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This impact report provides an overview of World Vision's work in the East Africa Region from October 2023 to September 2024.

World Vision International is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

We are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. World Vision International serves all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

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Cover photo: Sumeya Yasin, a 7-year-old from Harare, Ethiopia, carries a bundle with a radiant smile as she walks back from the local market alongside her mother in the Jarso Area programme.

Foreword

Girls and boys in East Africa need our hope, partnership and action today more than ever. Between protracted conflicts, climate crises and economic instability, 2024 brought new and varied challenges, all of which has presented both heartbreak and opportunities for World Vision to make a greater difference in the lives of the most vulnerable across our region.

It is urgent and undeniable that we ensure no-one is left behind. As humanitarian needs continue to grow, we hold a significant responsibility to go further with our impact, and to meet the needs of millions of children and their families so that they can thrive and realise their dreams.

Many children in East Africa, some of whom I have had the privilege to meet during my travels with World Vision, continue to have their rights violated or denied on a daily basis. Child marriage and gender-based violence remain pervasive in our region. I have witnessed and heard examples of so much suffering that is preventable, in a world that is failing to protect and build positive futures for the next generation. Sudan specifically breaks my heart as it remains the largest displacement crisis in the world, and yet is largely forgotten and under-funded. We are called to urgent action and to do a lot more to scale up our response to immense needs.

I have also witnessed hope, resilience and innovation, and stories of true transformation. I have seen young people's voices elevated into new spaces through our advocacy work with the African Union, resulting in some exciting advocacy wins. And I have proudly watched our staff and volunteers in action, saving lives and building resilience, where they are needed most.

With all of this in mind, I am pleased to share World Vision East Africa's 2024 impact and results. This is our third regional annual impact report, highlighting development and humanitarian emergency response efforts in nine countries – Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Together with our partners, we have reached almost 28 million people, including more than 16 million children.

I often speak to three I's: Impact, Income and Influence. These are intrinsically aligned and interconnected. As you read this year's report, we hope that their intersectionality is brought alive for you through tangible examples.

We exceeded our projected budget again this year, reaching more than US\$ 889 million. Like many in our sector, this was a drop from FY23 due to the increasingly declining global funding environment. But as a Christian organization, we stand firm in our confidence of God's provision and our hope remains in Him.

In our report you will read about our diverse funding streams and programme approaches. This includes Child Sponsorship and its far-reaching transformative power, which remains central to our work and fundraising efforts, complemented by our grants portfolio and local resource development efforts.

This year, we launched our global campaign, ENOUGH (ending child hunger and malnutrition) in Africa. We plan to invest US 1.2\$ billion through this Campaign in 27 countries across Africa, which serves as another example of what is possible when we draw on the strength of our partnerships.

All of this is only ever achievable together with our amazing staff, volunteers and other partners, including child sponsors, major donors, faith leaders, governments, UN agencies and other NGOs. I am also deeply thankful for the leadership of our National Directors, governance Boards and Advisory Committees.

For 2025, we have already set some big regional priorities that will take us to the next level. My prayer is that we are steadfast in our mission, at the same time as being innovative and creative in the way we operate. We have some exciting plans in the research and innovation space that I look forward to sharing as we move into 2025.

In everything, I continue to encourage us to keep children's views and ideas prioritised. It is truly not possible for me to do my job well without listening to children. Their voices and participation are key to us achieving Our Promise and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Children are our best hope for creating a more peaceful world. Enjoy our report and join us on this journey towards ensuring that every child fulfils their God-given potential.

Lilian Dodzo
Regional Leader



About Us

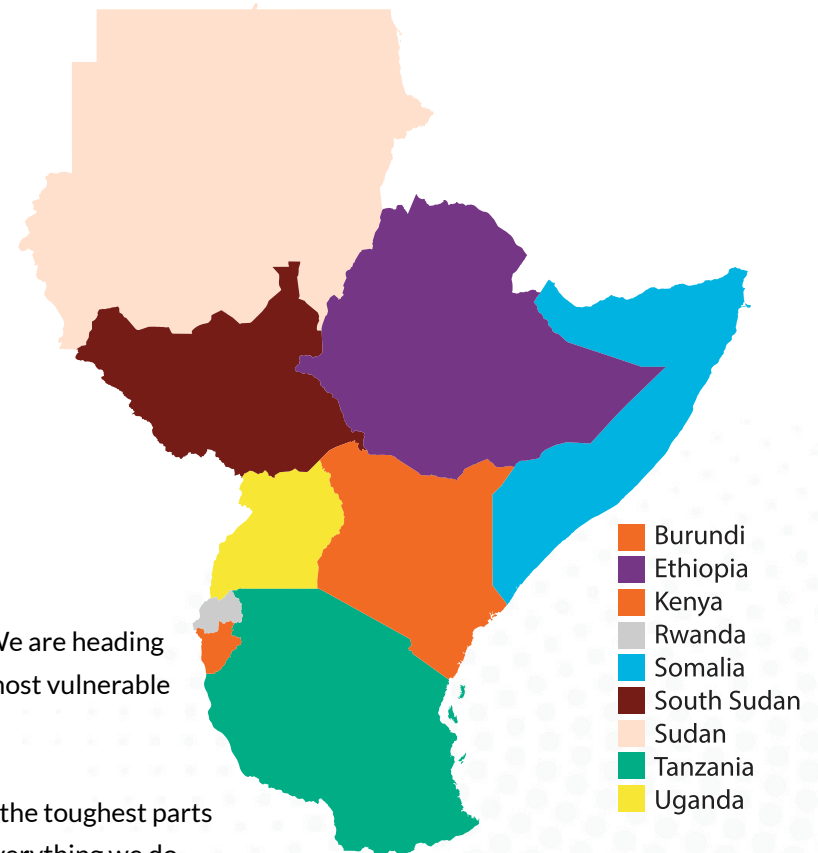
World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. We serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. For more than 40 years, World Vision has partnered with communities in East Africa, from rural agricultural villages, urban, to disaster, conflict and fragile contexts. Our decades of experience have taught us that the most effective way to transform lives is through a holistic approach. Our ultimate goal is to ensure all children are cared for, protected, educated and feel loved.

