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Country Program Director's Foreword

As Haiti navigates its unique challenges in a world still reeling from the effects of multiple crises, World Vision Haiti remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the most vulnerable children and communities. The intertwined crises of political instability, escalating violence, economic hardship, and natural disasters have created an environment where countless children face daily struggles for survival and hope.

With your support, we stand shoulder to shoulder with these children and their families, bringing hope and practical solutions to adversity. Our programs in Haiti address critical needs such as food security, education, health, child protection, and community resilience-building. Our localized approach ensures that children's voices are heard, their rights protected, and their God-given potential nurtured.

Haiti is no stranger to crises. Our work has become even more vital in the aftermath of devastating earthquakes, hurricanes, and now the ripple effects of global economic challenges. The hunger crisis that affects children worldwide is acutely felt in Haiti, where drought, economic instability, and disrupted agricultural cycles leave many families struggling to provide for their children. This hunger impacts physical health and deprives children of opportunities to learn and thrive, leading to longterm consequences for communities and the nation.

Yet, even in the face of these immense challenges, there are stories of hope. I think of fathers like Gauthier, whom our teams in Haiti have supported through drought-resistant seeds and innovative farming techniques. Gauthier shared how the knowledge and resources saved his son, Mikenson, who often missed school because he was too hungry. Today, Mikenson is healthier and smiles more often, a testament to what hope and timely intervention can achieve.

Our work is possible because of the dedication of our local staff, who know the realities of Haitian life firsthand. They grew up in these neighborhoods, understand the culture, and speak the language of those they serve. This deep connection to the community enables us to respond effectively and with empathy, whether through equipping schools with the resources they need, facilitating child sponsorships that bring transformational change, or advocating for policies prioritizing children's wellbeing.

Advocacy also plays a crucial role in our mission in Haiti. Collaborating with local churches, government bodies, and international partners, we champion children's rights and work to ensure that their needs are addressed in development and humanitarian efforts. We've seen how engaging faith leaders and communities creates a ripple effect of positive change, inspiring others to act on behalf of the vulnerable.

One of the greatest joys of our work is witnessing the impact of child sponsorship. I recall the story of Herncie, a 12-year-old girl from northern Haiti, whose community transformed through the consistent support of sponsors. Access to clean water, better schooling, and improved healthcare have given Herncie and her peers the confidence to dream big. Her mother shared how letters and encouragement from his sponsor family have made him feel valued

and motivated to excel in her studies.

Partnership is key in Haiti, as it is worldwide. We work with child sponsors, donors, volunteers, local leaders, and international collaborators to bring about lasting change. Your unwavering support fuels our mission to bring hope and life to the most vulnerable children. Through faith and action, we believe that a brighter future is possible for every child in Haiti.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, let us continue to shine a light of hope in the darkest places and remind every Haitian child that they are loved, valued, and full of potential.

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World Vision International Haiti
Country Program Director





We are World Vision

Our focus is on helping the most vulnerable girls and boys in Haiti overcome the challenges of poverty so they can experience the fullness of life both now and in the future. Inspired by our Christian faith, we serve children regardless of their background or the difficult and dangerous environments they may face.

We are driven by a commitment to ensure that every girl and boy in Haiti has access to opportunities for holistic growth—in mind, body, and spirit. Every day, our dedicated staff and volunteers in Haiti work tirelessly to empower children to lead lives of joy, fulfill the unique purpose God has created them for, and achieve beyond their greatest dreams.

Drawing from over 70 years of global experience and expertise, our local teams in Haiti employ proven and effective practices in development, relief, and advocacy. These efforts are designed to empower families and communities to become self-reliant, fostering real and lasting transformation.

As a trusted partner in Haiti, we work alongside churches, supporters, community leaders, families, and other stakeholders to bring hope and change. Together, we witness lives being enriched as we collaborate to address the needs of the most vulnerable. In 2021-2022, our efforts, in partnership with communities, contributed to positively impacting the lives of thousands of vulnerable children in Haiti.

