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CHILD
PROTECTION

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GLOBAL SUMMARY

Thank you for giving so generously to protect children from violence—including sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation, domestic abuse, and gender-based violence—and to ensure child survivors have the services and support they need to heal.

It's never easy to hear about a child who has been trafficked, raped, or beaten. It never will be. But please be encouraged that your love, generosity, and prayers are making a difference.

The projects you supported are helping to create safer homes, schools, and neighborhoods by raising awareness of the threats children face and by calling upon parents and all the members of a community to be on guard to stop violence against children.

Through our work in Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kenya, and Mozambique, we are changing the attitudes and behaviors that put children at risk. It is challenging work. It takes time. But our mission could not be closer to the heart of God—because it is His precious children we are protecting.

As you know, our approach brings people together for a common purpose. World Vision staff members come alongside mothers, fathers, faith leaders, social workers, teachers, healthcare providers, police officers, court personnel, government officials, and community leaders to ensure everyone understands that each child has value and the right to be protected.

Our message is simple: You have a role to play in keeping your children safe. We will help equip you to fill that role well.

We also engage in advocacy for laws and policies that establish children's rights, along with implementation that gives those laws and policies the impact they are intended to have.

Thank you for being part of these efforts in fiscal year 2016. This report celebrates the progress we made together. Please pray for continuing safety and healing for children who have been hurt. We ask God to help us reach even more children this year.



GLOBAL UPDATE

583,678 PEOPLE, INCLUDING **320,546** CHILDREN,
benefited from our Child Protection programming from October 2015 through September 2016.

ON THE COVER: Children and youth gather in a schoolyard in the village of Haghtanak, Armenia, during an event that helped to promote gender equality and draw attention to gender-based violence, including prenatal sex selection.

ARMENIA

We are tremendously grateful to be partnering with you to promote gender equality and reduce prenatal sex selection and son preference in Armenia, through our Child Protection Project, which began this year. This is important work that is founded on the belief that every child is a child of God, who should be valued, loved, and protected. We thank God for this opportunity.

The project is teaching positive parenting skills to fathers and

mothers, questioning stereotypes, and calling attention to gender-based violence. In these ways, we are helping to change the family environment for girls and boys already born, in addition to changing attitudes toward prenatal sex selection.

Already, project activities and events have garnered the attention of U.N. agencies and nonprofit organizations. As we continue, the visibility of our work will grow, and our messages will be conveyed to even more people.

Hundreds of youth took part in events—from TEDx talks (local TED-style events) to a youth forum—that carried messages on gender equality in innovative, engaging ways.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our social media campaign, which will launch this fiscal year (October 2016 through September 2017), with a focus on changing negative social norms.

Raising awareness of gender roles and violence

Through the project's Caring for Equality sessions, fathers and future fathers are learning that it's important for them to be involved in their children's daily lives and the responsibilities of parenting—just as it is for mothers. Caring for Equality uses 14 activity-based sessions to contribute to the prevention of prenatal sex selection by challenging harmful gender norms and promoting the equality of girls and boys. In fiscal year 2016, 82 couples and 184 youth took part. Hrachya, a 21-year-old man who participated in the sessions, shared this:

[The] project helped me to understand that when I grow up and form a family, it would be very important that I take part in family care and education of my children. Also, before the training, I never paid attention to domestic violence issue[s] in our community. Now I will be more attentive and ready to help.



Celebrating newborn girls In September 2016, youth involved in Caring for Equality trainings organized a cycling flash mob in Gyumri, from Central Square to a local maternity hospital, to celebrate newly born girls.

LIFE-OF-PROJECT SPENDING

Amount spent: \$426,505

\$713,333 Project-to-Date Funding

60%

Note: The project spent about 40 percent less than the planned budget for FY16. The project started in October 2015. But recruiting staff and establishing foundational relationships for the success of the project took a few months, thereby delaying some activities—in particular, Channels of Hope-Gender (a biblically based curriculum for church leaders focused on gender issues) and the Caring for Equality curriculum for parents. However, all activities will be achieved within the project timeline, and the budget has been revised accordingly.

