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ABOUT WORLD VISION

World Vision is a movement of people motivated by our desire to serve God and improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world. We believe that a country, and a world, where all children are protected and free from extreme poverty and able to reach their full potential is possible.

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every girls and boys has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our more than 40,000 staff work hard across the globe to empower children to live lives filled with joy, become all Jesus created them to be and to go further than they could ever have imagined.



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Our Vision for every child, life in all its fullness,
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.





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ABOUT WORLD VISION ETHIOPIA

World Vision first began its work in Ethiopia in 1971 with cross-border refugee support in Gambella and Gode areas from its office based in Kenya in close collaboration with World Vision Canada and the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM). In 1973, it started the first childcare programme by sponsoring 128 street children in Addis Ababa in partnership with Hope Enterprises. In 1975, it registered as an official NGO opening its first National Office.

Since then, World Vision Ethiopia has grown steadily in terms of magnitude, expertise, and operational areas while fostering experience in relief, rehabilitation, and community-based development putting children at the center. To achieve its child wellbeing aspirations, it collaborated and partnered with faith based organisations, local governments, various World Vision support offices and community groups across Ethiopia.

For over 50 years, World Vision Ethiopia, in partnership with Government of Ethiopia, the community, donors, and partners, has carried out a number integrated development programmes across Ethiopia transforming the lives and livelihoods of over 30 million vulnerable children and their families.



MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



It has been a great honour and privilege to serve the children and their families of Ethiopia. Together with over 2,000 professional, experienced and passionate humanitarian and development experts we have been working tirelessly all over this beautiful country to assist and equip children and their families in transforming their lives.

As in the years before, thanks to our generous donors, supporters, partners, the government, and the communities, World Vision Ethiopia (WVE) was able to positively impact the lives of millions of the most vulnerable children and their families.

WVE mobilised funds and resources to provide clean water to children and communities in their villages, to empower women to engage in income-generating activities to feed and educate their children, to provide food and lifesaving assistance to internally displaced people as they took care of their families during various crises, and much more.

Our national child sponsorship initiative, named “Covenant Kids” has thrived and grown roots, encouraging Ethiopians to experience the culture of giving to support Ethiopian children using their resources, as well as enabling them to enjoy the blessings of giving. In 2023, our local sponsors grew to more than 600, including 75 Ethiopian diasporas, enabling WVE to connect them with 675 most vulnerable children.

On the other hand, 2023 was a year where many donors entrusted WVE with multiple grant projects enabling us to further serve children and people in need. WVE launched the Joint Emergency Operation (JEOP 2.0), a US\$45.6 million five-year project funded by USAID, to be implemented in 26 districts across the country in Oromia, Sidama, and the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples’ regions to enable food-insecure communities to have physical, social, and economic access to sufficient and safe nutritious food. In addition, WVE was entrusted with a US\$ 90 million award by the World Food Programme to support the South Sudanese Refugees in Gambela Region through providing General Food Distribution (GFD).

It is so encouraging that our partnership efforts have yielded fruits of hope for a multitude of children and people affected by natural and manmade calamities. In this regard, in 2023, WVE supported over 8.5 million people of which almost 6 million were girls and boys.

Nakurchel, a 12-year-old girl, who lives in a remote village in South Omo area of Ethiopia, is one among the millions of children whose life transformed through our collaborative work. Nakurchel lives in a community where years of drought, exacerbated by climate change, have made survival a daily struggle. She had never experienced even a day of school up until this age.

Just a year ago, Nakurchel would wake up early each morning and, instead of filling her backpack with books and heading off to school, begin a long day of household chores. Watching other children walk by her home with backpacks slung over their shoulders and smiles on their faces filled her with longing. “I felt so lonely and kept asking when my time would come to go to school like other children,” Nakurchel explained desperately.

Nakurchel’s parents constantly had to search for food to feed everyone in the family and feared that if Nakurchel attended school, she would go hungry. As a result, they decided to keep her at home where she could help with chores, causing her to fall behind in her studies. That is, until April 2023 when everything changed for Nakurchel, thanks to an Education Cannot Wait (ECW)-funded programme that gave her a second chance at education.

In 2023, World Vision, in collaboration with UNICEF and with funding from Education Cannot Wait (ECW), set up an Accelerated Learning Programme where Nakurchel lived. The programme supported children like Nakurchel, who had missed years of learning due to crises, including climate change, in catching up on their education. Nakurchel was filled with excitement after learning that she would be able to go to school. Seeing her backpack and exercise books for the first time made it all the more real.

She told us that her first day in the classroom was a bit nerve-racking, but she was overjoyed from having the chance to learn new things every day. “I had always wanted to go to school and my first day was amazing. I was both nervous and excited at the same time. Also, I loved the oats I ate at school. They were very tasty and kept my stomach full all day long,” Nakurchel explained with a smile on her face.

I was informed that this bright young girl excelled in the programme, which focused on building core skills, including literacy and numeracy. After just a few months, Nakurchel developed considerably in these areas, and, upon completion of her classes in the Accelerated Learning Programme, she joined her agemates in the local elementary school’s third grade.

I am inspired by the resilience, courage and strength I have witnessed firsthand by the children and communities across Ethiopia. I am equally grateful for the generous partnership relationships with bilateral and multilateral donors, private sponsors, partner groups and organisations, the Government of Ethiopia at all levels, UN Agencies, and the communities whom we serve for their invaluable contributions to assist people in need, particularly the most vulnerable children.

