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OUR GOAL

To achieve sustainable well-being and build brighter futures for 5 million vulnerable children in Bangladesh by tackling the causes and addressing the effects of poverty, inequalities and injustices.

WORLD VISION’S NEW GLOBAL POWER CLAIMS

1. Over the last five years, 89 percent of the severely malnourished children who we treated made full recovery.

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

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

4. Together we have impacted the lives of over 200 million vulnerable children by tackling the root causes of poverty.

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

OUR PROMISE 2030

Bringing brighter futures for vulnerable children.

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

Our 46,000 staff members in nearly 100 countries are committed to working with the world’s most vulnerable people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.
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How We Improved Lives in 2018

Your support helped improve the lives of almost 2 million children.

**Education**
- 22,403 children benefited from education programmes
- 3,920 children age 3-5 reached through community-led early childhood development programmes
- 172 community-led and owned Learning Root Centres operating
- 92% children’s average attendance rate in Learning Root Centres
- 13 Citizen Voice and Action groups formed in schools

**Child Protection & Advocacy**
- 563,699 children engaged
- 65,405 children trained and participated in 1,890 child forums
- 270 feedback and complaints boxes installed at community level, including local government offices
- 244 child protection cases referred and responded to by staff
- 44 children involved in national child forum

**Health, Nutrition, WASH**
- 217,441 children reached
- 175,817 children under age 5 benefited from community-based health programmes
- 114,549 people trained on safety and hygiene practice
- 16,093 pregnant women and mothers referred to quality ante-natal care services
- 11,873 people benefited from household-level sanitation facilities

**Risk Reduction and Management**
- 1,435 children reached
- 213,700 Rohingya refugees assisted through child protection, food security, shelter, nutrition and WASH
- 58,865 people received food security support
- 50,062 flood victims received WASH support

**Livelihoods**
- 25,915 children reached
- 22,243 households benefited from direct economic development interventions

**Child Sponsorship**
- 161,167 sponsored children
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Message from Fred Witteveen, National Director

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our 2018 Annual Report, which highlights the achievements of World Vision Bangladesh and our partners to improve the well-being of children, particularly the most vulnerable.

This year, we again aligned our work with World Vision’s global strategy, Our Promise. In Bangladesh, by 2020 we aim to achieve sustainable well-being and build brighter futures for 5 million vulnerable children by tackling the causes and effects of poverty, inequalities and injustices.

We are well on our way to achieving that ambitious goal. In 2018, World Vision reached almost 2 million children and their families who benefitted from child protection, education, health and nutrition, disaster risk reduction, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene initiatives. Our community-based development work covered 93 sub-districts in 30 districts in Bangladesh.

We continued to emphasize advocacy to influence national policies that affect children and families in the communities where we work. This year we saw the fruit of a three-year initiative to protect child
domestic labourers. Working with the Coalition against Child Labour; the International Labour Organization and other NGOs, we lobbied to increase the legal age for child labour and define “light work.” On 3 September, the government approved the Bangladesh Labour (Amendment) Act. It raised the minimum age for light work from age 12 to 14, invoking fines for employing underage children. Children age 14-18 will only be allowed to do light work. Extensive reforms are still needed to protect children, but this is a positive step.

We also advanced our “It takes me to end physical violence against children - at Home, School and Work place” campaign in line with World Vision’s global advocacy campaign. More than 1.5 million children, parents, community influencers, faith leaders, celebrities and government officials embraced the challenge and the responsibility to protect children.

World Vision also advocated for the 1 million stateless Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh since August 2017. We delivered life-sustaining help to more than 213,000 children, women and men in what is now the world’s largest, most densely populated refugee camp. Responding to this complex, protracted humanitarian crisis tested our compassion and tried our resilience in unprecedented ways. Our ongoing challenge is to develop sustainable solutions that enable refugees to thrive, not just survive, until conditions are conducive for their return to Myanmar.

We are grateful to the international donors representing seven governments who generously funded our pioneering programmes across the country. Our outstanding grant acquisition team set a milestone this year, securing new grants valued at USD39.4 million. These life-changing interventions include region-wide maternal and child nutrition programmes and Ultra-poor Graduation a model that accelerates farmers’ sustainable economic advancement.

