

# ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2020 – September 2021 | Hope for Honduras

## SUMMARY

Thank you for partnering with us to empower Honduran families with the tools they need to create more hopeful futures at home.

Your investment in the Every Last One Campaign projects has made a significant difference in the lives of tens of thousands of women, men, young people, and children in Honduras in fiscal year 2021.

In Honduras, families in rural communities face different challenges than those in urban areas, so our approaches are customized to context. In rural areas, we focused on **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) and Economic Empowerment**—equipping families with the tools they need to overcome poverty. In urban hubs, where gang violence and violence in the home persist, we prioritized **Youth Workforce Development**

and **Child Protection**—creating a culture of safety and opportunity. And everywhere, as the foundation of everything we do, we shared the message that God loves the people of Honduras through our **Christian Discipleship** programs.

World Vision is deeply engaged in Honduras, working hand-in-hand with communities in every department (state) in the country. Our more than 400 dedicated local staff and partnership with more than 1,000 churches are making significant impacts in both rural and urban areas. This report specifically covers the progress you have made possible within the World Vision U.S. Every Last One Campaign.

[See our work in action in the Hope for Honduras video.](#)



*“In this place, we have everything we need for a good life.”*

*—Alejandro Vasquez Perez, a farmer working with the Honduras THRIVE project*

## COUNTRY UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

**498,636** **PEOPLE\*** empowered with access to essential services since October 2015, including 84,768 people during fiscal year 2021 (October 2020–September 2021).



**47,549**

people gained access to clean water since October 2020, including 13,137 people who were served previously, but who lost access to sustainable clean water due to the 2020 hurricanes.



**16,543**

children and youth directly benefited from our child protection programs, learning to identify and protect themselves and others from violence since fiscal year 2017.



**47,871**

people directly benefited from Christian discipleship programs, including training for leaders, children's programs, and Christian formation for parents and caregivers since fiscal year 2017.

\*Because of World Vision's deep investment in communities, some of the people reflected in these numbers have accessed multiple services. For example, a church leader may have participated in children's ministry training and also live in a community that received access to clean water.

# WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

## SUMMARY

For children and families across Honduras, access to clean water means healthier bodies, more nutritious food on the table, welcoming classrooms, higher incomes, and hope for a better future.

Hope was a theme for the WASH Program in FY21. Despite challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery from hurricanes Eta and Iota, World Vision surpassed several ambitious targets, including reaching 47,549 people with clean water (111% of target) and 5,620 children in schools (270% of target). Along the way, 45 WASH committees were trained to protect local watersheds to ensure water quality and abundance into the future.

### A focus on women

World Vision's commitment to gender equality in WASH programs resulted in more women not only participating in WASH activities,

but assuming key leadership roles. For instance, Maribel Sánchez, 30, was elected president of her WASH committee and helped direct the successful completion of a water system in La Retumbadora.

### Resilience

Many water systems provided by World Vision were left nonfunctional by hurricanes Eta and Iota. Since Hondurans in these communities had done much of the original construction themselves, they quickly rebuilt these systems, often before rebuilding their own homes.

We reached 142,070 people with hygiene kits—including soap, hand sanitizer, and towels—to slow the spread of COVID-19. We also worked with USAID to install 51 handwashing stations in health centers (helping achieve 536% of target), and with 59 faith leaders to champion healthy hygiene and sanitation practices.



Karla, age 10, and her friends experience the joy of a new water project in their community.

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

OUTCOME	PEOPLE REACHED IN FY21*	PERCENT OF ANNUAL TARGET
Access to Clean Water	47,549	111%
Access to Household Sanitation	10,326	54% <sup>†</sup>
Access to Handwashing Facilities	27,391	106%

\* FY21 is October 2020 through September 2021

<sup>†</sup> Some local governments reallocated household sanitation budgets to respond to the hurricanes, making it difficult to reach sanitation targets. World Vision is exploring a diverse range of local partnerships to address sanitation needs and ensure supplemental funding and support when governments cannot fulfill their commitments.

# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

## SUMMARY

Emergencies in Honduras—hurricanes Eta and Iota and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic—presented both great challenges and opportunities this year. Your support of World Vision’s THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) project helped accomplish the following in fiscal year 2021:

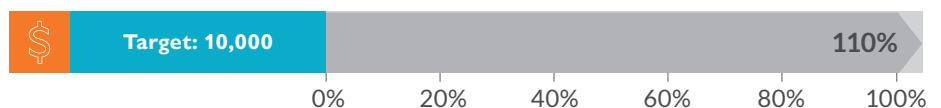
- The design of new projects that will expand key THRIVE activities across 80% of area programs over the next three years. This will help more families gain a mindset of empowerment, save money, improve livelihoods, grow business skills, and enhance child well-being.
- Gross sales of \$3.3 million for farmers, 97% from the coffee value chain and 3% from the bean value chain. A collaboration with the World Food Program (WFP), currently under negotiation, would allow producers to sell beans directly to WFP to support the country’s school lunch programs.
- Use of improved seeds by at least 1,336 (60%) of 2,213 producers surveyed, helping achieve crops resistant to climate variability, as well as to pests and diseases.
- Community rehabilitation of hurricane-damaged irrigation systems supporting 637 producers who cultivated 540 acres of value chain crops.
- Increased savings of \$37,940 in Savings for Transformation groups, which raised \$208,313 and had an average member savings of at least \$1,398. Savings help build resilience and grow livelihoods.
- Opportunities for producers to access formal markets and gain better, more stable prices for their crops, with 10 producers in the process of supplying Walmart and a relationship also underway with Inalma, an export business.



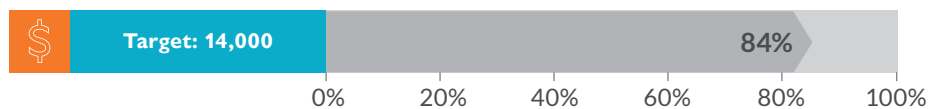
*As a community leader with influence in the agricultural sector, Elia Chavez personifies the transformation made possible by THRIVE training. She gained extensive knowledge in bringing products to market and serves on the board of Alliance of Women in Coffee. World Vision’s gender equality and social inclusion approach helped her become an active agent of change.*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY17-FY23)

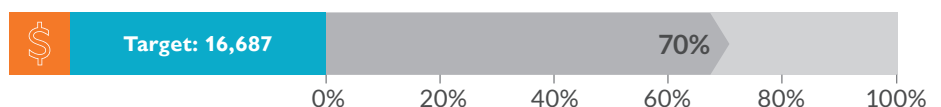
11,011 farmers using improved tools and practices



11,701 savings group members



11,615 acres farmed with soil and water conservation techniques



# CHILD PROTECTION

## SUMMARY

In Honduras, violence is a reality inside and outside the home. Gang violence is rampant in cities, and domestic violence is common too—especially against women and girls. Cultural norms can prevent victims from seeking and receiving justice. Our Child Protection work not only strengthens justice systems to help prevent and address violence, but also fosters a culture of peace in which the safety and care of children and other vulnerable groups is a priority.

This year, our church partnerships made it possible to respond quickly to child protection issues arising from the hurricanes and pandemic. During crises, vulnerable groups are at greater risk of violence. But we saw people coming together around a common goal: protecting children.

Together with your support, in FY21:

- 731 children formed 16 new Peace Clubs. In the clubs, children develop leadership skills, learn to recognize violence, and organize events to

promote nonviolence. We've now established 58 clubs, achieving our goal.

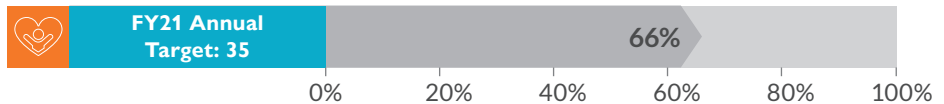
- 1,032 parents and caregivers and 210 faith and community leaders learned to break the cycles of generational violence through Raising Children with Tenderness training, during which they learned about the harm of violence, how to heal family relationships, and the importance of tenderness.
- 584 cases of child rights violations or child abuse were reported by parents and caregivers trained on navigating child protection systems and the importance of reporting.
- 11 successful advocacy actions were taken to secure government services for children. Services included protection against child abuse and forced displacement, resources for people with disabilities, and ensuring children's names and identities were registered with the government.