Our Promise. Going Further Together

Our global strategy is a promise to the world's most vulnerable boys and girls. We are heading in the right direction with Our Promise – now we're going deeper to reach the most vulnerable children and communities.

We will continue to deepen our commitment to the most vulnerable children in the toughest parts of the world, acknowledging that Christ is, and always will be, at the centre of everything we do. Only with Him can we go further than we could ever ask or imagine.

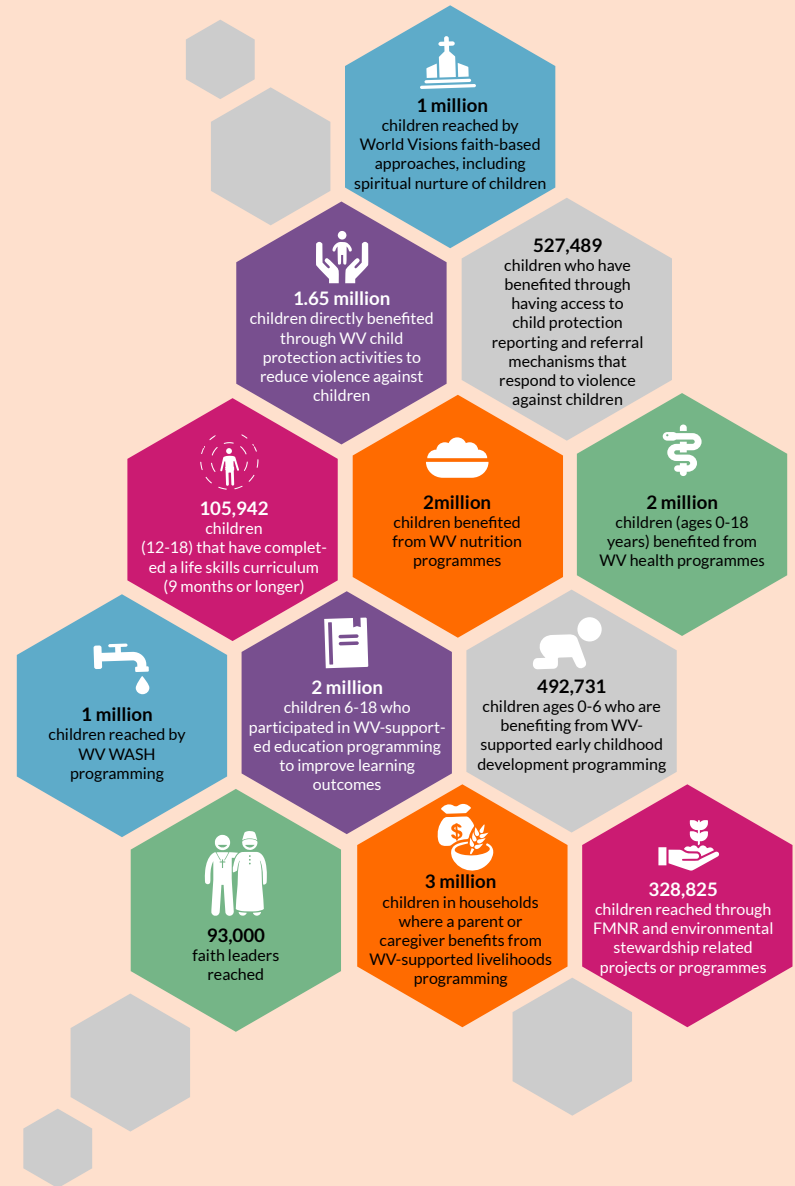
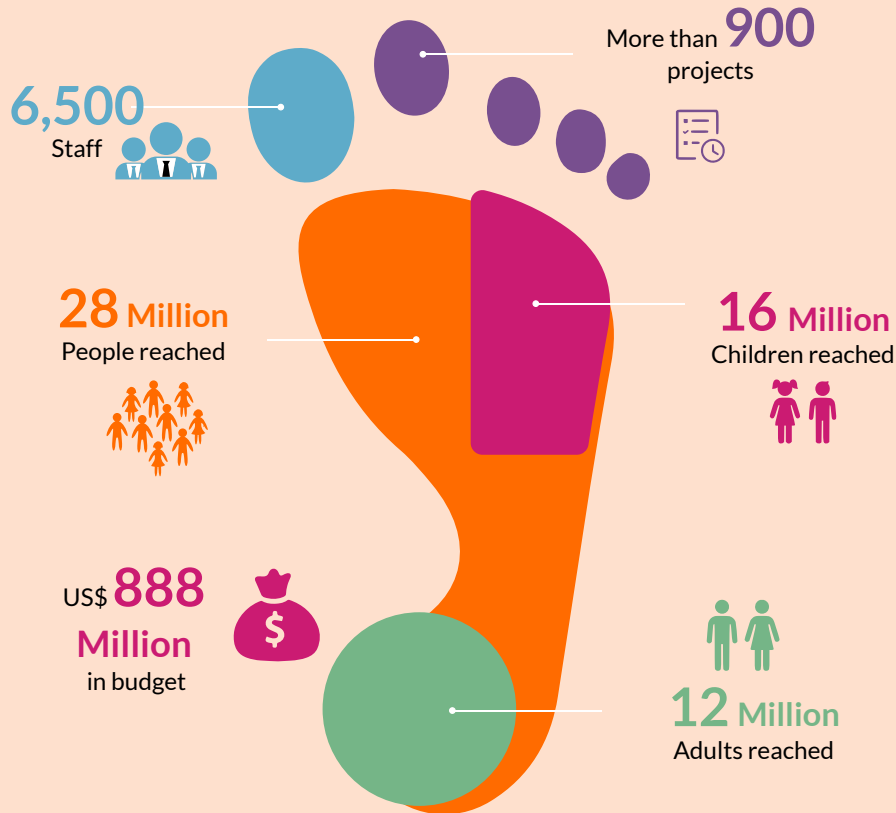
World Vision integrates the global Sustainable Development Goals into its own development advocacy and humanitarian emergency response programming.





