Every woman and girl has a right to reach her full potential.

**Goal**
Empower 30 million women and girls to live safer, healthier, and more productive lives

**Progress**
More than 15 million women and girls reached from October 2015 through September 2021

**Investment**
- $500 million Water
- $50 million Mother and Child Health
- $200 million Emergency Response
- $50 million Child Protection
- $100 million Economic Empowerment
- $20 million Education
  (fiscal years 2016–2023)
Disproportionately impacted

Women and girls in poverty face more obstacles simply because they were born female.

- Collectively, women and girls spend 200 million hours hauling water every day.
- Female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced child marriage persist. Every minute, 22 girls under the age of 18 are married.
- Complications during pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death for girls ages 15 to 19 globally.
- 980 million women don’t have access to financial services.

Extreme poverty ends with her

Motivated by our Christian faith, World Vision has been a leader in gender equality work for decades. It’s integrated into everything we do, because we know that when women and girls gain equal access and opportunity, everyone wins.

What is our approach?

We work with children and youth, men and women, community and faith leaders to create environments that enable women and girls to overcome the unique obstacles they face.

She can be born healthy when her mother is equipped to care for her. Through our Mother and Child Health Signature Initiative, community health workers equip moms and moms-to-be with vital information and support.

She can stay healthy and go to school when there’s access to clean water near her home. World Vision is reaching one new person every 10 seconds and three more schools every day with clean water.

She can stay in class when she has her period when she has appropriate sanitation facilities for menstrual hygiene management. Through our Water Signature Initiative, girls get access to schools with latrines and private sanitary rooms.

She can marry when and who she chooses when her community begins to turn away from harmful traditional practices like FGM and child marriage. Our Child Protection Signature Initiative gets to the root of injustice for girls.

She can thrive when she has access to vocational training, savings groups, credit, and financial services. Our Economic Empowerment Signature Initiative equips women for successful futures.
Since 2016:

11,011,724 WOMEN AND GIRLS got access to clean water close to home.

477,108 WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE gained access to mother and child health and nutrition services.

1,779,254 WOMEN AND GIRLS benefited from programs that challenged harmful cultural norms.

2,023,459 WOMEN gained access to financial services, savings groups, agricultural training, technology, and markets.

Stronger together

World Vision addresses gender inequality by working with entire communities—women, girls, men, and boys—to transform discriminatory practices together. We also work with faith leaders around the world to acknowledge and act upon gender injustices in their communities.

This inclusive approach results in the shifting of long-held mindsets, traditions, and harmful cultural norms that have held women and girls back for generations. And, enabling environments emerge for rightful relationships—between men and women and boys and girls.

Our commitment to lasting change is also evidenced by our Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Toolkit, which provides guidance and tools to support our staff in integrating GESI perspectives in all stages of project design, monitoring, and evaluation (DME).

“Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but is a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world.”

—Shannon Marquez, World Vision partner and dean of Undergraduate Global Engagement, Columbia University

Scan to review the GESI toolkit.
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. **Empower women and girls to reach their full potential.**