We are honored to serve and are committed to seeing relationships restored and communities transformed as an expression of God's unconditional love. We humbly acknowledge that without the grace of God and the generosity of our donors, none of this work would be possible.

Our work reaches children no matter their background or the dangerous places in which they live.



Health Initiatives to Strengthen Community Well-being and Resilience

In collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), World Vision Haiti (WVIH) has conducted deworming campaigns that successfully treated around 44,114 school-age children, helping to reduce parasitic infections and improve their overall health and academic performance.

Through mother clubs, WVIH has reached out to 6,397 mothers, imparting essential health education on topics such as nutrition,

breastfeeding, and hygiene practices during pregnancy. In addition, mobile clinics have enabled these women to access critical prenatal care services, with 1,414 mothers completing four prenatal visits and 2,673 women adopting modern family planning methods to ensure better maternal health outcomes.

World Vision's HIV prevention initiatives have also been extensive, reaching 39,556 individuals within key populations, including 14,204

men who have sex with men (MSM), 2,642 transgender persons, and 22,710 sex workers. These efforts focus on reducing HIV transmission and providing essential information on prevention methods.

WVIH has delivered comprehensive healthcare support, encompassing treatment and case management, to 52,942 adults and 1,288 children living with HIV. Additionally, 1,100 HIV-positive women received antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy, labor, or

delivery, aimed at preventing mother-to-child transmission of the virus. In 2024, a total of 11,086 tuberculosis cases were reported, and treatment was successfully completed for 7,941 of these cases, contributing to the broader public health mission of combating TB in Haiti.

Through these multifaceted health initiatives, World Vision Haiti continues to play a vital role in promoting community health resilience and wellbeing across vulnerable populations.



Strengthening Child Nutrition Through World Vision's Holistic Approach

WVIH has successfully monitored the growth and weight of over 15,000 children under the age of five, ensuring early intervention for nutritional deficiencies. Among them, 863 children suffering from moderate to severe acute malnutrition (SAM/MAM) received targeted treatment, aiding in their full recovery. Additionally, 2,879 children were provided with vitamin A supplements, fortifying their immune systems and supporting healthy development.

In its commitment to promoting nutrition, WVIH has introduced school-based initiatives, establishing 61 school gardens. This initiative empowered 1,037 students to replicate these gardens at home, expanding access to fresh vegetables, improving dietary diversity, and increasing awareness about nutritional practices.

Furthermore, through the school feeding program, 14,051 students have received a nutritious hot meal, which has positively impacted school retention rates, encouraging children to remain engaged in their education and fostering a more supportive learning environment.





Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Through the construction of 18 additional water access points, World Vision Haiti (WVIH) has brought clean, protected drinking water to 47,942 people in communities that previously faced water scarcity or unsafe sources. These new water sources have significantly reduced the time and distance many families, particularly women and children, need to travel to fetch water, contributing to their overall well-being and freeing up time for education and livelihood activities.

Beyond improving water access, WVIH has prioritized widespread hygiene education, reaching over 226,000 people through behavior-change awareness sessions. These sessions emphasize the importance of handwashing, proper water treatment, and basic sanitation practices, which are crucial in preventing waterborne diseases. Families have been encouraged to set up handwashing stations at home, a practical step that has led to healthier habits and lowered risks of infections and illnesses. By

promoting these small yet impactful behavioral changes, WVIH aims to establish lasting hygiene practices across communities.

In addressing sanitation, WVIH constructed 4,500 family latrines, expanding access to basic sanitation facilities for 24,506 individuals. This infrastructure investment has greatly reduced the prevalence of open defecation, improving the local environment and reducing the spread of sanitation-related diseases.

Additionally, 43 communities have attained Open Defecation Free (ODF) certification, a milestone in public health that reflects widespread adoption of safe sanitation practices.

This comprehensive approach to water and sanitation not only improves immediate health outcomes but also enhances community resilience, providing sustainable solutions that support long-term well-being and dignity for Haiti's most vulnerable populations.