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

Our footprint



Children's Voices



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My Mom used to struggle a lot in meeting our basic needs. After the EWV training that she got from World Vision, she came and started a kitchen garden which we assisted in setting up. She planted vegetables and sweet potatoes. She gets money from it, we now get what we need. Said faith, aged 14 years

Kiambogoko, Kenya”



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Previously, lack of desks caused poor handwriting, dirtiness and regular coughing to us. The support of desks to our K/Ndege school by World vision has reversed this situation. This has now increased our class concentration”, says Pendo, a grade 7 student (1st Left)

Mudemu, Tanzania”

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Before World Vision's support, my classmates and I struggled during our menstrual periods. Now, with a Menstrual Hygiene Room at school, I can attend regularly and focus on my studies," says Geraldine, 12, in the centre of the photo.

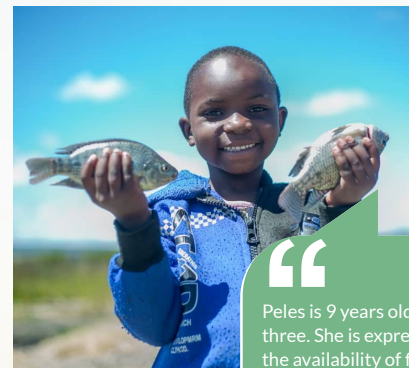
UBUMWE, Rwanda”



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My grandmother used to work for neighbors to feed us and this made her struggle so much. World vision supported her with cash transfer, she was able to buy two goats. The goats have since multiplied and we have five goats, and we get milk frequently" says Brian 10 years old at the centre.

Bartabwa, Kenya”



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Peles is 9 years old and studying in standard three. She is expressing her happiness about the availability of fish as a nutritious food source for her village, which has diversified their nutrition options for children. Before the intervention by WV-Kihanga AP, such food was not available.

Kihanga, Tanzania”



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It was hard to have food due to poverty and family conflict. Sometime We could go to bed hungry. Later, World Vision trained my family and supported us in maize farming. We are now among best producers of maize and we produce not only for consumption but for market. Devotha, 16 years, in khaki skirt
Gisagara, Rwanda

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I and my siblings were suffering from the lack of nutritious food. My father went in a training on modern farming technics and we have a plenty of food. We harvested 10 metric tons of onions and we have vegetables here at home.” said Ange Douce, 10 years old, holding onions and wearing in red.
ITABA, Burundi

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Before the support got from World Vision, the health center was not equipped with enough mattresses. The persons who are ill used to sleep on torn mattresses. World Vision has supported this health center with mattress, are very thankful.” Said Kessia, 11 years old. The girl who sits on bed.

Cankuzo, Burundi

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We thank World Vision for providing a platform for children to participate in decision making processes. Through children parliament, we learned how to speak to others respectfully and present our points of view without feeling shy” said Mercy. “ Mercy, in orange and blue skirt, 14 years old.

Aboke, Uganda

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Many missed school due to diseases like diarrhea from poor hygiene.» says -9year-old Angel in a purple and white dress, demonstrating handwashing. World Vision taught us good hygiene. Now, we wash hands before eating and after using the latrine. I'm confident we'll stay healthy and finish school.”
Paya, Uganda

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Hafisa Abdai Yacoub, 8, a Sudanese
refugee girl carrying a baby on her
back at the Child-Friendly Space in
Milé Refugee Camp, Guerera, Chad.

Influence



Launch of Global ENOUGH Campaign: Ending Child Hunger and Malnutrition

World Vision launched the ENOUGH campaign in eight National Offices: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania and South Sudan. The campaign aims to reduce child hunger and malnutrition aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger. Our vision is clear: a world where every child enjoys enough nourishing food and thrives.

The campaign's key messages include:

- Enough of the right food for children in crisis
- Enough funding for child malnutrition
- School meals that can change the world
- Listening to children
- Counting children through data and statistics
- Child-sensitive nutrition policies and services
- Regulation of food and beverages marketed to children

Children's voices were heard as they made recommendations on nutritious school meals, capacity strengthening and climate smart agriculture with decision makers.

Children Advocating for Their Rights

Children across East Africa are advocating for their wellbeing and rights through the WV East Africa Children's Council. This council includes girls and boys from national children's structures such as parliaments, forums, and councils in Burundi,

Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. We hold ourselves accountable to their recommendations, addressing issues like child stunting, nutritious school meals, and climate-smart agriculture training for parents and teachers.



Key messages from children during the Nutrition Dialogues

From Somalia, and Kenya drought and floods that interfere with food supply were cited as the problem. The children suggested the Government and stakeholders to provide irrigation facilities.

From South Sudan, drought was again cited as a problem. Declining rations in Refugee camps. Stakeholders to see to it that food rations in the camps are not reduced. Further, they can be provided with skills to farm their own food.

From Ethiopia, the ongoing conflict was noticed to be a hurdle to good nutrition. The government to ensure equal distribution of food to all affected children in the country.

From Uganda, it was noted that packed lunches, often go bad and are not healthy. The government seeks to introduce a school feeding programme that will see children consume fresh meals at school. Schools should also take up farming, i.e., school gardens to further promote better nutrition.

We reached **92 million** children through 90 policy changes, including:

36 policies protecting children from violence (e.g., gender-based violence including female genital mutilation, corporal punishment, child marriage)

25 policies securing government funding for initiatives to end violence against children

Strengthening Advocacy Efforts

We produced three policy briefs on School Meals in East Africa, The Impact of Child Hunger on Children in Africa and The Role of Faith Leaders in Ending Child Marriage. The African Union commemorated the Day of the African Child on 16 June 2024, in Uganda under the theme, Education for All Children in Africa: The Time is Now, The children's statement called on governments and decision makers to increase the education budget, improve infrastructure (classrooms, library and latrines) and provide scholastic material.

Together, we are making strides towards a world where every child can thrive. Thank you for being part of this journey.



