

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

Progress through March 2018

More than 60 percent of people living in extreme poverty are women and girls. World Vision is responding in many of the communities where women and girls struggle the most. Solving the puzzle of poverty requires a full plan and a full range of services—water, food, health, education, economic opportunities, and child protection—in partnership with faith leaders who promote gender equality. Through signature initiatives in these areas, with your partnership, much progress occurred between October 2017 and March 2018.



545,300 women and girls gained access to clean water; while 552,070 gained access to household sanitation and 1,231,204 benefited from hygiene behavior-change promotion.



84,577 women and girls benefited from economic empowerment activities, including access to financial services, savings groups, agricultural training and technology, and access to markets. This includes 24,430 women who received loans through the Women's Empowerment Fund.



85,506 women of child-bearing age and 167,907 children younger than 5 gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia.



4,664 women and girls benefited from education programs, including early childhood development, literacy instruction, life skills and livelihoods, and investments in safe schools in Jordan, Lebanon, Nepal, and Zambia.



266,608 women and girls in 10 countries benefited from child protection programs that empower people to advocate for their rights, equip parents to use positive approaches, and train community members to protect children. In Kenya, 20 girls were rescued from female genital mutilation/cutting or other abuses, 476 girls attended alternative rite of passage events, and 125 rescued children received scholarships.



227,450 women and girls in eight countries were empowered through Christian discipleship activities in churches and schools, 718 women church leaders benefited from training in theology and children's ministry, and 15,886 girls participated in children's discipleship activities, many of which help develop leadership skills.



World Vision helped reduce the vulnerability of women and girls to disaster while providing emergency relief assistance in 40 countries. In Bangladesh, for instance, where refugees have fled from violence in Myanmar, 11,593 pregnant and nursing mothers benefited from health screenings and medical counseling.