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Our National Impact Report 2024

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List of Abbreviations

- CHW - Community Health Workers
- COMM - Community Health Management Committee
- CP - Child Protection
- CP ADAPT - Child Protection Analysis, Design and Planning Tool
- COVID-19 - Corona Virus Disease 2019
- CVA - Citizens' Voice and Action
- DME - Design Monitoring and Evaluation
- ECD - Early Childhood Education
- EYE - Education Youth Empowerment
- FY - Financial Year
- GC - Grant Cycle
- GEDSI - Gender Equality Disability and Social Inclusion
- INGO - International Non-Governmental Organization
- IPTp - Intermittent Preventive Treatment for malaria in pregnancy
- LLINs - Long Lasting Insecticide-treated Nets
- NaCOVERC - National Covid-19 Emergency Response Centre
- NGO - Non-Governmental Organization
- NO - National Office
- NTD - Neglected Tropical Disease
- PESET - People's Empowerment for Social Economic Transformation
- RC - Registered Children
- RUTF - Ready to Use Therapeutic Food
- SLANGO - Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organizations
- SST - Strategy Support Teams
- ttc - Time-Targeted Counselling
- UL - Unlock Literacy
- UNICEF - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- USAID - United States Agency for International Development
- USD - United States Dollars
- WARO - West Africa Regional Office
- WAYS - Women and Youth Strengthening
- WASH - Water Sanitation and Hygiene
- WVISL - World Vision International Sierra Leone
- WV - World Vision





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Foreword



As we look back on the progress of World Vision International Sierra Leone during the fiscal year 2024 (FY24), I feel truly thankful and honored to share this Annual Impact Report. Our call to serve the most vulnerable children and their communities, enabling them to live a life in its fullness, has directed every aspect of our efforts, and this report showcases the considerable achievements made in realizing that vision.

FY24 has been a year of transformation, overcoming challenges like economic instability and global crises. Together with our devoted staff and partners, we reached 951,789 individuals, including 486,414 children and 465,375 adults through educational, health, and livelihood initiatives.

Our concentrated approach to child protection, health and nutrition, economic empowerment, and disaster risk reduction has enabled us to enhance our influence throughout Sierra Leone. We have developed important partnerships with the government, national NGOs, and community organizations to guarantee that our programs serve

those in the greatest need. We appreciate the continued support of our donors and the strength of our beneficiaries, whose determination drives our shared mission.

As we get into FY25, our commitment to innovation and impact deepens. Key priorities include implementing the Global Fund /Grant Cycle 7 program as Co-Principal Recipient, in collaboration with Ministry of Health, Key Affected Populations Organizations and all partners in the fight against HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria and in strengthening the health system. We will also continue rolling out the ENOUGH campaign against child malnutrition and hunger in Sierra Leone while strengthening WASH interventions to improve community health and reduce water-related illnesses. We aim to contribute to the improvement of learning outcomes of pre-school and primary school children, promote child protection and participation and support economic empowerment of households for lasting impact on children lives.

We will be grateful to have your support in building a brighter future for all children in Sierra Leone. Our collective efforts will be instrumental in creating a safer, healthier, and more empowered future for every child.

With heartfelt gratitude and hope.

Sagane Thiaw

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line.

National Director, World Vision International Sierra Leone.

We are **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 boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our more than 37,000 staff work hard 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.

Guided by more than 70 years of experience and expertise, our dedicated staff employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

As a leading global partner, we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope and, as a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, with our partners we positively impacted the lives of more than **951,789** in Sierra Leone and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

We are privileged to serve and work to see relationships restored and communities transformed, all as a reflection of God's unconditional love. And, we humbly acknowledge that without the goodness of God and the generosity of donors, we would not be able to do what we do.

Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians, whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour 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.

Core Values

- We are Christian
- We value people
- We are partners
- We are committed to the poor
- We are stewards
- We are responsive

Aspiration

Our aspiration is to help ensure girls and boys:

- Enjoy good health,
- Are educated for life,
- Experience the love of God and their neighbours,
- Are cared for, protected, and enabled to participate in efforts aimed at improving their lives.

Vision

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



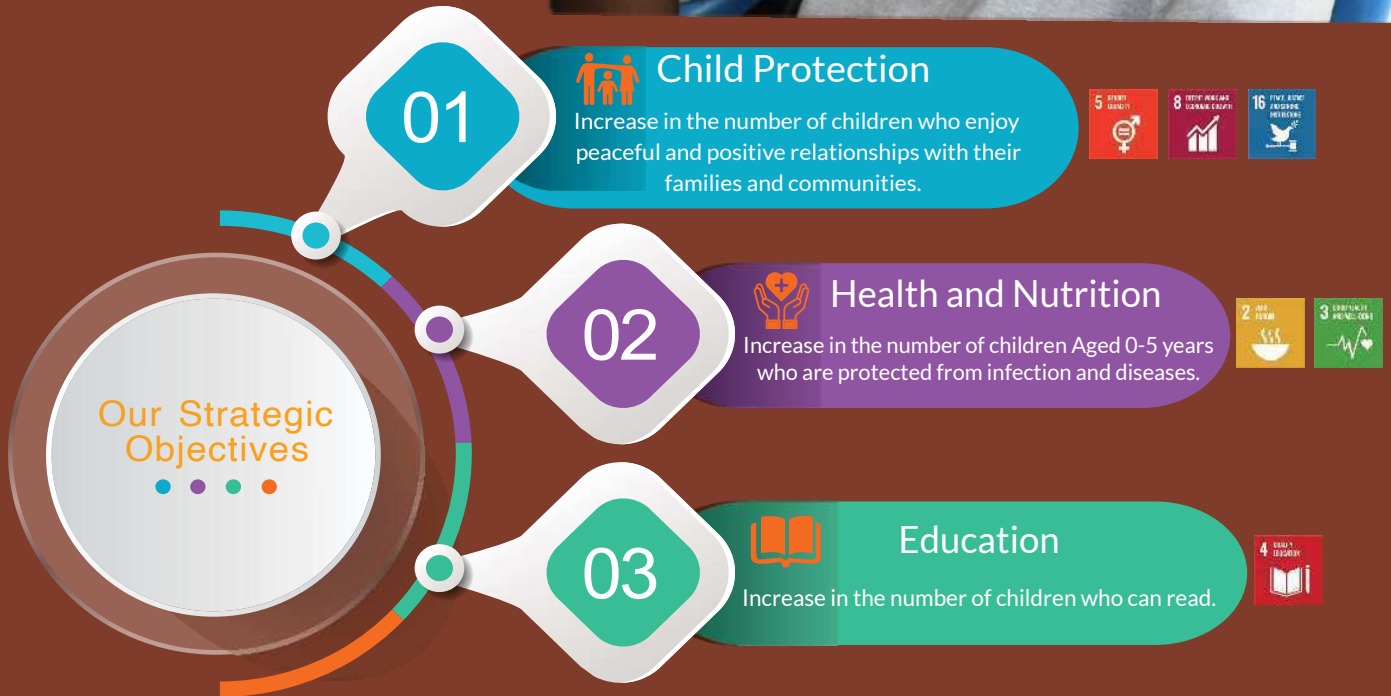
5-year Strategic Goal



Contributing to the sustained wellbeing of 1,737,570 Most Vulnerable Children in their families



and communities through, transformational development, humanitarian response and advocacy.



Cross cutting themes



The above is achieved through



951,789

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT BENEFITTED DIRECTLY FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS IN 8 DISTRICTS.



