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VisionFund Myanmar
World Vision celebrated a permanent presence of 25 years in Myanmar this year. Previous to this World Vision Myanmar had shorter term presence in the country at various stages based on specific projects or in the event of disasters. This is a significant milestone of collaboration with Government to make a difference to the lives of children, families and communities.

Yet, there are many vulnerable children who are still exploited, abused and neglected; children who are still not living their lives to the fullest. Hence, we are now deepening our commitment by focusing our work and resources towards the most vulnerable children.

We are also in the second year of our Advocacy campaign to End Physical Violence Against Children at home and in school. We will continue to raise awareness of parents and teachers on how children could be best disciplined, to ensure they are protected & nurtured with love to bring out their fullest potential. Inspite of the many challenges, our funding increased to USD $ 30 million this year. Our subsidiary microfinance operation, Vision Fund Myanmar increased its loan portfolio to USD $ 34 million. We track our progress against the indicators in line with the UNs Sustainable Development Goals to demonstrate impact across all sectors and programs.

We continue to reach over two million people each year through the dedicated efforts and commitment of our staff and volunteers. This enormous effort would not be possible without the support of our donors and funding offices, national and local authorities and the participation of the communities themselves. We would like to thank each and every one of them for trusting us and partnering with us. My heartfelt thanks to our teams for serving faithfully in difficult and challenging situations and the Advisory council for their continued guidance and support.

Sincerely,

Suresh Bartlett
National Director
Every 60 seconds…
A family gets water…
A hungry child is fed…
A family receives the tools to overcome poverty.

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

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

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

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

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. - Romans 8:37

Counting the blessings of my life, I have come to realize that serving Christ, our Lord through World Vision is one of the blessings I cherished most. Needless to say love and humanity grow to the wonderful staff of World Vision and those people whom I have come to know them through World Vision Myanmar. YOU ALL ARE VERY SPECIAL BEFORE THE LORD!!!!

I had the opportunity and privilege to visit the Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps and one Area Rehabilitation Program (ARP) camp in Kachin State, in 2018. I was really touched by their vulnerable conditions and felt so much empathy and compassion towards them. At the same time, I felt a sense of joy in observing how World Vision is serving them to make their life possible. I was in admiration, of WV's staff commitment and compassion in a very critical condition. It is obvious that they are the ultimate expression of Love is Kind. It is the embodiment of Love in Action. You all are doing great!!!!

Here comes message from the heart:

- We are encountering uncountable challenges but we do not need to worry about being losers. Because we are more than conqueror. To conquer is to be victorious over an adversary. To be “more than a conqueror” means we not only achieve victory, but we are overwhelmingly victorious.

- God’s Word says “We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”. Wonderful!!! When God says that we are more than conquerors through Christ, then we are. We are not going to become, we already are. We may be experiencing some failures or setbacks in life right now, but only good will come out of our situations because God says that “in all these things we are more than conquerors.” We have the victory! You see, God has placed us in Christ, whom He has exalted to the highest place in the universe. We are not trying to get to victory ground. We are already on victory ground. We don’t confess God’s Word to get victory. We confess His Word because we already have the victory. We don’t fight for victory. We fight from victory.

- Christ Loves Us Too!!!

On behalf of the Advisory Council, let me express our true appreciation for your dedication in your service to the children and those who are in need.

May all of you be the Conquerors in Christ.
May God Bless You All

Gillian
Advisory Council Chair
About Us

World Vision International Myanmar (WVM) is a Christian, relief, development and advocacy organization working with and for the poor and oppressed. Inspired by the Christian values, we are dedicated to work with the most vulnerable children, families and the communities regardless of religion, race, ethnicity and gender, to create the lasting change in their lives.

Our focus Child wellbeing objectives:
• Children are educated for Life
• Children are well-nourished and enjoy good health
• Parents are able to provide well for their children
• Children grow up in a protected environment free from violence, neglect, abuse and exploitations

We will work to end extreme poverty in the communities we serve by 2030.

Where We Work

World Vision Myanmar successfully launched the advocacy campaign “It Takes Myanmar to End Physical Violence against Children”, in Nay Pyi Taw and public mobilization events in Yangon, Mawlamyaing and Mandalay.

