

Going Further than We Imagined



Message from the **President**

The far-reaching achievements across the following pages could speak for themselves. Millions more girls and boys around the world are better protected and educated, and healthier, as we strive to transform lives where the scourge of violence and grinding poverty persists.

But behind all the statistics are complex and often uncomfortable stories of perseverance, bravery and sacrifice, and the hard work of World Vision staff and volunteers in the world's toughest corners.

This includes children like Yeidi, Manuel and Aron, whom I met with their mother Maria in Colombia, on the border with Venezuela. Maria told me how, heavily pregnant, she fled starvation in Venezuela and ended up having to sell her hair in order to care for the child she gave birth to alone. After World Vision included her in their response to Venezuelan refugees, she had access to food, healthcare and a great school for the children. "That has made all the difference to us," she said, in tears. "We now know that someone cares. For the first time, we feel like we are going to be OK."

In offices around the world, including some fragile and dangerous places, our staff make heroic daily sacrifices. They work alongside and empower communities, unlocking potential for so many children with an otherwise uncertain future.

We are hungry for more. We seek to build on past achievements, driven by a faith which urges us to tackle these challenges head-on and to constantly refine the way we work –improving the quality of our service to children now and in the future. Together, we bring hope.



Andrew Morley

President and Chief Executive Officer



Our global impact in 2018

By partnering with 2.6 million donors around the world, 2.9 million children are enjoying the benefits of child sponsorship.



Partnership Update 2018

Savings groups in 36 countries equipped 5,700 parents to provide for their families and to be prepared for unexpected financial challenges.



Through 143 emergency programmes, we supported 14 million people in crisis situations around the world.

Through community wells, 4 million children/people are enjoying convenient access to clean water:

By improving sanitation facilities, 2.8 million people are enjoying better health.

We treated 135,135 children for malnutrition, primarily by equipping their caregivers with knowledge of proper feeding practices using locally available ingredients.



In Burundi, World Vision's Unlock Literacy¹ programme reached more than 21,000 students in grades 1 to 3 between 2015 and 2018. Through this programme, 77% of students became 'readers with comprehension' compared to 53% of their peers who have not yet participated in the programme.



The distribution of 13,961,817 long-lasting, insecticide-treated nets are protecting millions of children and their families from malaria.



We trained 221,856 parents and caregivers on children's rights and how to protect them.



¹WorldVision's literacy programming was developed from the organisation's experience piloting Save the Children's Literacy Boost model from 2011-2016. Literacy Boost is a proven literacy programme designed, developed and owned by Save the Children.





We are **World Vision**

World Vision is a movement of people motivated by our desire to serve God and help children, especially those living in the hardest places, break free from poverty. We believe that it is possible to have a world where all children are free from need and able to reach their full potential.

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to become all Jesus created them to be.

Guided by nearly 70 years of experience and expertise, we employ effective development and relief practices to empower families and communities to overcome poverty. For good.

As a leading global partner, our efforts enrich the lives of all involved as we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families, and communities. Together, we have impacted the lives of more than 200 million vulnerable children by tackling the root causes of poverty.

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.

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 heart, the will to make it so.**

Keeping **Our Promise**

Our Promise is our global strategy. More than a plan, it's a promise to stay true to our mission and vision. It is also a guide that unites our efforts, releases our potential, and allows us to focus on helping children break free from poverty.

Our strategy challenges us to expand sustainable sources of funding. We are achieving this by joining forces with like-minded institutions and individuals. Last year, we secured US\$530 million in cash grants. This funding allowed us to deepen our impact in rural communities and to expand our presence in fragile contexts. As a result, we increased investments in 10 of the world's most difficult contexts and met the urgent needs of 9.7 million people last year.

We also improved our organisational effectiveness through increased collaboration. For example, through the "Faith in Action for Children on the Move" forum, our staff came together with experts from 85 partner organisations to create an internationally recognised and comprehensive plan to address the needs of displaced children around the world.