486,414

CHILDREN REACHED DIRECTLY



465,375

ADULTS REACHED DIRECTLY



US\$ 15,692,024

TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED



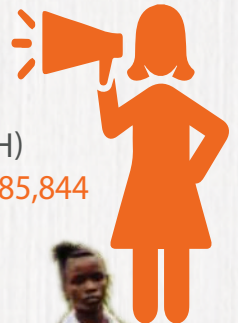
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STAFF

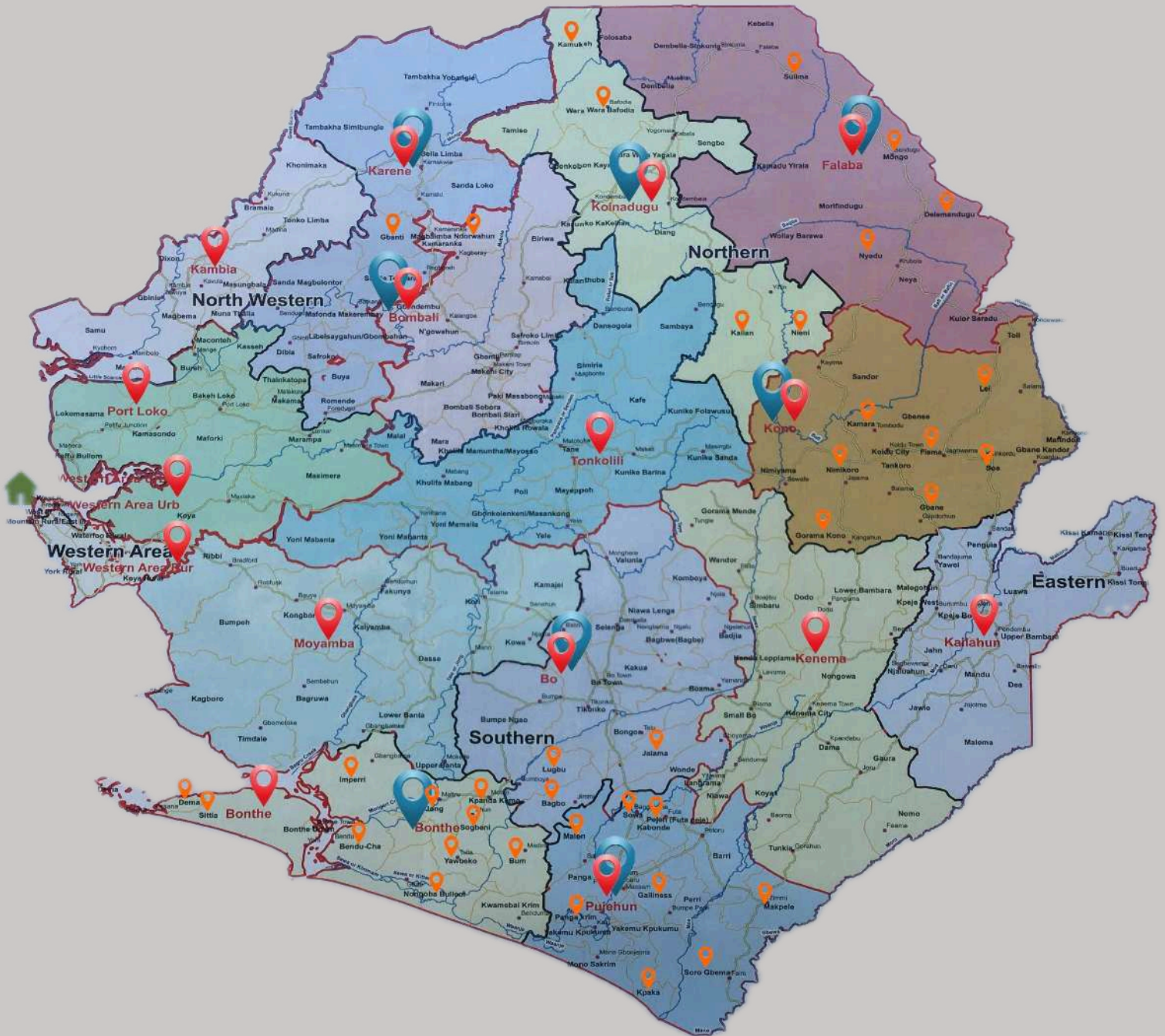
2,593,764





ADVOCACY (INDIRECT REACH)

1,207,920 CHILDREN & ADULTS 1,385,844



OUR-PRESENCE IN 2024



-  Chiefdoms covered by World Vision in 2024
-  World Vision Operational Districts
-  National Office
-  Global Fund GC7 Project districts of intervention

We implemented **26** long term community development programs in **41** chiefdoms and **315** sections spread across **8** districts.

IMPACT TO CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Child Protection



People Reached: 171,068

Direct Reach

Adult		Children	
Male	Female	Girls	Boys
45,667	38,765	43,089	43,547

5 GENDER
EQUALITY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



CHILD PROTECTION

World Vision International Sierra Leone has made remarkable progress in fostering a caring and protective environment for vulnerable children. In FY24, the organization implemented child protection and safeguarding initiatives across 26 area programs in the districts of Bonthe, Bo, Pujehun, Kono, Koinadugu, Falaba, and Bombali. This work was carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs, the National Children's Commission, and local partners such as People's Empowerment for Social Economic Transformation (PESET) and the Falaba District Women Network.

One significant achievement was the establishment of 352 kids' clubs with a total membership of 9,648 children (4,687 boys and 4,961 girls). These clubs empower children to advocate for their rights and raise awareness about violence against children. Members of the kids' clubs actively participated in the child-led radio program "Pikin Tok," which reached an audience of over 3 million people.

To advance evidence-based practice, World Vision conducted two key studies: the Child Protection Analysis, Design and Planning tool (CP ADAPT) study and the Child Marriage Survey. Findings from the Child Marriage Survey revealed diverse societal views on the appropriate age for marriage. While some respondents supported marriage at 25 years or older, others accepted 18 years. The survey highlighted significant cultural and economic pressures contributing to early marriage, often linked to teenage pregnancies. These findings underscore the importance of a multifaceted approach to changing attitudes toward early marriage through educational initiatives and community engagement. The CP ADAPT study provided insights into the factors driving teenage pregnancy, identifying peer pressure, economic hardship, and cultural norms as critical influences.

The study also noted distinct challenges in urban and rural environments, emphasizing the need for tailored community support and educational programs to empower young girls.

The enactment of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act in 2024 represents a vital step toward ending child marriage in Sierra Leone. This legal framework defines child marriage, imposes penalties for violations, and mandates public awareness campaigns to safeguard children's rights and promote their well-being.

World Vision's child advocates, including Mariama, Williams, and Abu Bakar, have gained recognition within the World Vision Partnership's Youth Advocacy Network. Their efforts, combined with the integration of the "It Takes A World" campaign into programs, have significantly increased awareness and reporting of child abuse cases. This has resulted in 186 reported incidents and 149 prosecutions. The campaign also mobilized 986 supporters to pledge their commitment to ending sexual violence against children.

In conclusion, World Vision International Sierra Leone's holistic approach to child protection encompasses grassroots advocacy, robust legal frameworks, and active community engagement. The organization remains dedicated to creating a safer, more supportive environment for all children. Moving forward, sustained commitment, collaborative partnerships, and innovative strategies will be critical to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Summary of key Achievements



Established **352** kids clubs with a membership of **9,648** Children. (4,687 Boys and 4,961 girls)



More than **2,000,000** People reached with "Pikin Tok" radio program.

Child Protection **Success Story:** Evidence of community feedback and response mechanisms that have improved programming

During routine field visits to the Sulima Area Programme, the Senior Leadership Team of World Vision International Sierra Leone engaged with local children, who provided valuable feedback on the organization's programs. One boy expressed his desire to use a laptop for his studies, highlighting that students in urban areas like Freetown have access to such resources. This feedback inspired the leadership team to explore ways to bring similar opportunities to his community in northern Sierra Leone.

In response, World Vision Sierra Leone's Resource Development Director reached out to WW USA, which subsequently contacted Intel. Fortunately, Intel had proposed a virtual lab concept that aligned with the community's needs. This collaboration led to the decision to pilot the virtual lab at Ansarul Primary School, supported by a budget of \$43,506. The project aims to provide students with access to a digital curriculum, enhancing their numeracy, literacy, and digital skills. If successful, the initiative will be expanded to other schools, improving educational outcomes across the region.



