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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. WorldVision 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.

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.

OUR PROMISE 2030

Bringing brighter futures for vulnerable children.



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How We Improved Lives in 2018

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



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



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



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



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



25,915
children reached

22,243

households benefited from direct economic development interventions

161,167

sponsored children



Where We Work

- ★ Area Programme
- Area Programme Cluster

Project Name	Funded by	icon
Nobo Jatra	USAID	
Establishing Vulnerable Peoples' Rights and Access to Social Safety Net Programmes (EVPRA)	EU	
Urban Slum Fire Readiness Project	Google through Tides	
Nutrition Sensitive Value Chains for Smallholder Farmers	DFAT, Australia	
Community-based WASH Improvement Project	MOFA, Japan	
Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health in Africa and Asia (ENRICH)	GAC	
Takeda Healthy Village	Takeda Pharmaceuticals	
Jiboner Jannaya	WV USA	
Reducing Child Labour Project	WV Hong Kong	
Integrated Health & Livelihood Development Programme for Poverty Reduction (InHeLDeR)	WV Hong Kong	
Bangladesh Rajshahi Maternal & Child Nutrition Project (BDRMCN)	KOICA	
Bangladesh Initiative to Enhance Nutrition Security and Governance (BeNGS)	EU	
SHOMOTA-Strengthening Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in WASH in Bangladesh	DFAT, Australia	
Gender Inclusive Pathways out of Poverty for Vulnerable Households (G-POP)	DFAT, Australia	
Naba Pratyasha Project (Faith and Development)	WV USA	
Faith-Led Child Development Project	WVI Board	
Smallholders Agriculture and Livelihood Development Project	WV Hong Kong	





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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SPONSORSHIP



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.

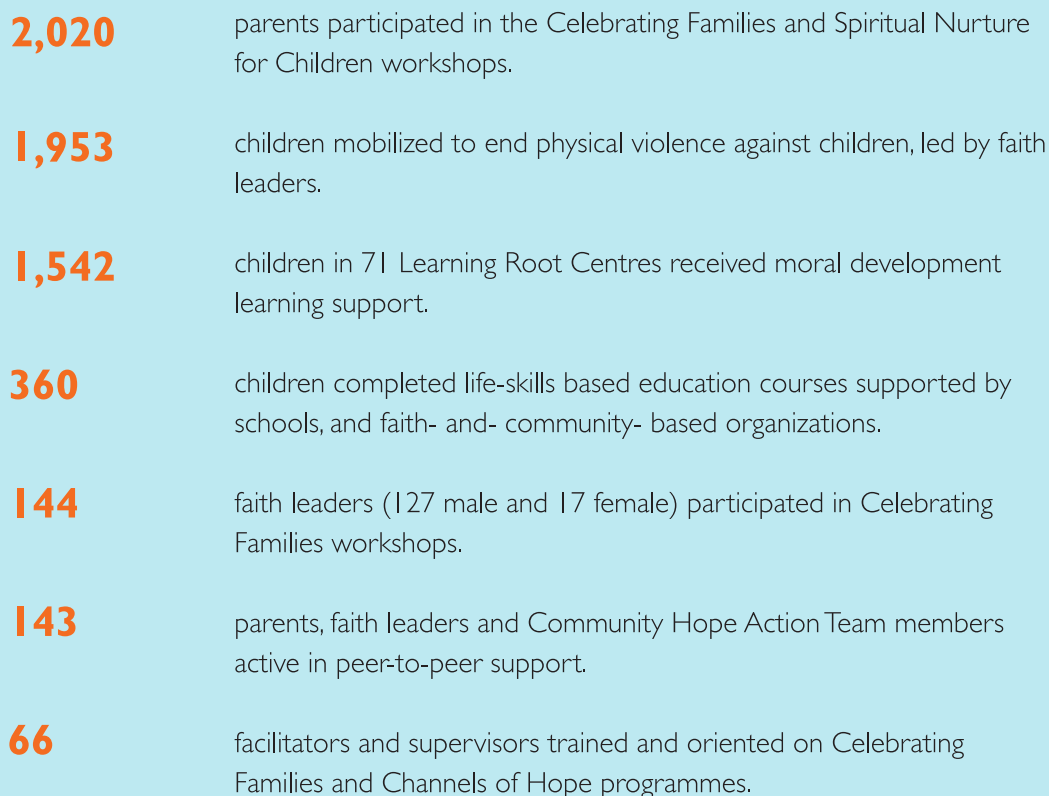
2018 Major Accomplishments



World Vision encourages children to enjoy positive relationships with their peers, families and communities. We teach them to value and care for others and their environment. We nurture their hope and vision for the future.

