



Building Better Lives
for Children

2014 YEAR in REVIEW

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

2,772,419 children and **1,882,826** adults
reached by WVE's work in partnership with government and partners



MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

- **18,348** Mothers delivered at health facilities
- **1,046** FGM were prevented from happening
- **1,594** Functional community Support Groups mobilised and strengthened for Preventing Mother to Child Transmission demand creation
- **2,057** Health Facilities supported to provide Integrated Community Case Management services for children



NUTRITION

- **708** Schools with gardening and cooking demonstration sites
- **507** Health Facilities (HFs) started gardening or agroforestry
- **257** HFs with Maternal Infant and young Child Feeding (MIYCF), + Community based Management Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) + Micronutrient + Food demonstration unit



CLIMATE CHANGE

- **15,557** Women accessed improved energy sources
- **5,962.3** Ha of land managed by Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), which has generated more than \$120,000 USD for the community



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **660** Saving groups established
- **24,451** Individuals linked to Vision Fund Microfinance Institutions (MFIs)
- **1,110** Youth engaged in livelihood empowerment program



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- **12,553** Community members trained on disaster risks and mitigation strategies
- **98,640** People received food aid through Joint Emergency Operation Plan



WASH

- **31,673** Households identified and gained access to improved sanitation facilities
- **368** Open defecation free villages
- **459** Water sources for communities and institutions



CHILD PROTECTION

- **244,475** Of the most vulnerable sponsored children and their families were supported
- Responded to child exploitation/protection concerns of more than **20,000** children.



FOOD SECURITY

- **45,168** Households (HHs) adopted improved agricultural practices
- **805** Ha of land irrigated
- **2,580** Small holder farmers adopted new farming techniques
- **4,514** HHs started backyard gardens
- **270** Water sources developed for irrigation



EDUCATION

- **1,179** Teachers can now produce reading skill action plans and implement them
- **895** Reading camps established
- **10,566** Weekly reading camp sessions conducted
- **12,553** Parents equipped to support children's reading at home
- **20,632** Children engaged in school clubs activities
- **414,250** Children's reading books distributed
- **11** Libraries constructed, **53** additional school blocks & **27** pedagogical centres constructed

OUR PARTNERS

In Ethiopia, World Vision joins hands with individuals and organisations to achieve the well-being of children.



Serving **2.7** million children and their families through 300 long-term programmes with **1,500** staff in more than **100** districts



Message from the National Director

Warm Greetings from Ethiopia!

As 2014 comes to a close for World Vision Ethiopia, I am proud to highlight some of the successes this year. WV has truly been blessed with support from donors around the world to help it continue its work to improve the well-being of children across the country. We are thankful to each and every donor who supports our work and look forward to continued strong collaboration in the coming year.

This year WVE demonstrated significant progress in scaling up key initiatives that will support improvements in child well-being. Some of these included implementing literacy programming in 30 districts with a plan to scale up to all WV operational areas by the end of 2015; strengthening our WASH work in all APs and linking collaboratively with the GoE One WASH Program; scaling up savings groups for target households with an innovative, tested model; and improving maternal and child health through work with faith leaders and community partners. Finally, strengthening the resilience of households and the protection of children for long term sustainability is a key strategic focus of all our work.

In response to the S. Sudanese refugee influx into Gambella, WV stepped up its operations in response to the needs of women and children. WV began operations in the sector of WASH and in emergency education and expects to be a key player in this response during the coming year.

WV has also engaged with a wide range of partners this year, a strategic direction that will help to strengthen WV's work and reach throughout the country. It is through partnership at all levels that we can truly be successful in improving the lives of children in Ethiopia.

Warm Wishes!

Margaret Schuler

National Director

Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS

In 2014, WVE in partnership with federal, regional and local health institutions has invested immense resources to reduce under-five child and maternal mortality rates, improve prevention and control of major communicable diseases, lessen new infection rates of HIV/AIDS and create access to health services.



- Carried out training for **75,662** mothers on child feeding practices, essential nutrition action, micronutrients and their impact.
- Supported the immunisation and mass antibiotic treatment for active trachoma of **389,853** mothers and children.
- **42,912** mothers, fathers and youths trained on prevention and control of communicable diseases. The training also included continual observation, detection and early response to epidemic diseases, child immunisation, diarrhoea management and the use of insecticide-treated nets (ITN).
- Supported **278,475** mothers and children with de-worming, micronutrients, essential drugs and kitchen utensils through Positive Deviant Hearth sessions. These also provided **11,896** malnourished children, pregnant and lactating mothers with supplementary food.
- More than **300,000** mothers and children benefited from Insecticide-Treated Net (ITN) distribution, essential drug support for treating common childhood illnesses and from epidemic disease response and control support.
- Constructed and furnished **31** new health posts, and **89** additional blocks, supported **308** community initiated health post constructions. A total of **202,984** people benefited through these interventions.
- Provided trainings for community care groups on effective care and support for **286,976** Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and People Living with HIV (PLHIV).
- Faith Based Organisations (FBOs)/ Community Based Organisations (CBOs) were mobilised to support improved skilled delivery services for **18,346** pregnant women.

