

**WORLD VISION PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP
ORGANISATIONAL GOAL:**

“As Christians, we enable vulnerable South Pacific communities, in particular their children, to be owners of lasting change, overcoming physical, social and spiritual poverty.”



Children from Weathercoast looking on at their new water system.
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**Solomon
Islands**

**2011
Country Program Review**



Empowering Communities to Improve the Lives of Children

Annual Review - Highlights of 2011

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World Vision staff member talking to a sick child.
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FY11 FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR WORLD VISION SOLOMON ISLANDS.		
AREA PROGRAM	ACTUALS USD	BUDGET USD
MAKIRA Total Budget	924,418	956,360
GIRL CHILD RESCUE (ECE) EXTENSION RWSS WASH		
AUSAID CIVIL SOCIETY WASH FUND MAKIRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
SI ADULT LITERACY		
MALAITA Total Budget	779,763	776,844
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AUSAID CIVIL SOCIETY WASH FUND MALAITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
MALAITA MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH H		
TEMOTU Total Budget	551,050	639,219
TEMOTU WASH TEMOTU NUTRITION		
TEMOTU ASSESSMENT & DESIGN TEMOTU ECCD		
TEMOTU COMM SUST LIVELIHOOD		
HONIARA Total Budget	475,431	447,719
HONIARA HIV & STI PREVENTION HONIARA COMMUNITY VISION FOR CHANGE HONIARA GENDER		
WEATHER COAST Total Budget	433,540	424,028
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NATIONAL PROJECTS Total Budget	246,320	237,267
SI PROJECT MANAGEMENT SI PREPOSITIONING OF DISASTER		
GIFT-IN-KIND	184,856	184,856
TOTAL	3,595,378	3,666,293

OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

• Communities in the Solomon Islands	• UNICEF/UNDP
• Provincial Governments Makira, Guadalcanal, Malaita, Western, and Temotu	• Development Services Exchange (DSE)
• Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS)	• Solomon Islands Red Cross
• Ministry of Children, Women, Youth and Family Affairs (MCWYFA)	• Oxfam International
• Solomon Islands College of Education (SICHE)	• Save the Children Australia
• Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL)	• Church of Melanesia
• National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)	• ADRA
• Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD)	• Literacy Association of the Solomon Islands (LASI)
• Ministry of Environmental Health (MEH)	• Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA)



WWSI Country Program Manager Dr. Andrew Catford and the Solomon Islands Senior Management Team

Message From The Country Program Manager

In 2011, World Vision Solomon Islands focused on replicating successful development methodologies in early childhood education (ECE) and adult literacy to additional target provinces in-country. We have also invested in the design and pilot of innovative approaches in economic development and employment, community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRM), maternal child health and nutrition (MCHN) and gender, which are some of the more complex and persistent development challenges facing the country.

By bringing in proven technical experience from World Vision partner offices in the Pacific, Africa, New Zealand and Australia, these resulting approaches have assisted us more effectively address these challenges. Together with existing approaches in areas such as water supply sanitation and hygiene (WASH), World Vision has a strong and broad set of approaches that are being applied in our five long-term Area Programs, based on each local context.

2011 was thankfully a quiet year in terms of natural disasters and we used this period to replenish our stocks of pre-positioned emergency relief items in the provinces and also in Honiara, we have conducted additional training with our 10-person rapid response team and have begun implementing CBDRM activities in two provinces, to enable communities to become better equipped to plan, mitigate and respond in times of disaster.

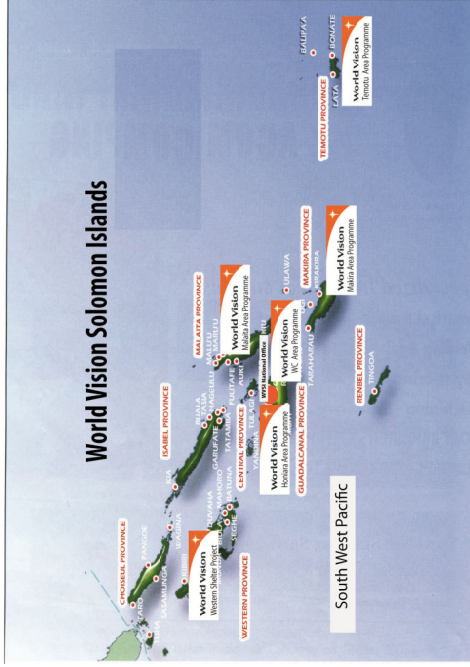
Several key advocacy events were also a highlight of the past year. World Vision was involved in the International Literacy Day together with other members of the Coalition of Literacy Solomon Islands (COSI), World Water Day with the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Program and World Youth Day with the Ministry of Women, Children, Youth and Families Affairs. These events provided opportunities to raise the profile of those development issues nationally and also promote good practice responses based on World Vision's project experience.