World Vision works with Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Muslim faith leaders in Bangladesh. Together, we support parents to raise their children with love and tenderness. Only by modeling genuine equality and mutual respect together can we bear credible witness to a God who loves all equally.

Spiritual Nurture for Children



Rakesh Rema was able to attend university
with help from World Vision



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 Shribordi 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.



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.

2018 Major Accomplishments

A photograph showing Imam Mohammed Shariful Islam, a man in a white turban and a dark vest over a light-colored shirt, standing and speaking to a group of women. The women are seated on the ground, wearing colorful headscarves in shades of blue, orange, and red. They are in an outdoor setting with a thatched-roof structure in the background. The text 'Imam Mohammed Shariful Islam advocates against child marriage' is overlaid in the top left corner of the image.

Imam Mohammed Shariful Islam
advocates against child marriage

Leading Imam Encourages Followers to “Say No to Child Marriage.”

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

Students taking part in the cycle rally in the observance of “Bride Not Before 18” campaign to protest child marriage in Khulna in 2018



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.



LIVELIHOODS



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 practices vermi-composting following training by World Vision



Rural Women Entrepreneurs Worm Their Way Out of Poverty

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 Fulbaria 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



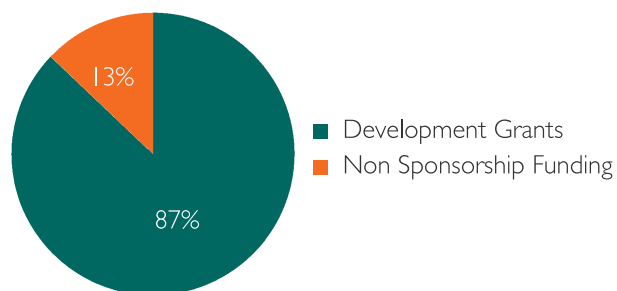
Expanding Partnerships, Diversifying Our Donor Base

In 2018, World Vision expanded its wide range of partnerships and diversified our donor base, successfully securing about total USD39.4 million in grants. We received broad support from institutional donors (including bilateral and multilateral), the United Nations, as well as governmental and international organizations. We also engaged the private sector, including corporations and foundations, non-governmental organizations and individuals.

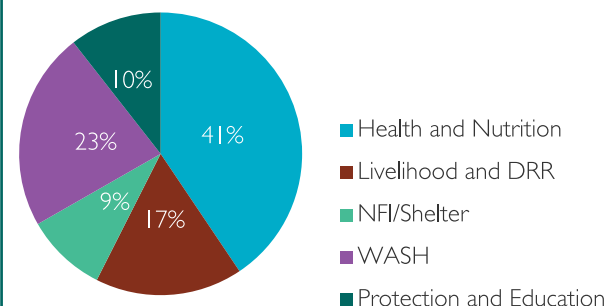
Major Grant Projects Acquired in 2018 (Above 1.3 Million USD)

Project Name	Purpose	Donor	Grant	Partners
Strengthening Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in WASH in Bangladesh (SHOMOTA)	Improve gender and disability inclusive WASH facilities in schools and communities, benefitting approx. 36,610 people.	DFAT (Water for Women)	USD 2.8 million	CBM International, Care International, Unilever, BBC Media Action
Bangladesh Initiatives to Enhance Nutrition Security and Governance (BlENGs)	Improve the nutritional status of children and mothers in vulnerable areas of Jamalpur and Sherpur districts.	European Union	USD 11.9 million	Harvest Plus, Unnayan Sangha (implementing partner), Institute of Development Studies
Gender Inclusive Pathways Out of Poverty for Vulnerable Households in Cox's Bazar Project	Improve resilience and well-being of ultra-poor households in selected sub-districts in Cox's Bazar.	DFAT-ANCP	USD 4.4 million	Bangladesh German Sampritee and Resource Integration Center
Bangladesh Rajshahi Division Maternal and Child Nutrition Project	Support health and nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children under age 5.	KOICA	USD 1.7 million	
Bangladesh Refugee Crisis Protection Project II (ADH II)	Provide life-saving needs and livelihood opportunities for refugees and host communities in Cox's Bazar.	ADH	USD 1.3 million	
Total			USD 22.1 Million	