These achievements have been possible thanks to the unwavering support of the Government of Bangladesh, including the NGO Affairs Bureau, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Relief and Disaster.

To our many donors, supporters and partners, including UN agencies and fellow NGOs, thank you for your sustained commitment to vulnerable children and their families in Bangladesh. We also recognize our faithful private donors, including people from 14 countries who support our 161,167 sponsored children. Your generosity enables us to deliver on our vision: life in all its fullness for every child.

Thank you for continuing to walk with us in 2019 our 49th year of serving children and their families in Bangladesh.

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World Vision supported 161,167 children in 2018. Our staff worked with their families and communities to monitor, mobilize and support these children.

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

**2018 Major Accomplishments**

- **161,167** sponsored children
- **52,323** child update videos produced
- **18,681** introductory letters sent to sponsors
- **110,846** Annual Progress Reports produced
- **4,356** sponsorship essential services completed by registered children
- **30,301** acknowledgement letters sent
- **126,358** greetings cards mailed
- **5,001** gift notifications processed

**Spiritual Nurture for Children**

- **2,020** parents participated in the Celebrating Families and Spiritual Nurture for Children workshops.
- **1,953** children mobilized to end physical violence against children, led by faith leaders.
- **1,542** children in 71 Learning Root Centres received moral development learning support.
- **360** children completed life-skills based education courses supported by schools, and faith- and- community- based organizations.
- **144** faith leaders (127 male and 17 female) participated in Celebrating Families workshops.
- **143** parents, faith leaders and Community Hope Action Team members active in peer-to-peer support.
- **66** facilitators and supervisors trained and oriented on Celebrating Families and Channels of Hope programmes.
From Shepherd Boy to Supreme Court Lawyer: Sponsorship Makes a Difference

As a boy growing up in Gosaipur, an isolated village in northeastern Bangladesh, Rakesh Rema herded neighbours’ cattle to help support his poor family. Today, a long way from his childhood cow pastures Rakesh is a renowned lawyer in Dhaka serving with the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

Rakesh, 38, credits his academic success to the support he received as a World Vision sponsored child. “If World Vision had not stood by me, I would have lost all hope of studying,” says Rakesh, an accomplished legal advisor to several major companies and member of the Supreme Court Bar Council.

Rakesh’s parents could not afford to send him to primary school. His father was an agricultural day-labourer who earned little; his mother cared for the family’s seven children at home. Rakesh’s aunt provided her nephew with two meals a day and contributed what she could to his school fees. Despite being a student, Rakesh could only dream of getting a higher education.

In 1986, World Vision began working with vulnerable families in Gosaipur: Enrolled in the child sponsorship programme, Rakesh received assistance that enabled him to attend secondary school and continue to university.

Rakesh graduated in 2002 from the University of Dhaka with a Bachelor’s degree in Law, followed by a Master’s degree in 2004.

“World Vision not only supported my academic life, but also helped make me a man,” reflects Rakesh. Now married with two sons, he also supports his younger siblings back in Gosaipur with their tuition fees. “The things I learned through World Vision will help me throughout my life. I wish you my heartfelt thanks and gratitude, and I hope World Vision will continue to support poor and needy people in Bangladesh for years to come.”
EDUCATION
Developing Children’s Love of Reading

Children comprise 40 percent of Bangladesh’s 161 million people. According to UNICEF, some 600,000 children are out of school; 5.6 percent of these are primary school-age children. The situation is particularly concerning for girls. Almost 10 percent of all girls never enroll in school; 34 percent drop out.

We encourage Bangladeshi parents to enroll their children in school, including their daughters, and help ensure they receive quality education that keeps children in the classroom.

Once in school, children don’t always get the top-quality education they deserve. Poor reading skills among primary students, both boys and girls, is a widespread problem. A recent World Vision study revealed that 54 percent of Grade 3 students do not understand what they are reading; about 33 percent cannot read five words in 30 seconds. Learning to read in the first years of primary school is critical.