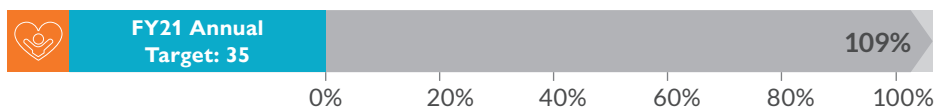
*"When [my mother] got involved in the World Vision trainings, she changed. Now, she listens to us more, hugs us, and dedicates time to us," says Tatiana Gomez, 11. After Tatiana joined a Peace Club, her mother, Betty, joined a child well-being committee. Though shy at first, Betty now trains other parents to be more caring and active in their children's lives. She and Tatiana are pictured above.*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (FY21)

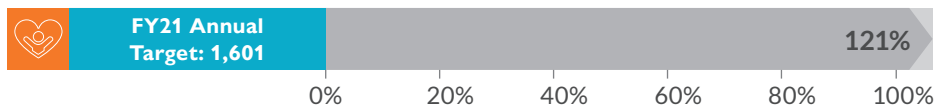
23 trainings conducted by local committees on relevant laws and policies on child protection\*



38 local violence prevention plans created or improved



1,936 children with parents who have completed at least one Raising Children with Tenderness training



\*Ongoing gathering restrictions due to the pandemic, as well as disruptions from hurricanes Eta and Iota, hindered further achievement in this activity.



# YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## SUMMARY

In Honduras, youth seeking work are often the last to be hired and, in hard times, the first to be let go. Now, there are even fewer opportunities. From 2019 to 2020, the country's unemployment rate nearly doubled (World Bank), and the economy has yet to recover. Unemployment, and the poverty that comes with it, leave many youth feeling like they have no choice but to migrate to find a better future.

The Youth Workforce Development Project offers youth ages 15 to 25 another choice: the opportunity to grow their skills and education to pursue the future they want for themselves.

Through the project's life-skills program, Youth Ready, youth learn to embrace their talents and the opportunities around them. They make a plan and pursue that plan with personalized support and resources. At the end of the process, they emerge more self-assured, determined, and resilient.

The program's value is getting noticed beyond Honduras. Youth Ready now operates in seven countries and counting. Your support in Honduras has become a catalyst for empowering youth around the world. Thank you.

### FY21 At a glance

In Honduras, Youth Ready served 2,672 youth in six cohorts this year; 1,586 completed the program and developed their life plan. Of those:

- 838 chose to pursue employment (53%)
- 432 chose to pursue entrepreneurship (27%)
- 316 chose to pursue further education (20%)

This was accomplished in partnership with 49 churches (39 evangelical, 10 Catholic) and 154 community mentors. So far, 2,790 youth have been certified in Youth Ready (in phases one and two).



*Daniela Tercero, 20, joined Youth Ready in 2021 thinking she wanted to pursue a job. But after she learned about entrepreneurship, she decided she wanted to be a business owner. Above, she prepares food in her new restaurant, “La Fonda, El Rincón del Sabor.”*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (FY21)



**1,586**

youth completed the program and received their Youth Ready certificate (516 men, 1,070 women).



**222**

youth completed an internship for the first time, resulting in 138 jobs.



**206**

youth began earning an income through employment (138) or developing their own business (68).



**65**

new businesses were started through shared financing with World Vision and the Chorotega Cooperative, the project's partner financial institution, as well as through in-kind contributions from the participants themselves.

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## SUMMARY

FY21 marks the end of the current phase of the Christian Discipleship project in Honduras. We've touched more lives than projected—191,483 since FY17. We also reached nearly four times as many churches with training that equips them to share the message of God's love with children. Adapting to virtual formats allowed us to reach farther than we imagined: We now have Christian Discipleship programs in all 18 departments of Honduras.

Through a year of challenges, we continued to proclaim God's love. The partnerships we've built along the way have laid a solid foundation for the launch of our FY22-FY26 Faith Project, which will span across Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. The groundwork laid in Honduras will help inform our work across the region.

