

**WORLD VISION PACIFIC TIMOR LESTE  
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.”



ECE children from Weathercoast presenting an action song during WW New Zealand team visit to the Area Program. © WWSI

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**“Empowering Communities to Improve the lives of  
Children in Solomon Islands”**



**FY12 FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR WORLD VISION SOLOMON ISLANDS**

AREA PROGRAM	ACTUALS		BUDGET	
	USD	USD	USD	USD
<b>MAKIRA</b> RWSS WASH MAKIRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPM MAKIRA MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH MAKIRA CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT MAKIRA LITERACY & LIVELIHOOD	938,290	1,002,046		
<b>MALAITA</b> RWSS WASH MALAITA COMM EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOODS MALAITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MALAITA MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	791,457	786,982		
<b>TEMOTU</b> TEMOTU ECCD PROJECT TEMOTU COMM SUST LIVELIHOOD TEMOTU MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	663,502	754,462		
<b>HONIARA</b> HONIARA YOUTH PROJECT HONIARA GENDER PROJECT HONIARA URBAN WASH	654,480	616,607		
<b>WEATHER COAST</b> WC COMMUNITY HEALTH WC SCHOOL WASH PROJECT WEATHERCOAST ECCD PROJECT WEATHERCOAST CED PROJECT	776,059	797,724		
<b>NATIONAL PROJECTS</b> SI PREPOSITIONING OF DISASTER ADAPT CHILD PROTECTION IN SI EAST MALAITA & CENTRAL AREA PROGRAM DESIGNS	208,935	237,358		
<b>GIFT-IN-KIND</b>	0	0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,032,723	4,195,179		



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## Message from the Country Program Director



WWSI Country Program Director Dr. Andrew Catford presenting a gift to representatives of San Isidro School, the only deaf and dumb school in the Solomon Islands.

2012 was a good year for World Vision Solomon Islands. Together with the communities, government, civil society organizations and donor partners, we continued to deliver successful development outcomes. This included early childhood education, adult literacy, economic development and employment, community based disaster risk reduction, maternal child health and nutrition, water supply sanitation and hygiene, and gender based violence prevention, to approximately 50,000 children and community members, in some of the most vulnerable parts of the country.

All development projects were identified and designed by the local communities and partners themselves, within the agreed priorities of World Vision's current five long-term Area Program areas. We look forward to the completion of community and partner designs of two additional Area Programs in 2013, with activities starting in these two new areas, East Malaita and Central Islands in October 2013.

We also had the opportunity this year to share successes from these programs with several important visitors. This included the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, our World Vision CEO Tim Costello, the Bishop of Tasmania John Harrower and also Penny Williams, Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls. It is hoped that by seeing first hand the strong work communities in Solomon Islands are doing in partnership with World Vision, these visitors can raise the profile of the challenges facing these communities and also the solutions.



Forehead decorations, Malaita



Turtle shell pendants, Choiseul

## OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communities in the Solomon Islands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNICEF/UNDP</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Governments of Makira, Guadalcanal, Malaita, Western, Central and Temotu</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development Services Exchange (DSE)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kastom Gaden</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Children, Women, Youth and Family Affairs (MCWYFA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Fish</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solomon Islands College of Education (SICHE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solomon Islands Small Business Enterprise Centre (SISBEC)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solomon Islands Credit Union</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy Association of Solomon Islands (LASI)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local &amp; International NGO's</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Environment, Meteorology, and Disaster Management (MEMDM)</li> </ul>	

## OUR DONORS

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

We thank the following donors for their support in 2012:

- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZ MFAT)
- NZAID MFAT - Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)
- Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- AusAID Australian Non-government Cooperation Program (ANCP)
- World Vision Australia (WVA)
- World Vision New Zealand (WVNZ)
- World Vision Japan (WVJ)
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Program
- EU and Asian Donors
- New Zealand trust (donors wish to remain anonymous)
- Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)
- Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD)
- World Vision Support offices

World Vision Solomon Islands utilized its on-the-ground experience with communities in Health, to launch World Vision's Child Health Now campaign in 2012, a campaign that advocates for increased support for health interventions for children under five (5). A group of key government, donor and other partners all signed up to assist World Vision Solomon Islands with this important work following the release of World Vision baseline Health data from Malaita and Makira Province, that confirmed the severity of these issues within Solomon Islands. We look forward to working with these partners to address these issues over the coming years.

World Vision Solomon Islands is also enjoying the benefits of being part of the new World Vision Pacific Timor Leste (PTL) team based in Brisbane that is bringing greater support services, reduced costs and improved collaboration to our Country Offices in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Timor Leste, and also our support offices in Australia and New Zealand. We look forward to the continued benefits this model brings to our country program.

I hope you enjoy this 2012 Annual Review and on behalf of the Senior Management Team of World Vision Solomon Islands, I would like to again thank all donors, government, communities and staff for their continued support in 2012 and we look forward to continuing to improve the lives of children, families and communities in the Solomon Islands in 2013.

