

PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS MAKING
A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON GLOBAL POVERTY

Perspective

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TRANSFORMING
LIVES TOGETHER



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PUTTING A **SMILE**
ON THEIR FACES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to your prayers and generosity, we continue to change lives

Let us press into the miraculous, yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit.

I have a clear message on my heart—a deeply rooted conviction that has sprouted into a passionate desire.

Let's press into the miraculous, yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit to do His transformative work in each one of us and in the children and communities we serve.

When we press into the miraculous, we are stepping into something bigger and better. At World Vision, we have a God-given mission: To follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the Good News of the kingdom of God.

By pressing into the miraculous, we are helping to transform the children and the communities we serve.

Together, through the power of God, we've truly had an impact! Over the past year, we have:

- Given children their first taste of clean, life-giving water ... and given them the news that there is a Source of water that gives life not just today but forever.
- Empowered communities to protect their children from predators ... because every child is precious in that community, every last one.
- Given mothers hope that their babies will survive childbirth ... and that their children will avoid all the risks of those perilous first 1,000 days to grow up and fulfill their God-given purpose.
- Provided a solid biblical foundation that transforms people from the inside out ... allowing God's people to flourish in God's creation.

- Helped families not just survive ... but thrive!

We are literally changing the world in the name of Jesus Christ. I am truly grateful. World Vision cannot do this work without you.

This mission—this ministry—isn't ours, though. It's God's. He is mightily at work in the world, even in the most remote and fragile places. He has given all of us the privilege of being His hands and feet in a deeply hurting world.

But are we prepared for God's mission?

I promise you this: if you are open, the Holy Spirit will speak to you. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will move in all of us and take us deeper—to a depth we never thought possible.

Let's go deeper into God's will and follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed.

Let's press into the miraculous. Jesus is waiting for us there. ❖



“When we yield to the Spirit, we are drawn to what is central to God’s heart. We know our Lord loves the poor. And we experience joy when we serve His people.”

—Edgar Sandoval Sr.

World Vision U.S.
President Edgar Sandoval
Sr.’s visit to the Venezuela
Migration Crisis affecting
Cucuta, Colombia.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

In humanitarian emergencies, your generosity provides hope

With your faithful support, we are able to provide vital help to children and families impacted by disasters.

In times of disasters and emergencies, we are thankful to you for answering God's call. Together, we are able to provide food; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); livelihood support; education; relief items; and protection interventions to provide help for those in need.

At World Vision, our aim is to respond to the changing dynamics and circumstances that threaten the safety and dignity of children and their families who are affected by conflict, protracted fragility, displacement, and natural disasters.

Our faith calls us to protect lives, restore dignity, and renew hope.

As is often the case in disasters or emergencies, it's the children who suffer the most and are vulnerable to violence and exploitation. As a result, we prioritize the physical and emotional safety of our youth. To help care for them we raise awareness among adults about key child protection issues and set up spaces where children can play and feel secure. While we

seek to meet immediate needs, we also aim to empower children and their families to fully recover and thrive in the long run.

Gulbibibi, a displaced mom living in Herat, Afghanistan, was desperately worried about her youngest daughter Nasima. Gulbibibi's milk had dried up and due to the lack of nutritious food, eighteen-month-old Nasima was suffering from malnutrition and was pale and lethargic. Fortunately, World Vision had a mobile clinic in the area. Gulbibibi took her malnourished toddler to the clinic where she received packets of highly fortified therapeutic food and learned about proper hygiene practices. Over the next month, Nasima gained weight and her health improved. "I don't know her exact weight, but I can feel she is getting heavier day by day," says Gulbibibi.

We ask for your prayers and assistance for the millions of other children and families as we continue working in areas impacted by emergencies. ♦

In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

—Psalm 18:6 (NIV)

7.6 million people have been reached with food aid and humanitarian assistance in East Africa* since 2017.

* The figure relates to the East African countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda exclusively.



Nasima holding a Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food packet that she just received from a World Vision Mobile Health Team. She lives with her family in a tent in Herat city.

OUR SEVEN-YEAR CAMPAIGN

Following Jesus to serve the poor and end extreme poverty

Thanks to your faithful support, we are standing on the cusp of something no other generation has ever done—eradicate extreme poverty from the face of the earth and restore lost opportunities for children everywhere. To do so, we must continue to unite as never before to ensure that every last child has the opportunity to reach their God-given potential.

