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Our Vision for every child life in all its fullness
Our Prayer for every heart the will to make it so.





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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.

Our Global Impact

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



Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more children benefit, too. Together we've impacted the lives of over 200 million vulnerable children by tackling the root causes of poverty.

Our Achievements From 2019



- **281,905** children reached
- **138,694** children under age 5 benefitted from community-based health programmes
- **92,114** people sensitised on hygiene and behaviour change
- 21,756 pregnant women referred to quality antenatal care services
- 7,303 people with access to community-based drinking water facilities
- **6,304** people benefitted from household-level sanitation facilities
- **87%** of infants age 6 months were exclusively breastfed, an increase from 71.4% in 2018
- 56.8% of antenatal mothers had institutional deliveries, increasing from 47.4% in 2018





- **10,202** children benefitted from education programmes
- 242 Early Childhood Care and Development centres (Learning Root Centres)
- 179 after-school reading clubs
- 94% average attendance rate in Early Childhood Care and Development centres
- **39.4%** of children were enrolled in early learning education institutions





- 4,900,013 children engaged in child protection and advocacy activities
- 70,000 of children have access to a child protection hotline and 200 cases were reported
- **2,000** former child labour survivors received reintegration support
- **30** youth clubs formed from 2,000 children's groups
- 28 Child Affairs desks are in place at police stations



Livelihood

- 24,256 children (aged 0–18) reached through improving and sustaining livelihood programmes
- 20,825 beneficiaries received direct economic development intervention support
- 14,957 ultra-poor families received livelihood supports under a graduation programme
- 11,055 formerly poor households progressed from poverty are able to pay for school fees and school supplies for 12,503 children aged 3–9 years
- 9,206 children aged 0–5 years from 8,359 households have increased access to nutrition and food security
- 759 ultra-poor and poor households reached through the Technical, Vocational and Educational (TVET) programme



Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

- **391,762** Rohingya refugees reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance
- 20,275 recipients benefitted from disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation programmes
- 10,240 people sensitised on early warning and emergency protocols
- **3,417** children reached through disaster management assistance
- 1,575 beneficiaries reached through 105 community-based risk and reduction plans
- 60 Shelter Management
 Committees ready to help temporarily shelter when disaster strikes

Foreword

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2019 Annual Report for World Vision Bangladesh. In 2019, World Vision Bangladesh continued to align with the World Vision global strategy, Our Promise 2030, and focused on it's goal of achieving sustainable well-being and building brighter futures for 5 million children in Bangladesh, particularly the most vulnerable, by 2020.

'partnering'. Throughout the year, World Vision Bangladesh, together with it's partners had an impact on the lives of almost 5 million children and their communities, reaching them through various programmes that included protecting children against violence, providing access to quality education, improving children and mothers' nutritional status, increasing access to safe drinking water, and providing life-sustaining support to 391, 762 Rohingya refugees. All of World Vision Bangladesh's programmes are integrated with disaster risk reduction mechanisms as well as child protection, advocacy, gender and disability practices.

In 2019, we saw significant

improvements in a number of areas.





Fiscal Year 2017-2020 Strategy Focus

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



Ministry



Child Protection

Increase in children who have positive and peaceful relationship in their families and communities





Increase in girls and boys protected from violence





Health, Nutrition and WASH

Increase the number of children who are well nourished (ages 0-5)





Education

Increase in primary school children who can read





Processes

Quality Programme and management Ensure/ Pursue quality improvement

Community Empowerment and Ownership

Effective community engagement to ensure Child Well-being

Partnership and Collaboration Increase level of strategic partnering, collaboration and networking

Branding and Positioning Position World Vision Bangladesh as a credible development partner in Bangladesh







Resources

Funding Diversity funding resources for sponsorship and non-sponsorship









People and Learning

Human Resources

Investing in talent managemet

Good Governance

Enabling accountability and integrity

Leadership

Enabling learning and development for equipping leadership capacity











SPONSORSHIP

At World Vision the importance of connecting children with sponsors remains crucial, as this is one way to give children hope for a better future. Sponsorship at World Vision Bangladesh began in 1972 and now, more than 40 years later, there are 152,614 registered children in our sponsorship programme. In line with the World Vision Partnership requirements, World Vision Bangladesh sponsorship activities in 2019 were focused on aligning with the 'Stepwise' programme and piloting the new 'Chosen' initiative.

