



GLOBAL UPDATE

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WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The COVID-19 crisis is impacting every country where World Vision operates. Communities that are highly vulnerable to economic and social shocks, such as the ones where our Every Last One projects operate, are especially impacted.

Since the very beginning of the outbreak, World Vision has leveraged our 70-year history of emergency response to help children and families by scaling up prevention and relief efforts across the globe. Equally important, World Vision is combating secondary impacts of the crisis that are putting millions of children at risk—from heightened food insecurity, to shuttered schools, to increased violence or neglect.

In the countries where our Every Last One projects are operating, activities such as providing hygiene supplies and training families on sustainable livelihoods are crucial to helping children and their families not only survive this pandemic, but emerge resilient, with durable hope for the future.

While disruptions and necessary restrictions related to the spread of COVID-19 will delay aspects of our work, we remain committed to the projects we have started so that every last child has hope for a brighter future.

Thank you for partnering with World Vision and responding to God's call to care for our neighbors, near and far. We are truly grateful for your choice to stand with us as we face this unprecedented challenge.

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21.2 MILLION PEOPLE have benefited from work World Vision U.S. donors supported through these projects.* Thank you for giving generously to transform the lives of children and families in need.

* In fiscal year 2020, **2.7 million** people benefited. World Vision's deep investment in communities can result in some people benefiting from more than one service. For example, a church leader might have participated in children's ministry training and also live in a community that received access to clean water.

CHILD PROTECTION

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World Vision is grateful for your partnership to help end violence, abuse, and loss of opportunities for children in some of the most challenged areas where we work.

Across the world, children are experiencing many forms of violence, including child marriage, physical punishment, sexual abuse, and child labor. The root causes stem from harmful cultural traditions, parents' lack of education, and poverty.

With your support—and through partnerships with children, families, and communities—we are stemming the tide of violence against children in **Bangladesh, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.**

Children are being pulled from often-dangerous jobs and returning to school, sometimes in formal

settings, and sometimes in special alternative educational settings. Girls are learning to advocate for their rights to an education and to avoid child marriage. Adults are learning those same lessons.

Growing networks of community partners are taking on more of this life-enriching work, ensuring children are better able to live up to the full potential God intends for them. Thank you for your willingness to come alongside children and families to help make this happen.



Students in Guatemala receive school supplies to help them learn and thrive in school.

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3 **MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1.5 MILLION CHILDREN AND YOUTH** have benefited from our child protection projects since they began. So far, **628,764** people have benefited in FY20. These numbers include beneficiaries from projects that already have closed.

The following are just a few significant achievements from the first half of the fiscal year:

32 alternative education centers operated in Guatemala by our partner, Funcafe, benefited **849** students who enrolled in the second cohort of courses. Funcafe also provided classes to help parents learn how to best support their children's education, with **211** parents participating.

39 radio shows broadcast by three Kenyan stations reached an estimated **156,000** listeners, who learned about child protection issues, including female genital mutilation and child marriage. This helped us continue to engage with communities after the pandemic disrupted some activities.

530 child survivors of trafficking and other forms of violence are living in **three** aftercare homes in India, where they benefit from activities promoting psychosocial health that include dance, sports, self-defense, and using storytelling as a healing tool.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Thank you for joining World Vision in ministry to help children and youth around the world to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Because you give to World Vision's Christian Discipleship Program, families are able to participate in programs like Celebrating Families, Channels of Hope, and Raising Children with Tenderness. They learn from pastors, church leaders, and other faith members who, with love and kindness, help nurture their spiritual growth and deepen their faith.

In the first half of fiscal year 2020 alone, Christian Discipleship projects reached more than 400,000 children and adults, and trained more than 2,400 church leaders to facilitate discipleship programs.

Our International Bible Fund also provided families and churches with 45,000 Bibles to encourage them to grow their faith through the study of God's Word.

By the close of the reporting period, COVID-19 and related government-imposed closures and restrictions began to impact operations. Our national offices took action, adapting project activities and creating new opportunities to reach more vulnerable children and families through virtual platforms.



Junior, 9, shares a smile after gathering for morning prayer and Bible reading. His grandmother, Joyce, began holding family prayer after she attended a Celebrating Families training provided by World Vision.

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4 MILLION PEOPLE benefited from ministry activities since October 2015, including **439,985** people during the first half of fiscal year 2020. This includes children, parents/caregivers, and community members benefiting directly and indirectly.