That's why we need more people like you to join our campaign.

THE VISION

7 SIGNATURE
INITIATIVES

7 YEARS (2016-2022)

For more information about World Vision's campaign to help end extreme poverty, please contact your World Vision representative or visit worldvision.org/Reports



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Engage **2.5 million people** to strengthen the faith of children and youth

Even when physical poverty declines, spiritual poverty can remain. God sent His only Son to proclaim good news for the poor. Let's proclaim that very same hope to children and families in need by strengthening the faith of the next generation.

Please pray for those who give their time, expertise, and prayers to change the lives of children and families desperate to know the Word of God.



WATER

Deliver water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to everyone by **2030**

Water gives life—which is why we're celebrating a remarkable milestone: together, we've reached 10 million people with clean water! Let's continue this amazing legacy by ending the global water crisis once and for all by 2030.

Pray that the Lord ignites passion in people's hearts to help bring clean water to those who desperately need it.



MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

Prevent illness and death among **4 million mothers and children**

It's unimaginable, but every day nearly 7,000 babies and 800 women still die from complications in pregnancy and childbirth—most of these deaths are preventable. Thanks to you, we are saving lives with the right support at the right time.

Join us in prayer for mothers and their young children who constantly struggle to stay healthy and thrive.

*Funding and beneficiary numbers for the campaign are preliminary and represent a portion of World Vision's total expected funding and beneficiary reach in fiscal years 2016-2022.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

—Matthew 25:40 (NIV)



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Equip **4 million people** to dramatically raise their incomes

More than 1 in 10 people in the world struggle to live on \$1.90 a day or less. Most are small-scale farmers without access to improved farming practices or financial services. We can provide them with the tools to climb from dependency to dignity and poverty to prosperity.

Pray that vulnerable families are empowered so they can feed their children nutritious food, send them to school, and earn income to break the cycle of poverty.



CHILD PROTECTION

Help protect **5 million children** from violence, exploitation, and abuse

Beaten at home. Forced into debt bondage. Sold as a child bride. An estimated 27 million people worldwide are being trafficked for the sex trade, forced labor, and other illegal purposes—and one in five of them are children. To follow God, we must protect the children He loves.

Pray that governments and aid organizations will establish more effective child-protection systems so that they can better serve children in need.



EDUCATION

Help **1.5 million children** receive an equitable, quality education

So many children are kept home to do chores or care for younger siblings. Teachers lack training and supplies. There might not be a school at all. Whatever the reason, without a good education, a child is likely to stay in poverty.

Join us in praying that young people gain the education and wisdom they need to break free from extreme poverty and reach their God-given potential.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

Help **3 million people** affected by disasters and emergencies

God is with those suffering from disaster—the refugee, the earthquake survivor, the family facing famine. He calls us to follow Him in offering hope to every last one, to respond to devastating emergencies, and to equip communities to prepare and recover.

Pray for all those facing natural disaster or conflict, that the Lord will sustain and provide for them, and that His love will surround them.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Churches are creating an ever-widening ripple in their communities

Thanks to your prayers and commitment, more children are embracing God's Word and finding a newfound purpose for their lives.

We are truly grateful for your faithful support. Your partnership is enabling World Vision to have a mighty impact for God's kingdom as children and youth grow in their Christian faith. Perhaps the most inspiring example is our work with churches.

Our continued efforts in El Salvador, built on the foundation of the Christian Discipleship Project, have influenced many pastors and churches to seek training from World Vision to improve their ministries for children and families. This innovative approach has even won a national award for helping to prevent violence among children and youth.

Pastors Romeo and Karla de Manzano felt called to care for the needs of children. World Vision's training helped them create a vision for how to serve their community. Their church now offers a free lunch program that serves 50 children daily. "I believe that if you could see the impact that you are producing in children's lives, you would be surprised," says Pastor Romeo de Manzano.

