



# EDUCATION

World Vision 

EQUIPPING  
CHILDREN TO  
FLOURISH THROUGH  
QUALITY EDUCATION

Impact in 2016

## Every child deserves the chance to learn

Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” Yet 56 percent of elementary-aged children—that’s 387 million around the world—do not meet minimum reading proficiency standards. Imagine what life would be like if you never learned reading or math. Education stands at the heart of sustainable development. Most people agree that without education, it is almost impossible to break out of poverty.

### » OUR COMMITMENT

Through the Education Signature Initiative, World Vision commits to **IMPROVE LEARNING OUTCOMES** through award-winning **PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES** for **1.5 million children\***—including in fragile contexts and emergency settings.

### » OUR APPROACH

Our approach aims to provide access to quality education for children and youth aged 3 to 18, from preschool through the completion of secondary school or vocational training. As World Vision works to educate girls and boys for life, we draw from our expertise of implementing programming in nearly 100 countries around the world, in both relief and development settings.

**World Vision focuses on six key areas of education:**

- 1) Early childhood development
- 2) Safe schools
- 3) Education in emergencies
- 4) Equal access to education
- 5) Adolescent life skills and vocational training
- 6) Literacy and basic education

More than **4 MILLION**  
**CHILDREN** in more  
than **60 COUNTRIES**

were reached with age-appropriate, quality education programs and services.



“We want to make sure  
[the children] have an  
opportunity to dream.”

—Adele LaCombe  
National Leadership Council



In Ethiopia, children who participated in the Literacy Boost program increased their comprehension by 35 percent in just one year. We're proud of our unique community involvement model we've developed over 65 years, which helps provide sustainable education solutions to transform children's lives.

## Building strong foundations even in the hardest places

In Lebanon and Jordan, World Vision's education work is focused on early childhood development and includes comprehensive psychological care to help older children in traumatic contexts heal from their experiences.

**After discovering gaps in early childhood education among Syrian refugees, staff members began taking these and other steps to fill this critical need:**

- ✓ Families received homeschooling curriculum, so children can keep getting an education despite overcrowded classrooms
- ✓ Schools and early childhood development classrooms were built and furnished with desks, learning resources, play equipment, and toys to stimulate development
- ✓ Parents learned how to care for children's development through cognitive play, forming strong bonds through World Vision's Go Baby Go curriculum
- ✓ Parents attended ongoing sessions to help reinforce the importance of education in the home
- ✓ Children received counseling to improve their emotional well-being



### Making all the difference

Education is the most critical aspect of human development. Children born to a literate mother are 50 percent more likely to survive past the age of 5. Educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children to school. Girls with eight years of education are four times less likely to be married young. And just one extra year of schooling can raise an individual's earnings by as much as 10 percent.

### » A FULL SOLUTION TO POVERTY

We work in thousands of communities worldwide to help people address not only their education challenges but a variety of needs, including water, health, economic opportunity, child protection, and Christian discipleship—partnering with them to deliver a full solution capable of breaking the cycle of poverty.

### » HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Please pray for this vital Kingdom work and consider partnering with us financially on these active projects:

- Education Where Most Needed
- Nepal—Literacy and safe classrooms (post-earthquake)
- Syrian Refugees—Early education school building and curriculum
- Zambia—Secondary education life skills and scholarships for girls



**HELP KIDS BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.**

Contact your World Vision representative or visit [worldvisionphilanthropy.org/education](http://worldvisionphilanthropy.org/education).

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