Literacy unlocks human potential and is the cornerstone of development. World Vision is helping children develop a love for reading. Our Unlock Literacy Programme assesses children’s reading levels and builds teachers’ skills. Parents and communities are mobilized to support after-school reading camps where children have fun while learning.

In 2018, World Vision assessed the reading skills of 1,321 Grade 3 children in 51 government primary schools located in 11 areas where we work. We also trained 169 facilitators in 121 reading camps to help children improve their reading.

Unlock Literacy Programme

271 community facilitators and volunteers trained in early childhood care and development

139 community members trained in innovative teaching and learning methods

83 local education institutions received in-class supervision of teaching methodology and skills
Setting Children up for Success

In Bangladesh, only 20 percent of all children age 3 to 5 attend any kind of pre-school. Children often struggle to adjust when they begin primary school and many drop out before reaching secondary school.

A child’s early years are a window of opportunity to support the emergence of literacy, numeracy and life skills that are foundational to a lifetime of learning and fulfilment. However, they need support to develop physically, cognitively, emotionally and socially to enable them to break the intergenerational poverty cycle in their homes and communities.

At World Vision’s Learning Roots Centres, our early childhood care programme meets the development and learning needs of children age 3 to 5. It prepares them to transition successfully to primary school, putting them on the path toward life-long learning.

Almost 4,000 children are enrolled in 196 Learning Roots Centres across Bangladesh that are now community-owned and operated following World Vision’s initial support. In 2018, the average annual attendance rate of children attending our centres was 92 percent.

Ibrahim received the special support he needed at World Vision’s Learning Root Centre in 2018

A Blessing for Ibrahim

Like many only children, five-year-old Ibrahim is the centre of his parents’ world. He and his twin brother were born premature at 29 weeks; tragically Ibrahim alone survived. As Ibrahim grew, his doting mother, Sanjida, 30, noticed developmental delays in her son’s speech. Sanjida and her husband, Hasan Farhad, searched in vain for an effective therapy programme for Ibrahim.

A doctor suggested that the couple enroll him in a pre-school where he would benefit from interaction with other children. Unable to find a suitable one in Dhaka, Sanjida and Hasan moved back to their rural village in Shriobodi to be closer to their family for support. To their delight, they soon heard about World Vision’s Learning Roots Centre in their community that offers an early childhood development programme.

“We were so happy that we were able to get Ibrahim admitted to the World Vision pre-school,” says Sanjida.

Ibrahim made remarkable progress in a few short months. “When Ibrahim arrived at the centre, he could not speak and I couldn’t understand anything he tried to say,” shares Farhana, 29, a facilitator at the pre-school. “Now he speaks clearly and participates fully in the class. He can be a bit aggressive with the other children, so I spend more time with him to help him.”

Sanjida is proud of her son’s progress. “It is really magic and a blessing of God,” she says. “Ibrahim is now leading a normal life like other children in the community. He listens to others and speaks fluently. He attends the centre regularly and is very attentive in class. Thank you, World Vision and your sponsors, for your support and commitment to vulnerable children like my son.”
CHILD PROTECTION
Protecting Children from Harm

Millions of children in Bangladesh are vulnerable to violence, child labour, child marriage and trafficking. World Vision works closely with communities to protect children from all forms of abuse and exploitation.

2018 Major Accomplishments

- Trained staff members on child protection and advocacy to strengthen child protection systems at community level.
- Conducted a national dialogue with high-level government officials and leading journalists to promote ending gender-based violence against girls in Bangladesh.
- Led the “Joining Forces for SDGs” platform to produce the first national child rights situation analysis report on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Convention on the Rights of Children.
- 12,909 community members reached through awareness raising sessions on access to child protection information.
- 407 primary and secondary schools engaged, declaring themselves as corporal punishment-free schools.
Mohammed Shariful Islam is a changed man and a change maker. As the imam of Krishnopur South Jameh Mosque in Rangpur, he is encouraging his followers to reconsider the practice of child marriage.