Regards,



Dr. Andrew Catford  
Country Program Director  
World Vision Solomon Islands



## Overview of World Vision Solomon Islands

World Vision is a Christian relief development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

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 World Vision Solomon Islands joined the World Vision Pacific Timor Leste (PTL) National Office. This new office has enabled learning, support and cost savings, from partner Country Offices in PNG, Vanuatu and Timor Leste, who along with the Solomon Islands make up this new office that operates from Brisbane, Australia.

Today, World Vision Solomon Islands (WVSI) is one of the largest and most experienced non-government agencies in the country with over 30 years experience in community development work in Solomon Islands (SI).

World Vision Solomon Islands has about 200 staff based in 7 Area Programs, Honiara, Weathercoast, Central, Makira, East Malaita, South Malaita, and Temotu. Currently World Vision is implementing 28 projects in over 100 communities.



In the past WVSI was very active in post tension peace building in the Weathercoast and North Malaita. We established over a hundred local peace committees and completed many reconciliations. However we have phased out of this area of our work now due to relative need. We continue to promote principles of 'do no harm' through our Area Programs and projects.



We endeavor to mainstream looking after those with disabilities in relevant activities i.e. School WASH, ECE, economic development and WVSI staffing.



WVSI launched our first ever National Advocacy campaign in November this year. Child Health Now is a global World Vision initiative to address Maternal and Child Health issues. We also continue to advocate on other issues also such as Gender Base Violence, Child Protection, Hygiene and other pressing issues.



## CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

WVSI also implements a gender project in Honiara Area Program using the Channels of Hope approach. The Channels of Hope methodology utilizes churches as a catalyst for change to reduce Gender Base Violence in five target communities in Honiara.

The project uses a biblical based approach to change attitudes of church leaders and pastors in Honiara. In 2013, a new project on Channels of Hope will begin with the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) to achieve similar change. World Vision Solomon Islands is also a member of the National Gender taskforce group in the Solomon Islands.

WVSI has a comprehensive Child Protection policy which all staff and visitors including consultants are screened and trained on Child Protection. World Vision Solomon Islands is currently designing an approach for better incident reporting and action by Area Programs and providing support on the issues of Child Protection.

In 2012, World Vision has done some initial work researching on the effects of climate change, which is a key aspect affecting disaster risk reduction and economic development projects.

This climate change adaptation work includes inter-grading Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Approaches to address these related issues together in projects in 2013.

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

**HEALTH- MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION :**  
**Goal:** Be a leading NGO in the Solomon Islands for 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 Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (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 in delivering 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.

**Other cross-cutting theme programs that supports the above five strategic priorities include:**



**Gender:** Partnering with Churches and church leaders to reduce gender-based violence in communities.

**Child Protection:** For WVSI to become more strategically engaged with Child Protection issues with Solomon Islands.

**Peace Building:** Promote principles of 'do no harm' through our Area Programs and projects.

**Environment and Climate Change:** WVSI and partners respond to the effects of climate change and other natural disasters in the Solomon Islands.

**Disability:** Assist people living with disabilities through relevant activities i.e. School WASH, ECE, economic development and WVSI staffing



## Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Nutrition

This year (2012) World Vision began its two Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Nutrition projects in South Malaita and Makira-Ulawa Province.

A comprehensive baseline study was carried out earlier this year and the findings were shared with communities as well as some partners and stakeholders. The baseline report revealed key maternal child health issues which the project will now target in the course of its implementation. Most pregnant mothers and children between the ages 0 - 5 years surveyed are more vulnerable to malnutrition, anaemic and underweight. This was found to be due to not eating a proper diet and poor hygiene practises at home.

Mothers in all the target communities are now being encouraged and motivated to acquire relevant knowledge and skills to better understand how to live a healthy life. More men in target communities are identifying themselves alongside their wives as equal players in the family cycle. Target communities have now developed an understanding of the great need for proper nutrition and mother and child care. Currently a step by step nutrition guide is being developed by WWSI which aims to improve child feeding methods and practices. Both Projects are demonstrating good progress.

World Vision Solomon Islands implements two MCH projects in Makira-Ulawa and Malaita Provinces and one Health and Nutrition project in the Weathercoast Area Program.

### Impact Snapshot

*“Many of the women in my village including myself do not eat protein rich food such as fish and shells when we are pregnant because of our cultural Taboos but after listening to awareness message from World Vision MCH team, I am now encouraging pregnant women to eat lots of fish and have extra meal a day.”*

**Kathy,  
Namuga Community**



A child's height is being measured ©WWSI.



## Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response

WWSI has two Community Disaster Risk Reduction projects located in Temotu and South Malaita and one Climate Change Adaptation project in Makira - Ulawa.

The Solomon Islands are extremely susceptible to natural hazards. Over the past decade, several natural disasters have struck the country including cyclones, floods, king tides, droughts, earthquakes, landslides and tsunamis, resulting in destruction of property, livelihoods and loss of life.