Stepwise is World Vision's global programme that helps track and manage all data relative to the well-being of registered children. It allows World Vision to have a global view of sponsorship activities and data on registered children, creating more accurate reporting, assessment learning and therefore improving programming.

For the first-time in it's seven-decade history, World Vision has launched a new innovation called the 'Chosen' programme. This new and innovative approach enables children to choose their sponsors. In 2019, as the first activation country in the Asia for this programme, World Vision Bangladesh had 398 children choose their sponsors. The 'Chosen' programme recognises that children living in extreme poverty have the power to change their lives and their communities, and even to touch the lives of their sponsors.

First tested the idea in February at Soul City Church, a nondenominational church in Chicago, the 'Chosen' is the name of the World Vision's new child sponsorship initiative. It puts the power to choose their sponsors in the hands of the child. Today, World Vision is active in about 100 countries worldwide, providing practical resources and tools to lift children and families out of poverty and particularly it has seen strong growth in child sponsorship since launching the 'Chosen 'Campaign. It is reported that, at least 60 per cent to 70 per cent new sponsors of World Vision are from 'Chosen' stopsors

Major Highlights in 2019

- **I52,614** sponsored children across 56 Area Programmes
- · 118,402 greetings cards mailed to sponsors
- · 109,990 child update photos captured
- · 102,291 annual progress reports produced
- 69,692 child update videos produced
- 32,330 letters sent to sponsors from registered children
- 19,277 introductory letters submitted to sponsors
- 18,598 registered children among 20,884 have successfully completed their primary and secondery school education
- 4,200 gift notifications processed for sponsors
- 398 registered children chose their sponsors through the 'Chosen' programme



Faith and Development

Through our Faith and Development programmes, World Vision Bangladesh catalyses religious leaders, families, communities and children to improve their well-being in all World Vision intervention areas. Interfaith dialogue is something that World Vision Bangladesh has conscientiously integrated into all its community-driven projects to support and encourage the spiritual nurture of children.



In 2019, through programmes like Celebrating Families and Channels of Hope, World Vision Bangladesh worked with faith partners to impart knowledge and skills in child protection, positive parenting, spiritual nurture of children, maternal and child health, gender equality, and more.

- 91.7% of faith leaders were mobilised through the Channels of Hope programme, to end physical violence against children
- 90% of children, ages 12–18 years had positive discipline and good relationships with their parents
- **1,642,44** community members led by faith and community leaders and including 9,787 children mobilised to end violence against children
- 17,017 parents empowered through family counselling on child well-being issues led by faith leaders
- **8,037** faith and community leaders trained on Channels of Hope education to promote child well-being for the most vulnerable communities
- **5,000** children in Early Childhood Care and Development centres (Learning Root Centres) received moral development learning support
- 3,385 parents participated in the Celebrating Families and Spiritual Nurture of Children workshop
- 1,398 faith leaders from 123 Community Hope Action Teams for Child Protection (CHAT) active in peer-to-peer support
- 853 adolescent children completed life-skills based education courses and children's moral education sessions, in partnership with schools and faith- and community-based organisations

Stepping Forward for Girls' Rights

Their father dreamed to have a son, but all four were girls. Because of this, the youngest, Dola, never heard the word 'Ma' (a parent's name of affection for a daughter) from her father growing up. At six years old, Dola became a registered child in World Vision's Child Sponsorship Programme in Bangladesh.

She became engaged with a World Vision-supported child forum at 12 years old and now at 15, she is a National Child Forum Leader. 'But my parents did not want me to be engaged with the child forum because I am a girl. I continued my activities with the child forum without my parents' knowledge', says Dola.

Dola was determined to make a difference. She became involved with different social activities and continued in her studies while also attending leadership training. She has engaged in child rights and protection issues and has spoken with policy makers. 'I stopped 29 child marriages with my child forum team and by the support of police. I have changed my parents' mindset on girl children, education and rights issues. They are now motivated. My father is

now very positive and behaves well with my mother. My mother is now aware about child marriage', Dola shares.

