



Annual Report

2023

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Vision

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

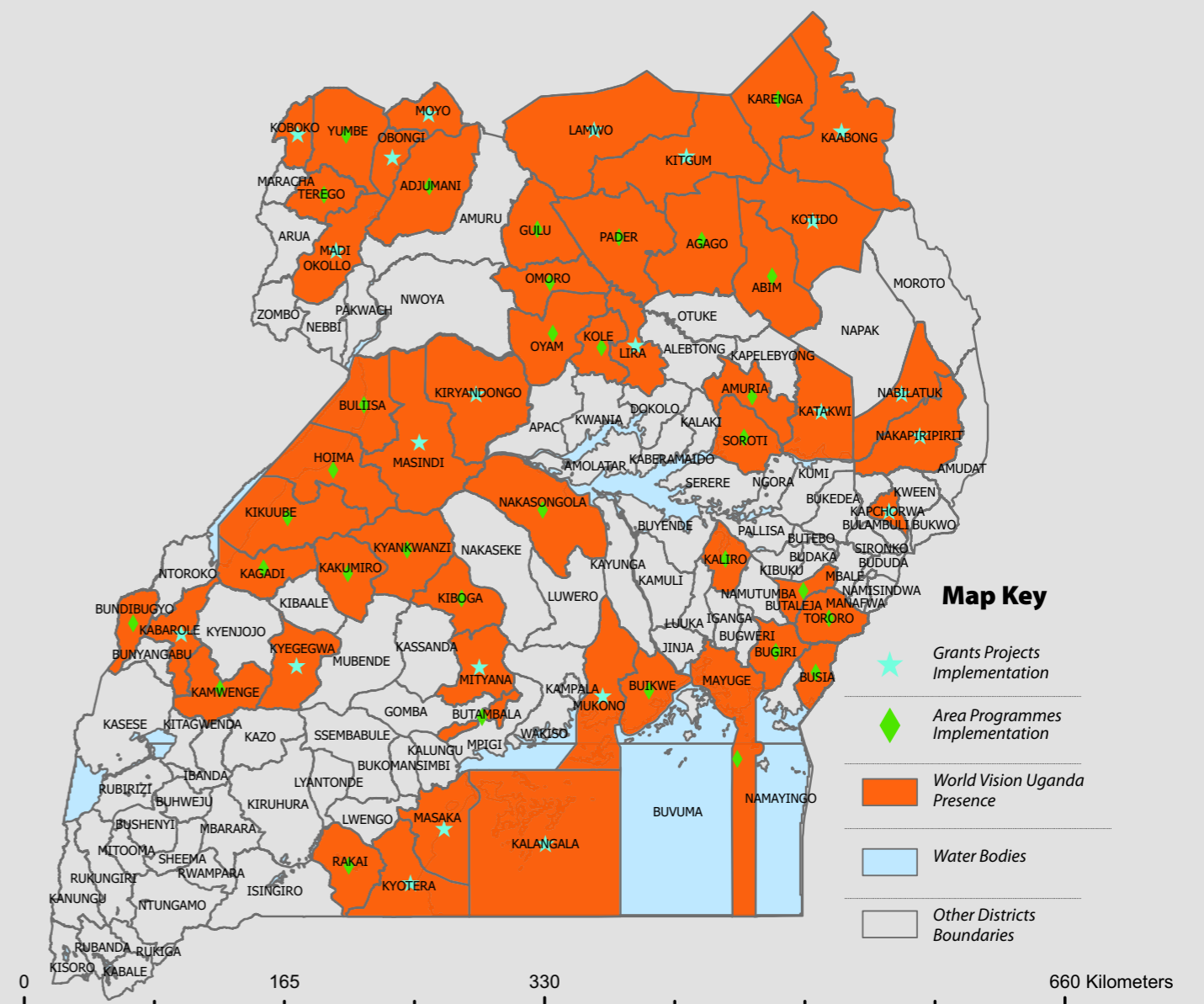
Mission

To follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.



Our Presence

World Vision Uganda current coverage by Districts



Board Chair's Foreward



Dear Friends and valued partners,

I greet you all.

On behalf of the World Vision Uganda Board of Directors, I am delighted to present to you our Impact Report for the fiscal year 2023. Allow me to firstly share my profound gratitude for the mantle extended to me to steer a great team of inspirational leaders as the new Board Chair. Leadership is a blessing from God and I thank you all for according me this responsibility to which I believe we shall achieve together.

Our joint journey has been marked by challenges, triumphs, and above all, a steadfast dedication to our shared vision of providing life in all its fullness for every child. I am pleased to inform that World Vision Uganda has made great strides towards enhancing the wellbeing of children and vulnerable communities where we work.

At the heart of our organisation lies a commitment to governance excellence, ensuring that every decision we make is grounded in integrity, transparency, and accountability. Guided by the principles of good governance, we have strived to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, ensuring that the resources entrusted to the organisation are managed responsibly and utilised effectively to maximise impact.

Uganda, being a leading refugee-hosting nation in both Africa and globally, grapples with several challenges as it accommodates and safeguards refugees. Despite the vast challenges we faced, we are still here! Through our programs and initiatives, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of hope, compassion, and empowerment. From providing lifesaving humanitarian assistance in times of crisis to implementing sustainable development projects that address the root causes of poverty and inequality, our impact resonates far and wide.

This year we had the opportunity to visit Busia and Tororo Area programmes where we witnessed the impact our work is having on the communities we serve and particularly the young children. Their faces of hope are a renewal of our commitment to protect and empower them for tomorrow.

We also made firm strides across our leadership curve in our quest to achieve our commitment further. In that regard, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jeremiah Nyagah as our new National Director, succeeding Jason Evans, to steer the ship forward- we believe the journey ahead remains brighter as we continue to drive our vision and mission.