I hope you enjoy this 2011 Annual Review and the Senior Management Team of World Vision Solomon Islands would like to again thank all donors, government, communities and staff for their support in 2011 and we look forward to our ongoing collaboration in 2012 as together we work towards improving the lives of children, families and communities in the Solomon Islands.

Regards,

Dr. Andrew Catford

Overview of World Vision Solomon Islands



World Vision first established its presence in the Pacific in 1970. The Pacific Development Group, based in Port Moresby, was established in 1995 to coordinate projects across Papua New Guinea (PNG), the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

In 2012 we look forward to working with the newly formed World Vision Pacific Timor Leste (PTL) National Office. This new operating model will enable learning and support our partner Country Offices in PNG, Vanuatu and Timor Leste, who along with the Solomon Islands make up this new office that will operate from Brisbane, Australia. We will also be releasing the World Vision Solomon Islands Country Strategy in 2012 which will provide strong in-country direction for our work in the Solomon Islands for the coming years.

World Vision Solomon Islands employs more than 120 staff, both local and expatriate, operating in five area programmes Honiara, Weathercoast, Makira, Malaita, and Temotu.

Today, World Vision Solomon Islands is one of the largest and most experienced non-government agencies in the country.

World Vision implements programs focussing on the five strategic priorities based on our new strategy starting in 2012:



HEALTH-NUTRITION AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH:

Goal: Be a leading NGO in the Solomon Islands improving the health and nutrition of pregnant women, mothers and children under 2 years and the health of high risk groups in urban areas.

WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION (WASH)

GOAL: Be a key partner of RWSS in improving access to water supply and sanitation facilities and promoting good hygiene practices in rural communities

EDUCATION

Goal: Be a key partner to the Ministry of Education to assist deliver ECE and adult literacy nationally. Deliver life skills programs in urban areas.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal: Pilot innovative project approaches to increase income and promote savings in both urban and rural communities.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION:

Goal: Be a strong promoter of disaster risk reduction methodologies, especially with community, government and donors.

OUR DONORS

As part of an independent World Vision National Office (Pacific Development Group), the World Vision Solomon Islands Country Program Office can acquire funding from a variety of international donors through it's network of partner Support Offices, as well as from local donors.

We thank the following donors for their support in 2011:

- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NZ MFAT)
- NZAID KOHA Program
- Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- AusAID Australian Non-government Organization Program (ANCP)
- World Vision Australia (WVA)
- World Vision New Zealand (WVNZ)
- World Vision Japan (WVJ)
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Program
- New Zealand trust (donors wish to remain anonymous).



Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response

World Vision Solomon Islands has two Community Disaster Risk Reduction projects located in Temotu and South Malaita.



Maternal Child Health and Nutrition

World Vision Solomon Islands has two maternal child health projects operating in Makira-Ulawa and Malaita Provinces. The Nutrition Project in Temotu ended in June 2011.

2011 was a quiet year for natural disasters in the Solomon Islands. There were a few small earthquakes but these were located in remote areas of the country that did not significantly effect any people or infrastructure.

WVSI used this time to prepare for emergencies by having prepositioned items such as tarpaulins, mosquito nets, and kits for families ready in case of disaster.

Two Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction projects also began in Temotu and South Malaita. These projects focus on building community capacity to mitigate disasters, like cyclones with storm surges.



Warriors in Makira-Ulawa.
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Impact Snapshot
“We are very happy to learn about the new disaster risk reduction project and how our community will benefit from it. We pledge our support to this project.”
Chief from Maniachi Village

In 2011, World Vision's Temotu team completed its project in the Reef Islands focusing in health education campaigns, training and agricultural activities to improve maternal and child nutrition.

This project was very successful. More than 50 percent of the respondents from the end of project survey said they perceived a reduction in seasonal malnutrition or “hungry time” in the Reef Islands. The three year nutrition project ended in June 2011.

In 2012, our two comprehensive MHCN projects will commence in South Malaita and Makira-Ulawa utilising World Vision International's proven 7-11 methodology to strengthen village health worker networks and access to health services.



Child being weighed ©WVSI.