This annual report highlights some of the exciting positive changes that World Vision Ethiopia contributed to during the year 2023 together with all partners, to contribute to the wellbeing of the most vulnerable children, like Nakurchel. I hope you enjoy receiving and reading it as much as I do.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Karmen Till
National Director, World Vision Ethiopia





LIST OF ACRONYMS

AP	Area Programme
BEP	Basic Education Programme
BSL	Building Secure Livelihoods Project
CESP	Sponsorship and Community Engagement Plan
CCPCM	Comprehensive Child Protection Case Management
CHATS	Congregational Hope Action Team
CFS	Child-Friendly Space
CMAM	Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition
CMNR	Community Managed Natural Regeneration
CPNP	Community Participatory Nutrition Promotion
CPP	Child Protection and Participation
CSO	Civic Society Organizations
CVA	Citizen Voice Action
CWB	Child Welbeing
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EdLS	Education and Life Skills
FMNR	Farmers Managed Natural Regeneration
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GC	Global Center
GHR	Global Hunger Response
GPM+	Group Problem Management Plus
HEA	Humanitarian Emergency Affairs
IDPs	Internally Displace Persons
ILaNS	Integrated Livelihoods and Nutrition Security
ITT	Indicator Tracking Table
IYCF	Infant and Young Child Feeding
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychological Support
MAM	Moderately Acute Malnutrition
NECR	Northern Ethiopia Crises Response
NFI	Non-Food Items
ODF	Open Defecation Free



OTP	Outpatient Therapeutic Programme
POU	Point-of-Use
PFA	Psychological First Aid
PLWs	Pregnant and Lactating Women
PSNP	Productive Safety Net Programme
RTPM	Resource Tracking and Partnership Management
R2G	Right to Grow
S4T	Saving for Transformation
SAM	Severely Acute Malnutrition
SCRAMER	Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response
SEE4C	Strat Early Education for Children
SFC	Supplementary Feeding Centers
SHR	Sustained Humanitarian Response
SOs	Support Offices
SL-CPDP	School Leadership to Continue Professional Development Programme
SPIR II	Strengthen PSNP Institutions and Resilience
W4L+	Water for Life
SWC	Soil and Water Conservation
TFP	Therapeutic Feeding Programme
TSFP	Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program
TP	Technical Programme
UL	Unlock Literacy
VC	Value Chain
VESAs	Village Economic and Social Associations
VIP	Ventilated Improved Pit
WASH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
WBCs	WASH business centers
WASHCo	WASH Committees
WGSS	Women and Girls Safe Space
WVE	World Vision Ethiopia



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2023 Ethiopia was grappling with multi-pronged humanitarian crises due to climate change induced disasters, conflicts, and disease outbreaks putting the lives and livelihood of millions of Ethiopians at risk, particularly the most vulnerable children. As a result, millions of people were internally displaced while many more were affected by drought which led to crop failure and massive loss of livestock.

According to the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) as of February 2023, there were approximately 28 million people (54 percent girls and boys) in need of humanitarian assistance across the country.¹

To alleviate the situation World Vision Ethiopia (WVE) carried out various humanitarian works to save lives and restore livelihoods as well as integrated development interventions in order to create an enabling environment where children are protected and can thrive and reach their God given potential.

Since 2020, World Vision Ethiopia has been responding to the ever-growing humanitarian needs across the country concurrently undertaking integrated development programming interventions in many parts of the country through the community-based Area Programmes.

In the year 2023, WVE in partnership with individual sponsors, bilateral and multilateral donors, foundations, governments, UN Agencies, the communities we work with, and over 2,000 committed staff carried out massive humanitarian and development works benefitting over 8.5 million people including more than 6 million girls and boys through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Integrated Livelihoods and Nutrition Security (ILaNS), Child Protection and Participation (CPP), Education and Life Skills (EdLS), Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA), Community Engagement and Sponsorship Plan (CESP) as well as grants projects including SPIR II Project and Water for Life (W4L+) Project. WVE, also responded to humanitarian crisis such as the Global Hunger Emergency Response (GHR), Sustained Humanitarian Response (SHR), Northern Ethiopia Crisis Response (NECR), the Gedeo-Guji IDPs and Returnees Response, and the Wellega-Benishangul responses.



8.5

Million

Total Number of
People Benefited from
World Vision Ethiopia
Interventions

ILaNS



430,000

WASH



1,600,000

EDLS



294,000

CPP



383,000

CESP



186,000

HEA



3,200,000

NECR



3,000,000

SPIR II



615,465

The Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA) Programme addressed the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable children and communities in emergency settings by saving lives, meeting their basic needs, and building livelihoods through addressing the urgent needs of drought-affected people, notably; by providing food assistance, both in kind and through conditional and unconditional cash support. Under World Vision's disaster management standards, the HEA Programme has been responding to three Category Three (CAT III) emergency responses, namely; Sustained Humanitarian Response (SHR), Global Hunger Response (GHR), Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response (SCRAMER).

In 2023, HEA reached over 3.1 million people including 1.7 million girls and boys and over 758 thousand women through emergency WASH, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Education in Emergencies, Protection and Shelter and non-food items (NFI), in eight regions of the country (Oromia, Sidama, Somali, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, South West Ethiopia, the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples and Gambella regions) while investing over US\$ 88.3 million to implement 32 emergency response projects. Whereas, the SHR reached around 517 thousand individuals including over 140 thousand girls, 139 thousand boys, and around 120 thousand women by implementing eight emergency response projects.

Moreover, as part of the GHR, more than 2.5 million individuals (over 1.4 million girls and boys and over 630 thousand women) in drought-affected areas received assistance through 21 projects covering five regions (Oromia, the South Nations, Nationalities and Peoples, Sidama, Somali, and South West Ethiopia).