On a very sad note, we lost one of our board members, a friend, mentor, and board chair- George Nyeko. He left an indelible mark to which we continue to thrive on and forge ahead: May his soul keep resting in eternal peace.

For the year ahead, the Board will continue supporting programme innovations and partnerships, with particular emphasis on local partners as well as spearhead the ENOUGH Campaign efforts in Uganda. I am confident that we will continue to transform the lives of many more vulnerable children, families, and communities.

As we look to the future, let us reaffirm our collective commitment to excellence, innovation, and continuous improvement. Together, we have the opportunity to shape a brighter tomorrow for generations to come, leaving a legacy of positive change that transcends borders and empowers communities to thrive.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, partners, donors, faith leaders, Government of Uganda, volunteers and supporters I could not be more grateful for their support and collaboration as we press on towards a common goal. My sincere appreciation to each member of the World Vision Uganda Board for their unwavering support and leadership. Your guidance and strategic oversight have been instrumental in steering our organisation through both calm seas and stormy waters, enabling us to navigate complex challenges and seize opportunities for growth and innovation.

I now invite you to read and reflect on our successes in the past year. Your unwavering commitment and generosity inspires us each day to reach higher, dream bigger, and work harder to build a world where every child has the opportunity to realise their full potential.

Warm regards,

Jacqueline Opondo,
Board Chair - World Vision Uganda

National Director's Message



Greetings to you all,

I am filled with gratitude and humility as I reflect on the incredible work we have accomplished together in 2023 building brighter futures for vulnerable children and the communities we served in Uganda. Together we reached over 4.8 Million people. Out of these, 3.5 Million were children. Our commitment in serving the most vulnerable has never been stronger.

Through continued partnerships and collaboration, we have expanded our reach through new Area Programmes and strengthened our humanitarian responses in the Southwest Refugee Settlements of Rwamwanja and Kyaka II. This expansion has enabled us to effectively reach communities that are in most need of assistance, ensuring that our programs and initiatives have a meaningful impact on those who require it the most hence solidifying our resolve in reaching the most vulnerable children.

In the face of evolving global trends, we have embraced innovative approaches to empower the communities we serve and address the root causes of poverty. Our Savings for Transformation (S4T) approach is leveraging technology to digitise it's saving processes, promote transparency, and facilitate access to credit and market linkages.

Our collaborations with strategic partners have been instrumental in amplifying the voices of children, with a notable example such as Omega, a World Vision child ambassador from the refugee settlement in Uganda. His participation in Education in Emergency (EiE) Forum at the EU in Brussels raised awareness on the issues faced by children refugee settlements and advocated for the education of children.

In 2023, we were also privileged to increase our resource acquisition portfolio totaling to USD 66,253,299. In this report, you will read about Child Sponsorship and its far-reaching transformative power, which remains central to our work and fundraising efforts, complemented by growth in our grants portfolio and local resource development efforts. Combined, these funding streams brought tangible benefits to millions of children and their communities.

Despite the vast challenges we faced, from global crises to local hardships, there has been much to celebrate, particularly the countless lives that have been impacted and transformed. None of these would be possible without the collaboration and support from our development and humanitarian partners. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported us, as well as to the communities who have graciously opened their doors to us and worked alongside us to create lasting change.

The nature of our work demands agility, flexibility and adherence to humanitarian principles and standards at all times and I couldn't be more proud to serve alongside a team of dedicated and passionate staff, whose resilience has been a driving force in restoring hope and effecting tangible difference in the communities where we serve.

As we navigate through the next half of our strategy (2021-2025), I am confident that together, our work will bring about greater impact and transformation to the lives of Uganda's most vulnerable children and their communities.

I trust as you go through this report you will have an appreciation of the incredible work done collaboratively through sacrificial giving of our sponsors and trust of different donors and impact of World Vision Uganda work in 2023.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Nyagah
National Director - World Vision Uganda



CHILD PROTECTION

In FY23, our efforts reached the lives of over 2.3 million children through a range of impactful program initiatives. Prioritising care, protection, and participation of the most vulnerable among them, our focus was on nurturing positive, peaceful relationships within families and communities. Working collaboratively with the Ugandan government, grassroots organisations, and other stakeholders was integral to achieving these goals.

We collaborated with several partners and stakeholders to end violence against children, exploitation and abuse of children and further to empower families and communities to create environments in which children are safe, cared for, and participating as agents of change in their lives and communities.

The Technical Programme working with other sectors and Technical Programs (TPs) in the Area Programs have enhanced empowering households through multi sectoral integration to equip families with knowledge and skills on positive parenting, enhancing agricultural practices support household food security, resilience and livelihood. The Area Programs have also leveraged on partnerships with local government where communities are encouraged to participate in government initiatives to alleviate poverty such as Parish Development Model, (PDM) an approach for organizing public interventions for wealth creation and employment generation at parish level as the lowest economic planning unit.



Key Highlights

WV Uganda became the second largest National Office in Registered Children portfolio management across the

partnership with **154,386** registered children (RC) and 76% sponsored RC engaged their respective sponsors in different sponsor engagement features.

Innovation:

WV Uganda was selected as the global center learning hub for chosen and church partnerships

Chosen: 2,941

children were given an opportunity to choose their sponsors in

14 Areas Programmes across **8 Support Offices.**

Growth:

We were blessed with the addition of Alito and Busakira Area Programs in FY23 but at the same time celebrated the closure of Kakindo and Kirewa-Nabuyoga Area Programs.

Gifts:

WV Uganda registered an increase in registered children's wellbeing and transformation

through **\$1.7m** in form of direct monetary gifts to their children, families and communities

Championing Children's Voices

At the age of three, Joshua's life took a significant turn when he became a Registered Child (RC) with World Vision Uganda (WVU). Now, as a teenager nearing the completion of his secondary education, Joshua stands as a testament to the transformative power of child participation models implemented by WVU. From his earliest years, Joshua has exemplified leadership qualities, a trait nurtured through WVU's programs aimed at fostering life skills among children.