43,104 CHILDREN AND YOUTH directly participated in discipleship activities, including Sunday schools, after-school Bible clubs, and school-based Christian studies classes during the first half of FY20. Since these projects began in FY16, 353,097 children have participated.

2,414 PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS were trained during the first half of FY20 on theology and children's ministry, helping them learn to create programs for children that capture their attention and help them to learn about Jesus. Since FY16, 20,666 have been trained.

486 CHURCHES engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth the first half of FY20, creating or expanding Sunday schools and Vacation Bible Schools, and encouraging children to participate in the life of the church. Since FY16, 3,659 churches have participated.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND*

169,264 Bibles provided (45,000 in FY20), benefiting 846,320 people (225,000 in FY20)

31%

Seven-year target: 400,000

*Bibles provided through this fund are often distributed for use in the Christian Discipleship Program but are funded and accounted for independently.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

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Helping families stabilize livelihoods, become resilient, and gain hope

For those living in deep need, the struggle to provide basic family needs and break the cycle of extreme poverty is daunting. World Vision works to help people gain not only economic empowerment, but a more hope-filled future.

In FY20, our THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) model continued to bring life-transforming results as a key part of World Vision's global livelihoods strategy.

With our partner TANGO International (Technical Assistance to NGOs), World Vision has been documenting the level of THRIVE's impact on child well-being in the five project countries: Honduras, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Results from evaluations done in Tanzania and Malawi indicated a

significant and positive impact on parents' ability to provide for their children's needs through increased household income and assets.

World Vision also continues to offer access to needed financial services through VisionFund, our microfinance network. For farmers and small business owners, a loan can significantly improve income and business growth.

Families that benefit from improved livelihoods invest not only in their businesses, but also in the education of their children, more nutritious food, clean water and sanitation, improved healthcare, and better quality homes.

We welcome your partnership as we seek to empower families to move out of extreme poverty—and to prevent families from falling back into it. Thank you for helping to restore



and stabilize the livelihoods of people who are among the most vulnerable in the world.

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1.5 MILLION PEOPLE* were provided with access to economic empowerment since the beginning of the project, including **220,878** during fiscal year 2020.

*This figure includes VisionFund clients and their families who, through our OneVision Technology project, are able to use mobile money applications to handle their financial transactions, including loans.

27,907 FARMERS have been trained on improved agricultural techniques in FY20.

35,472 PEOPLE have been provided with access to financial services in FY20.

35,338 FARMERS have gained access to new markets in FY20.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

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COVID-19 has complicated World Vision's response efforts and limited access and mobility, but our dedication to address ongoing crises has not stopped.

Thanks to your prayers and gifts to the Global Emergency Relief Fund, World Vision continues to meet the needs of children and families living with or recovering from natural disasters and other emergencies.

In the first half of FY20, we responded to 51 disasters and humanitarian emergencies in 59 countries. Some of the people we cared for included Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo recovering from Ebola, people impacted by civil unrest in Iraq and Niger, and Mozambicans

rebuilding their lives after Cyclone Idai. We walked alongside them, providing food, access to clean water and improved sanitation, child protection, healthcare, support for rebuilding livelihoods, and more.

In response to COVID-19, we adapted our project activities to include raising awareness about the virus and emphasizing hygiene practices to reduce the risk of infection. Looking ahead, we will adapt our emergency programming and work to mitigate COVID-19's secondary impacts. This means addressing livelihoods, food



Marie Ferete, who lives in a refugee camp in South Sudan, received seeds, tools, and training on agricultural production and marketing, empowering her to support her family.

shortages, child protection, education, and mental health.

Thank you for your partnership, which ensures that these communities are not forgotten.

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84.3 MILLION PEOPLE have been reached with emergency relief since FY16 with donor and partner support worldwide. This includes more than **6.7 million people** who were impacted by gifts from private donors in the U.S.—with **1.1 million** benefiting during FY20.

374,400 SYRIAN REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED IRAQIS benefited from support, such as hygiene kit and school supply distributions, counseling for pregnant and nursing women, access to clean drinking water, vaccinations, and solid waste management in refugee camps.

154,072 PEOPLE in Mozambique received food or cash/vouchers for food, after Cyclone Idai ripped up farmlands and crops, drastically reducing the country's food source. This is particularly detrimental for the millions of farmers who rely on a strong harvest for income and food.

2,100 ROHINGYA REFUGEE WOMEN benefited from 42 centers where they could safely cook, build friendships, and take classes on meal preparation, nutrition, and personal hygiene. The construction of new centers allowed 600 additional women to enjoy these benefits.