BANGLADESH



We are deeply grateful for your support of our work in Bangladesh to address the evil of human trafficking and especially to reduce children's vulnerability to exploitation.

Your generosity made it possible for World Vision to engage in the full range of prevention, protection, and restoration activities that we set out to do. With the program's end in September 2016, we are encouraged that the impact of our work can be carried into the future for the benefit of Bangladeshi girls and boys.

The Child Protection Program assisted 153 trafficking victims. We provided essentials such as food, clothes, medical aid, shelter, and counseling to 80 survivors in the immediate aftermath of their rescue. We helped survivors receive the specific care they needed, whether healing in a partner shelter or training in a trade to enable them to earn income. God bless you for helping them recover and return to their family or community to begin new chapters in life.

Prevention activities reached hundreds of thousands of vulnerable community members—adults and children. We increased awareness about the risks of trafficking and its serious consequences through drama presentations, videos, billboards, peer education, school sessions, and more.

We engaged representatives of the media, judiciary, law enforcement, government, nonprofit world, and local communities—holding them accountable for their legal responsibilities to address trafficking and talking to them about their role in protecting children. Our Child-Friendly Spaces gave vulnerable children a safe place to learn and play, while their parents were away from home.

In all these ways, you helped build safer communities in which God's children can thrive. Thank you.

Highlights from the life of the program include:

818,211 community members were reached with trafficking awareness and prevention messages.

Life-of-Program Target: 822,890

99%

11,527 vulnerable adolescents and youth ages 12 to 18 benefited from life-skills education.

Life-of-Program Target: 12,240

94%

1,047 vulnerable families received vocational or income-generation training.

Life-of-Program Target: 831

126%

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM SPENDING

Amount spent: \$7,060,694

Life-of-Program Funding: \$7,125,985

99%

Note: The Bangladesh Child Protection Program met or exceeded the majority of its targets while producing about \$65,000 in cost savings. Unspent funds will be used to support the new Bangladesh Child Protection Project, which began October 1, 2016. This multiyear effort is working to protect children from child labor and all forms of violence.

CAMBODIA



A child survivor rides the bicycle provided to her by the Child Protection Project for transportation to school and other needs.

We were tremendously blessed by your support of our Child Protection Project in Cambodia. There—as in places around the world—children are vulnerable to sexual exploitation and abuse. Evil acts tragically rob them of their innocence and their childhoods. Too often, they face long roads to restoration and healing. But thanks to you, child survivors received critical help in that journey.

Your generosity strengthened the capacity of local groups to deliver services that enable children to recover. This meant they received psychosocial, legal, educational, and other assistance while living in their communities.

We worked with commune (administrative division) committees that monitor the local situation for children and women, and advise on budgeting for social services. We equipped committee members to counsel and otherwise aid abused and exploited children, ensuring they had the support they needed.

Together, we helped more than 100 children last year. We also equipped communities to better protect and assist girls and boys for years to come.

May God bless you for all you have done for His children in Cambodia.

Highlights of the project include:

119 child survivors received services and care from community-based providers.

FY16 target: 100 **119%**

130 commune committee, partner, and World Vision staff members were trained to manage cases of violence against children.

FY16 target: 75 **173%**

20 girls and boys participated in local advocacy efforts to improve child protection services.

FY16 target: 20 **100%**

Commune committees learn to counsel children and manage cases

With the project focused on expanding community capacity to assist exploited and abused children, the involvement of Commune Committees for Women and Children has been vitally important. This year, the project equipped committee members (pictured at right) to manage cases, counsel children, and refer child survivors for additional help, such as medical care and police assistance in filing complaints. Most committee members can now take all these steps to help child survivors.