FY18 Funding Portfolios



New Grant Portfolio by Sector





Major Grant Programme Interventions in 2018

Establishing Vulnerable People's Rights and Access to Social Safety Net Programmes (EVPR)

Funded by the EU in January 2016, EVPR 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. EVPR 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. EVPR 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.

Development Food Aid Programme- Nobo Jatra Project

World Vision leads this innovative five-year USAID Food for Peace Title II Development Food Security Activity together with the World Food Programme and Winrock International. It aims to reach 856,116 participants, including pregnant and lactating women, children under age 2, youths, adolescents and men in communities.

The project contributes to the Government of Bangladesh's effort to improve gender-equitable food security, nutrition and resilience in four sub-districts in Khulna and Sathkhira, two low-lying coastal districts in the southwest Bangladesh that are highly vulnerable to periodic natural disasters of climate change.

The higher vulnerability of coastal households stems from poor access to health facilities, a weaker social network, as well as risks from natural disasters and climate variability. This project is conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), with funding assistance from USAID.

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.





HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE BUILDING



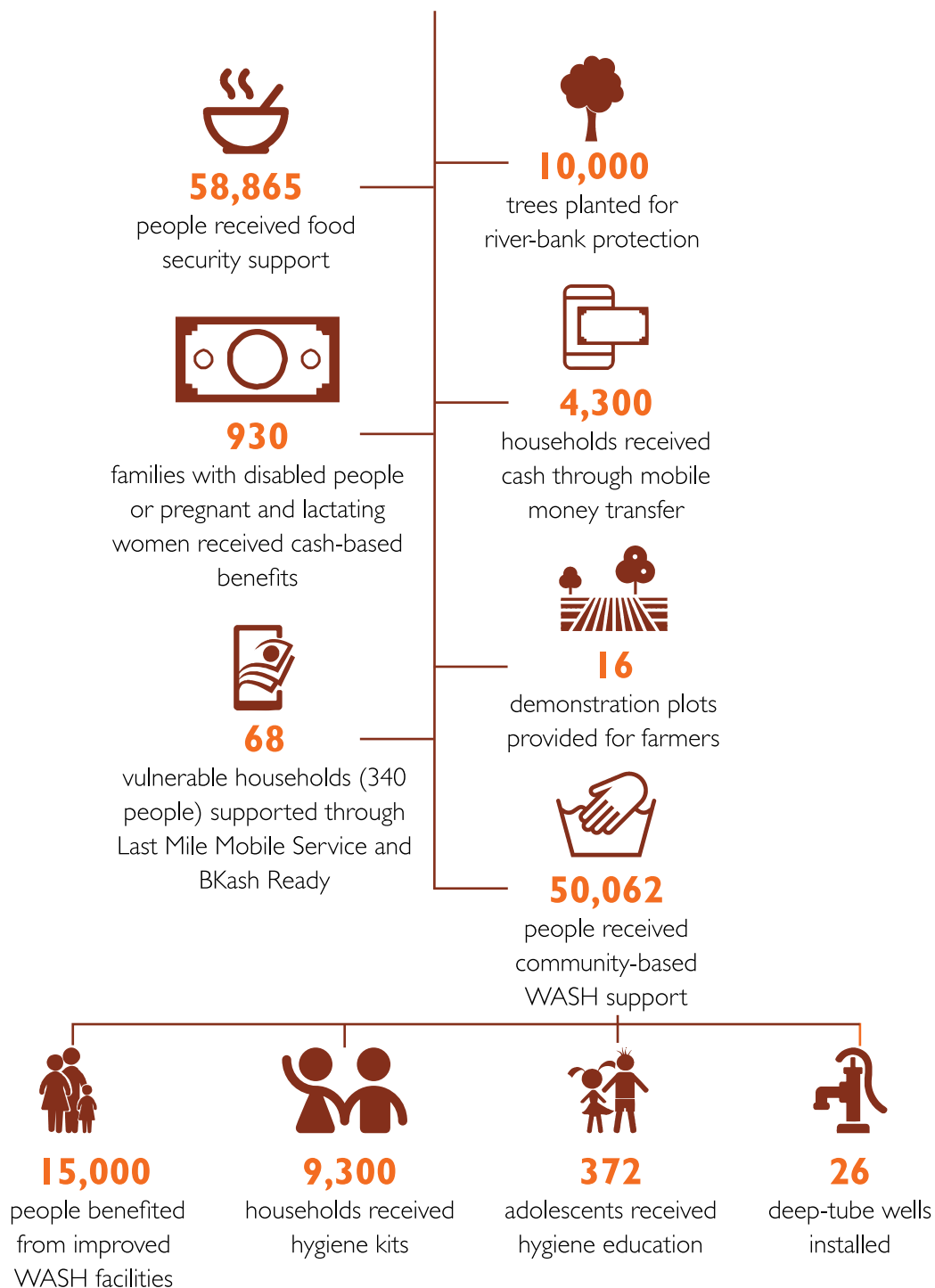
Flood Relief in Haor Districts

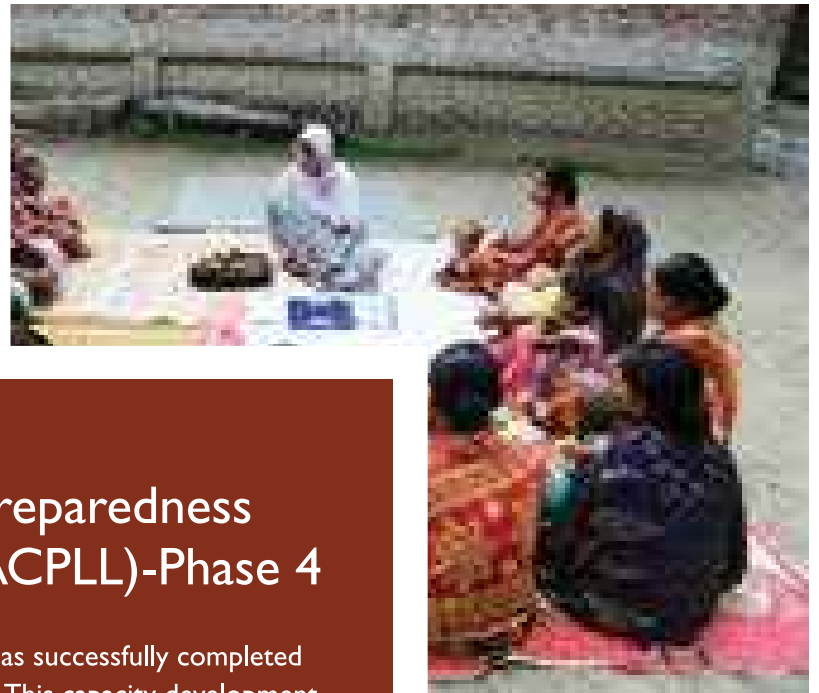
In 2018, flash floods devastated in northeast Bangladesh in nearly all unions under the six Haor districts and affected about one-third of the households in these communities.

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





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.



World Vision Refugee Crisis Response

More than 700,000 people fled violence, persecution and mass human rights violations in Myanmar in August 2017. The speed and the volume of the influx created an unprecedented protection crisis. Today, almost 1 million Rohingya still languish in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. More than half of them are women and children.

World Vision is caring for Rohingya children and their families living in 23 refugee camps and neighbouring host communities. We provide principled, timely protection and assistance that saves lives, alleviates suffering and respects the dignity of people, especially children.

Our priority is to protect refugees, while advocating for their human rights. With the help of our donors and supporters, in 2018 we served almost 265,000 refugees through food distribution, malnutrition-prevention programmes, providing water and sanitation systems, child protection and more.