Reflecting on his journey, Joshua shares, "Being part of World Vision Uganda's initiatives has empowered me to take on leadership roles in school and beyond."

During his final year of primary school, Joshua was elected Chairperson of the Child Protection Committee (CPC), now known as the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), in Kahunge Sub-County, Kamwenge District. This child-led committee, in collaboration with adult counterparts, addresses pressing issues like child-headed households, various forms of violence against children (VAC), and the scourge of school dropout rates.

Recalling a pivotal moment, Joshua recounts, "We once uncovered a child marriage case in Kasojo Village. Despite initial setbacks, we persisted. Our efforts have led to ongoing re-evaluation and scrutiny of the situation."

With unwavering support from WVU, the CWC has been instrumental in reporting and addressing cases to relevant authorities, including the Community Development Officer (CDO) and local law enforcement agencies. Joshua emphasizes, "We have worked tirelessly to ensure duty bearers are equipped to handle cases involving children effectively."

Through awareness campaigns and advocacy efforts, Joshua and his peers have endeavored to educate communities, caregivers, and decision-makers on child protection issues. "We have seen progress, but there is still much work to be done," Joshua remarks.

Recognizing the multi-faceted nature of the challenges faced by vulnerable children, strategies have been implemented to tackle root causes, such as early school dropout rates. Joshua explains, "We are providing essential resources, training teachers, and empowering children with life skills to foster positive change."

Looking ahead, Joshua aspires to become a lawyer, offering pro-bono services to marginalised families and children in need. His dedication to advocating for child rights and protection stems from first hand experiences witnessing the struggles of vulnerable families seeking justice.





EDUCATION

During the financial year, the education programme continued to increase the number of children who can read and comprehend. This was done through;

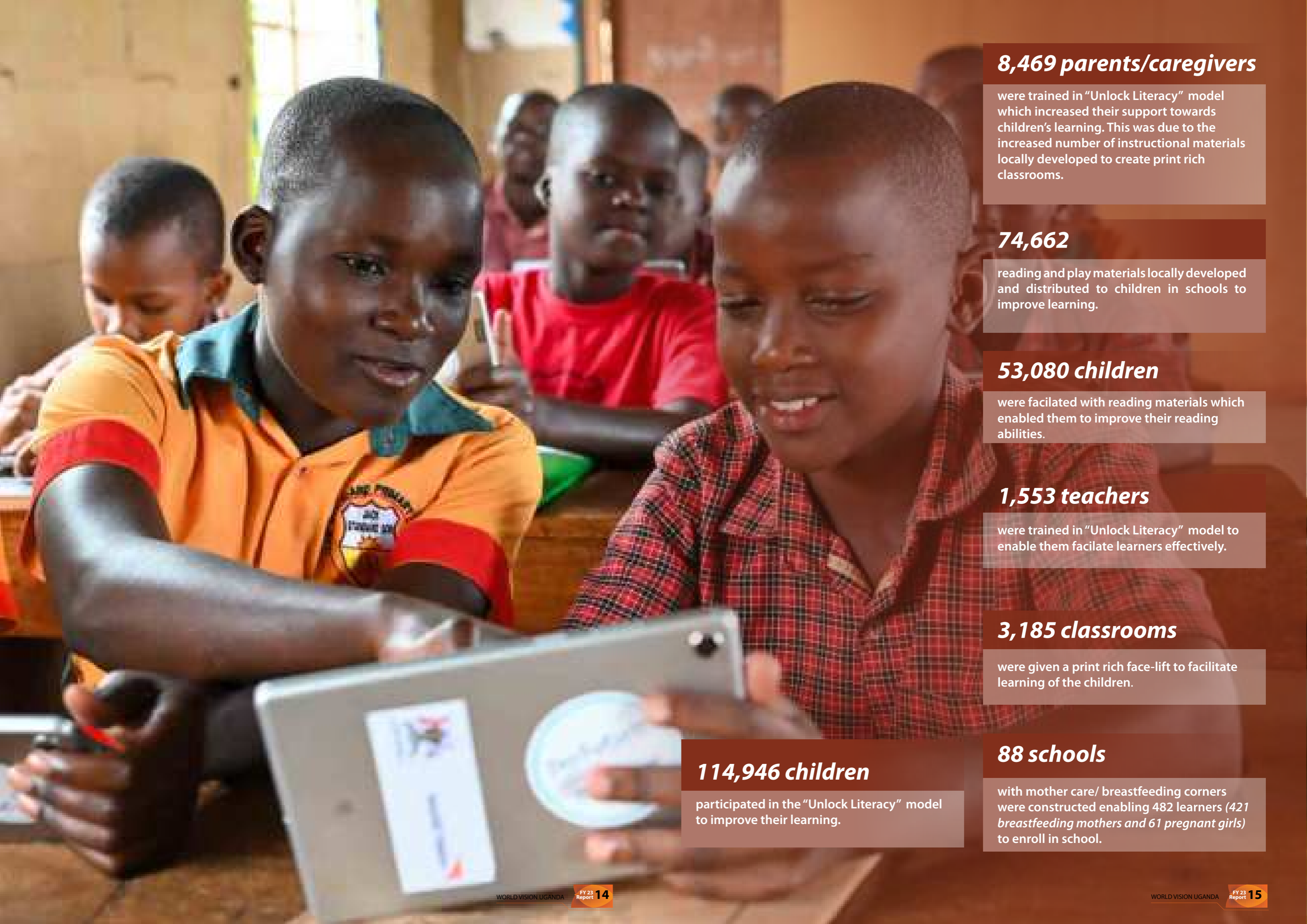
1. Effective, inclusive teaching and learning processes.
2. Increasing full child participation in school and community literacy centres.
3. Improving access to safe, conducive and inclusive learning environments.

