



# **SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

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### **GLOBAL UPDATE**

43.5 MILLION PEOPLE\* have benefited from work World Vision donors supported through Every Last One campaign projects since they began in October 2015. Thank you for giving generously to transform the lives of children and families.

\*Includes the number of unique participants in each of our Signature Initiative programs. Because of World Vision's multi-sector approach, some people will participate in more than one program.

#### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



In India, more than 10,000 girls participated in Girl Power Groups.



In Malawi, smallholder farmers increased their sales by 24%.



Globally, 1.2 million people gained access to clean water.

# **CHILD PROTECTION**

#### **SUMMARY**

Every girl and boy deserves a childhood where violence and exploitation never enter their lives. But around the world, millions of children are robbed of their dignity, rights, and futures.

Their traumatic experiences might include child marriage, neglect, sexual abuse, physical abuse, child labor, or other damaging practices. The root causes stem from harmful traditions, parents' lack of education, and poverty.

World Vision is grateful for your partnership to help end violence, abuse, and loss of opportunities for vulnerable children in Bangladesh, Guatemala, India, and Kenya. More than 300,000 people benefited in the first half of FY21.

In Bangladesh, children are pulled from perilous jobs and receive

catch-up educational services. In Guatemala, communities work with police to create safer and more trusted relationships to reduce violence and migration. In India, a new referral network reports child sex trafficking and abuse to authorities and supports survivors. In Kenya, elders and community leaders initiated a national declaration against female genital mutilation/cutting.

We supported or achieved those developments during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time that increased economic pressure on parents to have their children work or marry, or leave their communities.

Thank you for joining us and our community partners to help ensure that children are better able to live up to their full potential in some of the most challenging areas where we work.



Youth in Guatemala used mobile technology and recording equipment to create videos with messages about preventing violence and migration. This activity came about through a collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

### **GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES**

3 8 MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1,419,987 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, have benefited from our child protection projects since they began in 2015. These projects benefited 334,970 people in FY21.



**55** 

schools in Guatemala implemented violence prevention plans in coordination with police, part of an effort to address violence and migration and their underlying causes.



**230** 

Girl Power groups in India were formed, with 10,003 girls trained to recognize signs of abusive relationships and dangerous situations.



**437** 

children in Kenya graduated from alternative rites of passage ceremonies, where they gained an understanding of the dangers of female genital mutilation, while maintaining their cultural identity.

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

#### **SUMMARY**

Through your generous support, World Vision's Christian
Discipleship Program brings together Christian leaders to unify them around the shared value of improving the lives of children in their community.

We also provide resources to local churches, parents, and caregivers worldwide that encourage and nurture the spiritual growth of children.

Even though COVID-19 limited program implementation and community trainings, 355,555 people participated in activities during the first half of FY21. Project teams created innovative solutions to continue the Christian faith development of children, youth, and their families.

"I am really happy that youths have [learned about] leadership and life

skills," says Belay Moya, pastor from Sholamich Kale Hiwot in Ethiopia.

Many of the projects are concluding at the end of FY21, so teams are planning to conduct surveys and evaluations over the next six months. Projects will transition into an expanded Christian Discipleship initiative that will begin in FY22.

World Vision also was able to distribute 27,228 Bibles, serving more than 136,000 people.

We hope you'll find encouragement in this report and will continue to join us in prayer as we partner with families, schools, churches, and other faith-based organizations to help children grow in their knowledge of and experience God's love.



Selvin, 7, and his brother Alex, 2, at a World Vision Parenting with Tenderness training session at their church in the El Pelon community in Honduras. Their father, Roger (not pictured) says, "Because of World Vision, this is a better community for children. It's safer, and there are better community ties between the church, families, and the child protection committee. There's more caring."

### **GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES**

4.8

**MILLION PEOPLE** have benefited from ministry activities since October 2015, including 355,555 in FY21. This includes children, parents/caregivers, and community members benefiting directly and indirectly.



527,572

children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities since October 2015, including 64,466 new participants in FY21.



32,185

pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children's ministry, including 2,519 new participants in FY21.



4.931

churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 589 new churches in FY21.