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

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More than 60% 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, and with your partnership, great progress was made between October 2016 and March 2020.



8.4 million women and girls gained access to clean water, while **5.9 million** gained access to household sanitation and **9.3 million** benefited from hygiene behavior-change promotion.



920,059 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 **16,511** women who received loans through the Women's Empowerment Fund.



420,748 women of child-bearing age and **475,269** children younger than 5 gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services in places where we are implementing those programs.



13,401 women and girls benefited from education programs, including early childhood development, literacy instruction, life skills and livelihoods, and investments in safe schools in Honduras, Jordan, Lebanon, Nepal, and Zambia.



1,051,396 women and girls 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 this year, such training equipped communities to reduce female genital mutilation and child marriage through life skills training for teachers, a parenting curriculum, and scholarships for 20 girls.



1.8 million women and girls in six countries were empowered through Christian discipleship activities in churches and schools, **4,430** women church leaders benefited from training on theology and children's ministry, and **140,209** girls engaged in discipleship activities that help develop leadership skills.



59 countries benefited from World Vision relief programs that helped reduce the vulnerability of millions of women and girls to disaster. For instance this year, among Syrian refugees in Iraq, World Vision counseled 650 pregnant and nursing women on proper nutrition and feeding infants.

Beneficiary figures for water and emergency relief are from projects supported by U.S. donors and donors from around the world.

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Your support is helping World Vision put a stop to needless deaths of pregnant women, newborns, and young children in Zambia's Luwingu district, and soon, we will expand into Niger's Dosso and Maradi regions.

Since 2016, we've been providing healthcare education and services for pregnant women, newborns, and young children through projects in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia. Our community-based prevention and treatment interventions are saving lives and helping to ensure children thrive.

We recently ended the first phase of this work, successfully closing projects in Somalia and Uganda. A second phase has been launched in Zambia, based on a redesign focusing on Phase I successes. A foundation partner is helping us expand our work in Uganda as well.

So far in the recently launched Phase II in Zambia, we have laid the groundwork to provide education that empowers families with the information they need for a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery, despite COVID-19 challenges that impacted the project near the end of this reporting period.

Community health workers have been trained to share health and nutrition information, and clinic employees have received additional training to help them provide a higher quality of care for families and support health volunteers. And importantly,



A Zambian toddler is measured for progress of growth and development.

local faith leaders have learned how to share information about good mother and child healthcare with their congregations and other community members. Pastors and imams provide a vital and trusted voice in their communities and are valuable partners.

Our plans currently call for introducing this work in Niger—hopefully in the coming year.

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896,017 **WOMEN AND YOUNG CHILDREN*** have gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services, which includes **475,269** children younger than 5 since fiscal year 2016. In FY20, **2,511** women and young children benefited from your support, **503** of whom were under 5.

*These beneficiary numbers include projects that have closed and those that are ongoing as well as projects fully supported by a foundation partner. They also reflect some people who might have received more than one service. For example, women who delivered their babies in a health facility often also received prenatal care services.

1,868 **ZAMBIANS** heard messages on nutrition and treatment of malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea.

166 **ZAMBIAN HEALTH VOLUNTEERS** were trained on core models for education and care of their patients.

71 **FAITH LEADERS** were trained to share information about important mother and child healthcare.

WATER

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The Global WASH Program exceeded our FY20 semiannual targets, reaching 920,000 people with clean drinking water, 952,000 people with improved latrines, and 1.9 million people with hygiene education. Despite challenges connected to the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain on track to reach 20 million people with clean water between 2016 and 2020.

Access to clean water is foundational to a community's ability to survive and thrive, which is why the Global WASH Program remains committed to reaching everyone, everywhere we work with clean water by 2030.

While the outbreak of COVID-19 created programming challenges during this reporting period, it also emphasized the importance of WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) services to vulnerable and under-resourced communities. In the first six months of FY20, we helped 233,000 households gain access to hand-washing facilities,

provided 337,000 people with emergency hygiene supplies, and trained 3,700 faith leaders on advocating for behavior-change and safeguarding against the spread of disease in their communities.

We also made significant headway toward our target of reaching 800 healthcare facilities (about 7.2 million people) with clean water between 2019 and 2021. By the end of this reporting period, we had reached 672 healthcare facilities that lacked clean water or hand-washing facilities on premises—84% of our final target.



As World Vision develops a new five-year plan to cover our WASH work through 2025, we remain deeply grateful for your ongoing partnership. Thank you for helping to bring WASH services to the world's most vulnerable. Together, we are transforming millions of lives.