Demibia district, in the North Gondar Zone of Amhara Regional State was one of the districts with a low rate of deliveries attended by skilled birth attendants, a low level of awareness of environmental hygiene, and high malnutrition before the intervention of WVE. By conducting small-scale research and intensive community dialogues, WVE highlighted the major problems of maternal deaths, malnutrition and poor personal and environmental hygiene in the Kebeles. World Vision then drafted strategies to alleviate those problems. A group of women called Green Militia was established from women who are influential among their communities.

World Vision Ethiopia organised training for the Green Militias on Health Extension Packages in collaboration with Gondar University and the District Health Bureau for three days in November 2013. The women, with their green uniforms, go house-to-house, and attend social gatherings, and events to identify pregnant women and teach them the importance of skilled delivery as well as other issues such as nutrition and hygiene, which were found to be the biggest challenges of the district.

The Green Militias are already having a positive impact. In the past, on average each quarter, only three mothers gave birth with a skilled attendant present in this area. Between the start of the Green Militia programme in November 2013 and July 2014, 351 mothers gave birth in health centres. According to the district and the Regional Health Bureau, as a result of these women's efforts there are a number of clusters declared Home Delivery Free (HDF) Kebeles. The Green Militias are not limited to raising awareness of skilled delivery, rather they play a significant role in teaching the community about health, sanitation and other essential health activities. In addition to Home Delivery Free kebeles there are also Open Defecation Free areas as a result of the Green Militias' engagement with the communities.

Green Militias



Child Health Now!

World Vision Ethiopia is focusing on the issue of child mortality that cuts short the lives of millions of children before they reach the age of 5 and places Ethiopia sixth in the world in terms of the absolute number of child deaths. WVE is committed to the well-being of children, and so the current priority is to ensure the survival of every newborn child by mobilising the efforts of all stakeholders at all levels.

Through the Child Health Now Campaign, which is World Vision's first global campaign focused on reducing the preventable deaths of children under five, WVE has been actively engaged with all stakeholders from national, regional, and district levels.

The campaign

- Conducted a formative assessment on the causes of low skilled birth attendance at seven selected districts from three main regional states of Ethiopia
- Tens of thousands of people took action in support of Maternal and Child Health issues
- A sensitisation forum and capacity building training increased community involvement and awareness
- Involved faith leaders to promote maternal health issues

Part of WVE's strategy is targeted at mobilising the youth to take responsibility in instigating the needed change. WVE with youth advocates has been promoting maternal and child health issues during pregnancy and childbirth in different parts of the country. These young advocates have been conveying messages to different target groups including government officials and school communities through speeches, poems, music and dramas presented at various events.

Moreover, these advocates took part in the 2014 World Vision Cup which took place from May 10 – 17, 2014 in Brazil. This was an opportunity to exchange ideas and policy recommendations on various issues that are relevant to the youth and to conceive and design fruitful and enduring projects and initiatives.

The 160 young people from different countries, who travelled to Brazil for the World Vision Cup talked about issues affecting them and spoke out about these problems on behalf of their peers. They called on governments to increase their focus on children and young people's health, education, and violence issues, so that young people can reach their full potential. Above all, they agreed that their inclusion and participation in the public arena was the key to achieving greater progress.

All of the young people's acknowledgements and recommendations are captured in a letter they wrote, which was handed out to representatives from the government of Brazil, UNICEF and World Vision. This letter was developed after presentations, debates and discussions amongst participating youth.

Furthermore, WVE sent two youth delegates to participate in the "High Level Youth Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" which was held from August 19 – 21, 2014 at the United Nations Complex, Nairobi, Kenya. With the theme "Prioritising Investment in Youth Development in the Post-2015 Era," the meeting was co-organised by UN Agencies and their partners.

Youth At The Forefront of Newborn Health!



Melat Wodajo, 18, one of the five youth advocates who travelled to Brazil

“This trip was a marvelous opportunity of a life time. During my stay I have learned a lot from the people I met there. Despite the fact that we came from different corners of the world, we had different cultures, different outlooks, and when we even couldn’t understand each other’s language, we still managed to have fun and create a strong sense of friendship trying to figure out what life looks like on the other side of the world. It has helped me a lot to broaden my thoughts on how to handle different situations. Seeing that so many people travelled a long way with a strong desire to accomplish a specific common goal really enhanced the sense of responsibility within me even more.”

“The event was an opportunity to know more about the challenge of the youth in the context of different countries. The experience gave me insight that I as a youth have to play a leading role in my country. Moreover, it further reaffirms the need for youth leadership and participation for inclusive growth and achievement of sustainable development goals.”