Isaac, 11 and Felisters, 12, boldly represented children in articulating the Children's declaration to a host of decision makers from relevant food security and health sectors during the ENOUGH campaign launch in Kenya.

Children at the Top – Amplifying the Voices of Children in Africa Union Spaces

World Vision's external engagement and lobbying work at the AU level resulted in significant contributions in the areas of policy dialogues, creating spaces and platforms for children and young people on continental issues and influencing AU and Member State decisions. World Vision became a go-to organisation in issues related to children's voices, nutrition, protection and education.

WV lobbied for the voices of children to be represented during the commemoration of the Africa Day for School Feeding and the 1st Pan African Girls and Women Education Conference. One of the recommendations from the session, which proposed stronger protection for pregnant girls and their integration back to school, was included in the final outcome document.

We also contributed to the review and development of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2026-35). It is worth to note that, WV's contribution to the review and drafting of the new education strategy was acknowledged in the document resulting in school feeding being included in the strategy.

Through intense lobbying, WV was invited to join the High-Level Reference Group & Partners for the development of the AU Convention to End Violence Against Women and Girls (CEVAWG).

Finally, we contributed to the continental commemoration of the Day of the African Child in Uganda. WV influenced the outcome document and urged Member States to consider child hunger as a barrier to effective learning.

Firomi, 5 attends the satellite ECD center, Umer Ali, established by World Vision Ethiopia.



A child presenting at the launch of the ENOUGH campaign in Rwanda.

Child Participation and Protection

World Vision believes in the meaningful engagement of children in matters affecting them, as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. In FY24, we launched the Children's Advisory Group, with representatives from our seven offices, to provide feedback and inform our operations. We listen and incorporate children's voices through various platforms, including school-based clubs, sports clubs, life skills clubs, children journalists' clubs, spiritual nurture clubs and children's councils.

Throughout the year, children have provided feedback and recommendations on WV programming across 9 National Offices such as recommendations on ending child hunger and malnutrition at national and sub-national levels.

Our system approach to child protection involves empowering children with life skills, resilience, spiritual and psychosocial support, making them influential protection actors in their communities.



15 year old Genoveva Mwakihwaja, Vice-Chairperson of the National Children's Council in Tanzania speaks at Tanzania's Annual NGO Forum.

This year, 15-year old Genoveva Mwakihwaja, a student at UWATA Secondary School and Vice-Chairperson of the National Children's Council in Tanzania, took a bold step onto a national stage. Speaking in front of over 1,000 participants at Tanzania's Annual NGO Forum, Genoveva handed over the children's Call for Action on malnutrition to Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Doto Biteko. Her demonstration of courage and passion marked a pivotal moment in the ENOUGH campaign, World Vision's global movement to end child hunger and malnutrition. *'We kindly ask the government, development stakeholders, and other organisations to help us children escape malnutrition'*, she said as she outlined key solutions that can transform the lives of Tanzania's youth.

Our Duty of Care to Children and Adults that we Serve

At World Vision, safeguarding children and adults in the communities we serve is at the heart of everything we do. Our commitment is unwavering: to ensure no harm comes to any child or adult where we operate. In FY24, we intensified our safeguarding efforts, focusing on Preventing sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and other forms of harm. We conducted a week-long safeguarding campaign across our nine National Offices and the regional office, reinforcing our

safeguarding culture. Senior leadership rallied staff and affiliates to uphold our commitment to the safety of children and communities. Each office in the region developed a safeguarding action plan based on annual self-assessments to ensure we remain a safe organisation.

We also co-chaired the PSEA East and Southern Africa working group with UNICEF and United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), contributing to regional interagency safeguarding efforts. This year, we piloted two initiatives: safeguarding awareness materials for children in Somalia and proactive detection in Tanzania to increase incident reporting.



1.65 million
children directly benefited through WV child protection activities to reduce violence against children

527,490
children who have benefited through having access to child protection reporting and referral mechanisms that respond to violence against children

Our child protection in emergency services reached **277,270** children living in fragile contexts, providing them with essential support and protection services.

Sifa and Noella are served nutritious porridge in an Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre in Kageyo AP, Rwanda.



Impact

Our Impact in Humanitarian Emergencies

Facing Multiple Disasters

The East Africa region continues to be in a poly-crisis, facing numerous challenges, including conflict, climate-related shocks (floods, droughts, landslides, heatwaves), and disease outbreaks. These crises have heightened humanitarian needs, 62 million people in East Africa were classified as food insecure (WFP, July 2024 update on food security and nutrition). Over 10 million people have been displaced within their borders due to conflicts in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan (UNHCR, Nov 2024 Report).

Our Humanitarian Response

In response, World Vision provided multisectoral humanitarian assistance to;



17.9
Million
people in Total



9.5
Million
children



1.5
Million
refugees



260,000
Persons with
disabilities

Our key responses included:

East Africa
Hunger
Emergency
Response
(EAHER)
8.2 million
people
reached

Northern Ethiopia
Crisis Response
(NECR)
2.6 million
people
reached

Sudan Crisis
and Migration
Emergency
Response
(SCRAMER): **1.2**
million people
reached

Sustained Humanitarian
Responses (SHRs) in
Ethiopia, Somalia, and
South Sudan:
4.5 million
people reached



Aamina, 12 months old is examined at a World Vision Nutrition site in Somalia



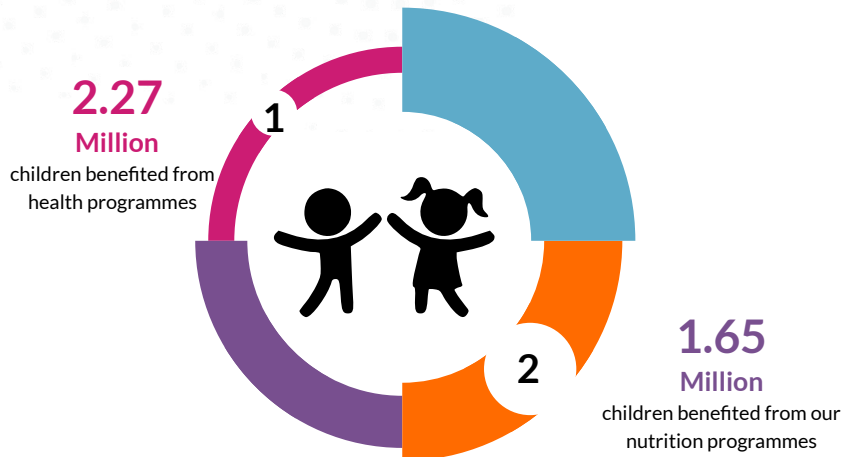
Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response - Sudanese refugee children at Adre Spontaneous Settlement, Chad.