2012 was again a quiet year for natural disasters in the Solomon Islands except for minor flooding in Makira and landslide due to earthquake in the Weathercoast.

WWSI has a ten member Country Rapid Response team (CRRT) who are trained to respond to major disasters if the need arise.

WWSI implements two Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction projects in Temotu and South Malaita. These projects focus on building community capacity to mitigate disasters, like cyclones with storm surges and also to the effects of climate change .

### 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**



Weilulu community build stone wall as a mitigation plan. ©WWSI





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development has become a major focus for World Vision Solomon Islands since 2011.

World Vision's Economic Development projects aim to reduce poverty in target communities by increasing the level of household income, financial planning skills and household savings.

In Makira, 14 functioning savings groups were formed which have helped communities to save money in order to meet their child, household, and community needs.

In Malaita, a total of 15 savings groups was established with 3 community savings and lending groups already functioning.

In Temotu the project is focusing on increasing income through formation of producer groups and linking these groups to markets, as well as increasing savings and financial planning in order to increase resilience.

In Honiara the project is working with youths to develop relevant livelihood skills and receive support to generate income and operate sustainable small businesses.



One of the savings group in Makira  
© WVSI

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 and can't express my feelings right now as I never had a chance to save money before since such services were only found in Kirakira, but now I can save because the service is available right at my doorstep."*

**Mathew Taro**  
**Waihaga Community,**  
**Makira .**



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In the Solomon Islands less than four in every five children in rural areas have a toilet at home. Similarly, most schools do not have clean water or toilets. As a result of this, many children miss going to school and miss vital education from regular bouts of diarrhoea.

In 2012, World Vision began implemented a School Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project which has provided water and toilet facilities to schools in Makira, Malaita and Weathercoast. This allows students to use simple improved health practices in their schools and also teach them to their communities.

The construction of these facilities has really helped improve with simple hygiene practices, for example hand washing after using the bathroom and before eating.

Another good practice utilized is World Vision's child-centered approach that encourages child mentors to influence the behaviors of other children and to take the hygiene messages home to their family.

World Vision Solomon Islands has three School WASH projects in Weathercoast, Malaita and Makira Area Program.

### Impact Snapshot

*"I am very happy that World Vision has helped constructed proper water supply and sanitation system for our school. Children are now drinking from the water taps and using the toilets so less time is spent going to the river or bush."*

**Emakavigao,**  
**Wanderer Bay School teacher.**



Student at Wanderer Bay School washing her hands using the new pipe system . ©WVSI



## ADULT LITERACY

Literacy is very important as it empowers adults, youths and children to read, write and count thus enabling them to be active citizens and to have better access to economic activities.

However Solomon Islands has one of the lowest literacy rates in the Pacific (76.6%). Adult Literacy rates are very low, with an estimated 25-40% illiterate population.

World Vision Solomon Islands through its adult literacy projects have been successful in improving not only personal quality of life but the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of communities. Adult literacy courses offer people the opportunity to pick up skills perhaps missed earlier in their education.

Literacy also assists with personal development and economic growth through the utilization of numeracy skills. WVSI often combines literacy projects with economic development projects as it gives community members' important skills to improve their lives and gives them options which enable them to climb out of the cycle of poverty.

World Vision Solomon Islands has two literacy projects implemented in Makira-Area Program and Temotu Area Program.

### Impact Snapshot

*“Literacy is an essential part of life today in the Solomon Islands. Without literacy, people struggle to communicate important information, including both situations at work to family issues.*

*As a nation, we need to prioritize literacy to ensure everyone has a voice in our country.”*

**Bendeict Kausua,  
Ministry of Education, Human  
Resource and Development**

Students and trainers in the Weathercoast. ©WVSI



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

Early Childhood Education (ECE) in Solomon Islands is

a very recent development, compared to primary and secondary education. There is a need for more support to Early Childhood Education in the Solomon Islands, to ensure that the opportunity to access quality early childhood education is available to all children.

World Vision currently implements two ECE projects in Temotu and Weathercoast.

In Temotu, World Vision has established 16 kindergartens that are fully functioning and conducting regular classes for children. The impact is already evident in our beneficiary communities, even though the project is only in its second year of implementation.

In the Weathercoast, the ECE project is only in its first year but already community members are placing more value on the importance of giving their children appropriate education at an early age. The evidence of this value can be seen in the willingness of parents involving themselves constructing learning places for their children as well as creating learning materials for these children.

World Vision Solomon Islands has two Early Childhood Education projects located in Weathercoast and Temotu Area Program.

### Impact Snapshot

*“I am so happy my four year old daughter can now pray and bless the food before we eat.. This indicates change that she is learning new things everyday.”*

**Julie,  
Reef Islands,  
Temotu.**



Children dancing during school closing in Temotu ©WVSI