



One Heart One Mind

One Partnership

Update 2017



We are World Vision

World Vision is a global force for good. A community of millions, driven by our desire to serve God and transform the lives of vulnerable children.

As a leading global partner, our staff join with supporters, partners, families, and communities around the world in one heart and one mind to ensure all children enjoy life in all its fullness. Our goal is that every boy and girl has what they need to grow – in mind, body and spirit, so that they can live lives filled with joy and become all Jesus created them to be.

With decades of experience, we employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

We are privileged to see lives and communities transformed. And 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 Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Over the last five years, 89% of the severely malnourished children we treated made a full recovery

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

Our global impact in 2017



Through the generosity of donors from around the world, **3,046,993 children** were sponsored



We responded to **170 emergencies** and assisted about **13,900,000 people** in **56 countries**



We improved sanitation facilities for **3.3 million people**



368,843 young people participated in groups that contributed to their own well-being or that of their communities



More than **500,000 people** participated in **32,081 savings groups**



We distributed **10,919,578 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets** to protect children and families from malaria



Children were protected from harm when **221,856 parents and caregivers** were trained on how to best safeguard them



Across the world, we trained **58,601 teachers**

Every 60 seconds ...
a family gets water ...
a hungry child is fed ...
a family receives the tools
to overcome poverty



Bringing hearts and minds together for children

World Vision highly values the virtue of working together with others – in thousands of field projects, in humanitarian emergencies, in national coalitions and in partnerships around the world. In 2017, we took this a stage further as we began work on our recently launched global campaign, *It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children*. We are igniting a movement of people from all walks of life and corners of the globe to be of 'one heart and mind' in their desire to act to end this injustice.

As I travel the world, I witness amazing progress against poverty, tackling disease and promoting child well-being. But I am often troubled by the way violence in the home, the school and the public space can undo so much good.

Violence erodes the happiness and long-term fruitfulness in the lives of boys and girls from every country in the world. It robs children of their rights, their childhoods, their dignity and their God-given potential. Violence against children can and must end. That's why we have made it a global campaign, and why we are speaking and acting against violence in all the aspects of our work that you will read about it in this report.

Our dedicated staff walk alongside communities in hard-to-reach places every day. From managing national tuberculosis programmes in Somalia to supporting community health workers in the mountains of Papua New Guinea, they consistently demonstrate our commitment to support those children in greatest need around the world.

Our global strategy, **Our Promise 2030**, compels us to deepen our commitment to the world's most vulnerable children. In this pursuit, at the United Nations I pledged US\$2 billion for health and nutrition programmes in fragile contexts between now and 2030.

With each day that passes, we strive to be one step closer to achieving our vision: for every child, life in all its fullness. We know we can't do that alone. Thank you for your interest in our work, and for helping us build a brighter future for the world's vulnerable children.



Kevin J. Jenkins

President and Chief Executive Officer, World Vision International



"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." – Philippians 2:2 - NIV



Together we've impacted the lives of over 200 million vulnerable children by tackling the root causes of poverty

Our strategy is a promise to vulnerable children

The face of poverty is changing. As a result of decades of dedication, millions of children are moving out of absolute poverty and towards lives full of promise. We are energised that extreme poverty could be eliminated as soon as 2030. But we recognise that this will happen only if our programmes are able to reach children in the most difficult circumstances.

Our Promise 2030, our new global strategy, is a commitment to vulnerable children. It's our promise to work tirelessly until every child is: healthy and is protected from disease; has the skills they need to reach their God-given potential; is cared for, protected and involved in the decisions that affect them; and feels secure knowing they are loved by God and others.

In 2016, we renewed our strategy by focusing on what makes World Vision unique: we are Christian, child-focused and community-empowering. This year, our goal was to focus our ministry for greater impact. We streamlined our work by reducing the number of project models we use from 126 to 16 – focusing on the programmes that have proven to bring the greatest impact on child well-being. We are also shifting where and how we allocate resources to ensure they are reaching the most vulnerable children, focusing especially on those in fragile contexts and hard-to-reach places, including refugees and war-torn areas.

To learn more about our global strategy, please visit:

[**www.wvi.org/ourpromise2030**](http://www.wvi.org/ourpromise2030)

Filling lives with joy

Although every child's circumstances are unique, around the globe World Vision employs the same love, the same mind and the same spirit to ensure each girl and boy has what they need to live joyful, fulfilled lives.

We are protecting children

Each year, violence against children keeps 1.7 billion children from reaching their God-given potential. To combat this evil, we launched a global campaign called *It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children*.

Through the campaign, we are working to improve and implement systems to protect children. We are already seeing encouraging results. In Bangladesh, 272 children met with government officials to discuss the need for systematic protection of children. Government officials agreed and allocated US\$64,000 to help protect children.

We are making sure children are healthy

Lack of access to proper healthcare and appropriate nutrition robs millions of children of their futures every year. The children of Afghanistan are among those considered most at risk and hardest to reach. After a decade of hard work, we have seen a 16% reduction in the mortality rate of children under age five years.

We are helping children succeed

We don't just want children to survive; we want them to thrive. We help them reach their potential by investing in skills for their futures. In 2017, World Vision's education programmes distributed over 500,000 copies of locally relevant reading materials, helping make books more accessible to children in 27 countries.

