



SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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SUMMARY

Thanks to your partnership, hundreds of thousands of people in Honduras have been empowered by access to clean water, new opportunities, and safer communities. Equipped with these resources, families are building more hopeful futures for their children. And as their communities transform, children see God’s love reflected in the people around them.

We are excited to share with you accomplishments from the first half of fiscal year 2022, through projects in **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), Economic Empowerment, Child Protection, Youth Workforce Development, and Christian Discipleship.**

These interventions build on each other, addressing multiple challenges to offer holistic, sustainable solutions

customized to each area where we work, whether urban or rural. Communities drive the change from the start—we invite men, women, and children in all our project areas to envision the changes they want to see and then pursue them alongside us. As a result, communities are empowered with a clear vision for their future. They see hope at home.

Together, we are making nationwide impact. This report covers progress we have made through World Vision’s Every Last One Campaign. Thank you for being part of what God is doing in Honduras.

Honduras was featured in our Every Last One Conference in May 2022. Watch the segment here.



Don Martin and his wife, Maria Cristina Reyes, are coffee farmers who received technical assistance from the THRIVE Project (see page 3). As a result, the quantity and quality of their coffee yield improved and resulted in 60% higher profits.

COUNTRY UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

522,227 PEOPLE* empowered with access to essential services between October 2015 and March 2022, including 15,495 people during the first half of fiscal year 2022.



233,991

people gained access to clean water since October 2015, including 13,137 people who were served previously, but lost access to sustainable clean water due to the 2020 hurricanes.



48,191

people directly benefited from Christian discipleship programs—including training for leaders, children’s programs, and Christian formation for parents and caregivers—since October 2016.



17,054

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

WASH

SUMMARY

Despite rampant inflation and fuel shortages, the Honduras WASH Program successfully fostered better health and well-being for thousands of people in the first half of FY22. **We join the 14,319 people who now have reliable access to clean water in thanking God—and you—for your support of this life-changing work.** This work also provided 870 students at 12 schools with clean water on campus, and six health facilities with water for drinking, bathing, and keeping the clinics clean and safer for patients.

These efforts support our Finish the Job plan to reach everyone, everywhere we work in Honduras, with clean water by 2027.

Water is just part of the solution

The Healthy School and Home methodology was used to teach families how to protect their health through proper hygiene, sanitation, and water management. This reporting period, 597 families learned to safely transport, treat, and store water. The curriculum also taught 7,165 people strong personal and

household hygiene practices and latrine management.

Partnerships strengthen efforts

Community ownership of WASH improvements is vital for long-term sustainability, so communities won't see their precious water supplies evaporate.

To promote community involvement, the Honduras WASH Program engaged 17 government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide financial and technical support for water system construction. In addition:

- 30 WASH committees were trained to manage system maintenance and repairs.
- 10 student WASH clubs were trained to promote WASH services and take care of school facilities. Ten school committees were trained to plan, budget for, implement, and monitor school WASH activities and facilities.
- 92 faith leaders were trained to promote WASH in their communities.



Danna, 10, and Tatiana, 5, wash their hands at Professor Gustavo Cruz Robles School in Piedras Negras. “Thank you, World Vision, for your support with the school sanitation module,” said Gloria Diaz, a teacher at the school. “This has helped motivate children to enroll this year, and know they can come to school where they can find adequate facilities.”

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY21-FY25)

 **61,868** people gained access to clean water, including 14,319 in the first half of FY22.

 **13,380** people gained access to household sanitation, including 3,054 in the first half of FY22.

 **34,556** people gained access to handwashing facilities, including 7,165 in the first half of FY22.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SUMMARY

Despite a global slowdown in the supply chain, increased costs of production, and a continuing COVID-19 pandemic, farmers—especially women—played a vital role in World Vision’s Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) Project in Honduras in FY22.

Farmers sold 3,874 tons of coffee to earn \$272,560, with women producers accounting for 61% of the earnings—significant given that men traditionally lead coffee production. Women made up nearly 59% of the coffee producers who sold in the local market. Producers in the bean value chain sold 500 tons, earning \$148,082, with women accounting for 64% of the earnings.

The project worked with partners and savings groups to stockpile agricultural supplies, tools, and other inputs. This helped farmers affected by the supply chain slowdown related to the war in Ukraine. The project also provided

2,677 farmers with technical assistance, with 1,083 of them learning about such topics as climate-smart farming; soil, pest, and disease management; and crop spacing. More than 1,300 producers used seeds that were tolerant of climate variability.

In other project achievements:

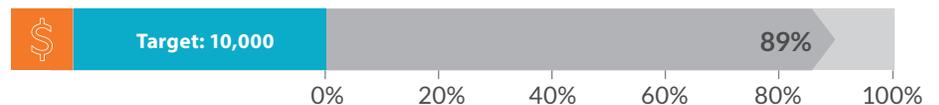
- Participants prepared 170,000 seedlings for reforestation and set aside \$94,460 of savings to manage emergencies.
- Nearly 1,900 participants in Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWW) trainings said their values and family environments had been positively transformed.
- Through a license with 26 agrometeorological stations, farmers will receive weather data to better plan their crops.



