SUMMARY

Thank you for being a wonderful example of God’s love to children in Guatemala, India, and Kenya. Because of your generosity, they now live in safer communities and have the opportunity to thrive.

Since 2016, World Vision has reached more than 4.8 million children and adults through our protection services, including 307,786 people in fiscal year 2022. We are working to reach even more people, expanding our work in India and Kenya to ensure children are protected from exploitation, abuse, and violence.

In FY22, with your support:

- 49,186 people in West Bengal, India, were reached through our “Save our Daughters” awareness campaign. The states of Assam and West Bengal have the highest number of reported child sex trafficking cases in all of India.
- 805 children completed Alternative Rites of Passage (ARP) ceremonies, and 414,060 people were reached in Kenya through our child protection mass awareness initiatives (including community meetings and radio talk shows). Kenyan girls face the trauma of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage. We provide communities with alternatives, such as ARP and Savings for Transformation, to traditional practices and social cultural norms that may be harmful.
- 1,225 at-risk youth received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education to address violence and migration in Guatemala.

GLOBAL UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

805 Kenyan children graduated from ARP ceremonies

30,642 community members in West Bengal completed education programs to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration

1,225 at-risk youth in Guatemala received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education
KENYA

SUMMARY
With your support, the Kenya Big Dream Project directly reached 127,052 children and adults in the first half of FY22 and 819,210 since the project began in October 2019. The project also launched its second phase, expanding into Samburu County. There, we laid the foundation for our vital work of protecting vulnerable children from FGM, child marriage, and other forms of maltreatment.

Your generosity also made possible continued work with families to improve their livelihoods and gain more income. With a steady income, families avoid financial pressures that often lead to violence against children—such as early marriage arrangements. Now, more girls and boys can enjoy their childhood and complete school.

Additional FY22 project achievements include:

- 132 girls and 25 boys were supported with school fee subsidies.
- 198 people participated in training to become Biblical Empowered Worldview champions. They, in turn, reached 2,592 households and helped family members change from a mindset of dependency to one of empowerment.
- 1,470 adults received training, learning to adopt crop and livestock value chains to diversify and strengthen their incomes. As a result, families were able to afford nutritious food and school fees, benefiting 4,070 children.
- 314 men and women completed Citizen Voice and Action training. They now are equipped to advocate for much-needed child services from the government.
- 2,300 community members received training and later participated in Savings for Transformation groups. Members use a portion of their savings to pay for basic needs and to keep their children in school, benefiting 7,503 children.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

805 children graduated from ARP ceremonies

45 Savings for Transformation groups established

34 participants engaged in Citizen Voice and Action to hold service providers accountable for services promised

In Samburu and West Pokot counties in Kenya, World Vision is working to end FGM and child marriage, using evidence-based programs such as Alternative Rites of Passage (ARP). In collaboration with the community, World Vision organizes ARP for all girls at risk of FGM. The ARP initiates them into adulthood and equips them with fundamental life skills and values. “The ARP training increased our knowledge on the negative effects of FGM,” said Rophina (not pictured). “Thank you, World Vision, [the] training ... expands our knowledge on child issues.”
ASSAM

So far in FY22, 107,691 people benefited from our Assam Child Protection Project. Highlights include:

• 9,357 girls engaged in 238 Girl Power Groups (GPGs). Nearly a third of GPG members have taken action to stop violence: reporting incidents to police and putting on awareness events. Learn more about how GPGs keep girls safe.

• 4,930 men engaged in 165 Men Care Groups (MCGs), and 1,761 members continued with extra sessions to further improve their relationships with their wives and daughters. Learn more about how MCGs drive change.

• 32 railway police were trained to identify trafficking cases as railway stations are often used by traffickers. Also, we will soon provide all police stations in our project areas with child-friendly spaces.

WEST BENGAL

Our West Bengal Child Protection Project reached 57,288 people in the first half of FY22. Highlights include:

• 49,186 people were reached through the “Save our Daughters” awareness campaign, launched together with West Bengal Police and the Hindu Priests Association after priests attended a World Vision Channels of Hope for Child Protection training.

• 1,161 children were served at 14 Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers (CFLRCs) in 10 red-light districts. And 321 of them attended summer camp to learn about God's unconditional love and acceptance.

• 1,048 children in CFLRCs were assessed for a six-month education program to help them reach age-appropriate learning levels.
GUATEMALA

SUMMARY
Through God’s faithfulness and with your support, the Community Roots Project is creating significant, lasting change for children, families, and communities in Guatemala. Already, in the first half of FY22, the project has reached 24,530 people—bringing the total reached since December of 2016 to nearly 360,000 people.

Community violence prevention
• Held 111 School for Parents sessions, teaching positive parenting techniques and ways to support their children’s education.

Alternative education and skills training
• Equipped more than 460 men and women with skills trainings and technical certifications in beekeeping, carpentry, construction, macrame, and more. Once trained, participants launch small businesses, accept internships, or pursue other job opportunities.

Referral and support networks
• Facilitated therapy appointments for 254 at-risk children and youth by opening 18 new comprehensive care clinics. Children are referred to the clinics via support networks (such as local organizations and churches) and receive follow-up services of alternative education, technical vocational training, and psychosocial services.
• Identified 30 women leaders to participate in leadership training for Vital Voices, a global empowerment initiative focused on violence and migration prevention for vulnerable and at-risk girls.

Communications activities with youth
• Partnered with Rana Labs to offer Digital Spokespersons training to 30 young people. Students learned radio communication, community journalism, and social media. They also created graphics and audiovisual content about preventing violence and migration.

Outreach to Indigenous communities
• Introduced Community Roots to three Indigenous communities and began developing violence- and unsafe migration-prevention plans.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES
556 community-led activities were carried out to help prevent violence and migration

1,225 at-risk youth received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education

816 children and youth received support to attend school or vocational training

“Thanks to this [macrame] course, I’ve increased my income, but the most important thing is that it made me see that I am capable of doing so many things to benefit myself, my family, and my community. I am very hopeful that orders will increase and our business will continue to grow.”
—Alby Gomez, 21, Community Roots participant, Quetzaltenango
FINANCIALS

Child Protection Fund*
(October 2016 through March 2022)

$9,687,075 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: $8,524,964 88%

*Financial totals do not include funding/expenses for Guatemala for the first six months of FY22 due to different reporting cycles for public and private funding. The FY22 year-end report will include the full year of funding/expenses.

THANK YOU

Children and young people in Guatemala, India, and Kenya are overjoyed. They are empowered and can now live freely in safer environments because they, their families, and their communities have access to training and protection services, thanks to donors like you.

“I feel happy. I feel safe,” said Orvin Hernandez, 18, a participant in the Community Roots Project in Guatemala. “[Now,] I want to give back a little of what this community has given to me. I want to teach others … that they can overcome and that we can believe in a better future.”

Your gifts help support World Vision’s Child Protection projects that equip children and youth, their families, and communities to change their attitudes, behaviors, and livelihoods as to end violence, especially against children. Today, thanks to you, children and their families have hope and a brighter future.

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” —John 10:10 (NIV)

In India, World Vision equips Girl Power Groups to recognize the signs of abusive relationships and dangerous situations. They learn how to protect themselves and their peers, including how to help stop child marriages, child trafficking, and other gender-based violence in their communities.