According to UNICEF, Bangladesh has the fourth highest prevalence of child marriage in the world and the second highest number of child brides: 4,451,000. Although it is illegal for children under age 18 to marry in Bangladesh, the practice continues, especially in rural areas.

Imam Islam knows first-hand that even strongly-held attitudes can change. In February 2018, he attended a seminar for faith leaders on child development and well-being organized by World Vision. “I came to know a lot about child marriage and its bad effects,” says Imam Islam, who began advocating to stop the age-old practice.

Faith leaders, who are highly trusted and respected, play a vital role in influencing people’s norms, behaviours and socio-cultural practices.

“I even talked about it in the market place. To stop child marriage, I will go anywhere. I will grab every opportunity to talk against it.” He also conducted yard meetings with mothers to discuss child marriage.

Following the World Vision workshop, imam Islam began working with other community leaders and the local police to stop illegal marriages of children under age 18, according to Bangladeshi law.

“As an imam, I have not registered any child marriages myself. I stopped two marriages on the spot recently,” he says proudly. “Both girls are continuing school now.”
“It takes me to end violence against children - at Home, School and Work place” campaign

World Vision’s ambitious five-year campaign to end violence, with particular focus on physical violence against children, has already triggered positive change in the attitudes and behaviors of many people across Bangladesh, including faith leaders who completed our training courses. They are now working toward the introduction of a civil status document that would attest to a girl’s age that faith leaders would require before officiating the marriage.

2018 Major Accomplishments

1,596,065 people sensitized about helping to end physical violence against children and to promote assistance for children’s protection

70,000 children equipped to deliver messages on ending physical violence against children and on the Sustainable Development Goals

65,405 child forum members engaged

31,000 faith leaders engaged in the campaign, declaring their support for child protection

25,000 people sensitized through our Divisional Child Protection Network on child protection and child rights

1,890 child forums held

44 children involved in national child forum

31 celebrities pledged their support and solidarity to end physical violence against children
Citizen Voice and Action

Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) is an advocacy approach that helps citizens engage directly with government service providers to improve the quality of community services, such as health care or education. CVA trains and equips communities with simple tools so they can have non-confrontational dialogues with their government officials, and agree on ways to improve services.

2018 Major Accomplishments

- **3,077** ethnic people (including widows, elderly and disabled) are receiving allowances from nine local social safety net programmes.
- **2,916** reporting and referral mechanisms now in place in schools and health clinics.
- **2,334** community members engaged in a CVA community gathering.
- **1,788** village development committees and **160** urban development committees formed to address protection issues.
- **1,948** community development committees formed; **27,000** leaders.
- **1,803** child-centered community development plans developed.
HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WASH
Improving Maternal and Child Nutrition

The prevalence of acute malnutrition in Bangladesh has steadily declined by 1-2 percent each year. According to the Global Hunger Index 2018, the incidence of child stunting still remains significantly high (36 percent). World Vision is addressing maternal and child health in 35 Area Programmes in 26 sub-districts within 14 districts in remote areas of Bangladesh.

Over the last five years, 89 percent of the severely malnourished children who we treated made full recovery.

2018 Major Accomplishments

114,549 people trained on safety and hygiene behaviour

21,587 beneficiaries benefit from micro-nutrient supplement support

20,351 mothers (lactating or pregnant) have healthy diets, including vegetables

18,174 children have access to affordable, nutritious food

16,479 waste bins provided for proper waste management

7,710 children under age 5 benefit from nutrition programme rehabilitation support. 57 community clinics functioning

99 WASH committees formed

79 waste-management committees functioning

20 health committees functioning in urban areas
Safe Water for Everyone in Our Lifetime

Every year, diarrhea kills around 525,000 children under the age of 5 globally, according to World Vision. Every day in Bangladesh, nearly 1,000 children under age 5 die from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation and improper hygiene, according to a recent government study.

World Vision believes that the global water and sanitation crisis can be solved within our lifetime. That’s why we’re focused on providing clean water and sanitation to at least one man, woman and child in every community where we work every 10 seconds. We are also serving the most vulnerable populations in the hardest-to-reach places with food assistance and livelihood support.
Breaking the Poverty Cycle: Ultra-poor Graduation

Around the world, extreme poverty has a devastating impact on children’s development. Today, 900 million working people are unable to escape poverty.