In a bid to encourage teenage mothers to go back to school, we constructed **88** schools with mother case centres/ breastfeeding shelters, to provide a conducive environment that enables learning as their children are being taken care of. **At least 20** of the mother case facilities were integrated with early childhood development to foster learning of the children.

We partnered with government, community groups like the Parents Teacher Associations (PTA) and other stakeholders to organise “go back to school” campaigns to mobilise learners

to enrol and stay in school and carried out joint support supervision of schools on termly basis.

During the financial year, we carried out capacity building sessions and provided ongoing mentorship for teachers. Each mentor was allocated 3-4 schools for support and was accountable for building capacity of 9-12 teachers, thus increasing a sense of accountability.



8,469 parents/caregivers

were trained in “Unlock Literacy” model which increased their support towards children’s learning. This was due to the increased number of instructional materials locally developed to create print rich classrooms.

74,662

reading and play materials locally developed and distributed to children in schools to improve learning.

53,080 children

were facilitated with reading materials which enabled them to improve their reading abilities.

1,553 teachers

were trained in “Unlock Literacy” model to enable them facilitate learners effectively.

3,185 classrooms

were given a print rich face-lift to facilitate learning of the children.

114,946 children

participated in the “Unlock Literacy” model to improve their learning.

88 schools

with mother care/ breastfeeding corners were constructed enabling 482 learners (421 breastfeeding mothers and 61 pregnant girls) to enroll in school.



HEALTH & NUTRITION

In the FY23, the program continued its efforts to improve the overall well-being of children aged 0-5 years by focusing on their nutrition and protection from infections and diseases. Throughout the year, we maintained strong partnerships with the Ugandan government, local community grassroots organisations, and other key stakeholders to ensure ongoing success in our initiatives.

The technical program was delivered through the following outputs to achieve the 2 child wellbeing outcomes:

- (1) Households and communities are supported to adopt appropriate reproductive health and nutrition practices,
- (2) Health systems, coordination and social accountability structures are strengthened to enable delivery of quality (Reproductive, Maternal, New born, Child & Adolescent Health) RMNCAH and nutrition services at community, district and national level .

- (3) Communities and health care facilities gain increased access to basic water supply, improved sanitation and adopt appropriate hygiene practices. Public Health Emergency response projects: World Vision Uganda has worked collaboratively with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and district local governments to coordinate preparedness and response to public health emergencies including Ebola Virus Disease response in 7 districts of Mubende, Kassanda, Kiboga, Kyankwanzi, Kagadi, Kakumiro and Kamwenge, Prevention of Marburg Virus Disease and other Public Health Emergencies in Kyotera District and Response to Cholera outbreak in Kayunga and Namayingo districts. A total of **267,951** children were reached as a result to prevent infection and disease

Key Highlights

2,928 Village Health Team (VHT)

Reached out to households to generate demand for appropriate health and nutrition behavior through Timed and Targeted Counseling

91,305 children

between 0-59 months were reached with health and nutrition services and messages

48,119 women

of reproductive age were reached with health and nutrition services and messages

21,750

children were fully immunized at one year,

13,238 pregnant women

attended their first antenatal care visits in the first trimester.

22,634 women

had their last deliveries in health facilities by professional birth attendants.

POSITIVE DEVIANCE HEARTH TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH NUTRITIOUS FEEDING

Maria, a devoted parent, faced a distressing challenge with her three-year-old daughter's health. Despite having several children in her care, one girl stood out, frail and frequently unwell. Concerned, Maria sought help, and the intervention of the Village Health Team (VHT) became a turning point.

"I was worried because I thought feeding her required me to buy milk and other expensive foods which I could not afford," Maria confided.

The VHT recognised the child's poor nutrition status and introduced Maria to a potential solution—the Positive Deviance Hearth for rehabilitation using nutritious local foods. Maria's apprehensions eased as she discovered that local foods could be prepared into nutritious dishes for her child.

"In that training, we were also taught about kitchen gardens," Maria recounted, realising the sustainable aspect of the initiative.

Empowered with knowledge, Maria diligently implemented what she learnt from the hearth sessions, preparing "Kitobero" -a mixture of local foods for the treatment of malnutrition as instructed. The results were profound. Maria witnessed her daughter's transformation, gaining weight and vitality.

"After some time, I noticed that the child started to gain some weight," Maria observed with relief.

The VHT's continued support was instrumental in sustaining progress. Through follow-up visits, Maria received guidance and encouragement, reinforcing her efforts.

"Her nutrition status had improved, and she was out of danger," Maria recalled the VHT's reassurance after four months.

Today, Maria's daughter thrives, her health restored, and her vitality is evident. Reflecting on the journey, Maria expressed gratitude to Positive Deviance Hearth initiative and the tireless dedication of the Village Health Team .



WASH

World Vision Uganda WASH Programme continued to work with communities to make clean water a reality for everyone, everywhere within the target areas of operation. The Programme in Uganda is currently being implemented in over 20 districts, with a special emphasis.

To increase access to sustainable and clean water supply, improved sanitation and adoption of appropriate hygiene behaviour change practices among children and their communities.

During the financial year, we strategically collaborated with the government of Uganda through the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE), National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) and Water Umberalla for co-funding, and post-implementation, monitoring and management of water sources and sanitation facilities. This successful collaboration resulted in the implementation of a 7 billion shillings (\$1,857,510) project to construct a 45-kilometer piped water network in Nkandwa – Kyankwazi. The project has benefited 19 villages, 5 schools, and 8 health facilities in the area, providing essential access to clean and safe water for the community.

Our collaboration with Vision Fund provided access to WASH loans to households to construct basic sanitation facilities at the household level and delivering water at their door step. Over UGX 336,000,000 million (\$90,000) was disbursed to 290 households (approximately 1,450 people).

We collaborated with local community groups; Village health teams, faith leaders, household cluster leaders to keep the quality of water safe throughout the safe water chain.