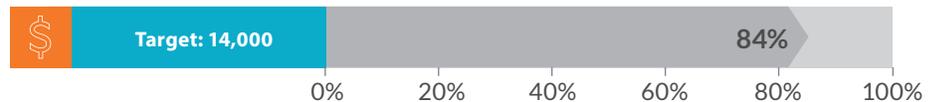
Dillma Daysi Gómez Henríquez (above, right) leads a group of women entrepreneurs called Working for a Better Tomorrow who bake and sell artisan bread in El-Carmen. “THRIVE came to this community and gave us a push to improve the organization of the group and guide us in the business that suited us,” she said.

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

8,850 farmers using improved seeds for agriculture



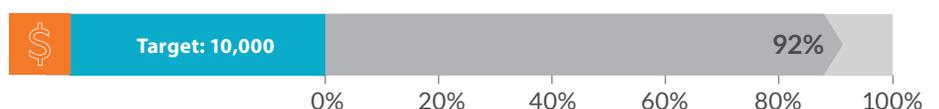
11,701 people participating in Savings for Transformation groups



5,146 farmers using some form of irrigation



9,236 producer group members selling value chain products



CHILD PROTECTION

SUMMARY

Every child has the right to be protected. We are working hand-in-hand with churches, families, and the children themselves to reclaim that right. Through our community-led interventions, we are seeking justice and safety for children and youth at risk of violence.

This period, 1,088 children and youth were reached with tools to protect themselves from violence and promote a culture of peace through our outreach efforts.

Other FY22 achievements include:

- 1,156 at-risk children were identified by 26 child protection committees. These committees are now creating action plans to help protect those children.
- 719 children were trained to protect themselves from physical, sexual, and psychological violence through training from four children’s councils (children and youth who focus on advocating for children's rights).

- 90% of the Peace Clubs created since the project began in FY18 are still active (53). This period, youth in Peace Clubs held bullying awareness campaigns, art camps, and trainings to help spread awareness and prevent violence.
- We coordinated activities with 38 churches and held five Raising Children with Tenderness workshops, benefiting 144 parents and caregivers. This workshop helps families address and break patterns of violence and raise children with greater affection.
- In El Progreso, we started the Gesell Camera Project, which will provide a space for survivors of violence to dialogue and heal with support from psychologists.

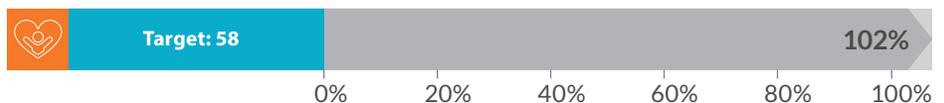
The foundation of this work is our partnership with communities and churches. To build those partnerships, we held seven city-level meetings (each in a different city) to establish agreements for working together to protect children in emergencies.



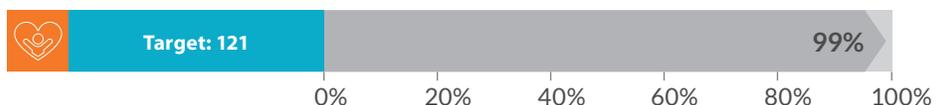
A child plays with bubbles during a Peace Club activity day led by Ministerio Silio Church in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, with support from World Vision. In areas like San Pedro Sula, violence is common, and events like these give children a fun, safe place to play and feel loved. They also help shift community mindsets about the importance of raising children with tenderness.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY18-FY22)

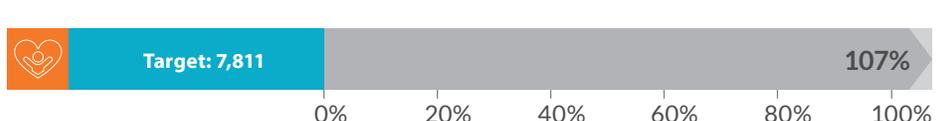
59 Peace Clubs established to promote peace



121 local violence prevention plans created or improved



8,365 children with parents who have completed at least one Raising Children with Tenderness training



YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY

The economy in Honduras is showing signs of recovery. And, thanks to God's blessing and your faithful partnership, that recovery means more jobs for youth.

Youth often lack the experience vital to securing employment in a tight job market, leaving them with few options. Through our Youth Workforce Development Project, youth ages 15 to 29 have the opportunity to gain experience through internships and training, access career resources, and learn from mentors. They graduate from the program with new skills, greater confidence, and a clear life plan. In the first six months of FY22:

129 Youth Ready (YR) participants gained employment

The number of jobs gained by YR participants has increased every quarter since early FY21. This period, we have already achieved 93% of the total jobs gained during FY21 (138). We also placed 107 youth in internships, some of which may result in jobs, all of which will give youth valuable experience.

241 participants returned to high school or college

These youth were supported with school supplies, tuition support, and uniforms, as needed. In addition, 181 youth took technical courses this period (top courses were customer service, sales techniques, and biosecurity measures).