### Youth-to-youth mentoring

In FY21, we trained 662 youth mentors to share Christian values and promote peace. Youth-to-youth mentorship trains the next generation of ministry workers and helps youth see God's love clearly

through the example of their peers. The project evaluation found that 97% of youth surveyed agree that their training strengthened their commitment to minister to others.

### Shaping children's ministries

Sunday school teacher Oneyda Diaz said she taught children in the same way she taught adults, as is common in Honduras. After taking World Vision's training, she said, "We are now more connected with children ... they feel more comfortable, cared for, and motivated." In FY21, 240 church leaders were trained in children's ministry.

### Creative youth outreaches

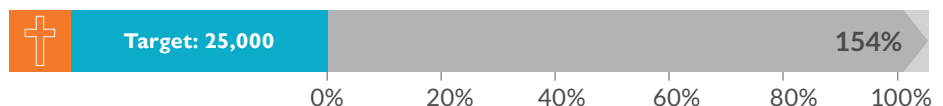
In FY21, we reached 9,480 children and youth through outreaches such as community evangelism, prayer for the sick, and art and sports events. These events teach children that God cares for them. One 11-year-old boy said, "I know that when I feel depressed, discouraged, or sad, God is with me ... I know that God is there to help me and console me from the problems, and that encourages me now."



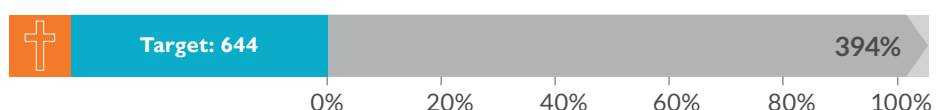
"I hope that God will allow me to continue instructing the children so that tomorrow they will be good men and women, and that they will be able to train others and teach the word of God to people who have not known Jesus. I am very grateful to World Vision and its donors. God bless you always!" says Oneyda Diaz (not pictured). Above, children at a church in Choluteca show off their "Bus of Tenderness" manuals.

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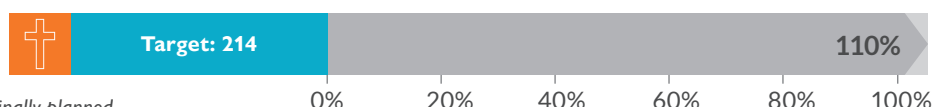
38,557 children/youth engaged in discipleship activities, including 7,292 in FY21



2,540 pastors/church leaders trained in theology and children's ministry, including 240 in FY21\*



235 churches engaged in discipleship of children and youth, including 45 in FY21



\*Virtual trainings allowed us to reach more churches than originally planned.

## KEYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

### Working hand-in-hand with churches

In all our programs, the church is our vital partner and multiplier. For example, in rural areas, church leaders help their congregations adopt good sanitation and hygiene practices by sharing how doing so can fulfill God's call to help our neighbor. In urban settings, our relationship with churches grants us access to gang-controlled areas we might not otherwise be able to reach.

As we continue our work, we'll focus on growing these relationships, formalizing denomination-wide partnerships where appropriate. We will equip churches to better influence families to pursue healed relationships, be more inclusive of women and girls, reduce violence, and build supportive relationships with children. As we equip churches to expand their work with the communities they care about, they become a powerful catalyst for a long-term culture shift.

### Creating real opportunity

Without opportunity to provide for their families, many Hondurans feel forced to migrate. But without safety or basic necessities, opportunity might not be enough. That's why our multifaceted work creates opportunities in Honduras while simultaneously addressing the barriers—such as violence, poverty, and lack of basic necessities—that keep people from embracing them. By holistically addressing the issues that drive forced migration, we help families build long-term resilience and hope.

## THANK YOU

**“I feel grateful to God and World Vision because they came to my community bringing hope to the children and youth who need it so much,”** says Carmen MacDowell, of Berlin, Honduras. Her daughter, Alicia, joined a World Vision Peace Club, which then inspired Carmen to join a child well-being committee to help protect children in her community.

Through your prayers and financial support, you are supporting Carmen and Alicia and thousands of people like them. Thank you for investing in the kind of change that brings real hope in Honduras. May God bless you as you have blessed others.



World Vision Honduras staff member Elda Solorzano, with some of the children she works with in the Yamaranguila area program.

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