Impact Snapshot
“My family and I no longer experience hungry time, because our garden has surplus to feed us throughout the year. Thank you World Vision for introducing this new cropping technique, now the soil fertility has improved and we have high crop yields.”

**Nathaniel Nyieune,
 Malubu Village, Reef
 Islands Temotu.**



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene development projects are essential to the health and wellbeing of communities. Many communities in the Solomon Islands lack basic sanitation and/or access to fresh water.

World Vision's Weathercoast Health Project was designed to provide water supply and sanitation facilities to fifteen communities and is aimed at improving practice of healthy water, sanitation and hygiene behavior.

More than 2,000 people now have access to fresh water and sanitation systems in the Weathercoast due to this project. Our WASH team built rain catchment tanks, water systems and toilets and provided hygiene training.



Woman bathing her baby on the Weathercoast. ©WVSI

World Vision Solomon Islands has four community WASH based projects in Weathercoast, Temotu, Malaita and Makira-Ulawa. We also have three AusAID funded school WASH projects operating in Honiara, Makira-Ulawa and Malaita.

Impact Snapshot

“We are thankful for the new water system. It has made a huge difference in the lives of our women and children. We know that it is now our responsibility to look after our system and we look forward to many years of access to fresh water in our community.”

Dami Ghura, Water Committee Chairman for Tiqe.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

Starting education early is an important step to promoting full literacy in the Solomon Islands. The Girl Child Reading and Rescue project in Makira-Ulawa provides a strong model as the provincial-wide early childhood Education rollout.

The project significantly increased access to formal education system in Makira-Ulawa Province. To date, 52 kindergartens have been established and these continue to provide access to basic education for all children aged 3-6 at the rural community level. Another 42 kindergartens have been supported by the government with WVSI support to provide provincial wide coverage for this project in Makira.-Ulawa.

The project is now being rolled out in Temotu Province.

Children in Makira-Ulawa. ©WVSI

World Vision Solomon Islands has two Early Childhood Education projects located in Makira-Ulawa and Temotu Province.

Impact Snapshot

“You see these children? They are engaged, inquisitive and confident. This is the benefit of ECE, our children are bold and keen to learn. They will take this confidence with them when they enter primary school and beyond.”

Crispin Dora, ECE Coordinator for the Ministry of Education for Makira-Ulawa.





ADULT LITERACY

World Vision Solomon Islands is currently operating one literacy project in the country, located in Makira-Ulawa Province.

In Solomon Islands, the 1991 census reported that 35.6 percent of people were illiterate. The gender breakdown reveals a skew towards higher literacy rates amongst men at 30.9, compared to 40.9 percent of women. In the Weathercoast area of Guadalcanal, our assessment, based on a standard test, found that the rate of illiteracy was 85 percent in women. This high illiteracy rate negatively affects the economic, social and cultural development of communities in the Weathercoast area.

The Makira-Ulawa Adult Literacy Project began this year with six pilot communities. Classrooms have been built by communities and courses have begun in these areas. The project is funded by the Japanese Government and World Vision Japan.

Students and trainers in the Weathercoast. ©WVSI

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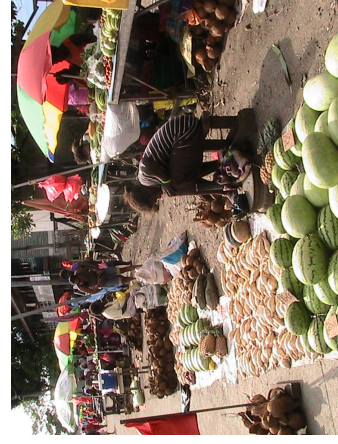
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development became a major focus for World Vision Solomon Islands in 2011.

While the Solomon Islands economy is showing signs of strong growth, more than 87 percent of Solomon Islanders still work in non-formal employment, according to the 2009 Census. This means that there is little economic benefit in this new economy for many Solomon Islanders.

This lack of growth in jobs means that many Solomon Islanders cannot afford household necessities like healthy food, school fees, basic health care, and other household needs.

Our projects aim to assist Solomon Islanders in creating new businesses and community savings programs.



Market in Honiara. © WVSI

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World Vision Solomon Islands has five economic development projects currently operating in Malaita, Makira-Ulawa, Temotu, Weathercoast and Honiara.

Impact Snapshot

“I am happy with this project because I learned how to farm more effectively in Guadalcanal but wasn’t able to continue what I learned here With World Vision, I feel I have the support, motivation and knowledge to grow my business.”

Simon Leinga, Chairman of Ngammanie Community.

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