



World Vision

2019

Partnership
Update

World Vision International

Partnership Update 2019 – Foreword

When I visited a rural part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, I saw where we are expanding our work into some of the world's hardest-to-reach places. I was inspired by our staff and their relentless quest to shine a light into the world's toughest corners, empowering children to reach their God-given brilliance and potential.

As in so many places, children here face a daily onslaught of inter-linked threats to their safety, health and education – and, sadly, to their very survival.

In the regional hospital, serving 200,000 people, heroic medical teams persevere without the resources they need to save children from dying of preventable conditions like malnutrition. Children told me that violent clashes between local factions mean they live under a permanent cloak of fear, hampering the most basic day-to-day tasks. Meanwhile, the beast of poverty continues to gnaw away at children's hopes and dreams for the future.

Yet, I am encouraged. It is a privilege to serve these children and witness how their lives change for the better. As the following pages show, our interventions on water and sanitation, food and livelihoods, health and nutrition, peacebuilding, and community empowerment bring transformative results.

In the corridors of power, we continue to press for change in policy-making and funding for the world's most vulnerable children.

Our commitment to the transformational power of child sponsorship remains unwavering. Through it, lives are being changed forever – not just for millions of children, but for their sponsors as well.

Strong partnerships with the UN, faith leaders, governments, local and international non-government organisations, and community leaders mean children are truly empowered, bringing dignity and hope for the future.

Showing the impact of our work, accurately and quickly, is also crucial to reporting what we have achieved, and to adapt and evolve when things can be done better. We owe the utmost transparency and accountability to our donors, our partners, and those we serve.

As we prepare to mark 70 years since the foundation of World Vision, we must remain agile and at the forefront of innovation to ensure millions more children in the most fragile places can shake off the shackles of poverty and are empowered to experience life in all its fullness.



Andrew Morley

President & CEO, World Vision International



A message from our
President & CEO

Our Global Impact in 2019

3.4 million
children

were sponsored
by generous
World Vision
donors through
the sponsorship
programme.



20 million
people,
including

13 million
children,

were helped through **76**
global emergency
responses.

3.4 million
people

gained access to clean
water, including **children**
who benefited from
more than



1,000
water

sources installed
in schools.

8.6 million
people,
including

5 million
children,

were fed through **food**
programmes in

29 countries.

90%
of the more than
136,000

acutely malnourished children we treated
made a full recovery, **helping to improve**
their health and growth.

218,000
more women and men

joined local savings groups, helping them
to become more financially stable.



71%
of **VisionFund International's**
1.1 million
borrowers were
women.

These loans from our microfinance subsidiary
helped them escape poverty and created
1.4 million jobs.



35,000
farmers

who participated in our
training groups implemented
new agricultural methods,
helping them produce
more and increase the
family income.



330
policy
recommendations

were made to local
governments so they could
take actions to better
protect children.

More than
200,000
boys and girls

took part in activities
that deepened their
understanding of God's
love for them, for others,
and for nature.

Over

3,000
faith leaders



were trained to run parenting workshops,
helping **more parents to build**
positive, supportive, and loving
family relationships.



141,000
parents and caregivers

received training on how to discipline their
children with love and caring **to ensure they**
grow up in supportive environments
free of violence.



We are **World Vision**

World Vision's focus is on helping the most vulnerable children, even in the most dangerous places, to overcome poverty and experience fullness of life.

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what is needed to become all Jesus created them to be. We do this by equipping them, their communities, and local partners with the necessary tools to address the root causes of poverty, injustice, and violence against children.

Now, almost in our 70th year, World Vision has vast experience working with communities, donors, partners, and governments to create opportunities for better futures for vulnerable children ... even in the toughest places.

As a leading global partner, our efforts enrich the lives of all involved as we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families, and communities. We empower communities and guide them to set goals and equip them so that progress made is sustainable and continued long after we have left.

Together, we have impacted the lives of more than 200 million vulnerable children.

We humbly acknowledge that without the goodness of God and the generosity of donors around the world, we would not be able to do what we do.

Our Promise to the world's **most vulnerable children**

Our global strategy puts this promise into action through deepening our commitment to children living in the most dangerous places by both shifting the focus of our work and by allocating our resources where they are most needed. In 2019, international funding allocated to countries and regions most at risk increased from 28% in 2018 to 37% in 2019 of our total budget.

Our focus on raising the right funds, with the right donors, for the right programmes, in the right places has seen a steady increase in institutional donors that choose to partner with us. During this past year grants have grown over the last year at 9.3% since the launch of *Our Promise* in 2016. Over the past financial year, \$670 million in cash grants alone allowed us to serve 36 million children.

We remain committed to adapting to the rapidly changing contexts where vulnerable children live. Through research with our academic partners and by constantly reviewing our programming data, we continue to refine and amplify what works best. With God's help, this knowledge, combined with our 70 years of experience and the insight of community members and valued partners, will lead to productive and fulfilling futures for these children.