Key Highlights

Supported **207 communities/villages** to move from open defecation status to Open Defecation Free communities, verified and Certified by Ministry of Health according to Ministry standards

145,889



people reached (84,616 children)
995 water collection points (taps) from successful piped water systems and boreholes were installed in communities, and primary use for Health Care Facilities and Schools premises.

30
schools



gained access to disability inclusive, menstrual hygiene management facilities.

28,768
households



established handwashing stations at their households enabling 142,199 people attain BASIC hygiene service.

207
Communities



to attain Open Defecation Free (ODF) status with the certification from Ministry of Health. Over 40,000 households constructed new improved latrines with slabs reaching over 182,000 people, constructed 891 water collection points (833 taps, 40 new boreholes fitted with hand pumps and 18 rehabilitated boreholes).

241
improved,



sex-separated latrines constructed in 23 schools reaching 11,882 learners



I USED TO WALK 3 KILOMETRES DAILY TO FETCH WATER BEFORE GOING TO SCHOOL:

Innocent is a driven 15-year-old living with his family in Bungalela West village in the Pajule Area Program, Pader District. As the eldest child among three siblings, one of his main responsibilities at home is to fetch water for his family regularly. However, this proved to be a difficult task for Innocent due to the water shortage in the area.

“The nearest water source in our community was from a pond that we shared with animals which exposed us to diseases, said Innocent”.

Every morning, he used to embark on a long journey of over 3 kilometers to fetch clean water in one of the villages in Bungalela East. This resulted in Innocent losing a lot of his valuable time, causing him to arrive late at school and miss classes. The adverse effects of being

late at school and sometimes feeling exhausted led to him dropping out of school for a term

“I continuously struggled with fatigue and dizziness upon arriving at school and I found it difficult to stay focused during class, he said”.

In 2023, World Vision Uganda constructed an inclusive hand pump borehole in Bungalela West, community that now serves and ensures access to clean drinking water.

Innocent and his family are beneficiaries of this project and can now collect clean water just 300 meters away from their home. This has made a world of difference to teenager’s life. Two months ago, the 15-year-old enrolled back to school for his third term, determined to

make the most out of his education.

“I no longer get so tired from fetching water like I used to, I also now go to school much earlier with my friends,” Innocent said.

With access to clean water, Innocent sees a better future for himself and his friends, one where they won’t have to deal with the unpleasant experiences of skipping school or trekking long distances to find water for domestic use, among other burdensome household tasks.

Innocent also anticipates better health outcomes for his family and the Bungalela community at large due to the consumption of clean water that was provided by World Vision.



RESILIENCE & LIVELI- HOODS

In FY23, through strategic partnerships with key stakeholders including the private sector, government institutions, research and educational bodies, producer groups, and cooperatives, we successfully impacted the lives of more than 936,840 individuals. Our interventions were based on the Building Secure Livelihood core project model, encompassing a range of initiatives such as Biblically Empowered World View (BEWV), Saving for Transformation (S4T), Local Value Chain Development (LVCD), Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA), agroforestry, and Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR).

We focused on the most vulnerable children and their families enabling them gain sufficient, sustainable incomes, sufficient nutritious foods and build their resilience to shock and stress.

During the financial year, we scaled out digitalisation of savings groups promoting transparency, real time data and building credit history for the groups to facilitate future loan access.

Key Highlights

Over 200

savings groups were digitised to promote transparency in the saving groups, real time data and building credit history for the groups to facilitate future loan access.

1,769

demonstration garden sites established for seed multiplication & learning 18,140 farmers linked to business development services

38,970

household members that have adopted climate smart agricultural practices and technologies such Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration, agroforestry and the use of energy -saving technologies.

52,831

households were empowered and actively participating in Savings for transformation.

31,215

households were supported to access markets 48648 households were empowered in the production and dissemination of bio fortified crops and high nutrient foods

173,25

were supported to establish and adopt improved storage facilities for their produce.



REFUGEE RESPONSE

Uganda continues to host the largest refugee population in Africa with over 1.6 million of them coming from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and 30 other countries. World Vision Uganda is placed at the forefront of serving Refugees and the Refugee Host Communities in the Northern, West Nile and South Western regions of Uganda.

World Vision Uganda has been responding to the Refugee crisis since 2014. In July, the Uganda Refugee Response was re-declared a Sustained Humanitarian Response to focus on protection and building the self-reliance for the refugees and host community in Uganda.

Thanks to our collaboration with the government, donors, partners, we reached **791,397 people**,

of these **439,430 are children** across the different refugee host districts where we operate with intervention in WASH, Child Protection, Education, Resilience and Livelihoods.

During the year, our grant portfolio continued to grow enabling us to expand our programming in the South west refugee settlements of Kyaka II and Rwamwanja allowing us to impact more children with life transforming interventions in Child Protection, WASH, Food and Cash Assistance.

We established two area programmes in Odravu and Dzaipi to cater for refugee children and Children from the host communities availing an opportunity for child sponsorship programming in a fragile context.





Harriet celebrates her graduation alongside her daughter. As a South Sudanese refugee and teenage mother, Harriet mastered fashion and design in a three months' course in Uganda with World Vision's support.

Her new beginning is marked by the gift of a start-up kit, including a sewing machine, tape measure, and clothing materials, supporting her steps toward a self-reliant future.

Key Highlights

791,397

people reached with integrated interventions, of these, 439,430 were children.

81,039

people reached with WASH intervention from both the refugee and host communities of these, 42,008 were children.

36,9873

people were reached with Resilience and Livelihoods interventions in both Refugee and Host Communities. Of these, 182,851 were children.

340,485

people were reached with child protection interventions in both Refugee and Host Communities. Of these 214,571 were children.

99,300

children were reached with education interventions in both Refugee and Host Communities.

292,562

Children reached with Food and Cash assistance in the refugee response.