To improve the lives of the most vulnerable children and the families, World Vision has been active in Myanmar since 1991 focusing on Education, Health & Nutrition, Livelihoods and Child Protection sectors. World Vision Myanmar has also been involved in all man-made and natural disasters, providing humanitarian relief support for the affected families and communities to be able to recover and build resilience.
With over **680 staff** and **5,000 volunteers**, World Vision Myanmar is implementing **33 Area Programs (AP)** and **51 grant/special projects (SP)** in **12 out of the 14 states and regions.**
2.2 million population reached

including over 1.5 million children

Present in Townships 46 (Presence in 12 of 14 States/Regions)

33 Area Programmes

Grants/special 51 Projects

Review of FY 18 Year at a Glance
686 CBO formed with 8,666 members

5,000 Volunteers over 680 Staff

Total Funding $30 million
World Vision Myanmar assists children access basic education and improve literacy skills through support to Early Childhood Care & Development (ECCD), primary and Non Formal Education (NFE) programs. When children are literate, they will be better able to advocate for their rights.

- **514** ECCD centers supported
- **14,838** under five children attended ECCD centers
- **960** ECCD care givers trained
- **34** NFE centers supported
- **641** children attended NFE centers
- **14,244** parents / caregivers received Parenting Education
- **11,548** children and youths finished life-skills sessions
I quit school to design handmade cloth, so that my younger brothers could continue their school. I was invited to attend sewing class which was facilitated by a lady who completed life skill training supported by World Vision. Thanks to her, I’m now able to make dresses and have my own income.

says May, 20 years old, who dropped out from school and received life skill support from World Vision.
Improving health and nutrition status of mothers and children is critical to ensuring their wellbeing. In this quest, World Vision Myanmar has provided training on Maternal Nutrition and Child Health, prevention of communicable disease to mothers and caregivers while providing water and sanitary facilities and hygiene awareness for schools and communities.

1,603 health volunteers trained

68,855 under five children received Growth Monitoring and Promotion service

2,995 mothers and children referred for emergency treatment

4,399 TB suspect cases referred for Diagnosis and treatment

368 TB cases received Direct Observation Treatment (DOTs) services

85,958 people reached with health education sessions on MNCH and communicable

209 new water sources constructed (boreholes, tube wells, supply systems)

35 existing water sources renovated

2,912 sanitary pit latrines constructed for the families, schools and hospitals
I did not know how to properly breastfeed my kid but now that I’ve been attending the Maternal Health and Nutrition trainings and discussions, I now know how to take care of my child and how to properly feed so that she will grow up healthy and nutritious. Now, I will feed only breast milk till my daughter is six months old because I have learnt that breast milk is good for her brain development,

" says Ma Thwel, 20 years old mother, from Nyaung Gone village, Hmaw Bi.
In order for children to grow up healthy and have access to education, it is important that parents are able to provide well for them. World Vision targets the most vulnerable families to ensure they are equipped to satisfy their basic needs, send children to school and improve or start livelihood activities. This is done through Savings and Loans, improved agricultural practices & home gardening, animal husbandry, vocational trainings & income generating activities.

130 new groups set up bringing total to 1,532 Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) established, including 181 child led VSLA groups.

30,000 members from vulnerable households accessed loans from their community led savings ($1.5 million) portfolio.

1.5 million total saving

264 youth supported vocational training and 146 obtained jobs

5,000 household produced food through home gardening

6,000 household supported with livestock to improve their income

2,545 fuel efficient and safer cooks stoves distributed with access to alternate fuel sources and impacted 12,969 beneficiaries.
As soon as I heard that World Vision was helping youth in the village to attend vocational training, I took that chance. It was indeed a great opportunity that changed my life. Now, I’m a hairdresser working in a barbershop and I’m sending money back to my family. I love my job because that is what I have always wanted to do,

says Thein, 26 years, from Bogalay, who benifitted from vocational training.
Children growing up in a safe and protected environment free from violence, neglect, abuse and exploitation is a key priority across all programs. By promoting awareness on Child Rights and Protection and building capacity of children, youth, parents and caregivers, World Vision makes sure that children can live their life to the fullest. World Vision continues to help Human Trafficking survivors, former Child Soldiers and street children reintegrate with their families and communities.

271 child protection cases reported of which 235 cases closed

623 Child protection Advocacy group formed

457 street children received services and support through outreach activities 57 children went back to formal education.

47 child soldier cases reported via the hotline and 35 children released from the service

60 members of CBOs, CSOs and NGOs in Kachin and Shan received Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism training for child soldier cases.