World Vision Ethiopia has been responding to the Northern Ethiopia Crises Response (NECR) since 2020 to address the urgent humanitarian needs alongside immediate life-saving efforts of the most vulnerable communities. In 2023, the NECR reached around 3 million people including 1.6 million girls and boys and over 790 thousand women through emergency WASH, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Education in Emergencies, Protection and Shelter and non-food items (NFI), in three regions (Afar, Amhara and Tigray) investing over US\$142 million obtained from donors, partners, UN Agencies, foundations, and various WV Support Offices to implement 28 emergency response projects.

In the area of Child Protection and Participation WVE undertook various activities which contributed to the strengthening of child protection systems as well as empowering girls and boys to actively engage in their community development process, this in turn directly benefited around 160 thousand girls and over 100 thousand boys.



**Total Number of
Children Benefited from
World Vision Ethiopia
Interventions**

ILaNS



215,000

WASH



1,180,000

EDLS



294,000

CPP



265,000

CESP



186,000

HEA



1,700,000

NECR



1,600,000

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INTEGRATED LIVELIHOODS AND NUTRITION SECURITY TECHNICAL PROGRAMME (ILANS TP)

The Integrated Livelihoods and Nutrition Security Technical Programme (ILaNS TP) aims to address food and nutrition insecurity by integrating interdependent programmes such as resilient agriculture and environmental sustainability, economic development, and integrated nutrition. The technical programme aims to tackle food and nutrition insecurity among families and communities in World Vision Ethiopia (WVE) operational areas primarily focusing on promoting and ensuring the well-being of the most vulnerable children.

In 2023, ILaNS TP reached over 430 thousand people including over 215 thousand children and over 127 thousand women, through the integration of interdependent programmes such as Resilient Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability, Economic Development, and Integrated Nutrition in Oromia, Amhara, Tigray, the South Nations, Nationalities and Peoples, Sidama, South West Ethiopia, and Benshangul Gumuz regions, investing over US\$ 143 million from sponsorship and various grants projects.



THE HUMBO AND SODDO COMMUNITY MANAGED NATURAL REGENERATION (CMNR)

The ILaNS TP implemented Humbo and Soddo Community Managed Natural Regeneration (CMNR) Projects through carbon credits and reforestation as well as strengthening community resilience and capacity building against shocks brought on by market inflation and climate change.

Major achievements include:

Supported 7,738 project participants through carbon credits and reforestation of thousands of hectares of land in Humbo, in the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples region.

Rehabilitated 2,728 hectares of land in Humbo while ensuring sustainable protection.

340 cooperative members (44 women) were given ETB 1.53 million (around US\$ 84 thousand) in loans in Soddo, in the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples region with the view to strengthening their ability to withstand market inflation and climate change shocks.

503 hectares of land have been sustainably protected and restored in Soddo area.

FARMERS MANAGED NATURAL REGENERATION (FMNR) SCALE-UP PROJECT

The FMNR Scale Up Project focuses on a low-cost, simple, and sustainable land regeneration practice that helps communities restore their land, boost productivity and income from farm produce and carbon credit offsets to build sustainable community resilience. In 2023, the project benefited 2,129 people.

Major achievements include:

Trained 2,129 people on environmental conservation, FMNR, and natural resource management strategies.

Supported 1,131 individuals in adopting FMNR to manage 1,545 hectares of forest land.

RE-GREEN THE GLOBE PROJECT

The Re-Green the Globe is intended to make a significant contribution to Ethiopia's 'Bonn Challenge' pledge to restore 22 million hectares of degraded land by 2030 by catalysing a national greening movement focused on scaling up FMNR as a priority landscape restoration solution.

Major achievements include:

Trained 41 people (38 men and 3 women) and government experts on data gathering, encoding techniques, and survey utilization.

Encoded 5,592 training attendance sheets and 235 site survey data

BUILDING SECURE LIVELIHOODS (BSL) PROJECT

The BSL project model provides a comprehensive pathway out of poverty for families to improve their livelihoods to levels that are productive and resilient enough to withstand and survive a range of shocks and stresses. In 2023, the project benefitted 5,902 households from improved vegetable seeds and poultry breeds.

Major achievements include:

Trained 6,264 people in improved sustainable and climate-smart agriculture techniques, as well as home nutrition, vegetable gardens, and meal preparation.

Supported the irrigation of 374 hectares of land for communities and farmers increasing productivity.

THE SAVING GROUP PROGRAMME

The Saving Group Programme is sponsorship-funded and operates in 51 districts to access the most vulnerable rural communities to financial products. In 2023, 384 Saving for Transformation (S4T) groups became operational.

Major achievements include:

Mobilised 246 S4T groups mainly empowering women by increasing access to financial products.

Created an enabling environment for 5,530 children under the age of 18 to be cared for through supporting S4T Group members

OTHER PROJECTS

In 2013, the ILaNS TP implemented several other projects to address food and nutrition insecurity by ensuring resilient agriculture and environmental sustainability, economic development, and integrated nutrition.

Major achievements include:

Helped 65,743 individuals by enhancing the water balance of the Dabana and Hakim Gara catchment areas through the Burqaa Initiative (Integrated Water Balancing and Livelihood Improvement Project).

Addressed the needs of 1,562 people in Natural Resource Management and Energy Efficient Technology through the RESELIENCE-WE project.

Supported 98 members of the nutrition coordination body at the zonal and district levels, through the Right2Grow (R2G) project, to join forces with the Ethiopian Public Health Institute and the Federal Ministry of Health's Sekota Declaration Delivery Unit to implement Resource Tracking and Partnership Management (RTPM).



“

We have egg-laying chickens.