Mitiku Belachew, 17, one of two youth delegates representing World Vision Ethiopia in the three days forum in Kenya



Youth advocates at Banja AP with community elders raising awareness on the need for skilled delivery to decrease maternal and child mortality rates in their district.



Youth advocates in Brazil - World Vision Cup, Cultural Night, showing traditional dance to their peers



Youth advocates presenting drama to students and school communities



One of the five advocates holding the national flag at the opening ceremony of World Vision Cup in Brazil



Delegates from different countries discussing different issues that affect youth in their respective counties



World Vision Cup Brazil, May 10 – 17, 2014

Livelihood and Resilience

Market oriented agricultural productivity

Leveraging agriculture for health & nutrition;

Promotion of income generating activities

Effective utilisation of food



Transforming agriculture from its current subsistence orientation into a market-oriented production system forms the basis of the WVE Food Security strategic approach. The approach has been designed in such a way that it addresses the five components of food security: availability, access, asset creation, utilisation, and stability.

The Food Security strategy addresses two WV outcomes: “children are well-nourished” which focuses on effective utilisation of food, and “parents provide well for their children” deals with promotion of market oriented agricultural productivity, leveraging agriculture for health and nutrition, and promotion of income generating activities.

Food security

To ensure WVE meets the Livelihood Programming outcomes, a collaborative approach has been established. A key element of this has been focussing on strengthening capacities of systems at all levels. Hence, in 2014 WVE provided various capacity building trainings to communities, partners and government officials. Lessons learned and best practices have been documented to ensure the knowledge is not lost and that improvements continue.



- **42,138** target farmers have been trained on cereal and horticultural crop production, proper use of improved agricultural technologies, improved livestock, beekeeping and poultry production, post harvest handling and management.
- More than **16,000** target farmers and school children were trained on tree plantation, environment protection and participatory forest management.
- Provided training to more than **19,000** target beneficiaries on business development, entrepreneurial skill, value chain analysis, savings and credit. They were also trained in livelihood skills such as masonry, carpentry, gaining a driving licence, cobble stone making, pottery, poultry-keeping, and weaving. In addition World Vision has provided business startup support for **50,969** trainees
- **7,100** vulnerable households have been trained on early warning systems, disaster risk management and reduction and rehabilitation and resilience. It has also supported **130,276** disaster-affected households with emergency seed support, water and sanitation help and other non-food items.
- More than **12,500** community members have benefitted from disaster risk and mitigation strategies.

In addition

- 442 irrigation facilities have been constructed and maintained (including hand dug wells for irrigation, water harvesting structures, irrigation canals, and traditional irrigation schemes) benefitting 10,861 targetted farmers.
- 38 vet posts, cattle trough and cattle crashes were constructed and serve 50,437 target farmers.
- 11 bridges were constructed, allowing 48,437 targetted households access to markets for their product.
- 135,166 existing nursery sites were supported with multipurpose tree seeds/seedlings/ tools.
- Provided improved agricultural technologies to more than 100,000 target farmers.



Saving Groups and Value Chain

Microfinance, saving groups and market or value chain development are some of the key strategic initiatives of World Vision. Empowering individuals to start their own businesses and learn savings habits enables them to provide for their families. For example through the E-FACE project alone WVE has organised more than **3,000** traditional saving and credit groups. Mobilising a critical mass of communities under a structured Savings Group model and commercialisation of local products through the Local Value Chain process has been among the key interventions applied towards achieving this goal.

WVE has set a target of mobilising 3,000 Saving Groups with a total number of **75,000** members in 68 Districts of Ethiopia by 2017. Since mid-2013, WVE has mobilised **660** Saving Groups in three regions while over **200** Saving Groups are currently in the pipeline.

In addition, through WVE's Local Value Chain intervention, it was possible to mobilise farmers' cooperatives around six major products of coffee, honey, apple, mango, dairy and textiles in four regions. The focussed Market/Business Facilitation approach is promoted amongst producer groups working with high value commodities.

The model focuses on empowering producers' groups to commercialise their products to gain better access to high-end markets and create links with microfinance institutions.



Building blocks to economic empowerment

Yadashi Beyarase is a divorced mother of four. Since her divorce she was the sole provider for her kids. Life hasn't been easy for her and for her children. Things have been much easier since she started receiving loans from Vision Fund Ethiopia. Yadashi got a small loan from Vision Fund Ethiopia to purchase cattle for the land that her mother gave her. Eight years and eight loans later, Yadashi has been able to purchase goats, additional cattle, poultry and build a house.

The income from her farming has allowed her to send her four children to school and provide them with the necessities of life. Her children have learned a lot from their mother's hard work and are at the top of their class in school. Yadashi, so proud of her children said, "it's a lot of hard work but it's rewarding and I'm so proud of it."

WVE has been strengthening its partnership with Vision Fund in order to facilitate small loans which enable the community to start or grow businesses. In 2014, WVE facilitated loans for **38,627** beneficiaries, who borrow from and keep each other accountable. The average loan size for the year was Birr **7,224**. Loans were repaid at a **19.5%** rate and nearly **62%** of the beneficiaries were women.