We are providing life-changing water

Clean water and proper sanitation are foundational for living a healthy life. In 2017, we helped provide access to clean and safe water for 3.2 million people around the world.

We are empowering parents to care for their children

Many families are trapped in cycles of poverty. Through our microfinance subsidiary, VisionFund, we offer financial services and training to empower families to create income and jobs so that they can care for their children. Last year, we made 1.47 million loans totalling more than US\$836 million, impacting 2.6 million jobs.

Transforming life stories

For nearly 70 years, our child sponsorship programmes have brought fullness of life to children, especially the most vulnerable. We achieve this through long-term partnerships and community-centred approaches that deliver lasting changes in the lives of boys and girls by addressing the root causes of poverty. Children like these boys from the Leuk Daek district in southeastern Cambodia (pictured) experience fullness of life when child sponsorship engages in communities and improves areas like healthcare, nutrition, and education.

Without a doubt, child sponsorship is transforming life stories. We believe that these five truths capture the heart, ministry and impact of our child sponsorship programme:

Love – Child sponsorship creates a unique personal connection. It's the love sponsors have for children, inspired by the desire to see a vulnerable child thrive, that is perpetuated by generosity, faith and love, with the power to transform everyone involved.

Strength – Child sponsorship gives us credibility and influence within a community to effectively engage and strengthen these areas and to care for, protect and improve children's lives to reach their God-given potential.

Promise – Child sponsorship holds us accountable to our promise to improve the lives of the world's most vulnerable children, whose names we know and stories we tell.

Powerful – Child sponsorship empowers and amplifies the voices of children as agents of change within their communities.

Progress – Child sponsorship positively impacts children's lives – independent, external research proves it.

And our first formal academic research project agreed, with an independent third-party sharing:

“For children who participated in World Vision activities, there were positive linkages with being happier, healthier and more hopeful; and they were better educated and equipped for the future.”

But at World Vision, all of this is only made possible through the support and commitment of millions of partners from around the world. Last year, through the generosity of more than 2.75 million child sponsors, nearly 20 million children's lives were improved by our child sponsorship projects in 56 countries.

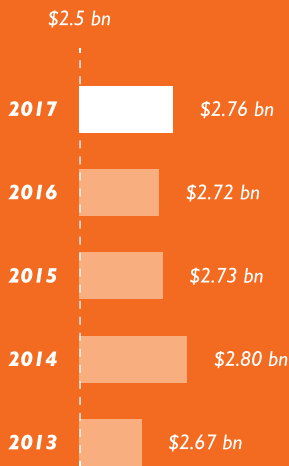
To learn more about child sponsorship at World Vision, please visit: www.wvi.org/child-sponsorship

Discover the long term difference child sponsorship makes, and how it transformed and shaped the life of Leonardo in El Salvador: www.wvlink.it/leonardo

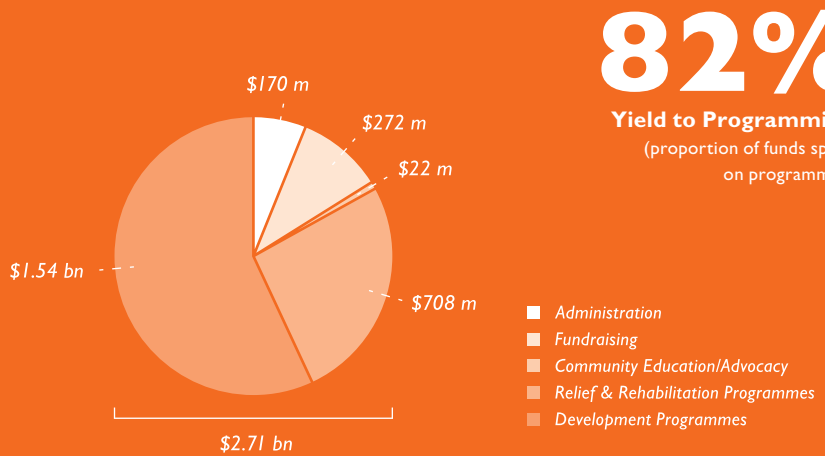


Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, 4 more children benefit, too

Total Income



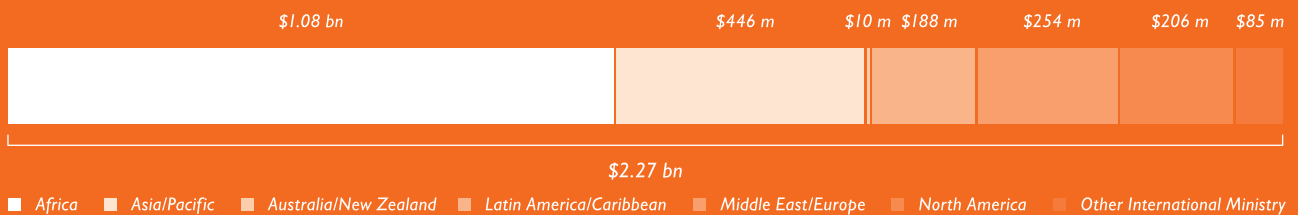
2017 Expenses by Category



82%

Yield to Programming
(proportion of funds spent on programmes)

2017 Expenses by Region (Development Programmes, Relief Programmes, Advocacy)



All figures in USD

2017 data is subject to audit adjustment

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World Vision is reaching one new person with clean water every 10 seconds and reaches three more schools every day with clean water