# **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

#### **SUMMARY**

When people are prepared for the challenges of life, they can more readily face them and move ahead. Participants in our THRIVE program pressed on in the first half of FY21, despite a global pandemic, natural disasters, and the reality of living in areas with tremendous needs.

The integrated THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) model continues to change lives in our target countries: Honduras, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia.

THRIVE participants saved money together, improved their ways of farming, gained skills in marketing their products, increased their financial knowledge, accessed microfinance, developed businesses, and worked to break the mindset of dependency.

In Honduras, participants endured hurricanes, carried out disaster

preparation plans, and restarted farming activities. In Malawi, farmers equipped with smartphones learned to use an app to access training and access to markets.

In Rwanda, farmers learned to better control their corn's quality, enabling them to sell at a significantly higher price. And in Zambia, participants received training in natural resource management and implemented conservation agricultural principles.

In all these places, your support of World Vision's economic empowerment efforts helps participants act on opportunities to increase their incomes, adapt to a changing environment, and prepare for natural disasters.

Thank you for your partnership. You are helping hardworking families break the cycle of extreme poverty, transform their lives, and gain hope.



"We are seeing farmers better organized and able to meet marketable volume through the bulking of their products to attract better buyers. This excites us, as it translates into more income and resilient households."

—Moffat Mtonga THRIVE program manager, Zambia (not pictured)

#### **GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES**

MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1,454,677 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, have benefited from our economic empowerment projects since they began in 2015. These projects benefited 801,890 people in the first half of FY21.



367

producer groups in Honduras completed training in Citizen Voice and Action, which equips participants to advocate for community needs.



**570** 

Savings for Transformation groups in Rwanda learned about digital financial services, which enabled them to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and will increase security and sustainability.



1,602

smallholder farmers in Malawi sold nearly 739 tons of commodities for more than \$340,000, increasing sales by 24%.

# **EDUCATION**

#### **SUMMARY**

Thank you for your support of Unlock Literacy in Rwanda. Despite setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the project is working to improve the literacy levels of more than 43,000 primary schoolchildren. Now, with lockdowns lifting and schools reopening, the project is regaining momentum to pursue its three priorities.

#### Establish reading camps

Since large group gatherings were restricted until early 2021, Unlock Literacy pivoted from reading camps to initiate a house-to-house book lending program. More than 120 teacher volunteers brought books to 3,497 children (1,819 girls and 1,678 boys), enabling students to access reading materials while at home.

As restrictions have lifted, Unlock Literacy reinstated reading camps. In partnership with local communities, we've trained 638 facilitators (405 women and 233 men) in English proficiency and adapting instruction to serve children with disabilities. Since January, Unlock Literacy has run 206 camps attended by 43,730 children (21,873 boys and 21,857 girls).

#### **Empower parents**

The house-to-house book lending program also enabled the project to adapt its outreach to parents. With group trainings on hold, 1,121 parents received guidance on supporting their children's education from the teacher volunteers visiting their homes.

#### Equip teachers

After schools resumed, Unlock Literacy conducted training for 269 teachers (150 women and 119 men). Educators learned how to elevate literacy levels by incorporating the five core reading skills into their everyday teaching, creating print-rich classrooms, and practicing other fluency-building strategies.



"Reading camps help children to know English, and this will help them perform well at school.

As a result, they'll be able to complete their ... studies. And better [academic] performance will facilitate obtaining jobs in the future."

—Gaspard Mutabazi (not pictured), a community-based partner in Kivu, Rwanda

#### **GLOBAL UPDATE**

762,742

**PEOPLE\***, including children, youth, parents/caregivers, and teachers, have accessed educational programs, books, and training since October 2015, including 45,881 in the first half of FY21.

#### PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA



43,730

students improved their literacy through school and reading camps.



1.121

parents were empowered to support their children's literacy acquisition.



82,880

storybooks were distributed to children to borrow and read.

<sup>\*</sup>This number includes people impacted by the donation of primary reading books not only in Rwanda, but in Afghanistan, Honduras, and Zambia, as well as through other education projects.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

#### **SUMMARY**

In 2020, devastating food crises, protracted conflict, the health and economic fallout of COVID-19, mass displacement, and extreme weather exacerbated already fragile conditions, with a grim forecast projected through 2021 as well.