This has created opportunities for women in WVE intervention areas to improve their economic status. This in turn, enabled them to better care for their children, providing nutritious food, and increase school attendance. Ultimately they better contribute to local and national economies.



Climate Change

Findings from root cause analysis indicate that land degradation has been a serious problem in the country for decades. This is the effect of deforestation triggered by expansion of crop land, energy access and timber production. Climate change on top of environment degradation has been severely threatening the well-being of current and future generations particularly on child nutrition, child health, and child growth and development. To this end WVE has been working with the government and its partners to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable people and livelihoods. WVE also promotes actions that reduce existing greenhouse gases (GHG). In 2014 WVE has continued implementing Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration techniques (FMNR) to restore degraded communal lands and sequester GHG emissions into the sink. Other activities include promotion of efficient cook stoves in all regions with the aim of addressing the energy needs of the rural community by providing clean energy and helping them to access carbon credit.

As a result, in 2014 Humbo and Sodo FMNR projects alone sequestered a total amount of **47,734** tonnes of carbon dioxide. Of this, **22,430 tonnes** of carbon dioxide were sold as per the agreement. Thus, in addition to an improved microclimate the project is generating additional income for the communities from carbon credit. This year, Humbo and Sodo cooperatives received **\$127,014.20 USD** from certified emission reduction.

Above all, the prospects for sustaining the project's main results are strong. There is a strong sense of project ownership among direct beneficiaries; sufficient capacity and knowledge among cooperative members; sufficient management skills among cooperative leaders; the development of a capitalised cooperative union; and continued income through the sale of emissions reduction credits.



From Shoe Shiner to Millionaire

Born to a large family of seven siblings, Abreham was born and raised at Kacha Bira District, Shinshicho Town, some 420km south of the capital Addis Ababa. His family's subsistence farming income was not able to adequately feed and send them to school. Abreham had to work as a shoe shiner after school to support himself. Attending school while working as a shoe shiner became a big challenge for Abreham. He was looking for a better way to meet his needs and finish his education. He heard World Vision was training local youth on shoe making and he applied. Abreham, along with 19 other youth, got an opportunity to attend a four month long training on shoe making from WVE. "The training was a turning point of my life and my dream. It changed my destiny and attitude of life," he happily explains.

After the training, Abreham packed and carried his luggage on his shoulder to Awassa (some 100km from his house) to find a job opportunity in shoe making. Employed as a shoe repairer for over a year in a private shoe repairing shop, he saved some money and opened a small shoe repairing shop a year

later. Gradually, he expanded his little shop and began to produce shoes using local materials. To date, he has opened four shoe stores in Awassa and Shashemene cities. Providing contract and permanent job opportunities for about 20 people, his annual income has grown to millions of Birr a year. In 2013/2014 alone he secured more than 5 million Ethiopian Birr.

Abreham did not forget his birth place. He is now constructing a modern hotel, investing more than 10 million Birr to serve his community and encourage others to do the same. Abreham recently visited China to participate in an international shoe expo. He is in discussions with a Chinese shoe company to purchase a huge shoe factory and open a shoe company here in Ethiopia in the next three years. "I have a vision to open a huge shoe company that can produce high quality shoes both for export and local consumption," he explains.

He says, "I have high respect and honor for World Vision. Had it not been for World Vision training, I wouldn't have been what I am today."

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



World Vision Ethiopia has invested considerably in expanding the water supply, improving sanitation and better environmental and personal hygiene. In 2014

- WVE drilled, capped and constructed 993 water facilities that benefitted **1,255,054** beneficiaries.
- More than **168,000** community members received training on personal hygiene, environmental sanitation and water supply usage and management
- 69 Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines and washing basins were constructed to improve the personal hygiene and environmental sanitation of schools and health centres benefitting **29,577** target beneficiaries.
- **87** vulnerable households (people with disabilities) were supported with rope pumps.

WVE has also signed a Partnership Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UNICEF for the delivery of the DFID-funded Urban WASH (U-WASH) Programme. This is initially a two year project (August 2014 to June 2016) comprised of four major components that will contribute to the objectives set out within the Government of Ethiopia's (GoE) One WASH National Programme (OWNP), the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP), and the Universal Access Plan (UAP). It targets eight towns and 40 satellite villages in the Oromia, Tigray, Somali and Amhara regions, it is expected to benefit about **100,000** people.



Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion

In 2014 the focus of the sanitation and hygiene intervention continued to be the promotion of Community Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene (CLTSH) as the most effective way of eliminating open defecation and accelerating the use of improved sanitation facilities. As a result, the intervention has helped **212,030** and **212,807** people respectively gain access to improved sanitation and practice dignified hygiene in 2014. The CLTSH and Training of Trainers (TOT) that focus on changing social norms are leading to results: in areas where such initiatives are in place, a rapidly growing number of communities are becoming open defecation free (ODF). In 2014, **734** villages were ODF benefitting **212,030** people.