Health and Nutrition



People Reached: **189,863**

Direct Reach

Adult		Children	
Male	Female	Girls	Boys
37,829	48,556	50,177	53,301

2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Our health projects focus on enhancing the well-being of children and their families in Sierra Leone, ensuring they are well-nourished and protected from infections, diseases, and injuries.

A total of 461 male and 205 female active Community Health Workers (CHWs) provided Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (MNCH) services to 26,885 women of reproductive age—including 23,590 adults and 3,295 adolescents—and 64,989 children under five years old (31,733 boys and 33,256 girls).



516 healthcare workers were trained to facilitate outreach and household-level routine services. These efforts, along with health campaigns, significantly contributed to 5,721 pregnant women accessing comprehensive antenatal care (ANC) services, including iron supplementation, intermittent preventive treatment (IPT), deworming, and the use of insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs).

516 active CHWs received training in the Time and Targeted Counselling (ttC) model using the CommCare application, resulting in improved immunisation rates, nutritional screening, early referrals, Vitamin A supplementation, and ITN distribution, ultimately reducing disease burdens in their communities.

Local partners mobilised 1,092 grandmothers and 1,163 members of mother support groups to deliver household-level counselling services. This initiative positively influenced maternal, infant, and young child feeding practices among 7,825 caregivers (2,417 males and 5,408 females), leading to improved nutrition practices for 64,989 children under five and 5,721 pregnant women. These efforts significantly reduced malnutrition and anaemia rates, benefiting 573 children and 5,721 pregnant women.

Thirteen Area Programs conducted food demonstrations and supported supplementation and deworming campaigns, further enhancing nutrition and immunity for 64,989 children under five (31,733 boys and 33,256 girls), while reducing malnutrition and anaemia rates.

WWISL joined a Ministry of Health workshop, in collaboration with Africa Frontline First (AFF) and Last Mile Health SL, to evaluate the Community Health Workers (CHW) program using a maturity model. The workshop identified improvement areas across six key components—leadership, governance, financing, human resources, information systems, supply chain, and community engagement—resulting in an action plan to enhance the sustainability of the CHW program.

WWISL partnered with the Ministry of Health to draft tailored IEC materials for the malaria vaccine rollout for children under two,

Summary of key Achievements



666 CHWs reached 50,475 women of reproductive age and 649,898-Children with Maternal Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) services.



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516 active community health workers trained in the Time and Targeted Counselling (ttC) model using COMM CARE application



13 Area programme food demonstrations and deworming campaigns, improving nutrition and immunity for 649,898-Children

WWISL supported the Ministry of Health in the development of 1 action plan to enhance CHW program sustainability

utilising social and behaviour change (SBC) strategies to drive effective vaccine uptake.

WWISL actively participated in the International Universal Health Coverage Day and the launch of the National Digital Health Roadmap and Essential Health Service Package. During the event, WWISL showcased its innovative digital platforms—including CommCare, LMMS, MOTS, mWater, and MOTECH—which enhance health data management, disaster response, and healthcare delivery. These efforts were praised by the Health Minister and facilitated collaboration with other development partners, promoting technology-driven health solutions in Sierra Leone.

At the National Malaria Control Program's Annual Review Meeting in Makeni, WWISL joined WHO, USAID/PMI, CRS, Global Fund, CDC, Chemonics, and other partners to present scientific data on malaria progress, challenges, and successes. This strengthened collaboration and commitments to combat malaria among pregnant women and children under five.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Health and Nutrition **Success Story:** Early Referrals saving lives

Abu is a 12-year-old boy living in the Torma Bum Area Programme. Tragically, he lost his mother at the tender age of six. Currently, Abu resides with his grandmother and three siblings—one brother and two sisters. Their living situation is challenging, as they live in a two-bedroom mud-and-thatch house.



Abu shared his thoughts on life, saying, "Life without a mother is difficult. I live with my grandmother, but things are not easy for us. I have been sick for the past three days, and my grandmother does not have the financial means to take me to the hospital. Instead, we have been relying on native herbs for my treatments."



One morning, while Abu was vomiting, a Community Health Worker (CHW) happened to pass by and noticed his condition. The CHW inquired about Abu's health from his grandmother. Upon learning about the situation, the CHW promptly referred Abu to the hospital for a thorough check-up and necessary treatment. After two days of receiving care, Abu reported feeling significantly better and healthier.

Grateful for the assistance, Abu expressed his appreciation, saying, "I want to take this opportunity to thank the CHW for visiting our household. If it wasn't for the CHW, things could have been serious for me. I also want to thank World Vision for supporting our CHWs and for their continuous support."

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Life without a mother is difficult. I live with my grandmother, but things are not easy for us. I have been sick for the past three days, and my grandmother does not have the financial means to take me to the hospital. Instead, we have been relying on native herbs for my treatments.

Abu

Fatan is a 17-year-old girl living in Torma Community, Bum Area Programme, Bum Chiefdom. She lives with her mother, a single parent, and her three siblings in a two-bedroom mud house. Fatan attends Torma Junior High School and is in Form 3. The family relies on petty trading for their survival, and her mother has never attended school.

"I was attending school and got into a relationship with a motorcycle



driver. During our relationship, I got pregnant, but I didn't realize I was pregnant until I was three months along. I hadn't been going to the hospital or taking any medication. I frequently fell sick, and my health became a challenge. My boyfriend and I had no money, and the motorcycle he used for work broke down, leaving us without any means to afford medical care. I hid my pregnancy from my family.

"Getting pregnant at a young age is challenging, and I want to use this experience to raise awareness among my peers to avoid early sexual relationships."



"One day, a Community Health Worker (CHW) supported by World Vision was visiting a lactating mother in my neighborhood when she saw me. I was anemic, and she asked me a few questions about my health. After explaining my situation, she told me I was pregnant and needed to go to the hospital. She took me to the hospital, where the nurse treated me for various pregnancy-related conditions, registered me with an ANC card, provided iron supplementation, and conducted counseling."

"Thank you, World Vision, for supporting community structures in my community. I am especially grateful to the CHW, who was patient and identified my problem, helping me get the care I needed. I know I've made a mistake, but after delivery, I will continue my education and pursue my dream of earning a university degree."

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Fatan

Education



People Reached: 240,803

Direct Reach

Adult		Children	
Male	Female	Girls	Boys
58,177	59,708	67,290	55,628

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVSL) has been operating in Sierra Leone since 1996 and has a physical presence in seven districts: Bo, Bonthe, Bombali, Falaba, Pujehun, Kono, and Koinadugu. It is implementing 26 long-term development programmes, spanning 10 to 15 years, including 19 Area Programmes focused on education. These community development programmes aim to improve the well-being of children across multiple sectors, including education, health and nutrition, child protection, livelihoods and household resilience, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

WVSL envisions all children in Sierra Leone accessing and participating in quality education through the following strategies:

Increasing children's access to formal and non-formal education opportunities.

Ensuring children who attend school are actively learning.

Strengthening the engagement of parents, guardians, communities, and volunteers in children's education.

Empowering communities through World Vision's Citizen Voice and Action model to hold key stakeholders accountable for delivering quality educational services.

Leveraging digital technologies to improve learning outcomes.

Providing WASH facilities in schools, including solar-powered mechanized boreholes and VIP latrines that are sex-separated, disability-friendly, and equipped with menstrual hygiene components to enhance retention and learning outcomes.

Enhancing the livelihoods of vulnerable women and households through the Savings for Transformation project model to improve children's access to education while supporting other community development initiatives, such as school construction and stipends for volunteer teachers.

Establishing community reading clubs to promote literacy at the grassroots level.

Supporting school construction and the provision of teaching and learning materials.

Building teacher capacity through pre-service and in-service teacher training programs.