Expanding Livelihood and Economic Resilience Through World Vision's Partnership Model

In fiscal year 2024, World Vision provided 258 households with a cow, 1,576 households with two goats, and 1,200 households with seeds and trained in advanced planting methods, the program equips communities with essential resources for economic and food security. These efforts are inspired by similar World Vision projects worldwide that have successfully combined livestock distribution with agricultural training to enhance food production, family nutrition, and household income. Additionally, the 873 households receiving support for small-business startups and training in small enterprise management have reported an average 40%

increase in income—an impact in line with World Vision's proven smallbusiness empowerment models that help families achieve financial independence and resilience.

Through the Youth Ready model, World Vision extended its focus on youth empowerment by providing startup funds to 79 young adults who completed business management training. These funds allow young entrepreneurs to establish sustainable, income-generating ventures, contributing to their local economies and expanding job opportunities for others in their communities.

World Vision also scaled up its Savings for Transformation (S4T) initiative with 226 active groups, comprising 5,305 members, 70.5% of whom are women. Through these S4T groups, members have collectively saved more than \$738,361, facilitating access to community-based credit and loans for various needs, from emergency expenses to business ventures. The S4T groups not only provide financial resources but also reinforce community bonds, with a particular focus on empowering women entrepreneurs, enhancing their agency in household and community economies.

This expanded livelihood support program in Haiti not only strengthens economic resilience at the family level but also fosters a network of support that benefits entire communities. Through these partnership-driven efforts, World Vision is creating sustainable pathways for economic growth and stability, building a foundation for communities to thrive independently.





World Vision's Commitment to Educational Growth and Literacy

As part of a broader commitment to fostering educational growth, World Vision, in collaboration with local partners, has **trained 141 teachers across 28 schools**. This comprehensive training in classroom management, growth mindset development, and classroom safety practices is designed to empower educators with tools to create inclusive and supportive learning environments. This initiative aims to reach 8,400 students, enhancing their learning experiences and instilling a sense of

community and belonging within the classroom. Drawing from similar World Vision initiatives globally, this program includes resources and strategies that have proven effective in strengthening teacher-student relationships and improving overall classroom engagement.

Building on its commitment to literacy, World Vision partnered with local teachers to **establish 61 reading clubs, involving 2,074 students**. These clubs create spaces where reading is celebrated, fostering a love for literacy that extends beyond the classroom. Through collaboration with World Vision's network of reading programs, these clubs incorporate best practices from similar efforts worldwide, such as integrating storytelling sessions, reading challenges, and community literacy events. By leveraging these strategies, students receive a well-rounded, interactive experience that not only improves reading skills but also builds confidence and encourages academic growth.

World Vision's approach to these programs is further amplified through its partnerships with local schools, communities, and regional education stakeholders, which enables the sharing of resources and expertise. This collaborative model strengthens program sustainability and broadens access to quality education for children in underserved areas.







Partnership with Faith Leaders to Foster Health, WASH, and Trauma Support in Communities

World Vision Haiti has partnered with 223 faith leaders to encourage positive behaviors within AP communities that promote health and hygiene (WASH). Under their influence, over 1,413 individual family latrines have been constructed, significantly reducing open defecation and improving community sanitation. These leaders play a critical role in driving collective action and fostering healthier living environments through their trusted positions in the community.

Additionally, World Vision Haiti provided training to 66 faith leaders on "Healing Traumatized Children" and equipped 15 others in "Stress Management" techniques. These trainings have empowered these leaders to offer essential support to displaced families and children affected by violence, addressing the urgent mental health and emotional needs arising from recent crises. By strengthening leaders' capacity to provide trauma-informed care, World Vision is enhancing local resilience and supporting the well-being of vulnerable groups.