1,328

acres were secured through engagements with landlords in Rhino camp refugee settlement and Palorinya to enhance access to land for refugee livelihood



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

In a year marred by numerous humanitarian catastrophes, including ethnic conflicts, epidemics, internal displacement, and natural disasters exacerbated by climate change such as floods, droughts, landslides, lightning, and hailstorms, World Vision responded providing immediate assistance to the most vulnerable children and communities. Our timely response spanned disaster-affected and high-risk areas such as Karamoja, Mubende, Kassanda, Kagadi, Kyegegwa, Bunyangabu, Kampala, Wakiso, Masaka, and Jinja. Additionally, we expanded our refugee response efforts in the southwestern districts of Kyegegwa and Kamwenge in the West Nile Region.

We collaborated with communities to build their resilience against disasters, through existing response groups like response structures like Village Health Teams, District Task Forces to empower them to assess risks, manage and respond to disasters. We enhanced the disaster risk reduction structures and mechanisms to empower access to safe, conducive and inclusive environments.

We collaborated with government, partners, religious leaders and the communities to maximise our impact and improve the effectiveness of our response to the affected communities. We leveraged on our presence and these relationships to enhance our immediate response to minimise damage and casualties.

In response to the hunger situation that loomed in the Karamoja region during this period, we leveraged policy advocacy to sustainably address the hunger issue in Karamoja. Working in collaboration with the Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Food and Nutrition Security, We supported a fact-finding mission for 9 members of Parliament and department heads from the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Ministry of Health to Karamoja. As a result, the MPs tabled this matter on the floor of parliament influencing the government's allocation of 20bn shillings for relief food to Karamoja.

Key Highlights

14 (Training of Trainers)

ToTs, supported the orientation of 572 (Village Health Teams) VHTS (150M, 421F), 187 Community influencers (112M, 75F) and 41 Youth peer educators (22F, 19M).

320 Task Force members

by District Task Forces on basic Ebola Virus Disease.

1,611 Community health

trained to support risk communication, mobilisation and community engagement on Ebola Virus Disease.

Ebola Response	282,675
Murburg	63,293
Global Hunger Response	37,639
Cholera	251,614



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CHILD SPONSORSHIP

The Community Engagement and Sponsorship Project continued to register an increase in the sustained wellbeing of children by contributing towards transformed households able to care, protect, enable child participation, and sustain the wellbeing of **154,386 (49% Boys, 51% girls)** registered children especially the most vulnerable.

We collaborated with a strong partnership of community volunteer associations, built their capacity in child care and development, management of sponsorship operations, horizon essentials, rich media, and Registered Child monitoring which increased the level of accountability of registered children and increased the sponsorship engagement and retention.

Through our partnerships with vocational institutes, technical institutes, and local artisans, sponsored young adults and adolescents were empowered with age-appropriate life sustaining and marketable skills.

We ensured that women, men, girls, and boys are involved in the deliberate processes of Development Programming Approaches including planning, community summits, needs identification, prioritising, implementation, monitoring, and project evaluation to ensure that activities address the real community needs, promote better utilisation of available resources.

Key highlights

67,959

guardians and parents were sensitised on child sponsorship and how it enables the wellbeing of children.

2081

staff and community volunteers (COVAs) were capacitated on child care, and development which contributed to increased sponsor acquisition and retention.

11,303

adults in community groups met periodically to review and take action on issues faced by girls and boys resulting to an increase in registered children being monitored and their participation in different age-appropriate activities within spaces like household clusters, institutions among others.

over

11,467

young adults empowered with different marketable life sustaining skills.

11,469

young adolescents registered children were identified and equipped with age-appropriate life sustaining and marketable skills.



Stitching Dreams of Transformation

Aloza was a bubbly ambitious girl with big dreams and a future full of hope. She had always been good at school and was admired for her determination. However, her life took an unexpected turn when she discovered she was pregnant at the tender age of 16. The news sent shockwaves through her family which was already struggling to make ends meet with their 7 children. Her father worked as a laborer in the nearby town, and her mother tended to their small garden, barely yielding enough to feed the family. They definitely worried about how they would cope with the addition of another child.

What frightened her the most was the judgment and stigma from society. They openly criticised her and blamed her for her circumstances further eroding her self-esteem and worth. That coupled with the uncertainty of becoming a mother forced Aloza to make the difficult decision of dropping out of school to prepare for her unborn child. The dream of becoming a nurse that once filled her heart faded away like a distant memory. She felt like she had lost not only her education but also her hope for a better future.

Days turned into months, and as her pregnancy progressed, so did the weight of her responsibilities. She managed to go to a health center for antenatal care once and the stigma she encountered discouraged her from going back. In the meantime, she still had to help her parents in the garden and do household chores too. In the afternoons, she would make dough snacks to sell by the road side to school children and other passers-by to raise some money for the hospital bills and baby requirements. On a good day, she could only manage to make UGX 1.500 (\$ 0.39) barely enough to cover the costs of making the snacks.

In 2021, World Vision embarked on a journey to skill young people and encourage job creation. Most of the youth in the community were unemployed and unproductive majorly due to lack of employable skill sets and limited work opportunities. A community call was sent out for all the youth interested in learning tailoring with emphasis on teenage mothers.

With her son in tow, Aloza walked to the community training hall. She was met with warmth and understanding from the staff who had seen countless young mothers facing similar challenges. They enrolled her into the program that allowed her to learn tailoring alongside other life skills like saving for transformation, proper nutrition for new mothers and their babies and child protection to mention but a few.

Aloza immersed herself into learning the details of stitching, fabrics, patterns, and design. During late nights and early mornings, she would practice sewing, constantly pushing herself to improve. The more she learned, the more her self-confidence grew. Her dedication was evident in every stitch she made. Upon completing the 6 months training program, World Vision sent her off with a brand new sewing machine of her own to start a new page as a professional designer.