Through the Unlock Literacy project model, an innovative and evidence-based approach, WVSL enhances teaching methods for classroom reading and engages students, families, and communities in reading activities outside of school. This model focuses on developing five core reading skills: letter knowledge, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Key initiatives include:

Conducting and tracking reading assessments.

Training teachers to integrate the five core reading skills into their curricula.

Mobilizing local communities to support out-of-school reading clubs.

Providing locally relevant and age-appropriate reading materials for children in reading clubs, pre-primary, and primary schools.

WVSL has a Service Level Agreement with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) to implement education programmes across seven districts. It collaborates with MBSSE to train teachers in the Unlock Literacy methodology, equipping them with the skills and resources needed to prioritize functional literacy in classrooms.

Additionally, WVSL has contributed to the development and support of several government education standards and policies, including:

Radical Inclusion Policy (2021)

Comprehensive School Safety Policy (2020)

National School Health Policy (2021)

National School Feeding Policy (2021)

These efforts collectively aim to improve learning outcomes for the most vulnerable children in Sierra Leone.

Summary of key Achievements



The proportion of pupils in lower grades who can read with comprehension in Lugbu and Bagbo Area Programmes has increased from **37.5% (2020) to 87.53% (2024)**. Bagbo AP has closed its long-term development programme, which span **10 - 15** years.



125 teachers received training on improved teaching methodologies for language arts and maths, improving the learning for **16,881** students (**7,882** boys and **8,999** girls).



263 Reading Clubs were established to promote after-school reading activities.



Leveraged digital technology in **32** primary schools to improve learning outcomes.



16,881 children enrolled in **419** Unlock Literacy Primary Schools (**7,882** Boys & **8,999** Girls).



56 Pre-Primary/ECD supported across 19 Area Programmes in Education.



263 Functional Reading Clubs across the **19** APs in Education, with an enrolment of **12,981** (**6,537** Boys & **6,444** Girls).



125 Primary School Teachers (**90** Adult Males & **35** Adult Females) benefited from In-service Teacher Training on improved teaching methods for classroom reading.



11,336 persons (Teachers & Children) benefited from the ProFuturo Digital Project.



108 Primary School Teachers (**43** Adult Females & **65** Adult Males) trained in **32** Profuturo Project Primary Schools to facilitate lessons using the ProFuturo Digital Learning Platform.



24 ECD caregivers were trained in the North-Eastern Provinces. (**All Adult Females**). **52** ECD caregivers were trained in the Southern Province. (**11** Adults Males & **41** Adult Females).



32 Schools introduced to Digital Technology in Education across four Districts

My name is Ibrahim. I am 12 years old and the second son of my parents. I was born and raised in the remote village of Chokollor, located in the Imperi Area Program (AP) in Southern Sierra Leone.

My parents are poor farmers who rely on subsistence farming to support our family of five. Each day after farming, I help by carrying firewood for our household. Due to our financial constraints, my family cannot afford to send me to school in a larger town. This means I have spent much of my childhood without any hope of receiving an education.

The nearest primary school is seven miles away, making it difficult for me and other children in our village to attend.

World Vision's Unlock Literacy program, in collaboration with the Imperi AP Development Management Committee, identified hard-to-reach communities like Chokollor that lack literacy centers. Through a community engagement



process with local authorities, a piece of land was allocated for the construction of the village's first Literacy Reading Club centre.

One Monday, I was told not to go to the farm. Later, I learned that World Vision's Unlock Literacy program staff were coming to register children for the Reading Club. Children aged 5 to 10 were enrolled, and I felt incredibly fortunate to finally have the opportunity to learn the alphabet and practice number work. I had always admired children visiting our village during holidays who could read and write.

On the first day of the Reading Club, there was a joyful celebration. Parents and children were smiling, and prayers were offered for the success of the center. It was a day of hope for our community.

Chokollor is situated in a riverine area with difficult-to-navigate roads. Its geographical isolation has made it challenging for the government and other NGOs to implement literacy programs. As a result, many children in our community grew up without access to education, instead learning to farm at an early age.

World Vision, being a community-focused organization, recognized this gap and intervened to ensure that children in our village could acquire foundational literacy and numeracy skills essential for future opportunities.

The Literacy Reading Club center was equipped with rechargeable solar lamps, core textbooks for Early Childhood Development (ECD), and other essential teaching and learning materials. Local volunteers were trained by World Vision on ECD methodologies to support the learning process at the center.

My journey began as a farm boy. Today, I am one of the older pupils from the Reading Club who has transitioned to a government-supported primary school in another community. I am currently in class two.

"I aim to learn and become a teacher one day. I want to support other children in this area because it is hard for teachers to come to remote communities like ours," I shared with pride.

"I pray for World Vision because they are the only organization reaching out to our community to ensure children receive early education and grow into better individuals."



Through the dedication of World Vision, my life and the lives of many other children in Chokollor have been transformed. We now have hope and the opportunity to dream of a brighter future.



Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



People Reached: **144,303**

Direct Reach

Adult		Children	
Male	Female	Girls	Boys
35,616	33,579	37,534	37,574

6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION AND GRAVITY SYSTEM REHABILITATION

The FY24 under review completed 16 boreholes across all Area programs in the World Vision operational areas in communities, schools, and healthcare facilities (HCFs). This resulted in providing clean and wholesome potable water to an estimated population of 21,656 people (Men = 5,737, Women = 7,039, Boys = 3,816, and Girls = 5,064).

The year saw the gravity-system with 35 tap across targeting secondary facilities, and sporting centers



under review also completion of the fed water in the Bafodia community, double-faucet stands constructed the township, primary and schools, healthcare major business and in the host community.

This project will significantly increase water access for vulnerable populations, including women and children, and facilitate the prevention of diseases through regular handwashing at critical times.

In the healthcare facilities, the project will promote decontamination and facilitate operations, ensuring the well-being of healthcare providers and patients. Additionally, the project aims to restore dignity and promote sanitation within the township and targeted schools.

SAFE DRINKING WATER PRACTICES

To ensure a safe and potable water supply, water safety plans are implemented for all projects. This fiscal year, 14,653 households received training on the collection, secure storage, and transportation of water to prevent contamination through cascade training of the WASH management committees. This initiative promoted safe water handling, reduced contamination risks, and ensured the consumption of safe and wholesome water.

SUSTAINABLE WATER KIOSKS

With funding from the USAID Global Development Alliance (GDA), WWISL established three solar-powered water kiosks at the Heremakono, Dambala, and Makorma Community Health Centers (CHCs). These kiosks serve as a vital resource, generating revenue to support the maintenance and sustainability of existing water systems built by the Health Grid project in the targeted healthcare facilities.

STRENGTHENING WATER MANAGEMENT

To enhance the sustainability of water infrastructure, 34 Water Management Committees were trained in the operation and maintenance of water systems. Equipped with essential tools for minor repairs, these committees can promptly address maintenance issues, helping ensure reliable water access for their host communities.

FAITH INTEGRATION AND HYGIENE PROMOTION

In alignment with the Faith Integration Project, WWISL developed a child-

friendly guide on handwashing and positive hygiene practices tailored for Kids' Clubs and Sunday school children. This guide empowers children to adopt and promote healthy behaviors, contributing to improved hygiene standards in their homes and communities.

PARTNERSHIP

This year, we partnered with WFP to supervise and provide technical support for their borehole project in Mongo. Additionally, we collaborated with them to drill a borehole in Koinadugu to irrigate vegetable farms, supporting livelihoods and long-term development for the participating communities.

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Three staff members (Charles Noah, Gibril Samura, and Egerton Kamara) were sponsored to attend an international WASH course at Nevada's Desert Research Institute and Drexel University. These staff members completed classroom lectures in Malawi, and their certificates are expected in the first quarter of FY25.

Summary of key Achievements



21,656 people accessed safely managed drinking water services exceeding a target of **19,753**.



9,544 people accessed basic sanitation and hygiene services exceeding a target of **8,800**.



WASH **Success Story:** Ngepehun Community Health Post boosted with WASH Support.