World Vision aims to break this cycle of inter-generational poverty by 2030 so that the most vulnerable children and their families can reach their full potential.

In 2018, we made significant progress toward that goal: 57,432 beneficiaries in 46 projects across 21 districts received the tools they need to overcome poverty. They can now better provide for their children’s health, education, nutrition and general well-being.

We helped accomplish this by integrating the Ultra-poor Graduation model into our long-term development strategy. Smallholder farmers in the programme benefit from village savings promotion, integration into the local value chain, agricultural commercialization, income-generating activities, entrepreneurial training and access to credit input support and opportunities.

2018 Major Accomplishments

- 13,110 ultra-poor individuals began economic activities with the agricultural and non-farm assets they received
- 12,532 trained farmers properly applied improved, sustainable agricultural techniques and non-farm technical/vocational skills
- 11,349 people planted home gardens with seeds they received, reducing their food bills by BDT405 (USD5) per month on average
- 9,450 people began to accumulate capital
- 6,304 people gained access to institutional credit for agriculture, and small-scale livestock and handicraft production
- 4,599 producers trained on business and entrepreneurial skills
- 3,554 producers applied new knowledge and skills in their businesses/enterprises
- 1,722 people trained on non-farm technical and vocational skills
- 1,452 producers (entrepreneurs) received services, including technical assistance, training, finance and/or inputs
- 1,153 youth completed technical and vocational skills training
- 455 youth accessed internships or job placements
- 109 new business relationships established with buyers and other market actors
Minara Begum used to find earthworms disgusting to touch. She never dreamed that vermi-composting would be the pathway out of poverty for her and 50 fellow women entrepreneurs in Natuapara, her village in Bangladesh’s southwestern Fulbaria district.

“Vermi-composting has ended my poverty,” says Minara, 39, a mother of five children. She sells about 100 kgs of compost per month, earning between BDT 800-1,000 (USD 9-11).

Minara and her neighbours all come from economically poor families with minimum land holdings. They once depended on their husbands, who earn about BDT 90-100 (USD 1.00) as casual day labourers.

Several years ago, World Vision introduced the women to a local value-chain development group in their village that was producing and profiting from vermin-compost. The entrepreneurs received training on vermi-composting and homestead gardening, as well as on-going business support and guidance from World Vision’s Fulbria Area Programme.

Each week, Minara and her fellow composters sell bags of packed compost in the nearby market. Sometimes buyers come to their village to collect it. The women also sell their products to the Bangladesh Agricultural University and use the profits to pay for their children’s educational expenses and family medical emergencies.

Minara grows nutritious vegetables for her children and compost, while producing even more compost for sale.

“My family is happy that life has changed for good,” says Minara. “Now we can have three meals a day, and I can meet my children’s educational expenses.”
GRANT ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT
Major Grant Projects Acquired in 2018 (Above 1.3 Million USD)

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<td>Improve the nutritional status of children and mothers in vulnerable areas of Jamalpur and Sherpur districts.</td>
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FY18 Funding Portfolios

- Development Grants: 87%
- Non Sponsorship Funding: 13%

New Grant Portfolio by Sector

- Health and Nutrition: 41%
- Livelihood and DRR: 23%
- NFI/Shelter: 17%
- WASH: 9%
- Protection and Education: 10%
Establishing Vulnerable People's Rights and Access to Social Safety Net Programmes (EVPRA)

Funded by the EU in January 2016, EVPRA has reached 278,668 poor and vulnerable people, including ethnic minority groups, the elderly, the disabled, widowed and destitute women, poor lactating mothers and school children through creating increased access to social safety net programmes. EVPRA has also activated 100 community-based organizations led by people from ethnic minorities to establish good governance in Joypurhat and Dinajpur districts. They are ensuring that ethnic minorities are represented on government selection committees at union parishad level. EVPRA continues until December 2019.

Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health (ENRICH)

Global Affairs Canada funded ENRICH in March 2016. Since its inception, ENRICH has reached 263,634 pregnant and lactating women; 26,398 children under age 5; 72,659 farmers; 287,079 women of child-bearing age and 23,544 adolescent girls. Some 205 health facilities were opened. Logistics and capacity-building support has encouraged farmers to grow high zinc rice variety for their family consumption and surplus to sell. ENRICH is helping reduce maternal and child mortality in Thakurgaon district, and will continue till March 2021.

Nutrition Sensitive Value Chains for Smallholder Farmers (NSVC)

In July 2017, DFAT ANCP funded NSVC, which has reached 20,000 marginal farmers by promoting nutrition-sensitive value chains combined with increasing income, consumption of nutritious food, improving gender-equitable relations through the MenCare approach, and engaging private and government sectors. NSVC ends in June 2022.
2018 Major Accomplishments

- 256,942 youth engaged.
- 182,000 households involved, a 68% increase from 2017 (108,153 households).
- 41,787 children under age 2.
- 40,654 adolescents reached.
- 622 village development committees functioning.

Mobilize and Equip Citizens through Citizen Voice and Action

- 4,382 project participants undertook 390 citizen services.
- 3,216 couples mobilized and sensitized in male engagement.
- USD 17,000 donated by community for land and construction of health clinics.

Ultra-poor Graduation Programme

- 34% ultra-poor women graduated.
- 100% of households have a minimum of two sources of income.
- 42% average monthly household income increase (from USD38 to USD54).

Women and Children Development Committees

- 134 cases of child marriage prevented.
- 43 women and child development committees functioning.

Village Savings and Loan Association

- 650 groups.
- 13,754 ultra-poor people graduated.
- USD 135,803 total savings.
- 17,510 pregnant and lactating women received USD27 per month in cash-transfer assistance.
- 119 community clinics capacitated.
- 9 private sector partnerships established.

WASH

- 270,624 participants graduated through integrated social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) outreach coverage.
- 49,169 obtained access to clean drinking water.
- 39,223 participants gained access to safe sanitation services.
361 water management committees (WMC) established with 4,095 members, of which 42% (1,723) are female.

**Maternal and Child Health**

46,027 children under age 5 reached through Growth Monitoring and Promotion programme.

38,653 pregnant and lactating women reached through demonstration sessions.

19,507 lactating women and 8,313 gatekeepers received Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action messages.

19,279 pregnant and lactating women received monthly conditional cash transfers of BDT 2,200 (USD26) for 15 months.

9,667 courtyard education sessions for women and villagers on better maternal and child healthcare held.

**Gender**

26,301 participants graduated from six-month entrepreneurial literacy training course.

11,173 participants empowered through life skills-based education (LSBE) in 142 secondary schools.

7,692 adolescents completed LSBE modules.

2,666 youths capacitated to support union-level disaster management committees.
Flood Relief in Haor Districts

In 2018, flash floods devastated in northeast Bangladesh in nearly all unions under the six Haor districts and affected about one-third of the households in these communities.

Flooding destroyed the Boro rice crop entirely. Affected families suffered due to loss of aquaculture, livestock and poultry. District administration data reported that around 300,000 families were extremely affected by the floods.

World Vision responded immediately with lifesaving aid and long-term recovery help. Our disaster emergency response activity focused on strengthening community resilience and improving livelihoods to prepare people for future disasters.

### 2018 Major Accomplishments

- **58,865** people received food security support
- **10,000** trees planted for river-bank protection
- **930** families with disabled people or pregnant and lactating women received cash-based benefits
- **4,300** households received cash through mobile money transfer
- **68** vulnerable households (340 people) supported through Last Mile Mobile Service and BKash Ready
- **16** demonstration plots provided for farmers
- **50,062** people received community-based WASH support
- **15,000** people benefited from improved WASH facilities
- **9,300** households received hygiene kits
- **372** adolescents received hygiene education
- **26** deep-tube wells installed
Asia Cash Preparedness Learning Lab (ACPLL)-Phase 4