FISCAL YEAR 2016 SPENDING

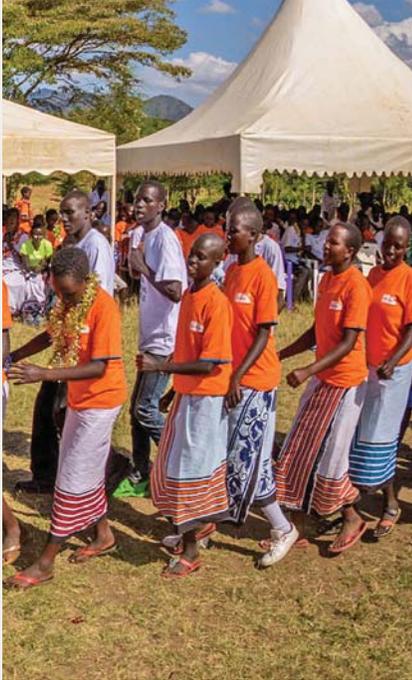
Amount spent: \$233,729

\$276,123 Life-of-Project Funding

85%

Note: FY16 expenses were less than the funding provided to this one-year project. Therefore, activities will continue into FY17 for ongoing capacity building and counseling of survivors until remaining funds are fully used.

KENYA



Above, adolescent girls and boys are joined by community members in celebrating an alternative rite of passage to female genital mutilation (FGM).

Year 1 of our new phase of child protection work in Kenya brought much to celebrate, thanks to the goodness of God. We are grateful to Him and you. With your faithful support, vulnerable children received scholarships to continue with their education. Significant physical improvements were completed at three of the five schools covered by the project's construction plans.

Children and adults learned to protect children from female genital mutilation (FGM) and other violence, and report violations. This is crucial to ensuring cases are filed and pursued in court, and children receive medical and counseling services. Through the project, 186 community members were trained to provide psychological

support. Child survivors were able to receive crisis and longer-term counseling.

Some 57 faith leaders (22 women and 35 men) took part in Channels of Hope-Child Protection sessions, through which they explored the importance of protecting and valuing children—lessons they are sharing with their congregations. They are now able to identify and report abuse. You also are helping to train village-level government child protection bodies to champion child rights and respond effectively to violence against children.

We are pleased to share this update on what is taking place in the communities of West Pokot county. God bless you for loving His children and partnering in this work.

School improvements

We are happy to report that the following structures have been completed:

- All five classrooms planned for St. Catherine Girls Secondary School in Sook and the two planned science laboratories
- Two dormitories at St. Elizabeth Girls Secondary School in Marich Pass
- All of the planned six housing units for staff, the dormitory, the septic tank, and the solar panel for Tipet Primary School in Sook

Education and income support

The project is enabling survivors of abuse and vulnerable youth to attend school or vocational training by providing scholarships. Last year:

- 30 youth (18 girls, 12 boys) who were rescued from FGM, child marriage, or child labor received scholarships for formal secondary education.
- 15 girls received scholarships to pursue their education at St. Elizabeth Girls Secondary School. Four of these girls were rescued from child marriage.
- 30 vulnerable students received scholarships for secondary education.
- 38 youth (28 females, 10 males) who are vulnerable to harm received scholarships for vocational training, which will help them improve their earning capacity. They are happy to be learning skills and have hope for their future. Five of the male beneficiaries are youth with disabilities.

LIFE-OF-PROJECT SPENDING

Amount spent: \$1,692,133

\$1,833,263 Project-to-Date Budget

92%

MOZAMBIQUE

The Mozambique Child Protection Program ended on September 30, 2016. Over five years, with your support, we were able to draw attention to the risks children face in their homes, schools, and communities, and empower community members to fulfill their responsibilities to protect children. We engaged with parents, law enforcement, healthcare workers, child advocates, court personnel, and counseling providers, who today are more informed and better equipped to assist children, thanks to you.

From helping more than 22,700 children obtain their birth registrations to teaching hospital staff how to evaluate and treat child abuse victims, you made a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable children. May God bless you.



The youth above are Child Parliament members. They are working on a radio drama that focuses on child protection issues young people face.