The Ngepehun Community Health Post (CHP) in Bum Chiefdom, Bonthe District, had long struggled with significant infrastructure and sanitation challenges, which negatively impacted healthcare delivery and eroded patient trust. The facility was in a dilapidated state, with a cramped labor room that could only accommodate two patients, no separate toilet or shower, and an inadequate waste disposal system. These conditions made it difficult for healthcare providers to serve the community effectively. Moreover, the lack of safe disposal pits for sharp



objects, ash, and placental materials, along with an unreliable water supply, created an unappealing and stressful environment for both patients and staff.

In an interview, Patrick Dauda Kamara, the in-charge of Ngepehun CHP, described the strain these conditions placed on the community. "Patients were reluctant to visit the center due to its disorganized state and the messy environment, which caused stress and anxiety for both patients and paramedics," Kamara explained. "This discouraged many from seeking the essential medical care they needed."

In response to these challenges, World Vision Sierra Leone (WVSL) implemented a transformative intervention. "Thanks to WVSL, our facility is no longer just a place for treatment; it has become a beacon of hope and dignity for our community," Kamara said. The labor room, which previously could only accommodate two patients, was expanded to hold up to ten pregnant women at a time. It now includes an internal toilet and shower, offering a comfortable and sanitary space.

WVSL also installed a comprehensive waste management system, building pits for the safe disposal of sharp instruments, ash, and placental materials. An incinerator was added to handle exposed refuse and medical waste. Furthermore, new gender-separated, disability-friendly latrines were constructed, along with a shower and a menstrual hygiene room, creating a facility that prioritizes sanitation and inclusivity.

"The change has been profound," Kamara continued. "Patients now feel safe and valued, and the staff can focus on providing quality care in a well-organized environment. We're finally able to give our patients the experience they deserve."

Today, the Ngepehun CHP stands as a welcoming, well-organized facility that inspires confidence and enhances the well-being of the community. Kamara expressed his heartfelt gratitude, saying, "I thank God and World Vision for their dedication and commitment to making a lasting impact. Their support has truly transformed the health center and made life worth living for our community."



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Patrick Dauda Kamara
In-charge of Ngepehun CHP

Faith and Development



People Reached: 146,057

Direct Reach

Adult		Children	
Male	Female	Girls	Boys
58,177	59,708	36,086	33,447



FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to ensure that the communities World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVSL) serves experience sustainable Transformational Development, WVSL continues its faith integration process in its programming. This is evident in the proposal developed for grant acquisition in the past financial year, which addresses issues related to Child Protection, Maternal Newborn Child Health, WASH, Education, and Gender mainstreaming.

By God’s grace, the proposal was successful, and the Faith and Development Sector was awarded a two-year grant, adding to WVSL’s grant portfolio. This grant has helped increase WVSL’s reach and impact. The implementation of the grants has led to the development of a child-friendly guide on handwashing and other positive hygiene behaviors, for use by Sunday School teachers and Kids Club facilitators. Additionally, barrier analyses on child marriage and malaria vaccine uptake were conducted. While the report on child marriage has been published, the one on malaria is currently being finalized. Findings from these reports will inform the next steps for the various Area Programs where the surveys were conducted.

Furthermore, the WVSL faith sector continues to scale up the Empowered Worldview (EWW) as a sustainability tool in the communities, targeting children, adolescents, faith leaders, and adult community members. With funding from the Faith Integration Project, EWW Phase 2 Project funding, and WVSL’s sponsorship funding, our reach in EWW has exceeded 4,000 individuals this year.

Faith & Development Success Story: “Bush Nor Greedy” A Message of A Faith Leader

“Bush nor greedy” is Kalie Marrah’s farming mantra. Kalie Marrah lives in Karawanie, eight kilometers from Mongo, Mondel-Yedu Cluster Office, Falaba District. Falaba is predominantly known for cattle rearing in Sierra Leone, and vegetable farming is a difficult venture there. Farmers often find themselves in conflict with cattle rearers, making farming a challenging pursuit for many. This situation makes life difficult for the inhabitants of Falaba. Vegetable leaves, which are a part of their daily diet, are hard to find and therefore expensive.



Kalie, a Muslim leader in Mongo Chiefdom, participated in the FY22 faith leaders’ training on Empowered Worldview, organized by World Vision in Mongo. According to Kalie, “The training changed my thinking. I could no longer hold on to the old ways of doing things.” It was during this training that Kalie decided to venture into vegetable and cash crop farming in a community that is traditionally focused on animal farming. “From the ‘Crossing the River’ exercise during the workshop, we discussed obstacles and challenges to reach our desired goals,” Kalie explained. “Our group discussed farming in the Falaba context, and so much information was shared,” he opined. Kalie was inspired to start a backyard garden immediately after the training.

“It was difficult to provide food for my family before,” Kalie stated. “I have a very large family—fifteen people in the house. We struggled for everything. But after the training, I went home with a lot of questions and a new

Summary of key Achievements



33,508 people were reached through the faith interventions, exceeding the yearly target of 23,400 by 10,108 people. This number includes 19,256 children (10,723 girls, 8,533 boys) and 14,252 adults (6,869 female, 7,383 male).

4,522 people (1,498 female, 3,024 male) trained or engaged on EWW including children and faith leaders.

8,238 Adult community members trained or engaged on our faith models. (4,311 female, 3,927 male).



intention to change my predicament.” He continued, “I left the training with the belief that I can grow plants in a cattle community.”

In 2022, Kalie started a backyard garden with green leaves for food. His family supported him by building a fence to protect the vegetables from marauding cattle. “It was after this backyard initiative that I realized the benefits of vegetable gardening in our context. It reduced our household expenditure on food and improved the intake of nutritious food for the children. In fact, the demand was very high, even though it was meant for our household consumption. I made quick financial gains that encouraged me to scale up this venture for greater profit.” That was when Kalie decided to cultivate pepper, which was discussed in their group during the training as one of the most



profitable vegetables to grow in Sierra Leone. “Last year (2023), I planted one acre of pepper, but I have expanded it to two acres,” Kalie stated.

Kalie Marrah has truly demonstrated the meaning of “Bush nor greedy,” a belief in profitable returns from farming. According to Kalie, cash crop cultivation will lift his family out of poverty. He has planted banana and palm oil trees on a five-acre plot. Kalie received support from friends who saw his vegetable garden and helped him with a loan of \$200 to invest in cash crop cultivation. “I will

repay the loan from my pepper garden,” Kalie said.

As a community leader, Kalie has received support from the youth, who have been inspired by his example of shifting from total dependence on cattle. “The majority of people who do not own cattle are coming to me to learn how I did it,” Kalie explained. “I am a proud father again in this community.” It takes five months from nursery to harvest with pepper farming. “By the end of April 2024, I will be harvesting over \$300 worth of pepper at the current market value,” Kalie said. “With this, I will continue to prioritize the education of my children and support those living in Kabala for better education. I am dignified as a faith leader, and my wives are now involved in business.”

“Bush nor greedi,” which literally means “one’s effort and energy in farming is never in vain,” is a motivational statement by Kalie. It’s a message he shares with evidence that farming can be profitable.

Faith & Development **Success Story: Rising Above Limitation**

“There are no limitations anywhere. With Empowered Worldview, I came to understand that we are only limited by our minds. The human mind is what limits us,” says Rev. Sahr Daniel Lebbie.

Rev. Sahr Daniel Lebbie, a pastor at Jesus Evangelist Mission (JEM) in Sofidu community, Gbense Chiefdom, was among the pastors trained in 2023 in



Koidu City, Kono. He is married and has six children. Rev. Lebbie is the head of a large family. “We are eleven in the house,” he said. “I struggled to feed my large family with the small resources I received from my work as a village teacher and pastor. This affected my influence and authority as a leader and



father,” he shared.