World Vision Bangladesh has successfully completed the ACPLL, Phase 4 in 2018. This capacity development initiative, financed by World Vision’s South Asia Pacific Region equips officials, stakeholders and community members to perform more effectively during a crisis or disaster. One of the goals is to have 50 percent of our assistance be cash-based programmes in emergencies by 2020. Some 100 staff members learned how to facilitate cash-based response.
Response Achievements

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920,000 people

We are advocating for the protection and rights of all refugees, including their voluntary, safe and dignified repatriation to Myanmar in FY’18.
Community Kitchens Help Free Refugee Children from Firewood Collecting

Ummah, 8, is happy that she no longer has to spend her days collecting firewood, thanks to the new World Vision community kitchen that recently opened near her house.

“It’s a long way. We walked at least three hours to reach the forest where we collected firewood,” says Ummah. “Sometimes thorns jabbed our hands and feet. After gathering the firewood, we carried the loads back. By the time we reached home, our bodies ached.”

Ummah is one of thousands of Rohingya girls and boys who must collect firewood daily so their families can cook. Their parents worry about them going to the forest because it is far and it’s risky for children. But it’s the only option they have, as they have no money to purchase firewood or other sources of fuel.

According to a recent report, the Rohingya refugees daily remove 700 metric tons of wood from local forests—the equivalent of about four football fields of trees. This is a point of escalating conflict between refugees and neighbouring landowners.

To address this growing environmental problem, World Vision constructed 42 community kitchens in seven camps. Each kitchen is equipped with five two-burner stoves fuelled by propane gas. Around 12-13 women prepare food during one of two shifts, with up to 1,100 families using the kitchens daily.

Ummah’s mother, Rahima, 25, cooks daily meals for her five children at one of the community kitchens. Ummah is happy to be freed from collecting firewood. “Now I don’t need to suffer because of collecting firewood. We can cook here in the kitchen.”
FY18 Financial Summary

Objectives | Annual Expenditure | Annual Budget
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Improve health and nutrition status of mothers and children | 23,958,262.75 | 24,345,124.00
Improve access to and quality of education | 2,425,834.57 | 2,662,973.00
Ensure children are protected and cared for | 11,144,177.89 | 11,231,482.00
Increased community resilience | 33,660,340.64 | 35,684,421.00
Ensure/Pursue quality improvement | 928,912.49 | 980,783.00
Increase level of strategic partnering, collaboration and networking | 144,988.36 | 138,057.00
Position World Vision Bangladesh as trusted/credible child focused development partner in Bangladesh | 105,608.52 | 104,008.00
Increase and diversify resources through non-sponsorship funding | 109,178.34 | 118,147.00
Investing in talent acquisition | 367,266.45 | 360,800.00
Enabling accountability and integrity | 459,590.15 | 473,803.00
Enabling learning and development | 28,995.68 | 41,441.00
Total | 73,333,155.84 | 76,141,039.00
AUDIT REPORT

We have reviewed the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position of “World Vision Bangladesh” as at 30 September, 2019 and Consolidated Statements of Income and Expenditure and Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended on that date and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management’s responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Consolidated statements in accordance with Bangladesh Accounting Standards (BASs). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and operating internal controls designed to prepare and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in circumstances.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Consolidated statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing (Mata). These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Consolidated statements are free from material misstatement.

The audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the preparation of the Consolidated statements that is designed to detect or prevent material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error. Auditors also evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and make and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as part of the audit.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Consolidated Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Consolidated Financial Position of “World Vision Bangladesh” as at 30 September, 2019 and the Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year then ended in accordance with Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards.

We also report that:

(a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief are necessary for the purpose of our audit and made the representations above.

(b) The books of accounts as required under the rules and other applicable laws have been kept for the Organization for the period of which the audit was made and are true and correct in every material respect.

(c) In our opinion, the financial statements dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

Ashraful Haque Nabi & Co.
Chartered Accountants

28th May, 2019
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The above figures have been derived from the financial records of the company and have been audited by us. The annexures 5 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Signed by name of our firm on date of our audit.

Date: 1 March 2019

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Audit Report
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