To learn more about our global strategy, go to: www.wvi.org/our-promise





We are increasing **our impact** by ...

Providing essential building blocks

Water is not only a human right, it's essential for life and, along with proper sanitation, allows children and their communities to survive and flourish. Every 60 seconds, a family gains access to clean water. In 2019, 3.4 million people received access to an improved water source at a community level. In addition, we installed more than 1,000 drinking water sources at schools, and 2.6 million people gained access to household sanitation.

Supporting the health of new mothers and their babies

The first 1,000 days of a child's life shape his or her future. We work at a community level to deliver critical messages to mothers and families about newborn, maternal, and child health during those first 1,000 days. Last year, we treated more than 136,000 acutely malnourished children, and 90% of them made a full recovery. Through local healthcare staff and volunteers, we also treated 48,500 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, improving their health and that of their babies.

It takes a world to build safer communities for children

Violence is a violation of the life God desires for every child, and communities play an important role in protecting children. In 2019, more than 350,000 adults learned how to access services and information to keep children safe. We also trained 141,000 parents on how to discipline their boys and girls without physical violence so they can grow up safe from abuse.

Transforming countries through education

With access to a quality education, children can learn and understand their rights, become lifelong learners, transform their communities, protect themselves from violence, and experience life in all its fullness. Last year, more than 75,000 books were distributed to elementary schoolchildren to help them develop good reading habits and learn about their own language and culture. We collaborated with more than 7,500 educators to teach them new ways to help children learn.

Sowing seeds of sustainable communities

The impact of extreme poverty on children's development is devastating. Our work aims to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty so that by 2030 the most vulnerable children can reach their full potential. In 2019, more than 200,000 women and men in 19 countries became active members of local saving groups, helping them to become more financially stable. In countries where farming is a key activity for development, 78% of farmers who participated in our training sessions implemented the improved agricultural methods they learned, enabling them to produce more crops and increase the family income.

Strengthening families with a sustainable family income

Our microfinance subsidiary, VisionFund, offers financial solutions that enable families and communities to develop a reliable source of income and livelihood to bring families and children out of the poverty cycle. In 2019, VisionFund supported 1.1 million borrowers, created 1.4 million sustained jobs, and distributed loans worth \$694 million. This means that every 60 seconds a family receives the tools to overcome poverty.



Child Sponsorship

Since 1953, we have been partnering with sponsors from around the world to help vulnerable children rewrite their life stories. In 2019, generous people from around the world who want to help supported 25 million children (including sponsored and non-sponsored children) on their journeys to overcome the root causes of poverty and injustice. And, because sponsorship uses community-focused solutions, for every child we helped, four more girls and boys benefitted as well.

Through Child Sponsorship, children's lives, their families, and entire communities are transformed forever. Last year, 96% of school-aged children registered by World Vision attended school. Sponsorship programmes also helped more than 3.4 million boys and girls and their families gain access to clean water. We know the impact this kind of programming makes because of stories like Leonardo. His life transformed from a child growing up in poverty to becoming the manager of San Julian's water utility. Now Leonardo is giving back to the community that supported him in El Salvador. To see the impact that World Vision Child Sponsorship had on Leonardo, his family, and his community, watch his story here <https://youtu.be/LG5DKgLQJt0>.

Trusted, long-term relationships are what make Child Sponsorship such an effective tool for sustainable development. The impact goes both ways – not only are children's lives improved, sponsors are transformed when they see the impact of their support in the success of the children they sponsor.

Sponsorship works! Learn more about the power of sponsorship through the stories of other formerly sponsored children who not only survived, but are thriving and carrying forward the vision of building a better world for all. Click here: <https://www.wvi.org/child-sponsorship>.



Financial Summary

We publish this annual Partnership Update as part of our commitment to being transparent about our successes and current situation. Transparency enables our stakeholders to hold us accountable for fulfilling our promises to the world's most vulnerable children.

For a detailed financial report, you can visit <https://www.wvi.org/accountability>, which includes a link to our most recent financial statements.

Total Income

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
\$2.80	\$2.73	\$2.72	\$2.76	\$2.75	\$2.90	(in billions)

Total expenditure by category



Development programmes
\$1.56 billion



Relief & rehabilitation programmes
\$919 million



Community education/advocacy
\$19 million



Fundraising
\$294 million



Administration
\$162 million

Total cost
\$2.96 billion

Programme expenditure by region

Other International Ministry
\$59 million

North America
\$208 million

Latin America/Caribbean
\$202 million

Middle East/Europe
\$374 million

Africa
\$1.15 billion

86%

Yield to programming
(proportion of funding spent on programmes)

Asia/Pacific
\$485 million

Australia/New Zealand
\$10 million

All data in this report is in U.S. dollars and is subject to audit adjustment



World Vision is a global relief, 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.

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