Under these circumstances,
World Vision has remained
committed to helping families living
with or recovering from natural
disasters and other emergencies
around the world. The faithful prayers
and gifts to the Global Emergency
Response Fund from donors like you
have allowed us to be immediately
present after a natural disaster,
remain in the community through
the rebuilding process, and care for
the ongoing needs of families facing
conflict and displacement.

So far in the first half of FY21, we have responded to 71 emergenices, providing essential services such as:

- Meeting urgent needs and equipping communities to rebuild after two hurricanes in Central America
- Addressing the long-term needs of displaced people and refugees in Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Africa's Sahel region
- Caring for ongoing needs of Rohingya refugees and responding to a fire that struck three camps
- Responding to famine, locusts, and prolonged crises in East Africa

As many of these crises do not receive much coverage in the news, people have been enduring hardships without the world seeing or even knowing. With your support, World Vision can assure these families that they are not alone or forgotten. Thank you for your continued partnership.



From clean water and nutritious food to business training and cash assistance, World Vision's Global Emergency Response Fund is helping communities affected by disasters and other humanitarian emergencies.

### **GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES**

MILLION PEOPLE have been impacted by funding from U.S. donors in response to disasters and humanitarian emergencies since 2015, including 3,721,000 people in FY21.



133,890

people in South Sudan participated in community campaigns that encouraged community members to implement healthy, sustainable hygiene practices.



3,227

households in Bangladesh earned money by participating in 41 community improvement projects, such as repairing roads, a drainage system, and a bridge.

# **EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS**

#### **SUMMARY**

Over the last five and a half years, more than 14 million women and girls in some of the world's most challenging places have participated in programs that are enabling them to live stronger, safer, and more productive lives—because of your investment. And every single one of them has a name and a story, like Marie (pictured at right).

As the aftershocks of COVID-19 push more families into extreme poverty, women and girls are at an even higher risk of experiencing gender-based violence, child marriage, sexual exploitation, and forced labor.

Thankfully, World Vision's water, health, child protection, economic empowerment, and education programs have continued through the Every Last One campaign—reaching more than 3 million women and girls in the last six months alone.

In addition, our global COVID-19 response has provided relief assistance to over 59 million people in nearly 100 countries—including more than 30 million women and girls—since March 2020.

Together, we can help millions more women and girls reach their full potential, one at a time.



Marie, a mother of seven in Senegal, said she "couldn't believe someone would take a chance on her." Thanks to you, we did. Watch her story.



11,589,078

women and girls gained access to clean water close to home, significantly reducing the time they spend walking and hauling water.



1,323,347

women and girls benefited from programs that challenged harmful cultural norms such as child marriage, educated community members, and increased protection.



1,758,309

women gained access to financial services, savings groups, agricultural training, technology, and markets.



468,863

women of child-bearing age gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services.



34,263

women and girls benefited from education programs including literacy, life skills, livelihoods training, early childhood development, and investments in safe schools.

For more information visit: worldvisionphilanthropy.org/women

The numbers above represent the number of women and girls benefiting from our work across our sectors and do not represent additional participants.

# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

#### **SUMMARY**

Your support for Mother and Child Health is saving lives—literally.

Community health volunteers in Zambia's Luwingu district are teaching valuable lessons on health and nutrition and treating common—but often deadly—illnesses in young children. In just the first half of this year, these linchpins of our programming shared vital information on health and hygiene with 61,712 people. Their efforts have been instrumental in helping to stem the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic. Following safety protocols to protect staff and the public, we continued to step up efforts to educate people on safe hygiene, especially with Zambia facing a third wave of COVID-19.

Our health team partnered with World Vision's water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) team to oversee drilling wells at five health clinics (of seven planned this year), to provide clean water, improved sanitation, and handwashing stations, vastly improving the level of care provided to families. One water system was completed, online, and serving the local clinic as well as a school and more than 400 people living nearby. The other four water systems will be completed in the coming months.