He faced many limitations in ensuring his family had what they needed. “My mind was my greatest limitation,” according to Rev. Lebbie. He didn’t think beyond teaching and pastoring, and as a result, he found himself heavily indebted to many business people, which brought him a great deal of shame. This is the reality for many rural pastors, who often become entangled in financial difficulties that limit their influence within their communities.

Rev. Lebbie’s story began to change when he was invited to participate in the Empowered Worldview (EWW) training organized by the Faith and Development Sector of World Vision International Sierra Leone. Although his initial expectation was to attend for the transportation refund, which he intended to use to balance his many bills, he received much more than he had imagined. “I went home after our three-day engagement a new man,” said Rev. Lebbie. “Before, I was very limited in my mindset,” he reflected.

As a result of the training, Rev. Lebbie realized that he needed to start something new to increase his income. “In one particular group discussion, we agreed that investing money was the best approach, rather than spending loans on things that would not generate profit. I then had a discussion with my family for their support, and they agreed to back my new dream. We started with a kiosk shop in the village,” Rev. Lebbie explained.

His business was financed with his transportation refund, salary, and a \$50 loan from another businessman, totaling \$100. Rev. Lebbie quickly became a popular figure in the village. Little did he know that his role in the community would help attract more customers to his kiosk. “I was patronized frequently by my church members and pupils who were sent to buy things from the kiosk,” Rev. Lebbie recalled. “I became so popular that my business grew like wildfire during Harmattan. I restock my kiosk every weekend, as sales have increased

dramatically. I started with a \$20 profit in a week and grew it to \$100 from selling cash crops to agents from the city. Within one year, I diversified into rice farming. I used my profits to buy seed rice, which I planted this season. I was able to cultivate three acres of swamp rice in my village, which will reduce my dependence on expensive imported rice.”

In eighteen months, Rev. Lebbie has transformed his family’s financial situation, which was once weighed down by debt. “I grew my household income to a level that has helped my family and others. I can now feed my family and financially support most of our needs. Most importantly, I am living as an example in the community. I can now positively influence my community, with various church groups learning from my example. Rising above my limitations has become a beacon of hope, showing that it is possible to overcome what limits us in rural areas and transition from total dependence to self-reliance.”



Child Sponsorship



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

World Vision International Sierra Leone's (WVSL) Child Sponsorship Program focuses on improving the well-being of vulnerable children by working with families, communities, and stakeholders to break the cycle of poverty and create long-term, sustainable change. We are committed to ensuring that every child enjoys good health, receives quality education, experiences God's love, and is cared for, protected, and empowered to participate in their community.

In FY24, 26 Area Programs (APs) implemented Child Sponsorship activities. As of September 30, 2024, there were 65,180 actual Registered Children (RCs), of which 46,962 were Sponsored. The National Office (NO) achieved a Sponsorship Operations Indicator (SOI) Green rating of 90.6%. The National Office (NO) also saw a reduction in child deaths, from 20 in FY23 to 15 in FY24. Sponsorship staff and volunteers provide support by ensuring the well-being of RCs, adhering to sponsorship standards, and collaborating with communities to protect children, enhance their participation, and ensure their active involvement in program activities.



In partnership with Local Institutions (LIs), WVSL is piloting the implementation of Child Sponsorship activities in Sulima and Mandokama APs. Several new initiatives have also been introduced to enhance Sponsorship performance. In FY24, five (5) CHOSEN events were successfully conducted for 754 RCs across Soa NL, Mongo, and DelmanYedu APs. Sponsorship 3.0, set for full implementation in FY25, seeks to simplify operations, foster innovation, and create a modern, digital sponsorship experience.

Additionally, the Child Portal, currently in the action learning phase in Sulima AP, is a digital platform that engages children, their families, and communities by allowing them to share their development journeys. The Efficiency Quality Improvement Project (EQUIP) aims to enhance communication across the Global Centre (GC), Regional Office (RO), National Office (NO), field teams, and community volunteers. It also integrates Sponsorship management with other sectors to improve overall Sponsorship performance at the NO level.

These initiatives are expected to drive Sponsorship growth, improve child-sponsor connections, increase engagement, and better support

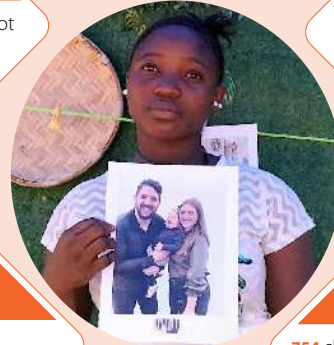
Summary of key Achievements



46,962 children got sponsors.



65,180 children participated in programme activities.



5 Chosen events hosted



754 children participated in the chosen sponsorship experience.



vulnerable children. However, some challenges remain, such as, the processing of Gift Notifications (GNs) being delayed, contributing to not meeting 100% SOI rating. Intermittent power supply and poor-quality internet also affected the timely upload of key sponsorship deliverables.

Key lessons from FY24 include the need for continuous capacity building for all staff, partners and volunteers, and addressing systemic field performance issues through an integrated approach. Leadership accountability remains a key success factor for sponsorship performance in the field.

From this FY25 onwards, WVSL will focus on the full rollout of Sponsorship 3.0 across all APs and the continued implementation of the EQUIP project to further enhance Sponsorship outcomes.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship **Success Story:** San and more than 450 children in northern Sierra Leone exercise their power of choice!



In an innovative move, Chosen allows children to choose their sponsors, moving away from traditional models where sponsors choose children. Over 250 children in Delmayadu used their power of choice to embark on a transformative and empowering event, and on Wednesday over 245 of their compatriots in Mongo also made life-changing decisions to choose their sponsors. Delmayadu and Mongo are villages in the Falaba District of the Northern Province of Sierra Leone. Chosen event empowered children, who eagerly sought sponsors sharing their dreams and vision for a brighter future,

reflecting their hope and determination amidst their vulnerability in one of Sierra Leone's most rugged terrain.

As events unfolded, Delmayadu and the village of Mongo became the epicenter of a celebration of the resilience, determination and unbreakable spirit of Sierra Leone's children and their families. With parents and caregivers beaming with contentment, each child stepped forward with courage and conviction to choose their potential sponsors and take a leap towards a future of security.

Despite the humble dwellings, rugged terrain and lush greenery, a poignant story of



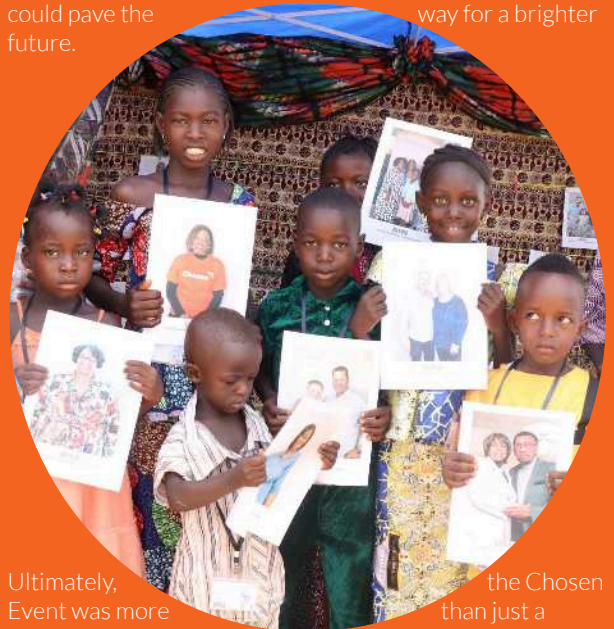
resilience, friendship and the indomitable spirit of a disabled child named San unfolds.

San's journey is not just one of survival, but of defying the odds with a smile that radiates hope. Born with physical disabilities, San faced challenges that would have deterred even the strongest of souls. Yet she embraced life with a tenacity that inspired

all who knew her. Now she has a choice ... a choice to take charge of her future ... to pursue her God-given gifts ... to become a change agent in her family and community.