Dola's work to keep children safe is far-reaching. She has made 1.000 children aware of issues surrounding violence against children, child rights and child protection and has even visited different districts of Bangladesh to raise awareness about child marriage. In October 2019, she participated in 'How children are participating of contributing to end child marriage', an international event held in Geneva and organised by World Vision. There, Dola expressed her dreams and shared her brave story to the audience of other children and civil society organisations.

Dola is now empowered to participate in any kind of development activity. Her family environment has changed.

Currently, she is leading 88,000 children of Bangladesh through 2,300 child forums as the Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of Bangladesh Nation Child



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Forum. Glowingly, Dola says, 'I am grateful to World Vision for providing me the opportunity to be in the sponsorship programme. Because of their care and mentoring I became a successful child leader'





Education



In 2019, World
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Development
(ECCD), Primary
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Non-formal
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World Vision Bangladesh helps children, particularly the most vulnerable, access quality education and attain functional levels of literacy, numeracy and essential life skills. When children can read, they can better advocate for their rights and help provide for their families. In 2019, World Vision continued to focus on the needs of children at all stages of development: Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), Primary Education, and Non-formal Education. World Vision's Unlock Literacy Programme assesses children's reading levels and builds teachers' skills.

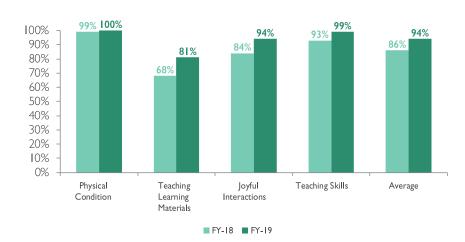
- 98% of the reading camps achieved quality standards in creating high-quality early care and education, an increase compared to 40% in 2018
- 82% of the Early Childhood Care and Development centres achieved quality standards, a 12% increase compared to 70% in 2018
- 66% of children participated in increased literacy activities with household members
- **1,25** ECCD parents/caregivers were trained
- · 208 teachers completed teachers' training
- I 7 Citizen Voice and Action groups formed in primary schools.



Proportion of ECCD centres that met minimum standards by category

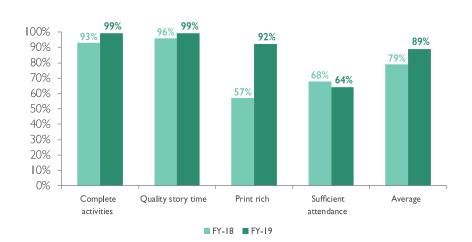
The table shows that, on average, all the ECCD centres achieved the minimum standards in the implementation of their education programmes -8 per cent higher in 2019 (94%) than 2018 (86%)





Proportion of reading clubs achieving quality standards by category





From Early Childhood Education

to Lifelong Learning

In 2018, seven-year-old Khadija was on the verge of dropping out of school when she was noticed by World Vision. Her parents were unable to keep up with the school expenses, and having not received an education themselves, didn't understand how important education is, especially for a girl, to empower her and improve her well-being.

Having seen similar situations many times before, World Vision's workers knew if Khadija did not complete her education, it would be very difficult for her to end the cycle of poverty. And as a girl, she was also at a higher risk of being exploited and maltreated.

So, World Vision's workers immediately enrolled Khadija in the local Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) centre, run by World Vision. This ECCD centre provided Khadija with every help to prevent her from dropping out and also provided her with educational and life-skills support, including help with getting her parents' support.

Khadija was also enrolled as a registered child under World Vision's Child Sponsorship Programme. As an ECCD programme child's mother, Khadija's mother also learned about different issues like child care and protection, child nutrition, and hygiene and WASH practices. Their family also received some income-generation support with grocery items for their grocery shop to further invest and increase their income. The financial condition of her family has improved and can now meet their basic needs, including their children's education expenses with some savings.

After graduating from the ECCD centre, Khadija began attending a local government school in January 2019. She goes to Reading Clubs supported by World Vision in her local community and has improved her reading skills. Today, she is doing very well and her scorecard at school reflects her increased abilities — and she is in no danger of dropping out.