Moreover, ensuring children have adequate water, sanitation and hand washing facilities at school has clear benefits in the areas of health, education, gender equality empowerment and the overall development of children. Thus, empowering schools to act as hubs for sanitation and hygiene education and the promotion of behaviour change helps ensure that these benefits are long-lasting, both for children and for their families and communities. In line with this, 69 (320 seats) gender-segregated VIP latrines were constructed and handed over to schools benefitting **29,577** people (673 male teachers, 900 female teachers, 15,235 boys and 12,769 girls) and School Led Total Sanitation is conducted in 116 schools benefitting **1,835** male teachers, **1,551** female teachers, **33,167** boys and **24,940** girls.

Three Million USD Boku Moyale Water Supply Project Near Completion

WVE started operating in Borena Zone in October 2011 in response to the severe drought that hit the Horn of Africa, to reduce morbidity and mortality and also improve the well-being of the drought-affected population. Apart from providing emergency support, it has continued working on a permanent water supply. In 2014 WVE started a three million USD water supply project that will benefit more than 30,000 people in Moyale and Miyo districts. Three deep wells were drilled and the laying of a 57km pipeline has already started and is expected to be completed soon.

The water supply constructed for Moyale Town residents is drawn from a long distance. It crosses a number of villages to reach to its final destination, but without benefitting any of the villagers on the way to its destination. This was irritating the villagers that were not benefitting from the water source, and so they used to cut the pipelines and water their cattle and themselves. Due to this, there was frequent interruption of water service and the water technicians were busy mending the damaged pipelines. In order to avoid such conflicts and develop ownership, World Vision has planned to construct one water point for each village the pipeline passes through.

In total, the project will construct twenty water points, two reservoirs with the capacity of 150m³ each, 1 reservoir with the capacity of 100 m³, electromechanical works and all ancillary buildings. The project is expected to be finalised in February 2015.

Enhanced Participation of Children and Youth for Greater Change

WVE strongly believes that it is vital to engage with different parts of society including children, youth and the community at large to understand how children's lives can be most effectively impacted. Hence, in 2014 it has been engaged extensively in designing, planning, implementing and evaluating programmes which enhance community, children and youth participation for greater change.

Through programme interventions child-led initiatives where children become educators of other children through peer education, child clubs & child parliaments have started. In addition, to empower child clubs and child parliaments at school and kebele levels, school clubs' members and child parliament leaders were trained through WVE on how to address child issues and ensure child well-being for development of children.

In 2014 WVE supported more than **18,500** children to be engaged in school club activities which have helped them to develop essential life skills and provided the opportunity for them to participate in a club environment that they set up and run for themselves.

In commemoration of the Day of the African Child 2014 under the theme "A child friendly, quality, free and compulsory education for all children in Africa," WVE in collaboration with Soddo Zuria Women, Children and Youth Bureau brought over **2,000** children, government officials and partners for a mass walk in Sodo town to raise awareness about child education. During the event, children also performed a variety of activities such as drama and songs portraying the importance of quality education.

Dagem Muluneh, 13 years old was born in Kera village of Merkato Gebeya Kebele, in the Sodo Town Administration of Wolaita zone. He is a Grade Seven student at Abiyot Chora primary school and an active member and Education Minister for the Child Parliament in the school. The parliament led by active children like Dagim is known as a model Child Parliament for other schools. The group has been actively engaged in different activities and takes opportunities such as African Child Day to foster their message to their friends as well as the community.

Dagem, as the Education Minister of the Child Parliament, has played a great role in creating networks with Sodo Town police office and informs them of cases of child abuse, child labour and trafficking issues when they occur. He acknowledged the contribution of WVE, especially Sodo Area Programme for their continued support.

"World Vision has done many capacity building works for each of us through its programme intervention. The staff trained me and my friends on how to write dramas, poems, and demonstrate role plays. How to act it and again display to the public through educational ways to bring attitudinal change in the community towards child protection as well as ensuring our well-being. This training has informed us in many ways on issues of child labour and trafficking and the importance of education. We've witnessed encouraging success, so many attitudinal changes not only in children but, much more in the community on child care and development. Thus, I am very happy and thankful"

Dagime was one of the participants at the African Child Day event that WVE organised in 2014. He presented a poem that he wrote titled 'Yene Qolo' that depicts the life of many children in his district.



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Mr. Eyob Bate, Wolayita Zone Chief Administrator starting the mass walk (left). children walking with slogans partial view of the mass walk (right)



Humanitarian Emergency Affairs

Ethiopia has continued to be a refugee-safe destination for many neighboring countries, particularly hosting refugees from South Sudan in 2014. World Vision Ethiopia as one of the UNHCR/ARRA implementing partners has been responding to emergencies to prevent loss of life and reduce suffering as much as possible for affected children, as well as their families and communities. WVE is currently engaged in three refugee camps - Buramino, Tongo, and Tierkidi responding to the Somali, Sudanese, and South Sudanese refugees fleeing violence and drought in their countries.