Finally, we are broadening our impact by raising our voice in unison with others. In 2018, joint advocacy efforts by our teams and those in partner organisations secured a commitment of US\$2.8 billion from the G7 and World Bank to help fund education and support 8.7 million girls living in crisis situations.

The road ahead is not easy, our strategy keeps us focused on the goal – life in all its fullness for all children.

To learn more about our global strategy, please visit:

www.wvi.org/ourpromise2030



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Increasing our **impact by ...**

Ensuring children enjoy a healthy start

Preventable diseases and malnutrition undermine the future of millions of children every year. By working at a community level, we can respond to needs quickly and effectively. In 2018, we treated 135,135 children for malnutrition. Over the past six years, 91% of the severely malnourished children we treated made a full recovery.

Equipping children with skills to succeed

Children not only need to go to school, they need to be learning. To make sure this happens, we equip teachers and schools with effective and engaging teaching methods and environments that are conducive to learning. For example, two years ago, in our programmes in Ghana, only 1% of sampled students could read with comprehension; today, 65% of reading programme participants could do so compared to 40% of their peers who have not yet participated in the programme.

Protecting children and families through access to clean water and proper sanitation

Access to clean water and improved sanitation facilities, combined with the knowledge of proper hygiene practices, affect nearly every area of life. Last year, we provided 4 million people with access to clean drinking water; 2.8 million gained access to improved sanitation facilities, and 5 million people learned about the importance of proper hygiene practices.

Building a movement to ensure children are protected

In 2017, we launched a global campaign called *It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children*. Only one year later, we saw more than 2 million citizens come together to protect vulnerable children across 65 countries. As a result of our advocacy efforts, more than 57 million children in 19 countries are safer because 80 policies were added or updated to address the issues of violence affecting children.

Empowering families to unlock their potential

Despite their desires and hard work, cyclical poverty locks many families away from economic success. But knowledge of improved farming methods and access to appropriate tools have the power to unlock potential. Last year, training and tools allowed 12.9 million people to embark on a new path of economic improvement.

Equipping families to protect their assets

For small-scale farmers, losing a harvest is devastating and often life-threatening due to lack of food or income. To help ease the impact of natural disasters, including climate-induced emergencies, our microfinance subsidiary, VisionFund International, established a climate insurance programme to provide emergency support and recover loans to nearly 4 million beneficiaries in Asia and Africa whose livelihoods have been affected.

Our Sponsorship **experience**

For nearly 70 years, we have been partnering with sponsors from around the world to help vulnerable children rewrite their life stories. In 2018, child sponsors from 30 countries walked alongside more than 19 million 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 additional children benefitted as well.

Through Child Sponsorship, children's lives, their families, and entire communities are transformed forever. Last year, we protected more than 20 million children and pregnant women from malaria, taught 221,856 parents and caregivers to protect children from harm, and helped more than 3.2 million children and their families gain access to clean water.

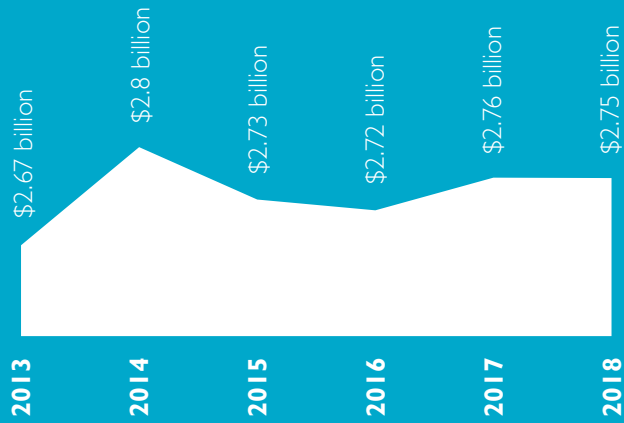
Trusted, long-term relationships are what makes Child Sponsorship such an effective tool for sustainable development. The impact, however, goes both ways. Not only are children's lives impacted, but sponsors, like Georgie, are also transformed when they see the impact of their support in the success of the children they sponsor. As a young girl, Nancy was told that 'she would never go far'. Today, Nancy not only cares for her family, she is multiplying the impact of Georgie's support as she comes alongside others in need in her job as a Humanitarian Aid Coordinator. Watch their story here: <https://wvlink.it/Sponsorship>.