Building Disaster Preparedness

We significantly expanded our disaster preparedness and response capacity through continuous training and capacity building. The HEA department facilitated one regional and three national disaster management trainings for 125 staff, including personnel from WV Korea and Germany Support Offices. These trainings equipped our response teams with the knowledge and skills needed to deliver timely, high-quality, and culturally sensitive humanitarian aid.

Our Impact in Numbers

Our Commitment to Environmental Sustainability



Anticipatory Action and Collaboration

To minimise the impact of disasters, we implemented Anticipatory Action in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. This enhanced early warning communication, community readiness, and proactive disaster response capacity. The recent AA pilot project reached 99,042 people from Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan enabling the community take early actions as a result of access to timely early warning messages which contributed to increased resilience and reduced impact of the eminent hazards that the community faced.

Building Community Resilience

- We worked closely with community health workers, mothers and caregivers to screen, detect, and treat early signs of acute malnutrition among children under the age of five in the communities. Our community-based management of acute malnutrition programmes focused on providing treatment amid rising food insecurity and malnutrition due to climate change.

Supporting Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH)

- In nine countries across East Africa, we focused on health promotion, disease prevention, and capacity building of the health workforce. This improved access to essential health services such as immunisation, community-based management of childhood illnesses (like pneumonia, diarrhea, and respiratory infections), and responses to public health emergencies like Mpox and Marburg virus.

Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

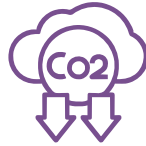
In FY24, through FMNR, we restored over 316,000 hectares of degraded land and grew or regenerated 98 million trees. FMNR and other low-cost sustainable agricultural practices have proven to improve food security and resilience for smallholder farmers and their families. For example, the Humbo and Sodo FMNR projects in Ethiopia have rehabilitated 3,227 hectares of land, sequestered 426,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide, and generated \$1.2 million from the sale of carbon credits. These projects have strengthened local livelihoods by increasing grass cover for livestock, availability of firewood, recovery of springs and groundwater, and reducing erosion and flooding.



316,000 Hectares
of degraded land restored



98 Million
trees grown and regenerated



426,000 T
of Carbon dioxide sequestered in Ethiopia



US \$1.2 Million
regenerated from sale of Carbon credits in Ethiopia

Promoting Green Initiatives

Guided by World Vision's "Do No Harm" principle, our goal is to manage environmental and climate risks in all our projects and programmes. Three countries have established "Green Teams" to lead, coordinate, and support green activities within the organisation. At the corporate level, World Vision aims to reduce organisational greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Together, we are making significant strides in combating climate change and promoting environmental sustainability. Thank you for joining us on this journey towards a greener, more resilient future for all.



Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration
Musa's cattle on his farmland which now produces a sufficient pasture for his livestock and stores the surplus for use in times of drought

Our Christian Faith Central to What We Do



Children praying during a Let The Children Come class at the Assemblies of God church, Kayonza District, Rukara sector, Rwanda.

Through our faith and development initiatives, we directly and indirectly impacted 1.4million children, transforming their lives and restoring families and marriages. Our efforts also led to enhanced spiritual development for children.

Empowering Faith Leaders

We engaged over 93,000 faith leaders from more than 1200 churches and 120 faith-based organisations, enhancing their ability to support the spiritual nurture of children as well as support other child well-being interventions in their communities

Integrating Faith Across Sectors

A key focus this year was integrating faith into various contexts and sectors. We introduced the empowered worldview model in Sudan and Somalia, targeting local staff, adapting it to local needs. They will champion mind-set and behaviour change within their programming.

Strengthening Spiritual Capacities

To empower our leaders and front-line staff to live out their faith boldly and communicate our identify effectively, WV significantly expanded the Mission Immersion Programme (our discipleship manuscript) covering 88.2% of our staff, up from 50.2% last year.

We also collaborated with support offices (WV Korea, WVUS, and WVI marketing teams) to train them on our faith and development models.

Partnering for Greater Impact

We prioritised external influence to maximis-e our impact. We engaged with partners like the Great Lakes Initiative, Hidden Peace Network, and Africa Council for Religious Leaders, signing new agreements to deepen our collaboration. Notably, we signed an MoU with Daystar University to enhance research and led webinars with UNDP on resilience, worldview transformation, and ending gender-based violence. Additionally, we hosted three webinars focusing on faith, peace and climate justice to explore the Nexus in fragile contexts.



A sponsored child praying during the celebration of World Vision's water work throughout Rwanda in Kageyo AP

Advancing Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion

World Vision continues to deepen its commitment to Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), recognising these priorities as essential to securing a brighter future for the most vulnerable children. By aligning efforts with the GEDSI Policy and Theory of Change, we increased our impact through equitable partnerships with organisations of people with disabilities and women-led organisations. GEDSI was positioned both internally and externally as fundamental to achieving Child Well-Being Objectives (CWBO), ensuring that initiatives focused on breaking systemic barriers.

Strengthening GEDSI Implementation and Capacity Building

We promoted integration of GEDSI across all sectors from relief efforts to development programmes. All entities within the region demonstrated their commitment by establishing GEDSI focal points. Capacity-building initiatives, conducted through online platforms, in-person training, and participation in Disability and GEDSI Global forums, significantly improved awareness and skills.

Enhanced Programme Design and Proposal Development

The use of GEDSI assessments allowed for tailored action plans and inclusive programme designs including strengthening GEDSI in the organisational culture. National offices accelerated the uptake of GEDSI assessments and analysis at program level. These plans reflected community voices and addressed diverse needs, ensuring relevance and impact. Rapid GEDSI assessments informed the development of funding proposals, ensuring inclusivity from the planning phase, thus increasing programme sustainability and reach.



