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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

1.59 million people reached* from October 2015 through March 2022



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

In the areas where World Vision works, half the health clinics don't have clean water and 84% don't even have basic handwashing facilities. Many mothers are required to bring their own water to wash themselves and their newborns after giving birth and, not surprisingly, infections spread under these conditions. While the miracle of birth should be a joyous occasion, too often it becomes a death sentence for mother or baby.

- A lack of adequate healthcare means that giving birth in the developing world is a threat to the life of both mother and baby. It carries a risk of death up to 20 times greater than in the U.S.
- One in six patients in the developing world gets an infection at their health center, with such infections responsible for up to half the deaths of babies.

Stopping preventable death in its tracks

World Vision is committed to helping end these needless tragedies through the proven interventions of improving health centers and training and equipping community health workers—and with your partnership, we can help save millions of lives.

What is our approach?

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





Since 2016:

8,270 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS and volunteers have been trained.

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

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

1,008 FAITH LEADERS have been 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, donor partner, Ohio
(with her husband, 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%**.

A new level of need in Phase 2 projects

Our Phase 2 projects are underway in Luwingu, Zambia, as well as Dosso and Maradi, Niger—districts with some of the worst health outcomes in their respective countries.

With your support, we will serve these three districts with training for community health workers, clean water improvements in healthcare facilities, and health support for more than 200,000 women and their children.



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.



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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