EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

PROGRESS REPORT  »  October 2019 through March 2020
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Thanks to you, in the last four and a half years, more than **8.5 million** women and girls have benefited from programs that are enabling them to live safer, healthier, and more productive lives.

Your support of World Vision’s work is helping women and girls overcome the barriers that keep them from productive and positive lives. We’ve earned the trust of thousands of communities because of our long-term approach. We cover all of the biggest obstacles that hold girls and women in poverty back—not just one.

Women and girls in poverty are disproportionately impacted, especially in emergencies. Our ongoing large-scale programs are foundational to World Vision’s ability to respond rapidly, effectively, and efficiently.

World Vision was able to declare and initiate a global response just one hour after COVID-19 was declared a pandemic on March 11. With our global positioning, expertise, and long-term relationships with communities and partners, we’re responding to COVID-19 in nearly 100 countries, providing relief assistance to 43 million people, including more than 22 million women and girls, as of July 10. Women and girls are more likely to be the ones fetching water and taking care of their families. Women are the child-bearers, and childbirth is even more dangerous—especially when clean water is not available. In emergencies, women and girls are even more vulnerable to violence.

Because women and girls are hit hardest, we also are tackling their unique challenges through ongoing projects that have been active since 2016. Here’s how.

**WATER**

**8,404,709** women and girls gained access to clean water close to home, significantly reducing the time they spend walking and hauling water.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

**1,051,396** women and girls benefited from programs that challenged harmful cultural norms such as child marriage, educated community members, advocated for rights, and increased protection.

**ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

**920,059** women gained access to financial services, savings groups, agricultural training, technology, and markets.

**MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH**

**420,748** women of child-bearing age gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services.

**EDUCATION**

**13,401** women and girls benefited from education programs including literacy, life skills, livelihoods training, early childhood development, and investments in safe schools.

Beneficiaries for water include programs supported by U.S. donors and donors outside the U.S.

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