In 2014 World Vision supported **55,308** refugees in Dollo Ado, **15,000** refugees in Tongo and **35,000** refugees in Gambella Refugee camps with seed provision, livelihood, WASH and education activities. Likewise, it supported **166,985** people with food aid, seed support, WASH and health intervention in drought affected Area Programmes (AP) and non-APs.



Food Aid

- **98,640** people in Melka Soda, Boricha, Gera Midir, Libo Kemkem, Mekdela, and Saynt Woredas were supported with General Food Distribution with 1,697.96 MT of food aid through the Joint Emergency Operation plan (JEOP) project.
- **4,147** mothers and children in Melka Belo, Habro, and Durame Woredas were supported with 41.31 MT of Supplementary Food through KOIKA, and Sponsorship projects.
- **4,053** people in Boset AP affected by floods were supported with 67.689 MT of food through Sponsorship projects and NEPRF.

Seed Support

- **15,317** people affected by flooding in Tenta, Gondar Zuria, and Habru Woredas were supported with 119.4 MT of seed through NEPRF funds
- **1,120** beneficiaries in Tongo Emergency Response Programme were supported with 17.5 MT of crop seeds through the livelihood project.

Health

- **2,270** people affected by a measles epidemic in Humbo AP were supported with essential drugs in collaboration with health centres and posts through the NEPRF fund.

WASH

- **57,758** people in South Omo, Tongo, Dollo Ado and Borena were supported to have access to safe water through drilling boreholes & shallow wells, construction of water points, pipe laying, and reservoirs as well as maintenance of water supply schemes, and the construction of communal & family VIP latrines.

Livelihood

- **7,130** refugees and host community members in Tongo Sudanese Refugee camp received business development, skill, and agricultural training, farm tools, vegetable seed, forage seed, shoat, poultry, and vet drug supports.
- **1,275** refugees and host community in Dollo Ado Somali Refugee camp received livelihood vocational skills, life skills, business development training and similar support through the Livelihood project.

Education

- **19,145** children in Dollo Ado (including refugees & hosts) were supported to get access to education, with the construction of additional school blocks, distribution of educational supplies and uniform support, combined desks, reference books, parents and Parent Teacher Student Association training on education, school competition, and running of Child Learning Centres and Functional Adult Literacy.



Child Protection and Participation

World Vision's aspiration for all children is to be cared for, protected and participating. It is committed to protect children from harm so that every child has the essential foundations for life in all its fullness. We work hard to strengthen prevention and response to exploitation, neglect, abuse and other forms of violence. We also promote strategies and programming that influence the protection of the most vulnerable children.

In 2014, WVE trained **74,440** sponsored children's families and other beneficiaries on sponsorship and child development and participation. Moreover, around **244,475** sponsored children (the most vulnerable) and their families were supported in different ways such as clean water, nutritious food, health care, education and other examples of sustainable development.

Sponsorship changes a child's world for good

"My sponsors are the main reason for my success," proclaims Woineshet Abebe, now 22 and a university graduate. It was 15 years ago, while Dudley and Maureen Thomas were on holiday in Canada, that they heard about World Vision's child sponsorship work on the radio and decided to sponsor a child from Ethiopia. And they have continued their support of Woineshet ever since.

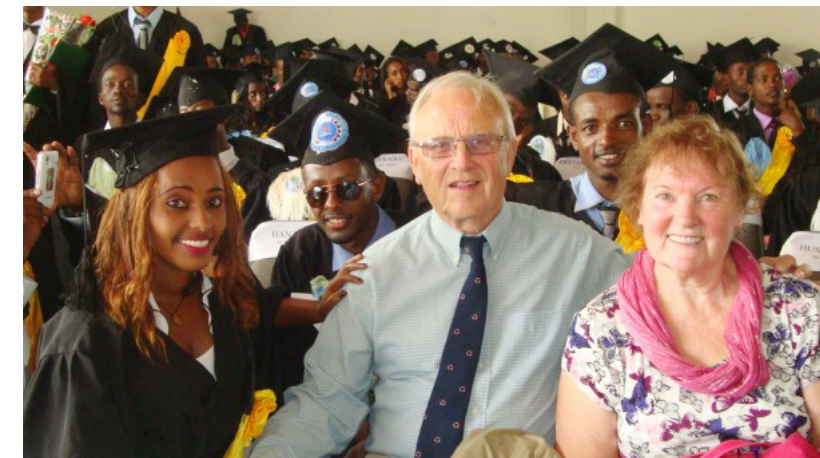
"They visited me first when I was in Grade Three. They saw me while I was learning in a class sitting on a stone. Words fail me to express their love, compassion, sacrifice in addition to their material support. Mr. Thomas encouraged me to work hard on my education and listen to my parents' advice, citing his life as an example which laid the foundation for my current achievements," Woineshet added.

