savings groups



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Beyond Access guiding principles:

- **Family-centered, women-focused:** When women are empowered, children are better cared for, families are stronger, and communities are more prosperous. With more income, women are able to invest more in their families, creating lasting change across generations. That's why the Beyond Access program prioritizes the most vulnerable—women, girls, and others often left behind.
- **Multisector and sequenced:** We combine clean water access, economic empowerment through our THRIVE program, and behavior change through our Biblical Empowered Worldview and Celebrating Families programs to seamlessly align and reinforce each other. This intentionality creates synergy, efficiency and momentum for change that lasts.
- **Community-led:** Programs are built directly with each community, ensuring local ownership and sustainability long after outside support ends.

Impact of Beyond Access integrated programming:

- **Multiplier effect:** We believe when interventions are combined, they make each other stronger, leading to a much greater overall impact than any one approach could achieve on its own. This connected strategy means each dollar does more, because the efforts support and build on one another.
- **Transformational impact:** Children thrive in safe, stable homes free from extreme poverty, where their health, education, and emotional well-being are prioritized. In these environments, families can grow resilient and self-sufficient, and communities benefit from a new generation of empowered youth.
- **Rapid progress:** Families fast-track their path out of extreme poverty, building a stronger, more secure future.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS



Activity and progress reporting

World Vision will provide donors to the Beyond Access Fund with a report twice per year. The reports will include progress toward our goal, photos, and stories of impact.

Learning for impact

Throughout the Beyond Access program, we are tracking progress of key program aims, key indicators of empowerment, and implementation quality.

World Vision wants to understand what is working well and what is not, so we can capture best practices that can be applied in future programs.

Past and current research partners

World Vision partners with respected third-party researchers to evaluate impact over time.



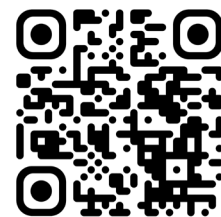
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Emory University—a world-renowned institution with a strong reputation in water research, action-centered learning, and a focus on women's empowerment—was a key partner in the original Beyond Access program and helped develop the model being implemented in the expansion phase.

“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.”

—Edgar Sandoval Sr.,
president and CEO of
World Vision



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from our midterm
study findings.

WHY WORLD VISION



World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the kingdom of God.

Christ is at the center of our work. We follow Jesus' example to care for those among us in greatest need. Our focus is on helping the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience fullness of life.

We scale your impact. With 75 years of experience and expert staff in nearly 100 countries, we have the infrastructure, experience, and relationships needed to empower families to create lasting change.

Your giving is leveraged. We're able to leverage gifts from many sources—cash donations, sponsorship gifts, corporate gifts-in-kind, and public grants—to maximize the impact for people we serve, supercharging our programs to reach even more children and families.

We are committed to equality for women and girls. We work to shift discriminatory mindsets and behaviors, fostering environments where men, women, boys, and girls can build healthy, respectful relationships—putting an end to harmful cultural norms and traditions.

We engage the whole community. As a reflection of God's love for all people, we work with entire communities—women and men, girls and boys—to transform harmful and discriminatory practices together. We empower community leaders to identify and challenge destructive norms and beliefs; support faith, community, and government leaders to address injustices; and collaborate with local governments to strengthen systems that protect girls and women.

IN CLOSING



Extreme poverty is more than a lack of income—it limits choices, erodes a sense of dignity, and creates barriers to experiencing the fullness of life that Jesus desires for every person. Beyond Access is a Christ-centered approach that helps families and communities overcome the root causes of poverty through behavior change programming, access to water and sanitation, and economic empowerment interventions. When these efforts are combined and intentionally timed, we believe they will strengthen one another, leading to deeper and longer-lasting impact.

Spanning 12 countries over five years, this initiative aims to raise \$45 million in philanthropic support from U.S. donors by 2030—directly reaching 360,000 individuals through targeted interventions.

Please prayerfully consider making a generous gift and joining others across the country who are answering the call to be Jesus' hands and feet through this powerful kingdom work.

You can put your faith in action by helping families break free from extreme poverty in Jesus' name.

For more information visit: worldvisionphilanthropy.org/women



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