We have **enough** food.
Our mother sells chickens to buy
school supplies for us.

”

Zara, a 13-year-old girl from Shashego District in the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region.

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WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Programme remains one of the pillars of World Vision Ethiopia's (WVE) service to children and families across diverse geographic areas to provide essential services to communities, schools, and healthcare facilities. In 2023, it carried out several activities to provide basic services and strengthen community and institutional capacities in its operational areas as well as in emergency responses investing over US\$44 million obtained from donors, partners, and various WV Support Offices.

In the fiscal year, the programme reached over 1.6 million people (over 730 thousand girls and around 455 thousand boys) with water, sanitation, and hygiene services at the community and institution level, contributing to the improved nutritional status of children aged 0-5 by reducing the prevalence of WASH-related diseases.



WATER SERVICES

In the fiscal year, the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programme created a significant impact on the lives of the most vulnerable children and their families. The programme provided services to over 360 thousand community members, over 120 thousand schoolchildren, and 315 thousand people in healthcare facilities. This achievement represents a critical step in addressing the fundamental need for a safe and basic water supply to the target population.

Major achievements include:

Constructed 111 water supply systems by installing 47 boreholes with hand pumps.

Drilled 45 new taps and 7 deep wells.

Installed 1,939 water collection taps and rehabilitated 306 taps.

Installed over 1,000 water collection taps in 110 schools that ensured access to clean water for schoolchildren.

Installed 173 collection taps in 63 healthcare facilities that ensured access to clean water in vital community settings.

SANITATION SERVICES

WVE's efforts to promote sanitation and infrastructure have been instrumental in addressing sanitation challenges and fostering positive behavioral changes within communities. The WASH Technical Programme played a pivotal role in transforming communities by certifying communities for practicing Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, mobilising households for latrine construction and maintenance, and constructing sanitation facilities in educational and healthcare institutions. Better sanitation practices and availability of facilities in communities and institutions it serves are visible.

Major achievements include:

- ▶ Over 288 thousand people accessed to improved sanitation services.
- ▶ Over 51 thousand girls and boys accessed to improved sanitation services in their schools.
- ▶ 40 thousand people accessed to improved sanitation services in healthcare facilities.
- ▶ These efforts have contributed to promoting the dignity, privacy, and well-being of the communities in these settings.
- ▶ Mobilised over 68 thousand households to construct or maintain their latrines.
- ▶ Supported 59 kebeles to be certified for Open Defecation Free (ODF) practices.
- ▶ Constructed 21 Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines, 19 Menstrual Health and Hygiene blocks in school, and 8 VIP latrines in healthcare facilities.

HYGIENE SERVICES

In 2023, the WASH Programme made a significant impact in target communities through hygiene services by promoting the importance of improved hygiene practices, creating awareness, and infrastructure expansion. By mobilising households to install handwashing facilities and supplies, and constructing latrines in schools and healthcare institutions, the programme has contributed to promoting better hygiene practices and fostering a culture of cleanliness and health in the communities and institutions it serves.

Major achievements include:

- ▶ Delivered essential hygiene services to over 261 thousand people in the community.
- ▶ Constructed handwashing facilities in 69 schools and delivered essential hygiene services to over 53 thousand girls and boys in schools.

Constructed handwashing facilities in 17 healthcare facilities and delivered essential hygiene services to 85 thousand people in healthcare facilities.

19 thousand schoolgirls were reached with menstrual health hygiene services, addressing a critical aspect of personal hygiene and well-being.

Mobilised over 52 thousand households to install their handwashing facilities.

Trained and empowered 1,327 mothers on the adoption of Point-of-Use (POU) water treatment technologies.

Trained 2,347 households (mothers) on safe transportation, storage, and dispensation of drinking water.

WASH SUSTAINABILITY

In 2023, the WASH programme made significant steps in organising, revitalising, and training various WASH committees, school clubs, business entrepreneurs, and faith leaders to ensure sustainability.

Major achievements include:

Provided capacity-building trainings to 798 WASH Committees (WASHCo).

Established and strengthened 43 WASH business centers (WBCs).

Trained 274 WASH entrepreneurs.

Organised and revitalised 385 school WASH clubs.

Trained 808 faith leaders enabling them to leverage their influence and advocate for improved WASH practices.

299 CVA members received training that enhanced their social accountability.



Now we have

**sufficient time for education
and to study because we have
clean drinking water right at our
doorsteps.**



Lemlem, a grade 8 student at
Gununo Primary School.

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EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS (EDLS) TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

The Education and Life Skills (EdLS) Programme focuses on improving developmental outcomes for children in the target communities, improving literacy skills for boys and girls, enhancing early learning and supporting children's readiness for primary education, and creating a conducive school environment for primary school children (aged 7-14).

In the year 2023, the technical programme carried out several activities to improve the quality of education and life skills for children and youth in 34 Area Programmes (APs). The technical programme implemented three different project models, namely, Learning Roots (LR) in 21 APs, Basic Education Programme (BEP) in 19 APs and Unlock Literacy (UL) in 19 APs to achieve the desired outcomes. In this fiscal year, the project invested over US\$4.9 million benefitting about 294 thousand children (over 150 thousand girls).



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) PROJECT

In 2023 ECD project was implemented in 21 APs and around 54 thousand individuals directly benefited from the project model.

Major achievements include:

Trained 1,090 ECD teachers on Learning Roots methodology.

70 new ECD centers were established and 119 ECD centers were furnished in the targeted communities.

2,486 parents/caregivers were trained on Learning Roots parenting approach.

About 1,375 district education office experts and school leaders were trained on Learning Roots, teachers' continuous professional development, and coaching approach.