As Aloza's skills flourished, so did her dreams. She began to create unique designs that combined traditional designs with modern twists. The villagers started to take notice of her unique craftsmanship, and soon, orders began pouring in. According to Michael the World Vision Area Program coordinator in Buwunga Communities, Aloza's creations told stories of resilience, transforming scraps into stunning works of art.

People admired her not only for her tailoring skills but also for her unwavering spirit. She soon realized that she needed to set her business in a commercial trading center to attract more customers. With her newfound success, her financial situation gradually improved. She could now provide a comfortable life for her son and her family.

Aloza's ambitions extended beyond personal gains. She started offering tailoring lessons to other young girls in the village, empowering them with a skill that could change their lives too. Becoming a teenage Mother brought new challenges and responsibilities, but it also ignited a newfound determination within Aloza. The once-impoverished teenager who faced challenges head on, became a symbol of hope, resilience, and transformation. Aloza proved that with determination, hard work, and the right support, even the most challenging circumstances could lead to a life of fulfillment and success.



FAITH & DEVELOPMENT

In the financial year, our work continued to be shaped by our threefold programming mandate, that is, the integration of Faith and Development (F&D) Models into WV grants and technical programmes, the Spiritual Nurture of Children as a people growth component, nurturing and monitoring of strategic, intentional and functional faith partnerships for child wellbeing.

In a bid to enhance child wellbeing through the spiritual nurture of children, child protection, education and health interventions, we signed a memorandum of Understanding with religious institutions and strengthened existing partnerships.

We collaborated with several partners and project leads to integrate faith-based interventions in the projects. World Vision fronted a proven and tested faith-based intervention in the Ebola Virus Disease response in Channels of Hope Ebola, which proved to be critically instrumental and celebrated in combating the Virus.

Key Highlights

A total of **58,908 people (24,383 males and 34,525 females)** were reached and trained in positive mindset change interventions using Biblical Empowered World View (BEWV)

53,252 children participated in spiritual nurture activities as delivered by the child protection Technical Programme using “Dare to Discover” through Spiritual Nurture clubs.

920 Faith Leaders were empowered in Couple Counselling and **over 9,000 couples** were reached with intimate partner violence prevention initiatives.

1,611 (739 males; 872 females) community health workers from 5 high-risk districts of Kiboga, Kyankwanzi, Kagadi, Kakumiro and Kamwenge were oriented to integrate Ebola prevention measures in their routine household dialogue and counselling sessions.

More than 56,000 households were reached with Ebola information, the Government of Uganda through Ministry of Health later upheld and celebrated our faith-based interventions and considered benchmarking on how these could be adapted and scaled up.

23 faith leaders from 2 epicentre districts and 5 high-risk districts of the Ebola Virus Disease were empowered in World Vision’s Channels of Hope for Ebola model to mobilise communities.

More than 56,500 households were reached with Channels of Hope for Ebola model to mobilise and Combat Ebola Virus Disease.

108,271 children reached by programs aimed towards building trust and communication with faith leaders

73,144 children reached by programs aimed towards building trust and communication with their parent(s)/caregiver(s)



ADVOCACY

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We collaborated with different stakeholders to influence policy issues affecting children’s lives. Using It Takes A World Campaign as a tool for advocacy, We influenced issues on protection of children from violence, quality education for all including children in emergency settings, improved maternal and health services, an end to hunger in Karamoja, agricultural extension service provision, and an increase in budget allocation for improved service delivery in sectors of child protection health, education, WASH, resilience and livelihood. Key highlights of FY23 included;

273 staff and partners were equipped with practical skills and knowledge in budget advocacy. This led to enhanced engagement and influence of budget processes at local and national levels demonstrated through the improved integration of budget advocacy-related initiatives in FY 2023/2024 plans.

We supported children to participate and speak out on issues affecting their well-being in key forums at local national and international levels. Joan 16 from Uganda was among the 5 girls from Africa who participated in a side event on Girls Empowerment and Ending Violence against Children at the Women Deliver Conference. The girls told stories about this gruesome violation, presented a call to action, and actions they are taking to end this vice.

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At the European Humanitarian Forum, **Omega 17** was part of a panel of high representatives of EU member states who spoke on the effects and need to protect children from hunger. As a result, there was a call to listen to children and young people during humanitarian crises.

In addition, several other children were engaged in key moments that included the Day of the African Child, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Malaria Day, and World Refugee Day among others. WVU's relentless involvement of children in different decision making processes has greatly contributed to strengthening children's agency and urgency for meaningful child participation among the government and other stakeholders.

In collaboration with partners, we contributed to

- A) The development and launch of the National Health Community Strategy aimed at strengthening community health systems,
- B) The implementation of the National Water Policy (1999) that led to the application of a framework for the operation and maintenance of rural water infrastructure thus improving communities' access to clean and safe water.
- C) The successful amendment of the Public Health Act, 2022. The Amendment repeals outdated provisions of Public Health Act 281. Notably, the requirement for vaccination on contributing to the protection of children from infectious diseases.
- D) Additionally, WVU supported efforts aimed at the enactment of the Food and Nutrition Bill, the passing of the Kakumiro District Food Security and the National Health Insurance Bill among other policies still in progress.

A) 20 policy changes entailing new policies, implementation, and budget allocation influenced

B) 50 Area Programmes supported communities to advocate for improved service delivery.

C) 26,600 World Vision Supporters took action in support of ending violence against children and ending hunger and malnutrition including other advocacy actions.

D) 270 staff and partners trained in budget advocacy for effective influence of allocation and utilization of budgets.

E) 20,645,000 children reached through policy changes affecting their wellbeing.