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17 MILLION PEOPLE have been provided with access to clean drinking water since FY16, with **966,656 people*** gaining access in the first half of FY20. This includes **nearly 5 million people** who were reached through funding from World Vision U.S. private donors since FY16, with **288,419 U.S.-supported beneficiaries** reached in the first six months of FY20.

9,392 WATER POINTS were built in the first half of FY20.

165,644 SANITATION FACILITIES were built in the first half of FY20.

233,766 HAND-WASHING FACILITIES were built in the first half of FY20.

2,091 WASH COMMITTEES were formed in the first half of FY20.

* These include rural community water beneficiaries (920,986) and municipal water beneficiaries (45,670). The 966,656 people with access to water represent many of the same beneficiaries that received access to sanitation facilities and behavior-change programming.

STORIES OF HOPE

CHILD PROTECTION

Jane and other girls in Kenya have hope for the future, thanks to dedicated donors like you

Jane (not her real name) never went to school, and after her mother died, her father viewed her solely as potential income—a bride price. In late 2019, she was forced to undergo female genital mutilation and then married off to a man for seven cows, 40 goats, and two camels.

After a week with her husband, she fled to an aunt's home in another village, where she found a safe haven. She has enrolled in school and is making great progress.

Jane, at left in the photo, is happy with her life and her potential for the future. School "is the best place to be," the 15-year-old said. "I am now secure and protected, and I can learn and achieve my dreams."

Your support of our work in Kenya has been instrumental in protecting girls like Jane, enabling them to dream, and giving them the tools needed to realize those dreams.



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

From emptiness to a heart flooded with God's grace, a Filipino youth becomes a Christ-filled community organizer after a Dare to Discover workshop

As a sponsored child, Paul (now 20) participated actively in World Vision's events. But inside, Paul felt empty, substituting busyness with Christian activities for a true connection to Jesus.

When he was elected president of the children's association, he didn't want the responsibility and vowed to make those who elected him do all the work. But his plan failed in the best possible way. By working closely together, Paul and the other youth became strong friends. He began to understand his purpose in life as he discovered his gift for organizing and motivating others.

But it wasn't until he participated in our Christian Discipleship Project's Dare to Discover workshop that he felt God's grace flooding into his heart to fill his emptiness.

"I felt truly connected to Him and everything around me did not matter," Paul said. "It was as if God and I were the only ones talking in that place. It's been a long time since I cried, but during the Release and Surrender session, my tears fell continuously."

Now fully committed to living his life for Jesus, Paul is using what he learned from World Vision to care for



vulnerable children. He's founded a group in which children learn to reach out to their community. Their most recent project, called Go, Give, Let's Stop COVID, raised \$260 to provide basic hygiene supplies (soap, masks, alcohol) for children, pregnant women, and elderly adults.

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ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



A 'bright future' for farmer

At first, Nkundineza Jean Marie Vianney thought that joining a Savings for Transformation group, part of the THRIVE program, was a waste of time.

"I was wrong, because through saving groups you can learn more skills," said Nkundineza, a farmer in Rwanda's Huye District and a married father of four children. Participants named their group Ejo Heza, meaning "bright futures."

The savings group gave him skills and resources. Through Empowered Worldview, a foundational part of THRIVE, "my mind was changed," he said. "I realized that I have different opportunities ... to start a business."

Nkundineza borrowed about \$20 from his savings group to plant vegetables. After three months, he sold his produce and earned \$131. After paying back the loan, he borrowed about \$50 and planted tomatoes, earning \$315. The next season, he harvested more

than a ton of corn, earning about \$240, and started poultry farming. His 25 chickens produce 112 eggs per week.

With his income, Nkundineza strengthened his house with cement and an iron-sheet roof. His family is better fed and more prepared for the future. He always had the potential to take charge of his livelihood. With a worldview of empowerment and financial tools available to him, he is able to envision and realize a stronger future for his family.

"No more malnutrition in my home, my children are well at school, and I can buy scholastic materials and pay school fees without problem," he said. "I pay medical insurance on time. Through Ejo Heza saving group, I am safe with my family. And my future is bright for sure."

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Apples for children, peace for parents

Najir, a father of seven, carefully selects perfectly shaped, unbruised apples to bring home to his children, who love apples. He remembers when food options were slim for Rohingya families like his living in Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. Najir would line up for hours for simple distributions of rice, lentils, and oil.

"Before, my family had no choice over what we ate," Najir said. His children wanted fish and meat, which the family couldn't afford.