'Khadija is a hardworking girl and is among the top students in her class', says Khadija's class teacher. The ECCD centre run by World Vision brought out the innate curiosity and habit of learning she had within her and she enthusiastically participates in everything now. She wants

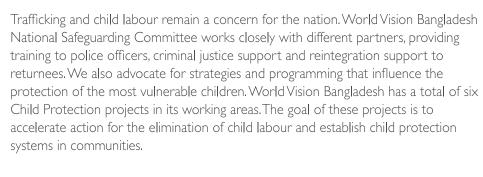
to be a doctor when she grows up. And because of World Vision's programmes, Khadija's parents also feel like they are part of their daughter's life and progress. They are proud of their daughter's accomplishments. The support they have received has eased the burden and they can now afford to educate their children without fear of them dropping out.





Protection and Child Participation

World Vision Bangladesh aims to create a safe and protected environment for children, free from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. Its programmes promote awareness on child rights and child protection by building the capacity of children, youth and caregivers. We also strengthen community protection groups and connect them with the township authorities to effectively address child protection issues.





- **6,000** youth members of child forums, community-based organisations and child protection committees received capacity building training on trafficking
- 1,944 child protection advocacy groups formed
- 33 I of Safeguarding Incident cases reported and 246 cases closed
- Among **33** I safeguarding incidents, I **50** cases have been referred to different institutions for medial, mental health and reintegration support

'It takes me to end physical violence against children – at home, school and work place' campaign



According to UNICEF, 82 per cent of children aged I to I4 in Bangladesh are victimised by different kinds of violence. To address the issue, the National Human Rights Commission, World Vision Bangladesh and the Child Rights Advocacy Coalition jointly launched a five-year campaign called 'It takes me to end physical violence against children'. This campaign supports different initiatives of the Government in order to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG Target I 6.2: 'End abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence and torture against children'.

Through this campaign World Vision Bangladesh is addressing traditional social norms towards ending physical violence against children and working to strengthen child protection system at all level. This campaign is being implemented across the country and the goal is for 5 million children in Bangladesh to be protected from physical violence at home, school and workplace by 2021.

- 19,522,34 children from 7,356 schools reached with an enabling, child-friendly environment in schools
- **I.6 million** people sensitised about preventing and responding to violence against children and adolescents
- **657,668** people sensitized through 22,512 events on the celebration of the 30 years of the UN Convention on the Rights of Child to let all children thrive
- **16,638** people engaged in the '16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence' campaign, declaring their support for gender sensitiveness
- 5,449 local high government administrations and offices mobilised on child protection issues
- 1,394 child incident reporting and response mechanisms now in place in schools and Union Parisads

Religious Leader

Protecting Children in His Community

As the sun wakes, Imam Mohammad Abul Basar, goes to the mosque to call and offer his first prayer in the morning. He closes his eyes, folds his hands together and remembers his parents, who taught him to trust in God and stand for the people in need, especially the most vulnerable.

The inspiring Imam works hard as the religious leader, proudly supports and is active on the community development programme in his community and teaches younger students in the Madrasa (Muslim religious schools). Yet in spite of his success so far, he had never thought seriously about global child rights issues. Until he participated in a World Vision-led Channels of Hope workshop, he did not like World Vision for its Christian identity.

'My negative attitudes and hostility towards World Vision changed. I was driven by the belief that all people are created equal and in the image of God', says Imam Basar, who began advocating for child rights protection through