95 participants started a business

These youth were supported with entrepreneurship training and/or access to credit.

Entrepreneurship is especially important for YR participants who are leaving the justice system and face significant challenges in securing loans or jobs. These youth join YR through our partnership with the National Institute for the Care of Child Offenders, and YR certification helps build their confidence and credibility. This period, 32 youth leaving the justice system were provided with seed capital (which does not need to be repaid) to start their own businesses.



Jordy, 18, lives with his family in San Pedro Sula, where gang violence is rampant. His mother feared Jordy would join a gang too. But at his mother's prompting, Jordy instead attended a local church. There, he found new purpose. He joined a World Vision Peace Club and started teaching a Bible study. Next, he will join Youth Ready through the church, where he will gain new skills and confidence to help him continue resisting the influence of gangs.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY20-FY23)

-  **4,518** youth have registered in the Youth Ready curriculum (90% of our phase 2 goal of 5,000 total registered).
-  **1,931** youth (1,310 women and 621 men) completed the program and received their Youth Ready certificate, including 345 in FY22. Currently, 1,249 youth are going through the curriculum.
-  **431** youth have started generating an income through entrepreneurship (164) or employment (267).
-  **369** youth have completed internships.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SUMMARY

Sharing the love of Jesus is the foundation of all our work. To that end, in FY22, we launched our “Let the Children Come” Project in Honduras. The project was designed to help children **belong** in their families and churches, **believe** in God as the source of fullness of life, and **become** people who are rooted in God’s love for them and for others.

Our foundation: church partnership

Partnering with churches builds greater sustainability and helps children and families find belonging—physically and spiritually—in their local churches. Our current nationwide partnerships, with both Catholic and Protestant denominations, give us reach in all 18 departments of Honduras. This period, we’ve trained 320 new church leaders on key programs such as Celebrating Families and Raising Children with Tenderness (a workshop that helps families find alternatives to violence and embrace healing and greater tenderness).

Better evaluations for better results

Instead of the baseline, midterm, and endline evaluations we’ve used in the

past, in FY22 we began using rolling evaluations, which more closely track the changes a family experiences as they go through our programs. Rolling evaluations provide continuous feedback, allow us to adjust quickly and as often as needed, and help us gather evidence to demonstrate that our approach of focusing on equipping parents and caregivers leads to better results for children.

Partnership with Baylor University and Fuller Theological Seminary

We have also started work with Baylor and Fuller to intentionally study how to best help children and families **belong, believe, and become**. Fuller will study the role of parents in a child’s faith journey and how our interventions influence the parent-child relationship, while Baylor will study mentor-mentee and peer-to-peer roles in Christian discipleship.

This is an exciting new beginning. Thank you for joining us in prayer as we see how God will change lives through this project.



My commitment is that, since I met the tenderness of God, I will help so that children can experience that we have a God of love and tenderness. ... We can achieve this by sharing our witness, by sharing with them the love that Jesus has for us, which is so great that He died on the cross for us to save us.”

—Isaura María Velásquez, 12, a young leader at her church in San Rafael, pictured above with her mother.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES* (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY22-FY26)

 **320** Christian faith leaders have been trained on key Christian discipleship programs and have agreed to partner with us to demonstrate Jesus’ love to more children.

 **34** new churches have partnered with us for this phase of the project. Churches will be key to making programs sustainable over time and accessible to children and families where they live.

**During this first six months of implementation, we focused on the training of trainers and establishing partnerships to prepare for the second half of FY22, when we expect to reach children and families more directly.*

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

There is great hope in Honduras. There are also challenges. The economic effects of the pandemic are still real for many families, exacerbating strain from hurricanes, drought, and widespread poverty. This is why resilience is vital—it enables families not only to overcome the challenges they are facing today, but to prepare themselves economically, mentally, and spiritually for the challenges they may face in the future.

World Vision works to intentionally build resilience using our [Hope at Home: Building Resilience in Central America](#) framework. We partner with families, churches, the private sector, and local governments to address the root causes of poverty and vulnerability. This takes time, which is why we stay in communities for 10 to 15 years, helping them build resilience to economic and environmental shocks as well as societal vulnerabilities.

As the communities we work in grow stronger, children's well-being increases. And this moves us closer to our driving vision: life in all its fullness for every child (John 10:10).

THANK YOU

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

God is at work in Honduras. He is working through your support to protect children, heal families, and renew hope. Thank you for trusting us to steward your gifts and bring lasting change to thousands of precious Honduran families. May the news of the lives you have impacted greatly bless you.



“I have a lot of faith in Honduras, in my country, in my people, and especially this project that I have, this dream of having my own business here,” says Selvin Garcia, 21, pictured above with his sister, Gloria.

At 12, Selvin was a part of a children's WASH committee (see young Selvin below with his sanitation checklist). Now, he's a World Vision spokesman and studying business. He dreams of opening a farm store so people in his community can access supplies nearby.



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