Ethiopian youth are also embracing the project's training to such a degree that some of the five-year targets have already been exceeded in 2 ½ years. In Shashego, the hope was to train 500 youth on topics such as leadership and exploring God's purpose for their lives. Yet 12,499 youth are eagerly engaged in learning—a 25-fold increase in expected impact! Looking to the future, the project will continue to work more deeply with the youth and children that have been reached, helping them grow in their faith.

In the Philippines, we stand in awe of God's Living Word, which is helping Filipino children

and youth grow in their Christian faith. Thanks to the caring support of partners like you, hundreds of school leaders have been trained using World Vision materials. The impact is best expressed through the words of George, a volunteer facilitator: "With the Christian Discipleship Project, the Word of God is no longer limited inside the church, but is extended to the whole community." ♦

*The Word of God is
alive and active ...*

—Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

1,857,348
people, including
children and their
parents, have benefited
from ministry activities
since October 2015.



WATER

Working together, we will solve the global water crisis within our lifetime

It's been a year of tremendous impact, as our industry-leading effort now reaches one new person with water every 10 seconds! We also remain firmly committed to reaching everyone, everywhere we work with clean water by 2030.

World Vision's water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) program plays an important role in providing vulnerable children and their families with clean water. Moving forward, we continue to focus on empowering communities to adopt life-transforming behaviors to ensure water quality, improved sanitation, and proper hygiene.

These transformative changes could not have happened without the support of faithful donors and partners. Working together, we have reached 12.7 million people with clean water over three years—and remain on track to reach 20 million people between 2015 and 2020.

In Burundi, World Vision joined with local churches to mobilize the community. In fact, 56 faith leaders participated in hygiene, sanitation, and behavior-change programming. The importance of WASH has carried through to the country's youth, where they preach the benefits to local people. "A student came to my house; he told me he had come to discuss hygiene," recalls Alfred who, as a parent, still knew little about WASH. "I was a little surprised ... what did a child know about hygiene? I saw that the boy was speaking sense. Before, we would keep the cows inside our house, but after being taught by the schoolchildren, now we keep them outside."

World Vision's WASH program in Rwanda is helping address the infrastructure gaps for people with disabilities. Thanks to the prayers and support of partners like you, we're striving to ensure all children, including the most vulnerable, have equitable access to WASH services at home and at school.



Across South Africa, in response to World Vision's Christian perspective, care has been taken to introduce families to the WASH program and the core Christian principle of Jesus Christ as the source of "living water." In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia, WASH teams equipped faith leaders with *Jesus: The Source of Living Water* devotional handbooks and training that expound upon biblical teachings on safe WASH practices as well as life principles as taught by Jesus.

Please join us in prayer as we seek to provide clean water to vulnerable children and their families around the world. ❖

"The quantity of water for all family uses was not sufficient ... but since the new water point was installed, everything has changed ... We thank God who inspired the donors to support us, because without water, our life was so painful."

—Carolina Alde, 36,
Mozambique

12.7 million people have been provided with access to clean water since 2015.

EQUALITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Unleashing the potential of women and girls to help end extreme poverty

The evidence is undeniable! When women and girls enjoy equal rights, freedom, and opportunity, then children experience better care, progress against poverty accelerates, and the chance to reach one's God-given potential is greater.

Thank you for helping to transform the lives of millions of women and girls—as well as those of their families and communities. Together, we're equipping and empowering women and girls in all areas of work. By unleashing this newfound potential, you're making it possible to end extreme poverty for the world's most vulnerable people.

Here are just some of the ways we're helping women and girls lead safer, healthier, and more productive lives.

Healthy Pregnancy and Childbirth

The first 1,000 days of a baby's life—from conception up to the child's second birthday—are when the risks are greatest to both the mom and her baby. In our Mother and Child Health Signature Initiative work, life-saving information and care are delivered through World Vision community health workers, who are trained and supported to reach people in their own neighbourhoods. Today, we have more than 220,000 community health workers in 48 countries.

Justice, Rights, and Protection

Our Child Protection work seeks to root out injustice against girls by shifting long-held mindsets, traditions, and cultural norms. Our programs engage parents, community leaders, and the children themselves; challenge the status quo; and help to make life-altering change that benefits everyone in the community.