About 1,127 ECD center management committee members were trained on Learning Roots methodology and ECD Centre Quality Standard.

About 28 thousand children aged 3-6 years are currently attending ECD centers.

BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME (BEP)

In 2023, BEP was implemented in 19 APs and over 95 thousand individuals directly benefited from the project model.

Major achievements include:

7,621 out-of-school children attended remedial or accelerated learning programmes.

1,421 teachers provided with training and support.

678 district education experts, cluster supervisors, and school leaders were capacitated on school leadership to continue professional development programme (SL-CPD).

284 schools were supported with combined desks, blackboards, reference books, and inputs for the production of pedagogical materials.

Seven school blocks were constructed in seven schools.

20 schools were renovated in various APs.

220 clubs (Menstrual Hygiene Management, Gender, etc.) were formed and/or strengthened.

UNLOCK LITERACY (UL) PROJECT

In 2023, UL project was implemented in 19 APs and around 160 thousand individuals directly benefited from the project model.

Major achievements include:

446 UL print-rich classrooms were established in targeted primary schools.

Over 42 thousand girls and boys participated in unlocking literacy intervention.

548 functional reading management committee established.

1,715 teachers were trained on UL teachers training sessions.

About 282 reading clubs were formed in 416 schools.

1,717 community literacy facilitators were trained in UL community action.

307 functional reading camps were established in 19 APs.

2,198 parents/caregivers were trained on Unlock Literacy support.

Around 37 thousand supplementary reading materials were published in seven local languages and distributed to schools.



“

I am **able** to attend my school equally with my friends due to the eye glass support I received from world vision.

”

Tsigereda, eight years old is a student from Chlga, Gonor.



CHILD PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION (CPP) TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

The Child Protection and Participation (CPP) Technical Programme is designed to enhance protection of boys and girls from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and all forms of violence through strengthening the child protection system and improving access to basic services. The CPP strives to create a protective, inclusive, and enabling environment for boys, girls, women, people with disabilities, and other community groups in World Vision Ethiopia operational areas.

In 2023, the CPP carried out various development activities and humanitarian actions, which aimed at strengthening child protection systems as well as empowering boys and girls to actively engage in their community development process. Overall, the CPP TP interventions benefitted over 383 thousand people (around 160 thousand girls, 105 thousand boys, over 76 thousand women, and around 43 thousand men) while it had invested over US\$ 5.5 million.

Major achievements include:



IMPROVED PREVENTION OF CHILDREN FROM ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE BY TRANSFORMING ATTITUDES, BEHAVIOR, AND NORMS THAT WERE HARMFUL TO BOYS AND GIRLS.

Engaged 1,344 faith leaders under Channels of Hope for Child Protection.

Those leaders were organised Congregational Hope Action Team (CHATS) in their congregations, which in turn impacted the lives of 3,386 children.

Trained 5,307 parents on positive child disciplining (celebrating families).

Organised 628 women-headed and physically challenged parents supporting groups and trained them on saving while empowering them to engage in income-generating activities and provide their Children well.

Supported 1,340 children to make them get birth registration and birth certificate.

STRENGTHENED RESPONSE MECHANISM TO CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES THROUGH IMPROVING SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AS WELL AS EMPOWERING BOYS AND GIRLS

Supported 7,319 most vulnerable children (0 to 18 years old) to address their needs.

Supported 4,318 children through their parents' engagement in saving groups.

Empowered over 19 thousand boys and girls through partnership works between World Vision and various Child Protection actors.

The Indicator Tracking Table (ITT) from Area Programmes shows that children are free to report both the suspected and actual incidents of child abuse through their clubs more than ever before.

IMPROVED RESTORATION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND EXPLOITATION BY STRENGTHENING THE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

Established 13 reporting referral pathways and managed 254 cases.

Supported over 10 thousand community members, including adolescents on CVA community gathering, on child protection issues.

Provided dignity kit support to around 12 thousand women and girls of reproductive age.

Provided awareness-raising training to over 73 thousand people (around 53 thousand women and girls) on GBV.

Provided awareness-raising training to over 75 thousand people including around 42 thousand women and girls.

Provided Child-Friendly Space service to 32,371 boys and girls.

Provided Comprehensive Child Protection Case Management services to 6,743 children (3,696 girls).

Provided Mental Health and Psychological Support to over 35 thousand individuals including over 28 thousand girls and boys.



“

I am very happy now. I have made friends and being able to play with them without the language barrier makes me delighted. I feel safe and encouraged'

”

Despite facing unimaginable challenges as a refugee child, 9-year-old TSION found safety, healing, and friendship at a Child-Friendly Space supported by World Vision.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SPONSORSHIP PLAN (CESP)

Community Engagement and Sponsorship Plan (CESP) encompasses many sectors such as Sponsorship, Faith and Development, Programme Accountability and Community Voice Action (CVA), Peacebuilding, and Child and Adult Safeguarding. All the components form sectorial integration meant to work on community-led child protection mechanisms, amplify children's voices through enhanced participation in programmes, and ensure that children have positive relationships with God, their parents/caregivers, and peers. Furthermore, it engages communities to improve public service on child well-being and improve community access to feedback and complaint mechanisms for programme quality.

In 2023, CESP accomplished a variety of activities that are meant to contribute to improving the well-being of boys and girls. Accordingly, over 98 thousand girls and around 88 thousand boys were reached through the programme interventions by investing over US\$ 20.7 million obtained from various donors, partners, and World Vision Support Offices. Major achievements in five thematic areas include:



CHILDREN'S POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, PARENTS/CAREGIVERS, NEIGHBORS AND PEERS

Facilitated engagement of 313 community structures in peace promotion and conflict mitigation processes.