In the village of Mongo, where resources are scarce and opportunities limited, San dared to dream beyond her circumstances. Her passion for education burned brightly, illuminating her path to a better future. Despite her disabilities, she navigated the rugged terrain of her village with unwavering determination, fueled by an insatiable thirst for knowledge.

With a heart full of hope and an undaunted spirit, San approached World Vision's chosen event, a beacon of opportunity amidst the challenges she faced. The event promised to provide a platform for children like her to shine, showcase their talents and make connections that could pave the way for a brighter future.



Ultimately, the Chosen Event was more than just a sponsorship drive; it was a testament to the transformative power of empowerment, for World Vision, it is "the joy of changing vulnerable children's life stories". It reminded us that when we trust in the wisdom and potential of children, we unlock a world of possibilities – a world where every child has the opportunity to thrive, to succeed, and to shape their destiny.

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San's story is not just one of triumph over adversity; it is a testament to the enduring power of hope, the transformative impact of compassion, and the unbreakable bonds of friendship that unite us all. After selecting her potential sponsors, San was moved to explain her choice: "I love their smiles, they look like people in my family."

Advocacy



People Reached: **2,593,764**

Direct Reach

Adult		Children	
Male	Female	Girls	Boys
690,921	694,923	533,179	674,741

ADVOCACY

World Vision Sierra Leone Launches ENOUGH Campaign to End Child Hunger and Malnutrition



As part of the global World Vision Partnership, World Vision International Sierra Leone has launched the ENOUGH Campaign, a bold three-to-five-year initiative aimed at addressing child hunger and malnutrition. The campaign aspires to reach 3.5 million children across Sierra Leone through a combination of advocacy and programmatic interventions.

The launch took place on July 9, 2024, at the Bintumani Hotel in Freetown,



bringing together diverse stakeholders, including government representatives, NGOs, INGOs, and children themselves. The event was graced by Sierra Leone's Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Food Security, Dr. Henry Musa Kpaka, who reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting healthy nutrition and improving child well-being.

In his remarks, Sagane Thiaw, National Director of World Vision Sierra Leone, emphasized the ENOUGH Campaign's alignment with the government's Medium-Term National Development Plan 2024-2030, which prioritizes 'Feed Salone' as its flagship initiative. "We see strong political will and growing momentum to address child hunger and malnutrition. Through collaboration and evidence-based interventions, we can ensure every child receives the nutrition they need to thrive," he noted.

The 'Feed Salone' program seeks to:



- Boost agricultural productivity,
- Increase local food production,
- Reduce dependency on food imports,
- Create jobs and sustainable food systems,
- Reduce hunger levels and drive inclusive economic growth.

Key speakers, including Hon. Cathrine Zainab Tarawally, Chairperson of Gender and Children Affairs, and Nenebah Jalloh, National Coordinator for Scaling Up Nutrition, pledged their support to the campaign. Dr. Kpaka urged all stakeholders to prioritize nutrition, stating, "Our children are our country's greatest asset. We must provide them with the right food to grow and develop."



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Representing the voices of children, Thomas, a young advocate, shared his personal experience and called for collective action: "In this fight against hunger and malnutrition, be warriors, not survivors. Together, make ENOUGH a reality for every child in Leone."

Mary Patricia Baidu Kobba, Advocacy, Communications, and External Engagement Director for World Vision Sierra Leone, invited stakeholders to pledge their commitment to ending child hunger. "Every child deserves ENOUGH nutritious food for a healthy body and mind, and every family deserves the dignity of putting ENOUGH food on the table," she emphasized.



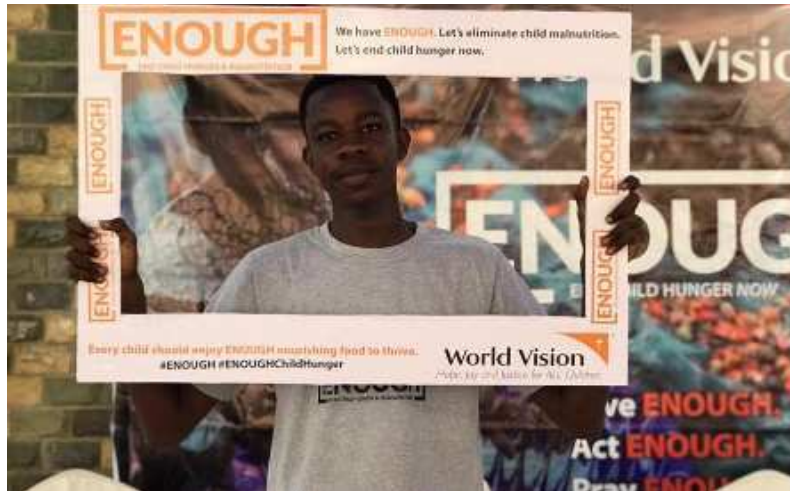
The ENOUGH Campaign aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) and responds to global challenges such as climate change, conflict, and rising food costs.

On World Food Day, October 16, 2024, World Vision Sierra Leone will join the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Food Security in Kailahun District to commemorate the day under the theme, "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future." This event will showcase ENOUGH's initiatives and further rally support to eliminate child hunger and promote sustainable food systems.

World Vision International Sierra Leone anticipates ENOUGH political will, policies, and resources to ensure every child not only survives but thrives with access to sufficient nutritious food. Through this campaign, we remain committed to accelerating progress and building a future where every child is nourished and thrives.

We have had ENOUGH of child hunger and malnutrition. Together, we believe there is ENOUGH nutritious food for every child in Sierra Leone.

ADVOCACY



Joining Forces for Children: Launch of the Sierra Leone Chapter

Five leading child-focused organizations—World Vision International Sierra Leone, Plan International, ChildFund, Save the Children, and SOS Children's Villages Sierra Leone—have launched the Joining Forces (JF) Alliance Sierra Leone Chapter. Under the theme "United to End Violence Against All Children and Secure the Right of Every Child," the alliance pledges to work collaboratively to champion children's rights and well-being across the country.

World Vision's National Director, Sagane Thiaw, who will serve as the coalition's coordinator for the next six months, described the launch as a critical milestone. "This is a significant step to accelerate positive change for children in Sierra Leone," he said. Thiaw highlighted that the Joining Forces Alliance operates in over 20 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, leveraging the unique expertise, resources, and networks of its member organizations to ensure the protection, participation, and overall well-being of children.

While acknowledging progress made in recent years, Thiaw pointed out the persistent challenges that continue to threaten children's rights. "Growing inequality, misuse of technology, gender bias, hunger, poverty, ill health, and exploitation remain formidable barriers to achieving full child protection," he noted.

Delivering the keynote address, Honourable Dr. Isata Mahoi, Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, commended the strength of Sierra Leone's new child protection alliance. While acknowledging past achievements, she stressed the need for intensified collective efforts, particularly in preventive



child protection strategies. "There is still much work to be done, and we must work harder together to ensure no child is left behind," she urged.

The Minister



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also reiterated the Government of Sierra Leone's commitment to safeguarding children's rights. She highlighted the country's ratification of several key international and regional instruments, including the Convention on the Child, its Optional Protocols,

Additionally, she announced that the Child Rights Act of 2007 is under review, with a revised version expected by mid-2024 to address critical gaps and strengthen legislative protection for children.



The Joining Forces Alliance unites the diverse advocacy approaches of its member organizations under a single, coherent framework. By harmonizing messaging and efforts, the coalition aims to reinforce existing child protection systems at both local and national levels. This collaborative effort will focus on working with families, communities, and institutions to raise awareness, build capacity, and



drive lasting solutions for the safety, protection, and well-being of Sierra Leone's children.



OTHER PRIVATE & INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING

Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion and Peace Building

World Vision International Sierra Leone's GESI and peace building efforts is greatly contributing to gender equality including women's peace and security. The national office is currently implementing the Localization and Working Together for Peace Project, funded by the United Nations Peace Building Fund and World Vision International Sierra Leone is in



Consortium with UN Women the lead convener, and UNDP. The project is being implemented in six districts: Bombali, Karene, Kono, Pujehun, Western Urban and Western Rural. The goal of the project is to strengthen the institutional capacity of Women-Focused CSOs to coordinate their effort in sustaining peace and enhancing the safety and security of women and girls in Sierra Leone.