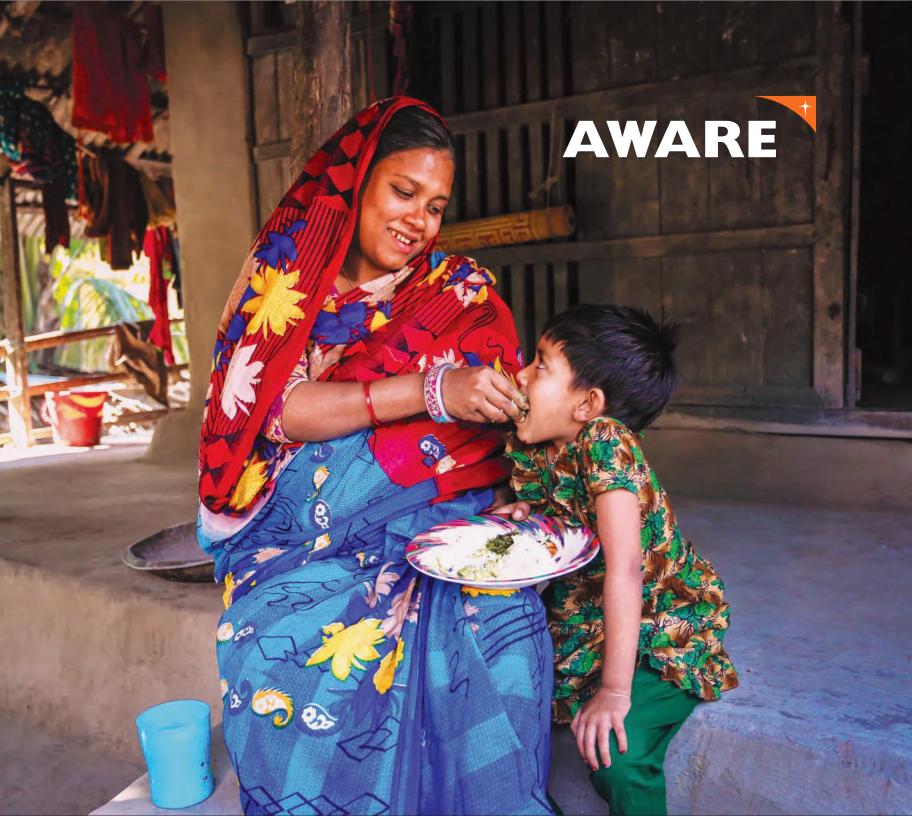
preaching in mosques and communities. Before the workshop, he was also careless about his own children and harsh with family members, making quarrels frequently. 'But now, it's no more.'

Following the workshop taught by World Vision, Imam Basar supported a minor child in his community who was working in a restaurant to get admitted in the Madrasa by counselling his family and the employer. Now, the child is free from child labour and is continuing his studies. According to the latest National Child Labour Survey report published in 2015, some 1.2 million children are still trapped in child labour in its worst forms in Bangladesh.

At World Vision, together with children, communities and religious leaders, we seek to uncover the deeper – or the hidden – social, cultural and spiritual issues that prevent children from enjoying life in all its fullness. 'The training has taught me that children have equal

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rights to live, learn and grow', Imam Basar says. 'I want society to understand that taking care of the children is not only for families, but we also need to participate in their development as well.'



Health, Nutrition and WASH

World Vision Bangladesh implements grassroot programmes and projects that address health, nutrition and WASH challenges in the most vulnerable communities. We advocate for and provide various capacity-building programmes that improve utilisation and access to social services and health products. In 2019, our Health, Nutrition and WASH programmes were integrated with social behavioural change communication strategies through the use of community printed information and education materials.





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- **177,478** children under 5 benefitted from a monthly growth monitoring and promotion programme
- **65,000** pregnant and lactating mothers received health education
- **22, I 58** mothers (pregnant and lactating) trained by World Vision have healthy diets
- **18,563** children received micronutrient supplement supports
- **5,968** waste bins provided for proper waste management
- **3,347** hygiene kits distributed among school children
- · **I7** community clinics were functioning
- **83** Citizen Voice and Action (local-level advocacy holding governments accountable for service delivery) initiatives in process
- 80 WASH and waste management committees functional



Saving Mothers,

Giving Lives

Access to adequate health care before, during and after a child's birth makes a tremendous impact on the quality of his or her life. One couple, Zakia and Ariful, from the northern part of Bangladesh, understand the importance of this. 'But it was not possible for us without the assistance of World Vision to keep my daughter sound and healthy', says Zakia, mother of 3-year-old Afrin.

Zakia is a house wife and her husband Ariful is a daily wage earner. When Zakia was pregnant, her family was enduring severe hardships. At that time, she attended a safe motherhood orientation session, facilitated by World Vision, for pregnant women to educate them and to reduce maternal mortality rates.