"We are really proud of Woineshet's achievements. We know that life is difficult in her living area and she worked hard in her education

to achieve this success. She also worked very hard within her house, fetching water, and walking a long way to school," says Dudley, while presenting Woineshet a necklace and other gifts for her graduation.

Happiness and joy began to sprout among the families of Woineshet and her sponsors. Woineshet's mother and father dreamed to see their children live a different and better life than they lived.

"Woineshet graduated from university and Etaferahu, 20, [Woineshet's younger sister] followed her footsteps. Thanks to World Vision's sponsorship programme, my dreams come true," says Altaye Mursel, 60, Woineshet's mother. "I am proud of them. I was praying not to die before seeing the joy of my children. It is realised now. The reason for their success is sponsorship."



Woineshet with her sponsors Dudley and Maureen Thomas at her graduation



From left: Woineshet's mother, young brother, Woineshet, her younger sister, her father, and other sister

Mainstreaming disability

WVE in its program, projects as well as organizational level is working towards ensuring children and adults with disabilities benefit equally with others. The major interventions include: supporting inclusive education for children with special needs, provision of equitable, inclusive and accessible WASH services, intentionally targeting families of children with disabilities and adults for economic development/livelihood, promoting protection of children with disabilities from abuse and neglect through disability awareness and advocacy. In addition WVE also works with specialist organizations like Cheshire for rehabilitation of people with disabilities free of charge.

Muluka, 13, is one of the WVE beneficiaries. She was born with paralysed legs. She was moving from place to place by crawling on her hands and knees since her birth. She has never been to school or played with her peers and enjoyed her childhood life. She has been made to stay at home by her parents, as they were ashamed of her disability. Cheshire outreach team, in collaborating WV Habro AP, took her to Black Lion Hospital at Addis Ababa, after successful treatment, she started to walk with the help of a walking aid. Currently, Muluka can easily move everywhere she likes. She is no longer dirty because of crawling and no longer ashamed of her disability. Her health is also improving and she is hoping to walk without using the walking aid. Her childhood dream of learning has become a reality. In the future she has a dream to be a doctor to help children with disabilities in the area.



Strengthening child well-being through engagement of faith leaders

WVE is taking a lead in engaging religious leadership to foster cooperation for the well-being of children in today's world. Projects like For Every Child and Channels of Hope have been working to empower faith leaders to ensure the sustained well-being of children within families and communities by creating an environment for children to experience life in all its fullness.

The projects focus on capacity building activities aimed at imparting knowledge, changing attitudes and transforming the character of children, youth, family, faith leaders and the wider community of different faith based organisations. The programme methodology

challenges faith leaders to acknowledge and act upon different issues within their communities. When faith leaders promote principles and the shared access and utilisation of family and community resources, this contributes to harmonious relationships within families, faith groups and communities.

Accordingly WVE has been working with different faith leaders, providing awareness creation trainings, workshops and experience sharing on different issues which affects children directly such as gender, maternal and child health, education and protection.



Ethiopians Fighting Against Child Exploitation (E-FACE)

Through the Ethiopians Fighting Against Child Exploitation (E-FACE) project which is funded by the United States Department of Labor, WVE in partnership with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs was able to prevent and respond to the child exploitation and protection concerns of more than **20,000** children. In addition it has built the capacity of more than **3,000** federal and local government staff, **56** federal parliament members and regional councils regarding child labour policies and laws which have improved the percentage of children engaged in child labour from a baseline of **85%** to **9.6%** in target areas.



Bizuayehu is One of the thousands of beneficiaries

Bizuayehu, 16, lives in Addis Ababa, Gulele District with his three siblings. Like most children in Addis Ababa, he joined school while he was very young. At the age of 14, however, he lost his parents one after the other. Since then, the responsibility of taking care of his siblings was left on his shoulders.

Bizuayehu struggled to help himself and his siblings attend school, working as a weaver after class. Months later, he realised that his income was not enough to feed his siblings. Later, he dropped out of school and worked full-time as a weaver. "I did not want to see my siblings quit school or go hungry to school, so I dropped out of school and fully engaged myself in weaving to provide my siblings with school materials, uniforms and clothes to help them happily attend school," he recalls.

"Weaving is extremely tiresome work. I used to work 16 hours or more a day. I used to feel bitter and frustrated. Sometimes I wished I had disappeared but when I thought of my little siblings, I regretted this and continued to face the challenge."