Key achievements of the project include profiling and training female candidates who were contesting for the June 2023 elections. Female candidates contesting for parliamentary and local council elections were capacitated on the leadership and democratic processes, manifesto development, public speaking and mentoring and coaching. The project contributed to achieving the 30% quota for women in parliament and local council as prescribed in the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Act.



16 female candidates who were trained by the project won their parliamentary seats and 46 female councilors made it to the local councils in the project operational areas.

Achieving the 30% quota in parliament was a great stride in promoting gender equality. The increase in female representation positioned the Parliament as a crucial platform for promoting women's political participation and advocating for gender equality.

Despite the gains made in women representation, there was no cohesion amongst female parliamentarians because of party affiliation. In order to ensure that the female parliamentarians speak with one voice to promote the cause of women, World Vision organized a two-day Peace and cohesion retreat for female parliamentarians. Female parliamentarians from

different political parties had time to interact bring out challenges and recommendation on how the female Caucus in parliament can move forward and the promote the cause of



women. A strategic document developed which will serve as a guide in promoting unity and peace for women's movement in the country.

GEDSI Success Story: World Vision Sierra Leone: Transforming Lives Through Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion

In a landmark effort to drive social change, World Vision Sierra Leone recently participated in a groundbreaking symposium on Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and peacebuilding. This collaborative event, supported by UN Women, the Government of Sierra Leone, and local partners, was a testament to the power of united action toward building a more equitable and inclusive society.

The symposium marked a pivotal moment in celebrating progress achieved since the enactment of the 2022 Gender Empowerment and Equality Act. It also underscored the critical need to translate these policies into real, transformative impacts on the lives of the most vulnerable.

Participants highlighted key achievements that demonstrate the strides made in advancing gender equality and inclusion:

Increased Representation in Governance: Women are now occupying more leadership roles, shaping policies and decisions that impact their communities.

Expanded Access to Education and Economic Opportunities: Initiatives have opened doors for women and girls, equipping them with the tools to succeed and thrive.

Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Targeted programs are working to combat GBV, offering support and hope to survivors while aiming to dismantle systemic violence.

Despite these successes, the road to equality remains fraught with obstacles. Cultural barriers, enforcement gaps, and entrenched societal norms continue to hinder progress. Additionally, the symposium emphasized the importance of integrating disability inclusion into gender equality and peacebuilding efforts. This approach aligns with the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ensuring no one is left behind.

Voices of Commitment

Mark Mutai, Acting Strategy Programme Director for World Vision Sierra Leone, addressed the gathering with a message of determination:

OTHER PRIVATE & INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING

“Our work is about ensuring that marginalized voices are heard and that systems are reformed to serve everyone fairly.”

Madam Edna Koroma, Gender and Peacebuilding Manager for World Vision Sierra Leone, reinforced this vision, stating, “This symposium reminds us that gender equality and social inclusion are fundamental prerequisites for sustainable peace and development.”



At World Vision, we believe that every step toward gender equality, disability inclusion, and social justice brings us closer to a brighter and more inclusive future. Together with our partners, we remain steadfast in our mission to champion justice, empower the marginalized, and foster lasting peace.



The journey is far from over, but with collective action and unwavering commitment, we are making strides toward a society where every individual can thrive. Join us as we continue to drive meaningful change for the people of Sierra Leone and beyond.

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Our work is about ensuring that marginalized voices are heard and that systems are reformed to serve everyone fairly.

Global Fund **Success Story:** World Vision Sierra Leone Secures Major Global Fund Grant to Combat AIDS, TB, and Malaria

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Vision International Sierra Leone has been awarded the role of Principal Recipient 2 for the Global Fund Grant Cycle 7 (GC7). This transformative grant, totaling US\$26 million with an additional \$1.4 million in matching funds, is earmarked to accelerate the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria across Sierra Leone. The program, running from July 2024 to June 2027, will be implemented across all 16 districts of the country, focusing on strengthening health and community systems.

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The grant’s primary objectives are twofold: to intensify efforts in combating these three major diseases and to reinforce Sierra Leone’s overall health infrastructure. By addressing critical gaps in healthcare delivery and community support, this initiative will help advance the country toward its goal of achieving universal health coverage.



Additionally, the program aligns with Sierra Leone’s commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3) — ensuring health and well-being for all — and the global targets set for 2030. This funding represents a significant step forward in improving health outcomes and building a resilient healthcare system capable of addressing current and future challenges.



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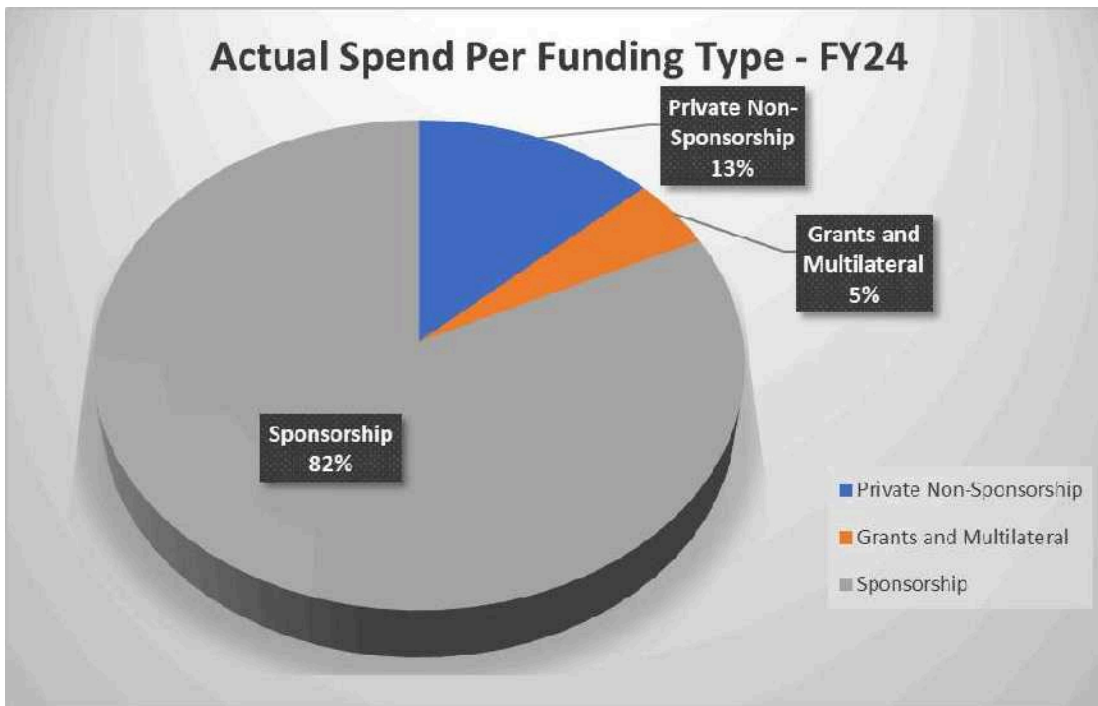
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Spend Analysis by Funding Type

Funding Type	Actual Spend (US\$)	Approved Budget (US\$)	Spend to Budget (%)
Private Non-Sponsorship	2,072,892	2,404,434	86%
Grants and Multilateral	727,223	2,248,537	32%
Sponsorship	12,891,909	12,638,261	102%
Total Cash	15,692,024	17,291,232	91%



Our Partners

Each year we are proud to say we are grateful to all our partners and donors for their continued support and collaboration. We appreciate the partnerships we enjoyed without which the achievements would not have been possible. In addition to our collaboration with the Government of Sierra Leone, World Vision worked with like-minded individuals and organizations to achieve the well-being of children. This includes, but is not limited to the following partners:

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