Education and Literacy

Without a strong education, we know that girls are more likely to remain impoverished. Our education work focuses on equal access



to safe and quality schools, improving literacy for all children, and programs that help keep girls in school. Take, for example, our WASH programs that have constructed school latrines equipped for menstrual hygiene management. The new latrines enable girls to maintain their privacy and dignity. Hygiene programs are also shifting attitudes and behaviors around puberty (including the importance of menstrual hygiene management for girls). The change in approach to menstruation has resulted in increased attendance for girls at school. With their newfound learning, they have the potential to move from poverty to prosperity. ♦



Watch this video at worldvision.org/Ireen to see how small business loans together with World Vision's other economic empowerment projects helped Ireen dramatically increase her income and provide a better future for her five children.

6 million women and girls around the world have been able to live safer, healthier, and more productive lives since October 2016.

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

Helping mothers give their children a strong start to life

Your generous gifts are helping to provide families and health workers with the knowledge and tools to protect the lives of pregnant women, deliver babies safely, and give young children the opportunity for a brighter future.

For many of the world's most vulnerable people, community health workers are a beacon of God's hope in troubling times. Thanks to our generous partners, these workers are trained to provide health and nutrition education, as well as basic care for common illnesses. They also teach families about safe water practices, prenatal care, and the importance of delivering babies at a health facility.

In Somalia, community health workers continue to support health education and care for pregnant and nursing women. Hawa, whose previous pregnancy ended in a miscarriage, had no idea what was needed for a healthy pregnancy. In fact, she thought going to the health center was a waste of her time. But after visits from community health workers, she learned about nutrition, proper rest, sleeping under a mosquito net (as malaria is dangerous to pregnant women), and the importance of delivering her baby at a health facility.

"I hardly knew anything about these lessons," says Hawa. "But today I'm thankful that I'm aware of all these things ... I'm aware of the danger signs ... This would not have happened without the support and daily visits by the [community health workers] ... Their work has impacted me positively and enhanced my health and well-being."

In Zambia, training several corps of community volunteers and health facility staff is showing life-changing results. A case in point is Cliliance. Inviting a community health worker into her home during her seventh pregnancy very well could have saved her life—and that of her

child. Since her health was deteriorating, the local health worker shared information about safe pregnancy and nutrition. "As a family we learned a lot of things, such as eating a variety of food, danger signs, taking enough rest when pregnant, going to the clinic at least four times during pregnancy, sleeping under a mosquito net," she says. Cliliance was also convinced to give birth at the hospital. It was there that she had a C-section and delivered a healthy baby boy, Emmanuel.

We are truly grateful for your prayers and support that have created a safer world for mothers and their babies. ❖

Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days ...

—Isaiah 65:20 (NIV)

826,788 women and children in sub-Saharan Africa have received life-saving health education and care.



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FUND

Empowering women to escape poverty and enrich the lives of their families

The Women's Empowerment Fund is part of a powerful program that seeks to double its current reach—and annually benefit 2 million women by 2021.

Throughout the world, vulnerable women and their children are seeking a means to escape extreme poverty. Thanks to your prayers and support of the Women's Empowerment Fund, approximately 770,000 women have been provided with microloans to help improve their livelihoods. Whether it's starting a new business or improving an existing farm, the impact is undeniable.

The Women's Empowerment Fund builds upon the power and reach of VisionFund—World Vision's micro-finance subsidiary. VisionFund has more than 1.1 million active borrowers—7 out of 10 are women. This unique tool helps build the resilience of women and their families, improves gender equality, and supports the development of livelihoods by increasing access to financial services for vulnerable women. You can see this in Agnes Mukarugambwa, the daughter of a subsistence farmer.

Despite the lack of formal schooling, she was able to borrow money to diversify her family's income—and prosper economically. Agnes' main enterprise is a stall selling clothes in the local market. Her husband also has a stall selling various types of flowers. Together, they own a farm with 13 dairy cows and 30 goats. While the family's rise in prosperity is worth celebrating, Agnes is especially proud that she can now send her four biological children and two adopted children to school.

The first phase of World Vision's two-phase project focused on significantly growing loan capital for women to be invested in various ventures. The second phase seeks to strengthen

services for women: links to savings, insurance products, financial education, and more. Agnes has leveraged business training to improve her livelihood. With access to Valentine, her female loan officer and mentor, she receives practical advice that is almost as valuable as her loan.