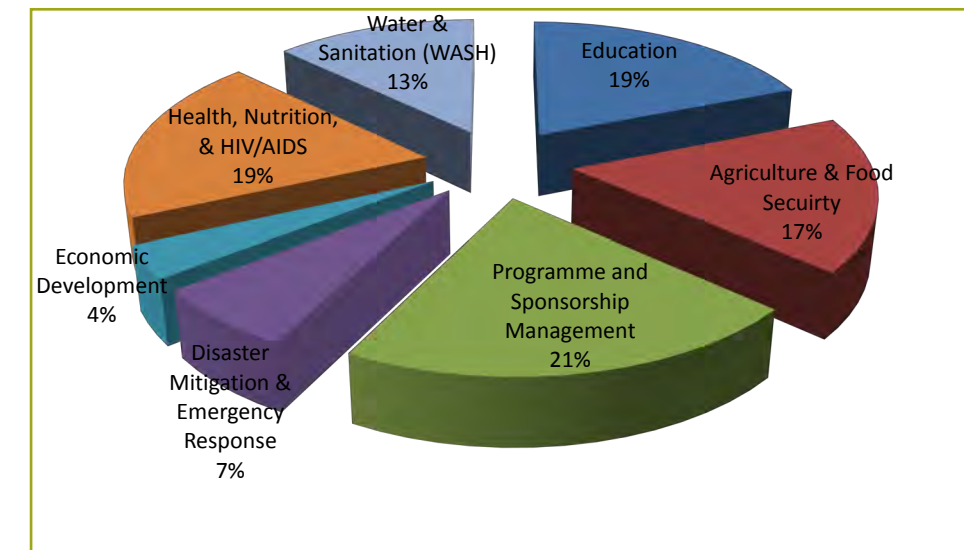
World Vision Ethiopia through E-FACE Project, provided Buzayehu and other young people in similar situations with three months training on food preparation at Escafier Hotel training institution. The project organised them into a business group and provided them with start-up kits. They have now started a cafe and restaurant business and earn a good income.

"Before I was working for 16 hours or so, but now I am working eight hours a day. I am very happy. I can adequately fulfil our basic needs and comfortably keep my siblings in school with the income I am earning from this business. I am leading a better life than ever before. I am very happy with my present life. This has inspired me so much, it has changed my attitude towards life. I have a dream to open my own restaurant and then a big hotel and help myself and contribute my part to my country. I also have a dream to start school in the near future."

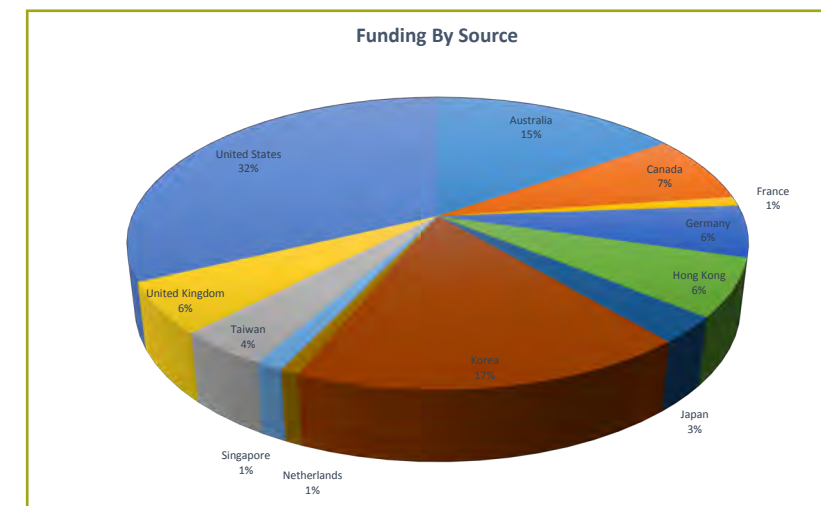
World Vision Partnership Support in US Dollars in 2014

Funding Office	Registered Children	Sponsorship Funding	Government Grants	Interest Income	Multilateral	Private Grants	Gift in Kind	Total
Australia	37,440	8,737,851	1,134,103	1,517		1,379,709		11,253,180
Canada	18,216	4,164,919	437,011			219,508	2,756,500	7,577,938
Ethiopia		1,253,300	215,388	68,399	590,000	2,064,864		4,191,951
France	2,500	533,975				4,841		538,816
Germany	14,000	2,574,712	929,965			585,332		4,090,009
Hong Kong	15,500	4,169,956				471,228		4,641,184
Japan	7,100	1,569,758	248,185			90,028		1,907,971
Korea	42,600	7,886,787	412,171			1,535,204		9,834,162
Malaysia						211		211
Netherlands	2,000	421,010						421,010
New Zealand						92,912		92,912
Pooled HEA						4,171,342		4,171,342
Singapore	3,000	547,867				109,631		657,498
Switzerland						414		414
Taiwan	10,000	1,632,435				57,786		1,690,221
United Kingdom	13,662	2,144,132	122,036		205,708	56,243		2,528,119
United States	78,457	14,768,842	7,818,644			6,768,313	979,950	30,335,749
Grand Total	244,475	50,405,544	11,317,503	69,916	795,708	17,607,566	3,736,450	83,932,687
Portfolio Mix	0.25%	60%	13.4%	0.1%	1%	20.9%	4.4%	100%

Financial Spending by Sector



Government (Public Cash Grants)



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