Response Achievements



264,881

people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance to date



158,000

people reached with clean water and sanitation facilities



150,000

people received essential items (hygiene kits, cooking equipment, baby supplies, feminine hygiene products)



44,280

people reached with upgraded shelter kits



30,535

children and mothers receiving nutrition support



22,500

people benefited from cash-for-work activities



1,720

children each week benefit from protection activities

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



Rahima (centre) prepares a meal for Ummah

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.”

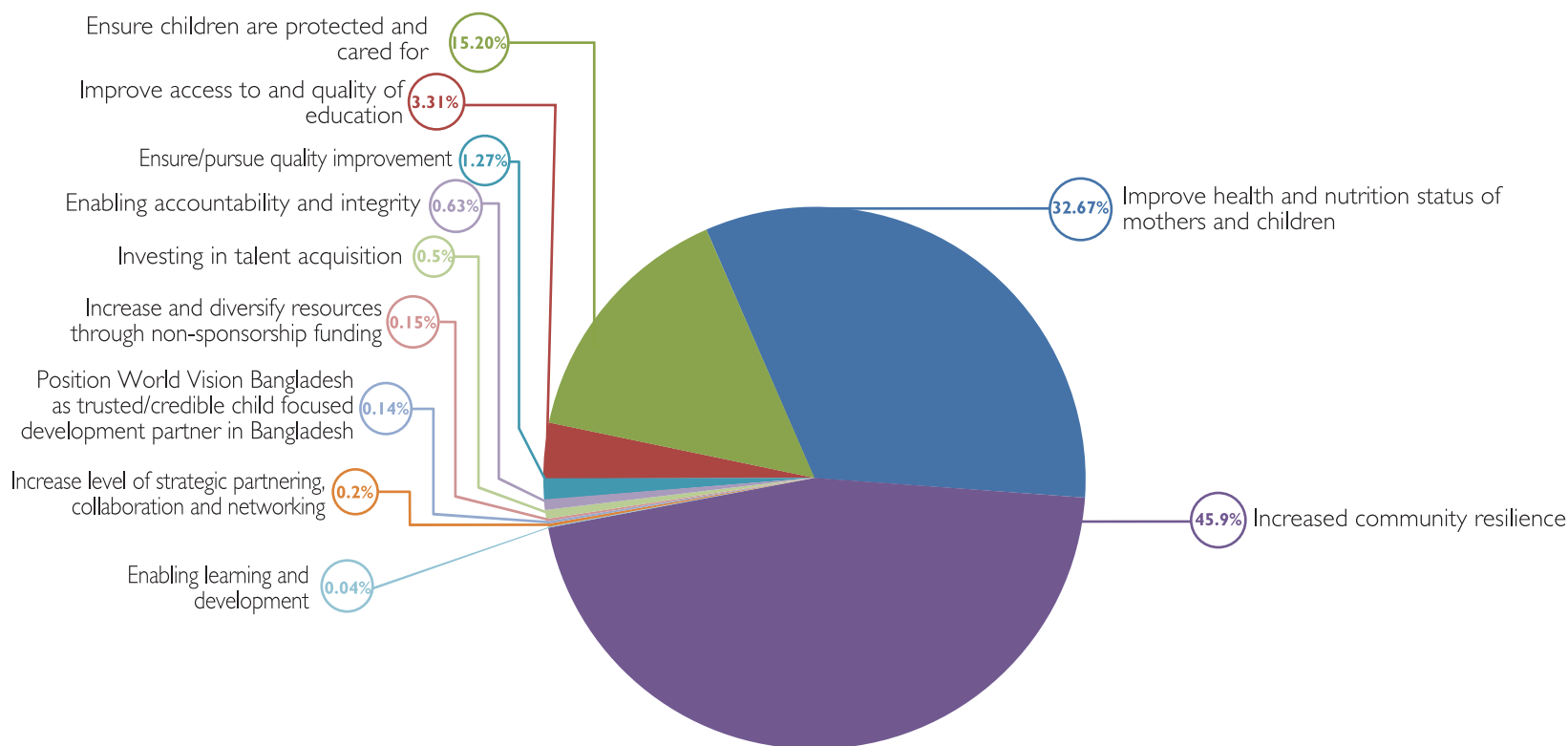
Ummah is one of thousands of Rohingya girls and boys who must collect firewood daily so their families can cook. Their parents worry about them going to the forest because it is far and it’s risky for children. But it’s the only option they have, as they have no money to purchase firewood or other sources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