In collaboration with faith leaders, World Vision also organized spiritual support activities benefiting 13,000 children living in AP areas. These initiatives offer comfort, encouragement, and a sense of stability for children navigating challenging circumstances. Through this partnership model, World Vision and community leaders are creating holistic support systems that integrate spiritual care with health and wellbeing, fostering hope and healing within communities



Creating Networks of Hope and Healing for Vulnerable Children

In September 2024, with support from the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office (LACRO), World Vision trained 20 faith leaders in the "Balm of Tenderness and Rainbow of Fmotions" methodology—a transformative approach designed to restore the hope and well-being of children, parents, and caregivers affected by violence and social injustice. This new network of trained practitioners quickly replicated the training, reaching an additional 123 individuals with the tools and knowledge to promote emotional healing in their communities.

The training workshops equipped faith leaders to use colors and art to help children visualize their mental health and understand the impact of emotions on their well-being. These tools empower children to develop resilience, manage trauma, and build hope for a brighter future.

In Haiti, the "Tenderness" approach addresses critical needs amid the

country's escalating crises. Over 700,000 children have been displaced by gang violence, more than a million are unable to attend school, and countless others face hunger. These harsh realities contribute to adverse childhood experiences that, if left unaddressed, can lead to long-term trauma.

The methodology brings muchneeded psychosocial support to these children, helping them and their families navigate the complex challenges they face. By focusing on emotional healing and self-care, this initiative lays the foundation for breaking the cycle of violence and despair.

The certified faith leaders have embraced their role as catalysts for change, committing to implement the "Balm of Tenderness and Rainbow of Emotions" in their families and communities. By fostering a culture of tenderness, they aim to reduce violence and create safer spaces for

children to grow and thrive.

Faith communities are uniquely positioned to lead this mission. "Churches are a strategic space where families can seek help to face situations like abuse, child neglect, gender-based violence, and social injustice," said Anna Christie Grellert, Regional Advisor on Child Protection in Ministry for LACRO. Through their deep community roots and trusted relationships, churches are well-equipped to promote the tender care of children and advocate for justice.

The "Balm of Tenderness and Rainbow of Emotions" initiative is more than a program; it is a movement for healing and hope. World Vision is empowering communities to stand against violence, protect the most vulnerable, and build a future where every child can experience the fullness of life.







Through Their Eyes:

Children's Perspectives on Food Insecurity

A special summer program was organized to improve the psycho-emotional well-being of children in the Area Programs (AP). This initiative included activities such as painting, chess, and various other games. Beyond providing recreation, the program served as an opportunity to assess children's perceptions of the country's food security crisis, as well as their expectations and concerns for the future.

The program collected over 320 drawings from children across three zonal offices. These artworks revealed that children are deeply concerned about food shortages, with over 80% of the drawings illustrating root causes such as natural disasters, political instability, irregular rainfall, poverty, and political violence. The children expressed profound worries about malnutrition and the inability of some children to access food. Remarkably, 100% of the participants proposed potential solutions, which included:

- Promoting a healthy diet.
- Improving infrastructure.
- Addressing climate change.
- Encouraging fair trading practices.
- Achieving stability and peace.
- Ensuring sustainability and maintaining biodiversity.

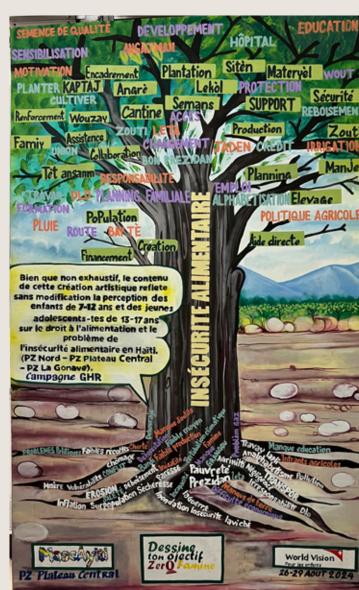
The findings from the drawings are summarized in the drawing, highlighting the children's insights and proposed solutions. These results emphasize the importance of integrating children's voices into advocacy and program planning to address the multifaceted challenges facing their communities.











Empowering Youth Advocacy and Community Engagement for Child Protection in Haiti

In light of the challenging environment in Haiti, we have focused on training youth in Community Voice and Action (CVA) to empower them as advocates for change and to hold the government accountable for public services. A total of 729 young people were equipped to advocate for improvements and submitted seven petitions urging action to enhance food security, access to birth certificates, and schooling for over 1 million children residing in the metropolitan area, La Gonâve, the Northern Plateau, and the Central Plateau.