Thanks to large e-voucher stores run by World Food Program and World Vision, Najir's family—and so many other refugees—now enjoy a diverse and nutritious diet. World Vision partners with World Food Program to run four stores serving nearly 224,000 refugees from 10 camps. Each month, families receive a food assistance card loaded with \$10 per family member. Shoppers choose from 20 fresh food items, including fish, chicken, fruits, vegetables, eggs, and spices. Porters are available to help carry heavy bags of groceries home.

"Every time I go to the shop, I keep enough money on the card to buy some [apples] for them," Najir said. "When I see them eating apples and smiling, I feel peace."



Najir's children enjoy the apples he bought as part of monthly food rations from World Food Program's e-voucher store, which is run with support from World Vision.

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EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

In rural Kenya, a young girl hangs on to her dream

Sharon,* 15, was born and raised in North Pokot, Kenya, an area known for perpetuating harmful customs with girls, including female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage.

At age 12, “the worst thing that happened to me was the day my parents parted ways,” says Sharon. She figured “it was just a matter of time before my father would have me drop from school, make sure I underwent the FGM, and marry me off.”

Luckily, her grandmother noticed her love for education and realized her son was scheming to marry Sharon off, so she did the unthinkable and reported the matter to the area chief.

The chief took action and, along with government authorities, arranged for

Sharon to be taken to Morpus Safe School. World Vision works closely with such schools to support vulnerable girls to continue their education.

“I remember the first day I reported to the center, the head teacher of Morpus Primary School, James Lokuk, was very sympathetic with my plight and he assured me that I will be admitted in Grade 7,” Sharon says. “I assured myself that I will use every available minute to study to the best of my abilities.”

Last year, she sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exams. Sharon knew her dreams for advancing rested on a good score. To the surprise of everyone, she emerged with the top score and gained admission to the prestigious Tar Tar Girls High School.



* Sharon, whose name has been changed to protect her identity, points to her name at the top of exam results.

Thanks to her grandmother, the area chief, the teachers, and her own hard work, Sharon is hanging on to her dream. She has received a high school scholarship and, over a four-year period, also will receive mentoring and leadership training.

WATER

Local woman becomes a strong and empowered voice for the environment

Parcila, Nicaragua, used to be an “ugly community,” says María Teresa Olivas (left). Residents dumped garbage on the roads and riverbanks, contaminating the water. María Teresa, 35, a Parcila native and mother of two, was weary of seeing the environment neglected and preventable diseases on the rise. After obtaining a technical certificate in Integrated Environment Management, she joined World Vision’s Family, School, and Healthy Community (FECSA) program to advocate for new initiatives—from recycling to water purification to better family hygiene.

Five years later, María Teresa is coordinator of the FECSA program. She visits more than 80 families weekly and is very pleased with her neighbors’ commitment to cleaning their homes and properly disposing of waste. Parcila residents now have hope that their children will inherit a better future—in the form of a clean, healthy, and replenished habitat. For María Teresa, the FECSA program has been a source of empowerment, too, “allow[ing] me to raise my voice as a woman in favor of the environment.”



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MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

Training pastors on mother and child health issues is spreading good information more broadly

Before she met Pastor Simukoko Njilanji, everything Doreen, 22, had learned about pregnancy and giving birth came from her grandmother and other older women in her village—women with no medical training. The information they shared was steeped in tradition and taboos, and some was downright dangerous.

Doreen and her husband, Japhet, are expecting their first child, and say they were given lots of advice regarding prenatal care and how to deliver a baby. They didn't realize that advice was bad until they met Pastor Simukoko.

The pastor, who had been trained on maternal and child health by this project, visited the couple's home, explaining he was a mother and child health champion, or someone trained to share proper healthcare information on pregnancy, nutrition, and safe deliveries.

Pastor Simukoko talked about the importance of getting prenatal care early in the pregnancy and good nutrition for Doreen. He debunked some old taboos in doing so, by telling Doreen that she needed lots of protein, and a good local source was found in eggs, considered dangerous for

Doreen and her husband, Japhet, far right, learned about prenatal care from Pastor Simukoko Njilanji, right, who was trained by this project.



pregnant women and children in some cultures.

Another important and timely lesson was to avoid traditional medicines made from herbs and other ingredients that aim to speed the delivery process. These often are dangerous to mother and baby.

"If the pastor did not come to my home to talk to us about safe motherhood, I would have continued drinking the traditional medicine that I was given, and probably it would have harmed my baby instead of actually helping me," Doreen said.



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