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FY23 Financial Highlights

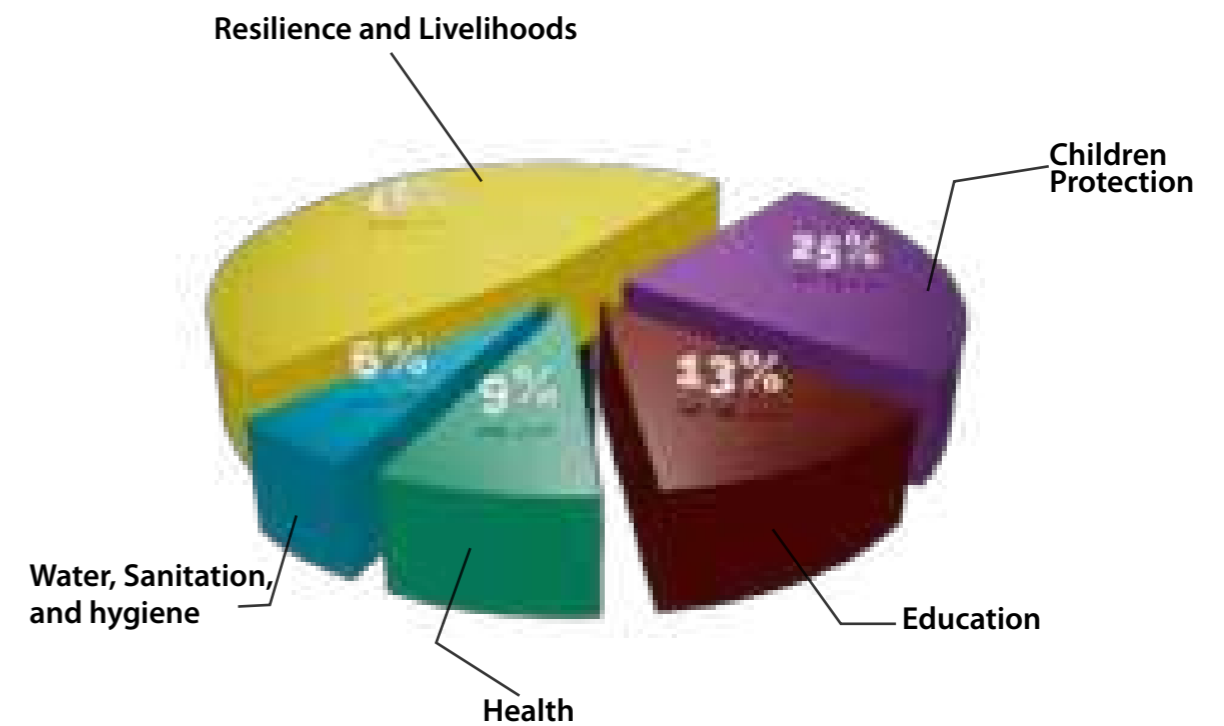
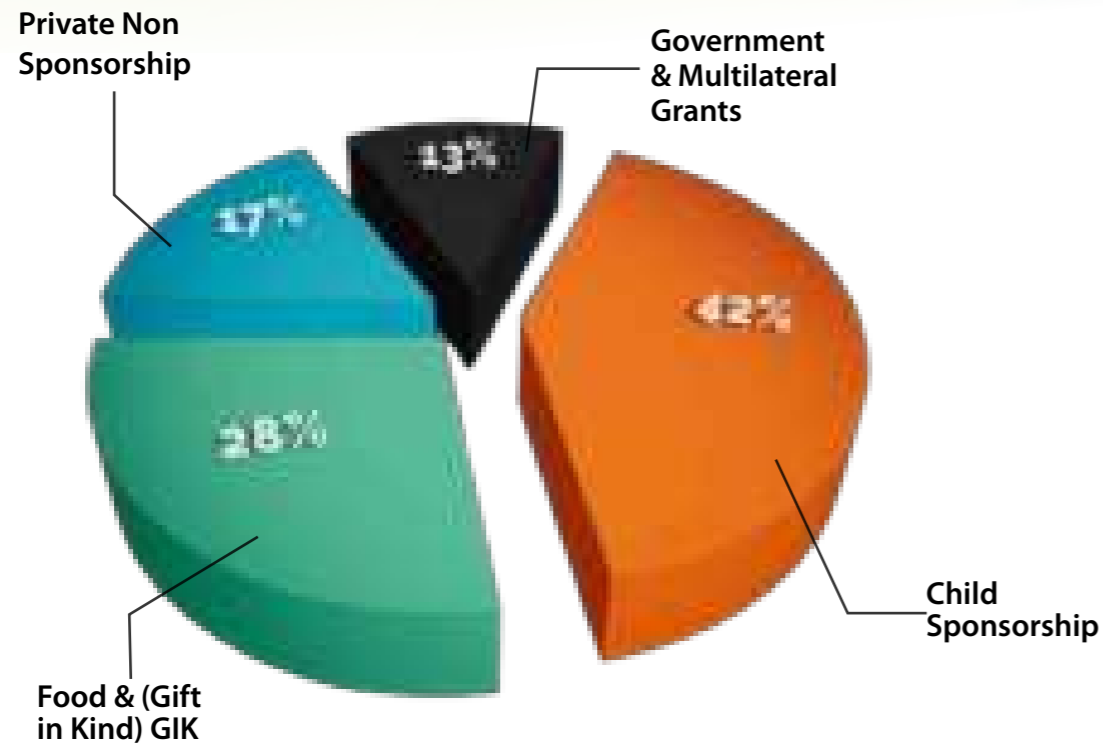


Growing our Resources

Sponsorship	USD 27,623,929
Government & Multilateral Grants	USD 8,776,515
Food & Gift in Kind (GIK)	USD 18,401,629
Private Non Sponsorship	USD 11,451,226
TOTAL	USD 66,253,299

Ministry Spending by sector Programming (Cash)

Resilience and Livelihoods	USD 29,636,991
Education	USD 7,854,009
Health	USD 5,442,435
Children Protection	USD 15,389,272
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	USD 3,996,184
TOTAL	USD 62,318,891



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