In coordination with other international NGOs, World Vision released more than two position papers calling on the government and the international community to take concrete measures to improve security, access to education, and food security for 3 million children facing food insecurity.

Through televised messages, we were able to raise awareness among over 107,000 people about child protection and the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV).





Empowering the Next Generation of Female Leaders in Haiti

In Dumas, Haiti, something remarkable is happening: young girls are discovering their voices, learning to lead, and stepping up as agents of change in their communities. Through World Vision's recent leadership training, we're equipping these girls with the skills and confidence to defy the odds and shape a better future.

For a week, the girls dove into leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement workshops, fueled by the *Citizen Voice and Action* (CVA) approach and *Youth Ready* curriculum. These sessions were more than just lessons—they were a transformative experience showing these young leaders their power.

Take Garceline, for example. She arrived in her wheelchair, determined to participate fully. By the end of the program, she emerged as a passionate advocate for her community.

"I learned about advocacy today—how the community must come together to address our issues. I've always dreamed of being a leader, and this opportunity to have my voice heard means the world to me."

Garceline's story is a powerful reminder: investing in girls isn't just about empowering them—it's about building stronger, more resilient communities. These young leaders are not just the future; they are the present, ready to make their mark.

At World Vision, we believe every girl deserves the chance to lead, dream, and change the world.





gained access to clean water, through the construction of **18 additional** water access points



children were part of **child sponsorship** in 13 area programmes



people with cash and voucher programming





under five were **treated for wasting** (or severe malnutrition)
in our areas of intervention, and
more than 81% recovered





with food assistance programming



Our Emergency Response, reaching the most vulnerable

Haiti is currently facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, fueled by escalating violence, political instability, and a rapidly worsening hunger emergency. The crisis has captured global attention as the gang siege of Port-au-Prince has paralyzed the capital city, devastated critical infrastructure, and exacerbated the vulnerability of millions. This humanitarian disaster did not emerge overnight but has been steadily building since the civil unrest, the PetroCaribe scandal, and the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse between 2018 and 2021. Since February 29, gangs operating under the "Viv Ansanm" Alliance have united to terrorize the nation under the guise of defending the most deprived. Their activities, including attacks on airports, ports, schools, hospitals, and homes, have left a trail of destruction, fear, and despair.

The situation in Port-au-Prince is dire. More than 300 gangs control 80-90% of the city, effectively cutting off major transportation hubs and restricting the movement of goods. Key facilities, such as the international airport and the main port, have been affected in early March, halting food imports and driving prices for staples like rice and beans to record highs. Currently, nearly half of Haiti's population—4.97 million people—is experiencing acute food insecurity, with over 125,000 children under the age of five at risk of severe acute malnutrition.

The widespread violence has also displaced tens of thousands of people. By late March, more than 53,000 individuals fled the capital, joining the already significant numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs). Many who remain in Port-au-Prince live in constant fear, describing their situation as being "at the mercy of bandits." Meanwhile, migration to the Dominican Republic has increased, often through irregular and dangerous routes, with many children traveling alone and facing exploitation or life as street children. Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic endure inhumane treatment, including racial profiling, extortion, and forced repatriations, further highlighting the dire need for intervention.

In response to this crisis, World Vision has launched a comprehensive humanitarian response to address the most urgent needs of affected populations in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Our efforts include:

Life-Saving Humanitarian Assistance: Delivering essential items such as food, multi-purpose cash assistance, shelter kits, hygiene kits, and kitchen sets to IDPs and vulnerable families.

Health and WASH Interventions: Scaling up preventive measures to slow the spread of cholera in Port-au-Prince, ensuring access to clean water and improved sanitation facilities.

Child Protection and Advocacy: Strengthening child protection systems, advocating for children's rights, and providing support for survivors of gender-based violence.