Over 12 thousand faith leaders and community influencer's have improved their capacity to reinforce positive social norms and values for children to thrive.

1,422 faith communities are catalysed to address local child well-being issues (increased knowledge, resources, motivation, protective attitudes, and an action plan).

6,707 programme participants and their families were transformed from dependence to an empowered world view.

Enhanced 585 Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and schools' advocacy for positive moral/ethical values of children including government ministerial offices.

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE ON CWB

Trained 1,055 community volunteers and 81 WVE's programme staff on CVA who facilitate/present civic education on rights, entitlements, and responsibilities with community members.

Supported 99 facilities for CVA service improvement action plans.

IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY'S ACCESS TO FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINT MECHANISM FOR PROGRAMME QUALITY

Supported and facilitated 31 Civic Society Organizations coalition meetings with government officials to highlight gaps in action plans

Supported and facilitated 30 Community-led monitoring and dialogue/lobbying processes and meetings conducted by communities on child protection.

77 CVA evidence products were presented.

471 pieces of feedback were received and 41 communication methods were used for transparency about WVE and its commitments.



Achu, a Sponsorship Programme participant from Lemo AP, Southern Ethiopia.



STORY

A SECOND CHANCE FOR NAKURCHEL

By the age of twelve, Nakurchel had never stepped foot inside of a school – with persistent drought and ongoing conflict affecting all aspects of life in Ethiopia, including children’s education.

Just a year ago, Nakurchel would wake up early each morning and, instead of filling her backpack with books and heading off to school, begin a long day of household chores. Watching other children walk by her home with backpacks slung over their shoulders and smiles on their faces filled her with longing.

Nakurchel lives in a remote village in Dasenech where years of drought, exacerbated by climate change, have made survival a daily struggle for many in her community. Millions in the country have been affected by the drought, which has been attributed to a particularly bad El Niño heat wave



– intensified by climate change. Nakurchel’s family constantly searched for enough food to feed everyone and feared that if Nakurchel attended school, she would go hungry. Ultimately, they decided to keep her at home where she could help with chores, causing her to fall behind in her studies.

That is, until April 2023 when everything changed for Nakurchel thanks to an Education Cannot Wait (ECW)-funded programme that gave her a second chance at an education. In 2023, World Vision, in collaboration with UNICEF and with funding from ECW, set up an Accelerated Learning Programme in Dasenech. The programme supports children like Nakurchel, who have missed years of learning due to crises, including climate change, in catching up on their education. The ultimate goal of the Accelerated Learning Programme is to prepare these children, ages 10-17, to join their peers in formal schools.



Thousands of children have got the opportunity to access education through Education in Emergencies Programme.

Nakurchel was filled with excitement after learning that she'd finally be able to attend school. Seeing her backpack and exercise books for the first time made it all the more real. Her first day in the classroom was a bit nerve-racking, but she has loved having the chance to learn new things every day. "I have always wanted to go to school and my first day was amazing. I was both nervous and excited at the same time", Nakurchel said.

The bright young girl has excelled in the programme, which focuses on building core skills, including literacy and numeracy. After just a few months, Nakurchel has developed considerably in these areas. Upon completion of her classes in the Accelerated Learning Programme, she will be able to join her friends in the local elementary school's third grade.

In addition to providing an accelerated course of study so that she can catch up to her peers, the programme also provides Nakurchel with hot meals at the learning centre. Being able to eat a nutritious meal at least once a day at school keeps Nakurchel motivated and gives her energy throughout the day. "I love the oats I eat at school. They are very tasty and keep my stomach full all day long", she added.

The school feeding programme allows children to focus on their studies without having to worry about their next meal. Interventions like these that address families' needs are critical for building support for formal education – particularly for families like Nakurchel's, who suffer from food insecurity due, in large part, to the historic drought in the region.

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I used to feel so worthless and left behind, but now I know that I am capable of **achieving great things**

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“I used to feel so worthless and left behind, but now I know that I am capable of achieving great things. Education has given me wings to fly”, Nakurchel said. Nakurchel and her classmates at the Accelerated Learning Programme are just some of the more than the 1,056 children of whom 492 are girls in the Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) in Dasenech district of the South Omo Zone alone. Additionally, the project also offers an Accelerated School Readiness (ASR) program meant for children aged six to seven years old. It provides full package learning materials and capacity-building activities for people in the education sector.

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HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY AFFAIRS (HEA)

The Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA) Programme addressed the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable children and communities in emergency settings by saving lives, meeting their basic needs, and building livelihoods. Under World Vision's disaster management standards, HEA responding to three Category Three (CAT III) emergency responses, namely; Sustained Humanitarian Response (SHR), Global Hunger Response (GHR), Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response (SCRAMER).

In 2023, the HEA Programme reached around 3.2 million people including 1.7 million girls and boys and over 758 thousand women through emergency WASH, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Education in Emergencies, Protection and Shelter and non-food items (NFI), in eight regions of the country (Oromia, Sidama, Somali, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, South West Ethiopia, the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples and Gambella regions) while investing over US\$ \$88.3 million to implement 32 emergency response projects.

SHR addressed the complex humanitarian crisis affecting Oromia, South West Ethiopia, the South Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples, Sidama, and Benshangul Gumuz regions through integrated sectoral responses in WASH, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Education, Shelter and Non-Food



Items, and Protection. The main focus of SHR is to deal with activities and skills that involve life-saving, and meet the most vulnerable communities' urgent needs, mitigating the impacts of manmade and natural disasters. The response addressed around 517 thousand individuals (over 140 thousand girls, 139 thousand boys, and around 120 thousand women) by implementing eight emergency response projects.