82 Police official trained on victim centered investigation

227 youths, members of watch groups, CBOs local CSOs, DSW received capacity building training on Anti trafficking

528 Children groups and youth clubs formed

59 children referred and reunited with the families/communities and 15 established small business

38 street children received vocational training and 8 girls obtained jobs

85 Trafficked returnees received Criminal Justice and 104 returnees received reintegration support

227 youths, members of watch groups, CBOs local CSOs, DSW received capacity building training on Anti trafficking
I’ve seen so many families changing their ways of teaching their kids. They are now more aware of Child Rights, Child Protection and related laws. We now know how to proceed if we ever hear of any child protection cases,

says Daw Tin Yee, the leader of Child Protection Advocacy Group, Mawlamyaing.
Building resilience and being well prepared for disasters is the best way to reduce damage and causalities. World Vision Myanmar provides awareness on climate change, disaster risk reduction and management so that communities are better equipped in the event of natural disasters.

WVM is pre-positioned to respond to disasters with life-saving assistance and help families restart their lives. WVM has significantly expanded its humanitarian assistance to fragile contexts and helped children and the families affected by the armed conflict and communal violence in Kachin, Northern Shan and Rakhine states.

173 community members trained for Community based DRR, Climate Change DRR and Community Disaster Preparedness Plan (CDPP).

USD $3,519,355 worth of rice
5,987,104 MT distributed to 58,983 beneficiaries

USD $1,221,230 of cash distributed to 13,118 beneficiaries
We would not be able to get back on our feet if it was not for the Food and Cash assistance from World Vision. We were once refugees running for our lives but now we are able to make better tomorrows for our children and ourselves. So, I want to thank everyone who made this possible.

says Jarar, one of those affected by the arm conflicts in Khachin State, Myanmar.
Advocacy

**It Takes Myanmar to End Physical Violence against Children at home and in school**

World Vision Myanmar joined the global movement “It Takes a World to End Violence against Children” campaign. Based on the context of Myanmar, we chose our own theme of ending corporal punishment and physical violence against children at home and in school.

Following the official launch of the campaign with support from the government, faith leaders, partners, communities, youth and children, public launches were organized in one administrative state and two regions. Support from well-known celebrities helped raise awareness to over thousands of people.

Cross Cutting Themes

**Gender**

As a member of Gender Equality Network, World Vision Myanmar promotes the empowerment of both males and females in the organization and community. Gender is mainstreamed across all program designs, activities and a special focus is on women and the girl child. Organizational policies, structures and appropriate mechanisms are put in place to achieve gender equality.

**Disability**

Disability inclusion is mainstreamed in all thematic program areas. People with disabilities are encouraged to participate in community development activities and the decision making process. World Vision Myanmar practices social inclusion and helps to break down institutional, attitudinal and environmental barriers to ensure disability inclusion in all program activities.
Environment

World Vision Myanmar works to safeguard the environment particularly across education, livelihoods and resilience sectors. We encourage the communities to grow more trees and support school activities in planting trees. The cookstove project minimizes deforestation by saving on use of firewood. Home gardening activities encourage families to use natural fertilizers to ensure soil conservation.

Peace Building

World Vision Myanmar upholds “Do No Harm (DNH)” principles in all our work and brings communities and stakeholders together to build trust and gain greater understanding. Our integrated advocacy in sectoral activities brings communities and stakeholders together to strengthen trust and greater understanding.
Funding Source

- Food & Cash: 18%
- Private: 3%
- Partner Contribution: 2%
- Sponsorship: 42%
- Grants: 35%

Sectoral Expenditure

- Livelihood & Resilience: 39%
- Health, Nutrition & WASH: 21%
- Child Protection: 17%
- Education: 11%
- Food Assistance: 7%
- Emergency Response: 5%
Total Income

FY 18: $23 million
FY 17: $24 million
FY 16: $25 million

Cost to Program Expenditure

Program and Project Management: 11%
Program Expenditure: 89%

Total Funding
USD 30 Million

Partner contribution
726,600 USD
(1,89,898,482 Kyats)
Vision Fund Myanmar (VFM), a subsidiary microfinance organization of World Vision Myanmar, has one of the largest spread in the country. Vision Fund Myanmar provides financial services to the marginalized poor to bring about financial inclusion and empower them to unlock their economic potential.

- **Loan portfolio**: $33.9 million
- **loans disbursed**: $83 million
- **savings amount**: $5.2 million
- **187,608 clients** of which 86% women borrowers
- **418,282 children** impacted
- **48 branches**
- **957 staff members**
- **274,575 jobs created and sustained**
It has been over 5 years since we started working together with VisonFund and we are well pleased with the services. We gained a lot of micro-finance support to settle well in a new place, as well as, to strengthen our flower planting business. We have already decided to apply for an individual agriculture loan in future.

says Daw Thin Thin Aye, 
Agriculture Loan Client 
(Hmawbi Township)
for every child
Life in all its fullness