Highlights of the program's five years include:

6,874 legal advisers were trained to assist and advocate for child survivors.

Life-of-Project Target: 4,800

143%

834 police officers were trained on child protection laws and victims' assistance.

Life-of-Project Target: 900

93%

566 children were placed with foster families through partnerships with churches.

Life-of-Project Target: 300

189%

The project improved local capacity to prevent and respond to child exploitation and abuse in sustainable ways. Law enforcement personnel learned about child protection and how to assist child victims. Police met regularly with community members, helping them understand how to report child abuse and seek help for survivors. Legal advisers were taught to gather evidence and interview children appropriately—to build strong cases. Psychosocial support was expanded to ensure access to counseling for children and parents.



LIFE-OF-PROGRAM SPENDING

Amount spent: \$5,386,601

\$5,926,041 Life-of-Program Funding

91%

Note: The Mozambique Child Protection Program met or exceeded the majority of its targets while producing more than \$500,000 in cost savings. Unspent funds will be used to support the new Mozambique Child Protection Project, which began October 1, 2016. This multiyear effort is working to reduce child marriage and other forms of violence against children.

ABUSED WOMAN IN BANGLADESH WORKS HARD FOR HER DAUGHTER'S FUTURE

With help from World Vision, Ayesha was able to give her daughter, Joyti, the opportunities she never had.



“Now, we are living in peace. We have food, and my daughter is doing well in her studies. World Vision made this possible to us. Thank you, World Vision, for your help.”

—Ayesha, above left, with her daughter, Joyti, and below left, tutoring children in her community in Bangladesh



Ayesha Khanom continues to work hard, both as a housemaid and a private tutor, earning enough to afford what she and her daughter, Joyti Moni, need. “My father passed away while I was 2, and this is my second generation of working as a housemaid and rais[ing] a child as a single mother,” said Ayesha.

Ayesha has faced great struggles throughout her life. Her father, a schoolteacher, did not earn much. When he died of cancer, he left no assets for her care. Ayesha’s brother was killed in a political fight. To support the family, Ayesha’s mother began working as a housemaid for neighbors. Ayesha followed in her mother’s footsteps once she turned 13.

When Ayesha was 14, her wealthy employer sexually abused her. Ayesha became pregnant and dropped out of school. Ayesha was forced to take a substance given to her by a village resident to abort her baby. Not only did she lose her baby, but Ayesha became partially paralyzed. Unable to meet the physical demands of being a housemaid, Ayesha turned to working as a private tutor to support herself. She resumed her high school studies and completed her secondary school certificate.

But pain and hardship once again came into Ayesha’s life when she was abused by another employer. Raped multiple times, she became pregnant. But this time, she refused to have an abortion. She named her daughter Joyti, which means “light.” “I felt a religious zeal that my daughter should be a light for

others, and she should get a better way for living which I never had.”

The man who raped Ayesha was convicted. But after making an initial payment of support, he failed to provide any additional funds, though the court had ordered him to do so. Ayesha worked as a tutor to support herself and her daughter. Along the way, neighbors connected Ayesha to World Vision. Joyti became a sponsored child, while Ayesha participated in activities focusing on health, disaster preparedness, and income generation.

When Joyti became older, Ayesha encouraged her daughter to become involved in the child forum associated with World Vision’s area development program. When the Child Protection Program began, Joyti was chosen to become a life-skills peer educator, helping others understand the risks of early marriage, trafficking, and child labor. “I have taught life skills to 80 adolescents of my age,” Joyti said. She used the money she earned as a peer educator for her studies. She is pursuing a diploma in electronics and hopes to become an engineer.

Joyti also tutors primary school students, earning \$13 a month, which she gives to her mother for household expenses. Ayesha dreams that her daughter will complete her studies, get a job in public service, and choose a good man to marry. Joyti said, “Receiving World Vision’s support, I engaged myself as one of the child advocates and got prepared for a better life.”



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