Psychosocial Support for Children: Establishing child-friendly spaces and delivering psychosocial care

to help children process trauma and rebuild their resilience.

World Vision remains committed to serving the most vulnerable in Haiti during this crisis. Guided by our mission and with the support of local partners, we will continue to bring hope and practical support to children, families, and communities affected by this devastating situation. Together, we can ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are not forgotten and that they receive the assistance they desperately need.





Impact of the Food Crisis in the Area Programs

Haiti is not on track to meet Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2), which aims to end hunger and ensure access for all people to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food year-round, as well as to eradicate all forms of malnutrition. The latest IPC analysis, released in late September, highlights a dramatic increase in food insecurity, with an estimated 5.4 million people facing acute food insecurity (IPC3+), including 2 million in emergency conditions (IPC4). This alarming situation represents a worsening trend that has persisted for over a decade, fueled by political instability, unprecedented levels of gang violence, poverty, and inequality. Contributing factors include natural disasters, fuel shortages, and economic stagnation, with Haiti experiencing five consecutive years of negative economic growth.

Many of our Area Programs (APs) are situated in communes that are severely affected by food insecurity. On average, these communities have experienced only 3.5 months of food security over the past 12 months. To address this crisis and strengthen the resilience of community members, World Vision Haiti is implementing a comprehensive multisectoral livelihood program. This initiative includes:

Support for Food Production: Providing resources and training to improve agricultural yields.

Social Protection for Vulnerable Households: Initiatives such as Savings for Transformation (S4T), livelihood support, and entrepreneurship training.

Essential Health and Nutrition Services: Delivering critical interventions to combat malnutrition and improve overall well-being.

While the challenges to improving food security and nutrition are substantial, we are beginning to observe encouraging progress.

World Vision Haiti remains committed to addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition through sustainable solutions. These promising outcomes reflect the resilience and determination of the communities we serve and provide hope for a brighter future.



According to the latest LQAS report:



of households report strong community cohesion.



of households are able to provide adequately for their children



of adults in households are earning an income.



of households report access to sufficient credit.



of households have diversified and riskresilient sources of income



of households have the means to continue saving money



of saving group members report holding active



of adults and children in AP areas have consumed two or more meals in the last 24 hours



of households meet the minimum acceptable dietary diversity.





With cholera cases identified in the western department, awareness campaigns were conducted via radio, television, and face-to-face meetings, reaching a total of 107,000 people. In response, **576 families received hygiene kits**, along with chlorine for drinking water treatment and soap for handwashing, helping to curb the spread of the disease and promote healthier practices in affected communities.



Growth monitoring was conducted for 2,708 children under five, with their caregivers trained in infant and young child feeding practices. Among these children, **184 cases** of moderate and severe acute malnutrition (MAM and SAM) were identified and promptly treated, ensuring they received appropriate care to support recovery and development.







Through televised broadcasts, over 107,000 individuals were reached, raising awareness on vital issues of child protection and gender-based violence (GBV). This initiative has not only illuminated these pressing concerns but has also empowered local communities by enhancing their capacities to protect children.



More than 2,000 children have engaged enthusiastically in child-friendly spaces, crafted in alliance with both local and international partners. These areas provide a safe haven for young ones to play, express themselves freely, and find moments of joy and comfort









Training was provided to 37 key **community figures**—including volunteers, case managers, and psychologists. These individuals were equipped with skills to manage childfriendly spaces and to identify and direct children suffering from abuse and neglect toward appropriate help and support.



220 especially vulnerable heads of households received an extra transfer of \$200 each to start their own small businesses after completing training in small business management. Recognizing the impact of food insecurity heightened by gang violence and restricted movement, family food rations were also distributed to 4,613 households.





Psychosocial assistance was extended to 452 Gender Based Violence survivors and an additional 151 children, offering





World Vision Haiti has provided essential support to approximately **6,501 family heads**, reaching a total of 32,505 individuals, with a combined assistance amount of \$1,440,240.







Financial summary

Deepening our commitment to the most vulnerable girls and boys.