Sponsorship works! Learn more about the impact 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 here: <https://www.wvi.org/child-sponsorship>.

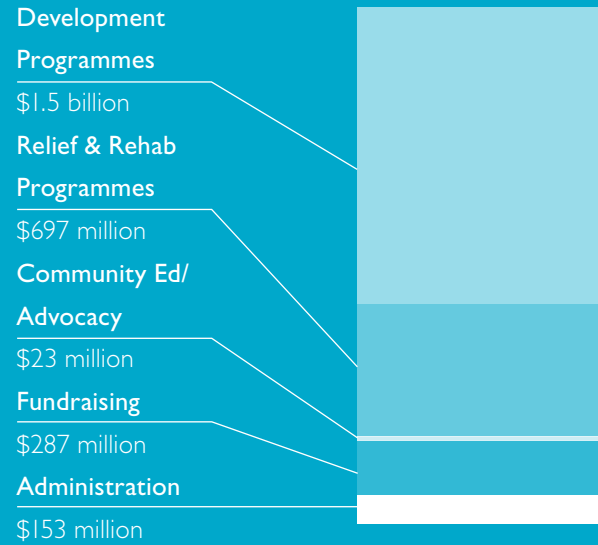


Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more children benefit too

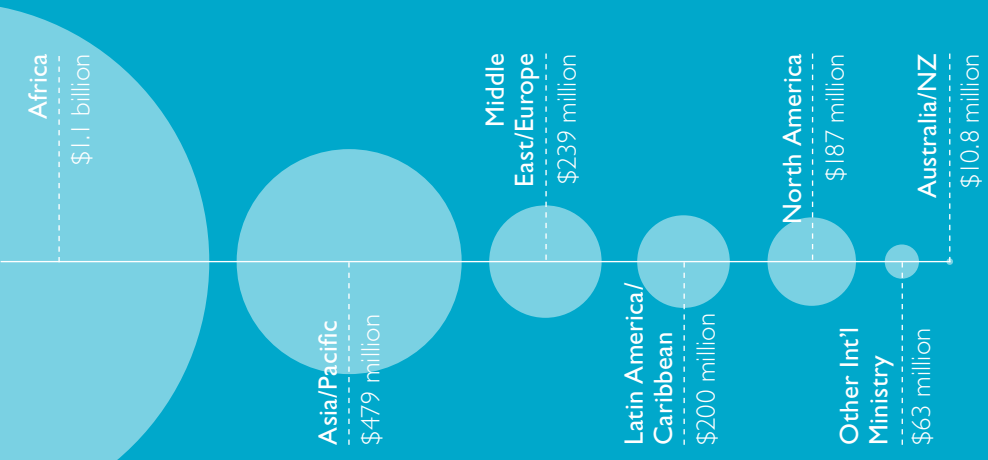
Total income



Total expenditure by category*



Programme costs by region*



83%

Yield to programming
(proportion of funding spent on programmes)

*All data in this report in US dollars.

In Partnership

One of our goals is to work with others to continually increase the impact of our work. In 2018, we deepened our partnerships at local, national, and international levels. To see how we can improve as a partner, we conduct an annual survey.

This year, as in previous years, 75% of respondents indicated that World Vision is an organization they can trust. Respondents of the survey identified World Vision as: a good citizen and a competent organisation that makes a difference while acting with integrity and transparency.

We not only strive to have effective and efficient programmes, we also desire to communicate the impact of our work effectively. This Partnership Update is one of the ways we seek to share our successes and our challenges as we continue to create a sustainable impact through our partnerships.