In Ethiopia, as part of the GHR, more than 2.5 million individuals (around 142 thousand girls and boys and 637 thousand women) in drought-affected areas received assistance through 21 projects covering five regions (Oromia, the South Nations, Nationalities and Peoples, Sidama, Somali, and South West Ethiopia). HEA secured over US\$ 25 million from UN agencies, bilateral and multilateral donors, foundations, and various World Vision Support Offices to address the urgent needs of drought-affected people, deploying interventions across the seven sectors. Notably, food assistance, both in kind and through conditional and unconditional cash support.

Following the crisis in Sudan, World Vision declared the (SCRAMER) and HEA Programme has been supporting refugees, returnees, and asylum seekers entering the country through Metema Point of Entry. The response mainly focused on protection and multipurpose cash assistance and reached 9,131 people (3,639 children and 3074 women).

ACHIEVEMENTS BY SECTOR

WASH: In this sector, HEA carried out rehabilitation of water bodies, water delivery through trucking, distribution of WASH non-food items and dignity kits, hygiene campaigns, and the construction or rehabilitation of latrines for health care facilities benefiting 684,602 people.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: In our concerted effort to combat food insecurity nationwide, HEA held food distributions, providing immediate relief and numerous benefits. Despite food aid suspension by major donors that affected the food distributions, we were able to distribute food to over 1.4 million people.

PROTECTION: Within the emergency Child Protection and Participation sector, health workers were trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA), clinical treatment of rape victims, outbreak control, management, and response, medical commodity supply chain management, case management assistance, and referral of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) survivors. Integrated child protection initiatives, including reporting and referring GBV victims, were executed and around 160 thousand people were reached.

LIVELIHOODS AND FOOD SECURITY: In addressing the livelihood aspects of the different types of crises, households were provided with improved cereal and pulse crop seeds, various vegetable seeds, livestock drugs and medical supplies, modern beehives, concentrated animal feed, forage seeds, sheep, goats, and chickens that benefitted over 130 thousand people.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION: The emergency Health and Nutrition sector benefited over 609 thousand people, witnessing efforts in the primary healthcare support, outpatient consultation, establishment and strengthening of Supplementary Feeding Centers (SFC) and Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) sites, support for Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), Therapeutic Feeding Programme (TFP), and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) services. Additionally, age-appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counseling for caregivers and provision of medical supplies such as drugs and anthropometric equipment were prioritised.

EDUCATION: The Education in emergency sector also played a vital role in helping children in different emergency settings get the proper education they needed. It helped over 62 thousand students build a foundation for their future by acquiring knowledge and skills that will benefit them in the long term.

CASH ASSISTANCE: The HEA Programme took steps to alleviate the suffering of at-risk individuals by offering multipurpose cash support to around 61 thousand people. This modality not only addresses immediate financial needs but also provides recipients with the flexibility to use the assistance according to their specific requirements, ensuring a more personalised and impactful relief effort.

SHELTER AND NFI: By Building shelters and providing non-food items for conflict-affected areas, the HEA Programme provided a safe and secure environment for 8,540 displaced individuals and families, protecting them from the elements and potential harm. It also helped restore a sense of stability and normalcy, allowing people to rebuild their lives and communities.



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I was giving the chicken water one morning
and I **couldn't believe** my eyes
when I saw the egg. I rushed inside to tell
my mom about it. Ever since, I have been
collecting eggs almost every day

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Sebontu, seven years old 1st grade student
Jarso, East Hararghe.

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NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS RESPONSE (NECR)

Since the onset of conflict in November 2020 in the Tigray region and later expanded to Afar and Amhara regions, the humanitarian situation in northern Ethiopia has been deteriorating to the direst.

Despite the gradual improvement of humanitarian access following the Pretoria peace agreement in November 2022, the complex circumstances have made the humanitarian response challenging as the needs of the population outpaced drastically the responses. The crisis has led to widespread displacement, civilian casualties, atrocities against civilians, and critical levels of food insecurity, affecting an estimated 13 million people in northern Ethiopia. Conflict, coupled with ongoing drought conditions, has drastically increased food insecurity, with malnutrition rates surpassing emergency thresholds in some areas.

World Vision Ethiopia has been responding to the Northern Ethiopia Crises Response (NECR) to address the urgent humanitarian needs alongside immediate life-saving efforts of the most vulnerable communities as well as improve the protection environment, empowering IDPs and host communities to exist cohesively and promote peace in their communities to mitigate the impact of the conflict.



In 2023, NECR reached around 3 million people including 1.6 million girls and boys and over 790 thousand women through emergency WASH, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Education in Emergencies, Protection and Shelter and non-food items (NFI), in three regions (Afar, Amhara and Tigray region) investing over US\$142 million obtained from donors, partners, UN Agencies, foundations, and various WV Support Offices to implement 28 emergency response projects. Major achievements in three thematic areas include:

INCREASED ACCESS TO LIFESAVING AND SUSTAINING SERVICES THAT PROMOTE DIGNITY, WELL-BEING AND SELF-RELIANCE

Provided over 264 thousand IDPs and host communities with safe water supply.

Rehabilitated/constructed 23 gender-sensitive sanitation facilities in IDP sites and host communities and accessed over 20 thousand to sanitation services.

Constructed/rehabilitated 82 clean, safe, and accessible water points (shallow wells, boreholes, distribution points, and treatment plants).

Provided over 107 thousand people with WASH NFI assistance

Provided around 1.2 million people with emergency food assistance (in kind).

Supported 378 households with livestock restocking and over 33 thousand households with vet services.