Abraham, 9, smiles as he sits in his wheelchair at his home in Nyarutovu AP, Rwanda.

Inclusivity Strengthened

Strategic communication efforts showcased GEDSI-driven success stories, enhancing stakeholder engagement and demonstrating the tangible impacts of inclusivity as observed through various International fora. These impacts collectively positioned WV as a more effective, inclusive organisation, deeply committed to addressing systemic inequalities and ensuring child well-being through transformative practices.

Driving Efficiency and Stewardship

Through Supply Chain Management (SCM) we leveraged data and analytics that are aligned with our goals and we achieved greater efficiency through enhanced SCM system use and procurement planning in FY24.

Embracing Technological Advances

We transformed into a data-driven function, utilising analytics and metrics to align with supply chain and organisational goals. Our efforts to optimise systems and processes to reduce procurement costs are evident in the improved implementation of Contract Lifecycle Management, which in turn increased efficiency in the programs that we are doing.

Resilience in the Face of Challenges

Despite severe security challenges in parts of the region, our SCM function demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and agility in emergency response.

Strengthening Cybersecurity Resilience Across East Africa

As digital threats continue to grow, cybersecurity has become a crucial focus for organisations worldwide. Recognising this, World Vision's East Africa Region (EAR) launched its first Cyber SAFE Professional Training programme in February 2024, aiming to cultivate a generation of cybersecurity champions.

With a focus on developing both technical knowledge and leadership, this training equips staff with vital skills to safeguard World Vision's operations against potential external threats.



Happy pupils from Endabash School in Endabash AP, Tanzania.

Transforming Lives with Clean Water and Sanitation

At World Vision, we're committed to ensuring that everyone, everywhere we work, has access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and hygiene, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6).

In Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24), our East Africa Region achieved remarkable milestones. We constructed over 470 water supply systems across nine countries, including 150 innovative solar-powered piped water systems.



Enhancing Schools and Health Care Facilities

We extended our WASH services to schools and health care facilities:



Provided water to **320** schools, sanitation to over **200** schools, and hygiene services to over **560** schools



Provided basic water supply to **138** facilities, sanitation to over **90** facilities, and hygiene services to over **200** facilities



As a child focused organisation, a total of **650,000** children were reached with **WASH** services across the **9** countries

Innovative Solutions in WASH

Under the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Category Management initiative, World Vision Tanzania achieved a significant milestone by developing and implementing a cutting-edge Construction Management System in collaboration with GTD. This system enhances project visibility, ensuring proper implementation and oversight of WASH projects. Building on its success, the system is set to be rolled out to other National Offices across the region in FY25, further driving operational excellence and impact.

Economic Empowerment And Livelihoods

Through our economic empowerment and livelihood programming, we have equipped communities with tools and resources to foster sustainable livelihoods. This year, our initiatives have reached 2.9million children in households where parents or caregivers benefited from these interventions.

Empowerment Through Financial Access

In partnership with VisionFund, continued to transform lives through a robust microfinance model. This initiative has empowered vulnerable communities, including those with income-generating livelihoods, women, and socially marginalised groups, by providing essential financial services such as loans, insurance, and savings. Alongside these services, comprehensive training has been offered to ensure effective utilisation. As a result, financial access has been expanded to countless members, fostering economic independence and resilience.

Through the Savings for Transformation approach, we have specifically targeted the most vulnerable and at-risk groups, including women, persons with disabilities (PWDs), youth, and marginalised individuals. This initiative has empowered numerous members to participate in member-managed savings groups, utilising simple and transparent methods. These groups enable participants to plan for and manage household emergencies, develop sustainable livelihoods, and enhance their economic resilience. This progress directly contributes to child well-being by improving household income security and building stronger, more resilient communities.

To further our mission of fostering lasting improvements in child well-being and community resilience, we have developed and launched a comprehensive guide on integrating health, nutrition, food security, and livelihood programming. This guide supports technical experts in nutrition, food security, and livelihoods, as well as project designers, implementers, and monitoring and evaluation specialists, in understanding the critical importance of cross-sector collaboration.

Integrated Market Systems

During the reporting period, World Vision collaborated with private market actors and vulnerable households to expand market opportunities. By strengthening market linkages, promoting value addition, and providing technical skills training, we have significantly benefited small-scale producers, enhancing their productivity and competitiveness.

Our engagement with government bodies and industry associations has been pivotal in advocating for regulatory reforms that promote inclusive economic growth. As a result, smallholder producers have gained a deeper understanding of market dynamics and improved access to local markets. This has enabled them to extend their trade beyond their immediate communities, resulting in increased incomes and economic stability.

A group of returnees and host community members in Mugeni community, Kayogoro commune of Makamba province, Burundi are making and selling their handcrafted products to improve their social cohesion and livelihoods.

Vision Fund

Microfinance is one of World Vision's core project models. World Vision enacts its microfinance services through VisionFund International ("VisionFund"). The Livelihoods Sector Approach fully encompasses the work of VisionFund through the range of microfinance services that support Livelihoods and other sector interventions (Health, Education, WASH, and Child Protection). Working together as part of World Vision, VisionFund provides financial inclusion services to vulnerable households and communities through access to credit, savings, insurance products, and financial literacy training to enable them to increase their incomes, access clean water, education and healthcare, benefit from improvements to nutrition, and provide the foundations for local economies to flourish and children to achieve life in all its fullness. VisionFund's reach in East Africa includes;

<p>\$140+ Million USD Gross Loan Portfolio</p>	<p>401,000+ Active Clients 58% Female</p>
<p>5,053 FAST Savings Group Members with Access to Credit</p>	<p>4.3+ Million Children Impacted</p>
<p>868,830 Vulnerable people covered with Insurance</p>	<p>293,000+ Jobs created and sustained</p>

*Finance Accelerating Savings Groups Transformation (FAST) is VisionFund's methodology for lending to savings groups, mainly World Vision's Saving for Transformation groups.