FY 18 Financial Summary



Objectives	Annual Expenditure	Annual Budget
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

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Chartered Accountants

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of "Ward Value Bangladesh" as at 30 November, 2018 and Consolidated Statement 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 financial statements in accordance with Bangladesh Accounting Standards (BASs). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial accounts that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, including 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 financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing (BSAs). These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

As well as other auditing 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 misstatements in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making these risk assessments the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial accounts in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing and opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial accounts.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Consolidated Financial Statements shown here, in all material aspects, are true and fair in accordance with the Financial Statements as at 30 November, 2018 and the financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards.

We also report that

- 1) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit and made due verification thereof.
- 2) Proper books of accounts are maintained under the rules and other applicable laws have been kept for the Organization and as it appears from our examination of these books and
- 3) In our opinion, the financial accounts dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

Dated: 07 March 2019



Ashraful Haque Nah
Chartered Accountant

AUDIT REPORT

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
 As at 31 December, 2019

Particulars	Units	Amount in \$ mil.	
		As at 31 December, 2019	As at 31 December, 2018
ASSETS			
Investment	1.00	-	-
Non-current assets			
Receivables, advances and prepaid expenses	1.00	17,275,475.48	18,721,261.48
Equivalents to non-current assets	1.00	1,380.00	641.00
Fixed asset net book value	1.00	6,777,204.41	7,897,181.01
Current assets		24,433,660.89	26,718,083.49
Total assets		31,136,336.37	33,537,385.98
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES			
Liabilities			
Current liability	1.00	4,751,207.48	5,221,898.01
Total liabilities		4,751,207.48	5,221,898.01
Equities			
Current Equity	1.00	-	-
Reserves in government	18.00	6,000.00	7,827.79
Non-current equity (net book value)	11.00	100,000.00	111,275.00
Non-current liabilities		106,000.00	119,102.79
Reserve surplus	11.00	10,750,877.11	10,744,411.26
Reserve surplus (RVO)	11.00	1,500.00	1,220.00
Current liabilities		12,751,207.48	12,744,411.26
Total liabilities		13,302,414.96	13,765,723.26
Total liabilities and equities		18,053,822.44	19,031,626.27

The approved copy of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is available on the website.


 David H. Johnson
 Director


 Robert J. G. ...
 Director

Signed in accordance with report of your date stated

Dated: 1 March 2020




 Auditor General
 Wisconsin Department of Revenue

AUDIT REPORT

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WORLD BANK GROUP
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

Section	Code	Amount	Balance
1. Assets			
1.1 Cash			
Cash	101	100,000,000	100,000,000
Cash in transit	102	0	0
1.2 Receivables			
Accounts receivable	103	100,000,000	100,000,000
Accounts receivable - related parties	104	0	0
Accounts receivable - non-related parties	105	0	0
1.3 Investments			
Investments in subsidiaries	106	100,000,000	100,000,000
Investments in associates	107	0	0
Investments in joint ventures	108	0	0
1.4 Other			
Other assets	109	0	0
Other liabilities	110	0	0
1.5 Total			
Total		200,000,000	200,000,000
2. Liabilities			
2.1 Payables			
Accounts payable	201	100,000,000	100,000,000
Accounts payable - related parties	202	0	0
Accounts payable - non-related parties	203	0	0
2.2 Other			
Other liabilities	204	100,000,000	100,000,000
Other assets	205	0	0
2.3 Total			
Total		200,000,000	200,000,000
3. Equity			
3.1 Paid-up capital			
Paid-up capital	301	100,000,000	100,000,000
3.2 Reserves			
Reserves	302	100,000,000	100,000,000
3.3 Total			
Total		200,000,000	200,000,000
4. Total			
4.1 Total Assets		200,000,000	200,000,000
4.2 Total Liabilities and Equity		200,000,000	200,000,000

Signature: _____
 Date: _____



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