Provided over 13 thousand people with multipurpose cash and voucher assistance.

Reached over 41 thousand children with blankets supplementary feeding.

Screened over 548 thousand children under the age of five and over 133 thousand pregnant and lactating women (PLW) screened for acute malnutrition.

Supported over 115 children and reached PLWs through SAM &/or MAM management and referrals .

Over 250 thousand outpatient consultations conducted through static and mobile health service.

Around 20 thousand children 5-14 years accessed to education during emergencies.

IMPROVED PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS, COMMUNITY AWARENESS, AND ACCESS TO PREVENTATIVE AND RESTORATIVE PROTECTION SERVICES

Established and supported 22 safe spaces for IDP children, women and girls.

Provided support to 629 unaccompanied and separated girls and boys who received reunification services and family-based care.

Around 160 thousand conflict-affected people received Child Protection, Mental Health, and Psychological Support Services and gender-based violence response services.

Provided over 39 thousand girls, boys, women, and men with MHPSS through child-friendly space (CFS) and women and girls' safe space (WGSS).

Provided dignity kits to over 35 thousand women and girls.

Trained 8,472 people on prevention and response to protection issues and 599 staff and stakeholders on safeguarding and Psychological First Aid.

EMPOWERED IDP AND HOST COMMUNITIES TO EXIST COHESIVELY AND PROMOTE PEACE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Supported over 24 thousand people gain access to reporting channels.

Facilitated 4,653 awareness-raising interventions for faith and community leaders on different topics.

Capacitated 76 WVE staff and partners on "Do no Harm" and safeguarding practices/principles.

971 programme decisions were made based on beneficiary feedback (community feedback that led to programme adaptation).



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Hope flows again as a young girl retrieves water from a newly built water point in her village, restoring dignity and recovery after conflict.

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Netsanet, a 11-year-old girl from Alamata, Northern Ethiopia

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SPIR II PROJECT

The second phase of the Strengthen PSNP Institutions and Resilience (SPIR-II) is part of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) and aims at enhancing livelihoods, increasing resilience to shocks, and improving food security and nutrition for its clients in Oromia and Amhara regions. PSNP is the Ethiopian Government's multi-year food security, public works, and social safety net programme which aims to address millions of food insecure populations across the country.

SPIR II is a five-year Resilience Food Security Activity (RFSA) project funded by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and implemented by World Vision, CARE, the Organisation for Rehabilitation and Development in Amhara (ORDA), and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The project was implemented in nine districts in the Amhara region and eight districts in the Oromia region and is anticipated to be implemented in four districts in the Tigray region as of the 2024 fiscal year.

In 2023, the SPIR II project carried out several interventions to achieve three purposes; namely; the provision of sufficient and diversified food for vulnerable households at all times, transforming the livelihood of vulnerable community members, and delivering accountable, effective, and shock-responsive PSNP systems services.



Accordingly, in 2023, the SPIR II Project supported 615,465 participants (322,452 female) both PSNP and non-PSNP through its diverse interventions including maternal and child nutrition, women's empowerment, mental health, livelihoods, food security, PSNP institutional strengthening, and natural resource management. It utilised US\$ 26,994,312 to implement the projects. Major achievements in three thematic areas include:

1. PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT QUANTITY, QUALITY, AND DIVERSIFIED FOOD FOR VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS AT ALL TIMES

Around 37 thousand children (around 18 thousand girls) under five years were reached with nutrition-specific interventions.

4,189 children (2,126 girls) under two years received follow-up visits after they were discharged from the two-week Community Participatory Nutrition Promotion (CPNP) where 89% of children sustained and expected weight gain in three months.

Supported the identification of 2,243 children (1,112 girls) with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and referral to treatment services.

Supported over 14 thousand female participants (112% of the annual target) on nutrition-sensitive agriculture activities, and 2,130 or 14.8% of them met minimum dietary diversity (more than twice the baseline level).

Supported 733 villages declared “Open Defecation Free “ where no feces are openly defecated.

Trained and supported 2,914 participants (779 female,) to complete a mental health and psychosocial support approach called Group Problem Management Plus (GPM+). As a result, 1,230 male and 779 female participants had a better mental health score than during the initial assessments.

2. TRANSFORMING THE LIVELIHOOD OF VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Organised around 37 thousand individuals (around 21 thousand women newly identified PSNP clients into 1,856 Village Economic and Social Associations (VESAs).

Supported over 36 thousand smallholder farmers (over 17 thousand women) to apply improved management practices or technologies, including efficient use of water and natural resources to enhance resilience and sustainability in their agricultural production and productivity.

Supported 12 thousand clients (around 6,000 women) to engage in different value chain (VC) activities, including poultry, animal fattening, honey, vegetable, and dairy. In these efforts, the participants were able to generate over US\$2 million from annual sales.

3. PSNP SYSTEMS DELIVER ACCOUNTABLE, EFFECTIVE, AND SHOCK-RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Provided 27,708 participants (14,402 female,) with access to potable water through nine newly constructed water supply schemes.

Provided over 31 thousand MT of food to over 500 thousand (over 262 thousand women) PSNP clients.

Supported communities in natural resource management (NRM) including, gully reclamation on 43 hectares of land, 167 km of bench terraces, 1,107 km of hillside terraces, and over 285 thousand micro-basins. As a result, soil and water conservation (SWC) structures in 648 community watersheds that cover 17,158 hectares of land improved.



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After wrestling with floods and erosion, the construction of erosion-preventing structures on our farmland has changed our farmland. Today, our fields not only flourish but also yield **abundant sorghum crops.**

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Aliya, a resident of Habru Woreda in West Hararge Zone of Oromia

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