To date, 4.1 million children have been impacted by microloans that help parents provide more income for such improvements as nutritious food, school fees, improved housing, and healthcare. For countless women, including Agnes, the Women's Empowerment Fund gives them the necessary tools so that their children thrive, not just survive. ❖



Agnes Mukarugambwa

*A generous person
will prosper; whoever
refreshes others will
be refreshed.*

—Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

1.1 million clients provided with microloans by leveraging \$214 million in equity to support \$462 million in loans disbursed.

4.1 million children impacted by microloans that help parents provide more income for such improvements as nutritious food, school fees, improved housing, and healthcare.

63 percent of clients served live in rural areas.

CHILD PROTECTION

Helping to protect vulnerable children from harm

Your generosity is making it possible for children to gain back their dreams, their childhoods, and their hope for a better future.

Around the world, millions of children—especially girls—are confronted with various forms of violence every day. They are forced to work; marry too early; undergo painful procedures that harm their bodies; endure neglect and emotional abuse; and engage in sexual acts. These experiences are traumatizing and shape every aspect of their identity for life.

By supporting World Vision, you are helping to protect children from violence in Armenia, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Kenya, Southeast Asia, and Uganda. In the past year, we engaged children in alternative rites of passage

training and educated them about the dangers of female genital mutilation and cutting. We removed children from hazardous labor and helped their parents increase their income so their children could go to school again. We also helped faith leaders promote gender equality and reduce gender-based violence.

Thank you for helping God's children lead a life filled with hope. Together, we can continue to strengthen families, mobilize churches, and influence governments to change behaviors and end harmful practices. ❖

1,942,172
people have
benefited from our
child protection
projects since
October 2015.

CHILD EDUCATION

Ushering in hope for brighter days

Around the world, education is the key to escaping extreme poverty, abuse, exploitation, and harmful cultural practices.

Many children around the world have never held a book in their hands or gone to school. For those that have gone to school, they may not have learned how to read or add numbers. And if they managed to learn, it may have been through sheer personal determination without the support of families or communities that place a low value on education.

That's why we're thankful to you for investing in the futures of vulnerable children and youth. Together with your help, education is lifting

children, unleashing their God-given potential. In Lebanon, Syrian child refugees participated in early childhood education activities to prepare them for kindergarten. Our Zambia project provided scholarships to help girls further their educations. Children in Nepal improved their literacy skills through reading camps and book corners.

These are just some of the ways you are making a difference. God bless you for caring and providing children with the means for a brighter future. ❖

5,071 children
have benefited
from our education
programs since
October 2016.

FIVE SMART WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE

Make a Lasting Impact on Vulnerable Children

Did you know you can turn your support of vulnerable children into a legacy that will carry on your Christian values? You might be surprised by how easy this is to accomplish. Below, discover five smart gift ideas that can help you craft a legacy of compassion, mercy, and love.

1. A Gift in Your Will or Living Trust

By adding one sentence to your will or living trust, you can bring life-transforming change to children while having the resources to care for your family, church, and community today. Contact us for the information to share with your attorney.

2. Retirement Plan Assets

You can name World Vision as a beneficiary of your retirement plan(s). Distributions from inherited retirement plan accounts are not taxable when given to World Vision, while these assets would be taxed as ordinary income to your heirs and subject to federal income tax.

3. Non-Cash Assets

When you give World Vision gifts of appreciated stock, real estate, commodities, or business interests, you can maximize your tax savings while increasing your impact in children's lives.

4. Charitable Gift Annuity

When you use cash or stock to establish a charitable gift annuity at World Vision, you'll receive reliable, fixed income payments for life for you and/or someone you choose. You'll also qualify for a partial income tax deduction and other tax benefits. After your lifetime(s), the remaining balance will help bring lasting change to children in need.

5. Donor-Advised Fund

You can name World Vision as the grantee for your donor-advised fund that you hold at an organization or through World Vision. In addition, you can name World Vision as the beneficiary of that fund.

Start planning your legacy of love today.

Contact World Vision's planned giving experts at 1.800.426.5753 or plannedgiving@worldvision.org.

"The fact that I can help children beyond my lifetime gives me a sense of peace."

—Sherrie Woodring,
CEO, Great African
Food Company

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