With VisionFund's strategic aspiration to transform the lives of 15 million children in Africa, clients reported increased ability to pay school fees, provide sufficient and varied nutritious food, and sufficient clothing, shoes and school supplies due to VisionFund loans and services.

Further impact evaluations in FY24 also indicated that:

Our Clients' Voices

My family is getting 3 meals per day now
Male, 32 years, Tanzania

When you have a source of income even if small, you have a peace of mind and VisionFund Kenya made it happen to me
Female, 31 years, Kenya

Ever since I got a loan with Visionfund, I have been able to support my children with school fees and also to buy more land to expand my home.
Female, 62 years, Uganda



96% clients with children



50% clients with very much improved income



98% reporting improved child wellbeing



94% clients reporting improved quality of life



57% clients fully achieved their financial goals fully because of Vision Fund's loan

A woman selling her cereals in Matete AP,
Kenya

Income



Growing Our Resources for Greater Impact

Adapting to an Evolving Donor Landscape

As the donor landscape continues to evolve, it is crucial for us to stay ahead of the curve and meet the ever-expanding needs of the vulnerable communities we serve. In East Africa, our largest grant investments are in food assistance and emergency responses, with US \$266 million and US \$253 million allocated respectively. World Vision is committed to accelerating resource development from various sources, including government (bilateral), multilateral, private non-sponsorship, and local income (national resource development) funding.

Our Partnership with WFP

World Vision is proud to be the largest NGO partner of the World Food Programme (WFP) globally, spending an average of US \$210 million annually in East Africa alone. The Regional Resource Development Unit works closely with Support and National Offices to foster effective donor engagement and ensure well-aligned priorities.

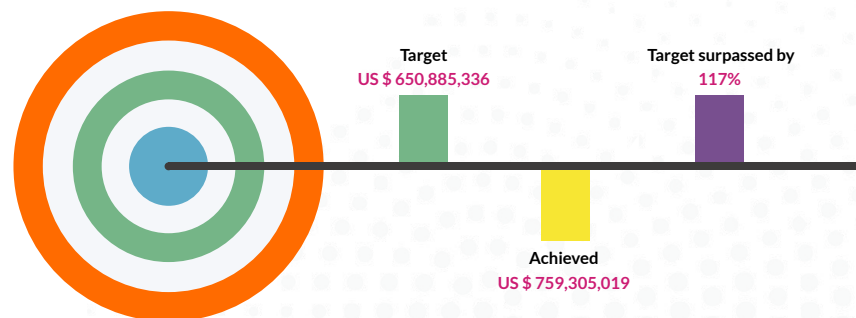
Strengthening National Resource Development

Our efforts to strengthen National Resource Development (NRD) for sustainable funding have yielded positive outcomes. We have increased our capacity in resource acquisition and management, including marketing strategies, and improved donor and partner engagement through consistent cultivation plans. These areas will continue to be our priority to achieve even better results.

Strengthening Our Resources through Gifts of Impact

We continue to expand resources through a robust resource mobilisation strategy, integrating In-Kind donations to complement financial contributions. This approach has been pivotal in enabling impactful interventions amid challenging funding environments.

Partnerships with Support Offices, including WVUS and WV Canada, contributed US \$7,579,676 in program resources across six National Offices, directly benefiting vulnerable children and communities. Contributions such as food, school supplies, medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, wheelchairs, clothing, and solar panels were strategically aligned with program priorities to achieve Child Well-Being Outcomes.



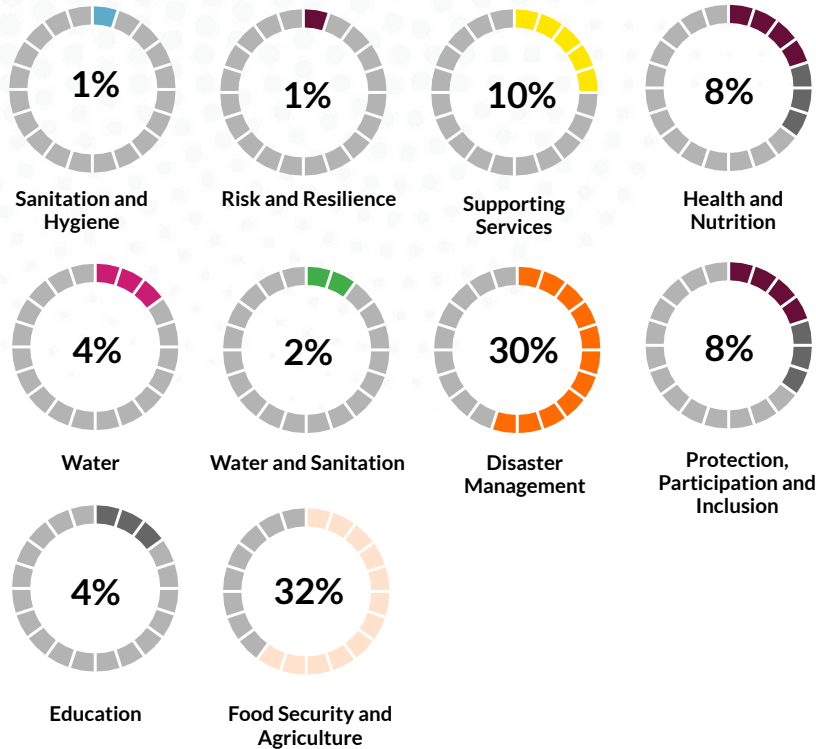
The East Africa Region remains the leading region globally in terms of new awards and acquisitions sourced in FY2024.