### Work in Niger is ramping up

We are excited to share that the project in Niger's Dosso and Maradi districts officially launched in late January this year. We have a full staff, supplies for community health workers have been ordered, and plans have been laid to partner with our WASH team to construct water systems and improve sanitation and hygiene services at 10 facilities by the end of FY21.



Young Asher, shown here with his parents, is a healthy, happy toddler after he and his mother completed 12 sessions of nutrition training. Asher had been diagnosed with malnutrition by a nutrition volunteer in Luwingu, Zambia, who was trained by this project.

#### **GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES**

965,703

#### WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE AND YOUNG CHILDREN\* have

gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services since October 2015. This includes 47,980 in the first half of FY21. Together, we have accomplished the following:



7,770

community health workers and volunteers were trained.



**770** 

nurses and midwives in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care they provide.



**151** 

clinics received support to provide improved mother and child healthcare, such as water and sanitation facilities, training, and equipment.



939

faith leaders were trained to advocate for the use of mother and child healthcare services.

<sup>\*</sup>The total number of direct participants reflects 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.

# WATER

#### **SUMMARY**

During this reporting period, we celebrated the completion of our shared commitment to reach 20 million people with clean water—an achievement that would not have been possible without partners like you.

This is the first update reflecting the impact of our new five-year business plan. In the first half of FY21, World Vision—in partnership with local communities—made significant headway in expanding access to WASH services. Along with the progress detailed below, 228,200 people were reached with emergency water and 686,502 with emergency hygiene supplies. Of these participants, 93% live in fragile or extremely fragile contexts.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, World Vision accelerated efforts to improve hygiene and prevent the spread of the virus, nearly doubling the target for schools gaining handwashing facilities (2,994) and nearly tripling the target for healthcare

facilities (819) gaining the same. Due to their important role as community influencers, we also trained 4,389 faith leaders (171% of target) to promote healthy WASH behaviors in their communities.

Additionally, World Vision continued to ensure that marginalized groups are actively engaged in all aspects of WASH programming. During this reporting period, 7,348 women joined newly formed or reactivated water committees (42% of all members), while 553 women were trained in businesses active in the sale, repair, maintenance, and construction of WASH products or facilities (one-third of total participants). And in Rwanda, two women were hired as engineering interns to expand female representation on the WASH team.

Thank you for taking part in the critical work God is doing to expand access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and healthy hygiene across the globe.



"In November 2020, our community was greatly affected by tropical storms Eta and Iota. ... While we rehabilitated our water system, World Vision supported us with the supply of P&G kits to purify the water. ... Now the water we receive is of good quality."

—Vilma Bautista , 38, mother of Oneida (above left) and Ceilin (above right), El Rodeo, Honduras

### **GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES**

MILLION PEOPLE were provided with access to clean water since October 2015, including 1.2 million during the first half of FY21. This includes 6 million people reached since 2015 with funds from World Vision U.S. private donors (387,411\* during FY21).

\* These 387,411 people represent many of the same participants who gained access to sanitation and household handwashing facilities.

OUTCOME	PEOPLE REACHED IN FY21	PERCENT OF SEMIANNUAL TARGET
Access to Clean Water	1,236,053	118%
Access to Household Sanitation	1,194,362	130%
Access to Handwashing Facilities	1,678,058	137%

At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

-2 Corinthians 8:14-15

#### **THANK YOU**

In every country where we work, our desire is to answer God's call to help meet needs, especially in ways that help children and their families live healthier, happier lives. This doesn't happen without the faithful support of you, our donors. Whether you give little or much, each one of you is an essential part of our work. And because of your support, the work we've celebrated in this report keeps moving forward.

Economic opportunity, health, safety, clean water—all of these help children experience life in all its fullness. Thank you for helping us to bring that kind of life to the places we work. May God bless you, as you have been a blessing to others.



"On behalf of the entire community, we thank God, for the support we received from [World Vision], thank the donors, for being very generous people who, without personally knowing us, provided their support," says Vilma Bautista, mother of five in El Rodeo, Honduras.



Above: Children in the communities of Yamaranguila, Honduras, pose to show their love.



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