5 countries from the region (Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Kenya and Uganda) made it to the top 10 National Offices that contributed to the global total new awards (US \$ 1,732.28 million)

Financial Summary

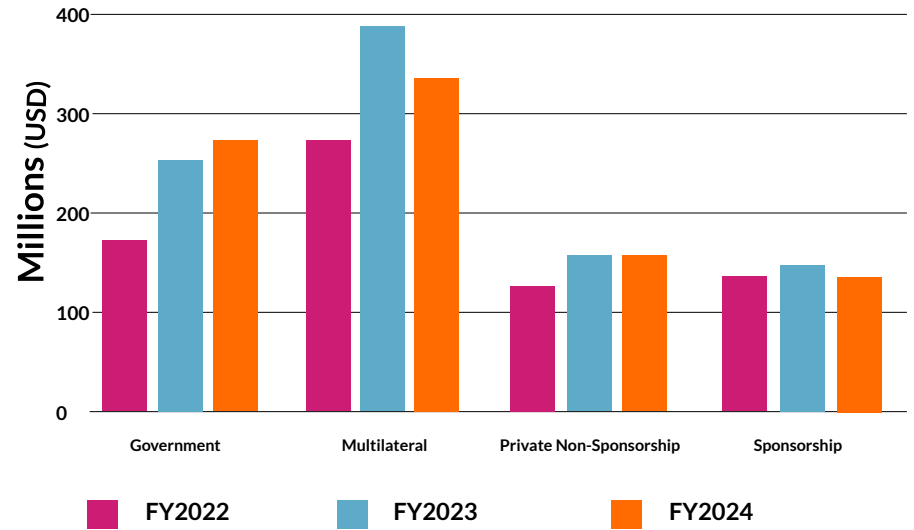
The following chart provides insights to the financial investment in the East Africa Region for FY2023. A sum of over US\$ 889,491,031 was invested during this financial year.

FY2024 Expenditure by Sector



Portfolio Growth

The following graph shows gives insights to our portfolio growth in the East Africa Region from FY2022 to FY2024



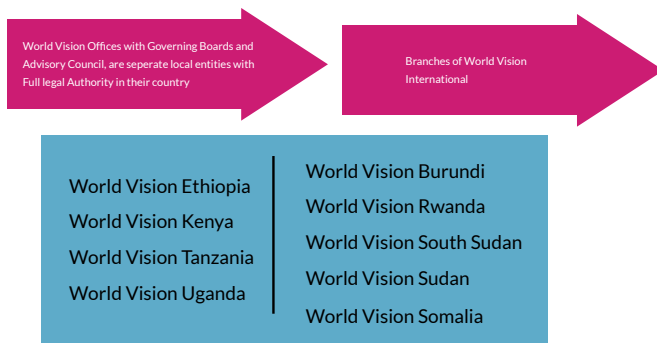
Governance

The World Vision International bylaws establish a partnership based on a federalist governance model. This is the sharing of power between the National Offices and the Global Center (World Vision International). Within this federal governance system framework, it is possible for each World Vision National Office to become a legally separate but interdependent entity within the international World Vision Partnership (where it is feasible to do so), governed by its own board of directors who represent

World Vision's commitment to:

- (i) Responsible ministry within their own country;
- (ii) Genuine partnership in global ministry; and
- (iii) Mutual accountability for resources.

Currently in East Africa, we have 3 National Offices that have full Boards of Directors and are registered as separate local entities in their respective countries. 1 National Office has an Advisory Council while 5 others remain branches of World Vision International as follows:



We are grateful to our Board and Advisory Council members who have worked hard this financial year to contribute to the achievements we are celebrating in this Annual Report. They have provided overall strategic leadership and direction thus making it possible for us to achieve these wonderful results. Specifically, our boards and Advisory Council have been instrumental in the development, review and approval of relevant policies, monitoring of strategy implementation; and ensuring accountability and standards through regular review of finance and operations reports presented by the National Offices. Additionally, in the past year the boards and Advisory Council have honoured the commitment to Twin Citizenship by contributing to partnership wide consultations.

Key to note is the role played by our Board and Advisory Council members in nurturing positive and productive relationships between World Vision and community-based organisations in the country, making strategic contacts for enhancing World Vision's work in each country, and supporting the projection of the Partnership's image at the national level. They have also ensured that the operations of each National Office comply with applicable legislation in each country and provided oversight to ensure respect for standards of work and management of World Vision in the different countries in the Region.

Our Team

East Africa Regional Office

Lilian Dodzo – Regional Leader

World Vision National Directors

Simon Nyabwengi – Burundi
Karmen Till – Ethiopia
Gilbert Kamanga – Kenya
Pauline Okumu – Rwanda
Kevin Mackay – Somalia
Jeremiah Nyagah – Uganda
Mesfin Loha – South Sudan
James Angarwa – Tanzania
Simon Mane – Sudan/SCRAMMER

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Reuben Mwaura – Kenya
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Chilala Royen Hakooma – Tanzania
Mercy Ainomugisha – Uganda
Taye Chimdessa – Ethiopia

Vision Fund Chairpersons

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Pauline Okumu – Rwanda
Athanasia Soka – Tanzania
Sara Yvonne Byabazaire – Uganda
Eleni Mergia – Ethiopia



Mohamed and his mother at Wedweil Refugee Settlement in South Sudan which hosts over 13,000 refugees from Sudan.



We are World Vision

Our workforce, comprising more than 6,500 dedicated diverse professionals. Our people are considered our most valuable asset in the region.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to our valued workforce across nine National Offices, for their commitment in navigating challenging contexts. The pivotal roles played by all staff, including our frontline workers, volunteers, interns, and partners are indispensable to our mission of empowering and improving the lives of children and communities. Through collaborative efforts, we are dedicated to working together towards the shared goal of building brighter futures for children in the region.



Partnerships

World Vision believes that only by working together with children, their communities, and our supporters and partners, the lives of the world's most vulnerable children can be transformed.

At every level – from a child's community to global – World Vision works with partners from across society to influence and bring our expertise and resource to transform children's lives. We value the role, expertise and resources of governments, communities, faith actors, businesses, and other organisations in addressing child well-being.



Refugee children in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement in West Nile, Uganda have been empowered with digital skills to amplify their voices and of their communities.

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Malaysia
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Singapore
South Korea

Spain
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States


Risaaq, 5, smiles as he holds a chicken. His family lives in Boodhley village of Burco district, Somaliland and depends on the rearing of chicken, a small number of goats as well as rain-fed farming.





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