In this session, Zakia learned about pregnancy, delivery-related complications and neonatal care. Zakia studied her safe motherhood practices and she became aware about her upcoming delivery. At the same time, World Vision's Community Promoter visited her family and encouraged her to ensure antenatal care services. When Afrin was born, she was only 2.4kg in weight. After that, Zakia was motivated and later received

post-natal care services to ensure Afrin's growth monitoring and promotion at the government-run Expanded Programme on Immunisation Centre each month

In 2019, Zakia enrolled in a World Vision-run ultra-poor graduation programme and was trained on rearing livestock and vegetable gardening. Zakia and her husband started to put into practice what they learned at their own farm, and they are making good progress with year-around homestead vegetables and milk production. The couple is even making some savings by selling their home-grown products after their own family consumption.

In the beginning of 2019, Afrin's nutritional status was 10.6kg at age 35 months. She was kept in close surveillance through growth monitoring and promotion and at the end of September 2019, her weight was 11.4kg. As a part of regular monitoring, World Vision's Community Promoter checked her health status every month and she

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has found her to be in good health. Now Afrin's parents, caregivers and other members of her family are aware of the extra care and proper growth of Afrin. As a result, Afrin is now happy, healthy and well nourished.



Livelihood



In order to address the root causes of poverty, it is important for families to have sustainable income. World Vision is making sure that every family in its targeted communities is able to manage their household income through awareness, training on improved agricultural methods, animal husbandry, micro/small businesses and marketing practices. World Vision continues to make progress in improving food security and closing the seasonal hunger gap through the provision of home gardens, alternative non-agriculture income, and reducing the debt cycles of families through village savings and loans associations.

- **14,957** trained farmers properly applied improved, sustainable agricultural techniques and non-farm technical/vocational skills
- **13,872** ultra-poor farmers (or individuals) trained in improved and sustainable agricultural skills
- **12, 148** of ultra-poor farmers (or individuals) received agricultural inputs and assets and began economic activities
- 5, 109 community members trained on business/entrepreneurship skills
- 759 youth completed vocational and technical skills training
- **82** produce (vegetable) collection centres established for small growers
- · **8** savings groups functional with 11,410 members total



Providing Year-round

for Her Family

Bina 39, the mother of three school-age children, is a member of Kumumtoir Hatodoridro Dal in Birganj. Her husband Santosh is an agricultural daily wage earner and the only source of income for the family. He earns BDT 180-200 (USD3)/ per day. Out of this, Bina Rani has to feed her family and pay for their children's education.

In 2012, she joined World Vision and participated in different trainings on PD/Hearth, homestead gardening and livestock rearing. In the same year, her second daughter, Trisha, was also selected as a registered child of World Vision under Birganj Area Programme. In 2019, she continued her involvement in different community-focused activities including child and women rights issues, gender sensitivity, marketing, and networking. Her two daughters also often participate in several child-related programmes on child rights, personal hygiene and sanitation, facilitated by World Vision.

After learning about alternative income-generation patterns, Bina decided to try out year-round vegetable

gardening at her homestead with the vegetable seeds and fruit tree saplings she received from World Vision. From those seeds and saplings, she is now consuming year-round, organic, fresh vegetables, which helps to reduce malnutrition of her family members.

Bina also received a cow as input support. The cow has given birth to a calf and gives 1.5 liters of milk daily. Now her children are able to drink milk from their own dairy cow. She also rears 12 ducks and 15 hens at her house and she gets six to eight eggs daily from these poultry birds. Bina is also rearing five goats, which is increasing the number of assets at her household. At present, through the training and assistance she received from World Vision, Bina is able to support her family and even build up savings.

Bina also dreams big so that her business can become more successful. She sees a brighter future for her three daughters and says, "I dream that my daughters will





Humanitarian Emergencies

Building resilience and being well prepared for disasters is the best way to reduce damage and casualties. World Vision Bangladesh provides awareness on climate change, disaster risk reduction and disaster management so that communities are better equipped in the event of natural disasters. To address this, World Vision partners and liaises with the Department of Disaster Management Bangladesh; the Needs Assessment Working Group; the Food Security Cluster; the WASH, Health and Early Recovery Clusters; Start Fund Bangladesh; the INGO Emergency subcommittees; and different local and national NGOs and humanitarian clusters working in the emergency response fields.

Further, World Vision is implementing a project called 'Strengthening cash-based programing in hard-to-reach areas of Bangladesh' to create opportunities and innovative solutions for cash-based programming. Under this project, a distance monitoring tool has been developed and tested along with the piloted technology-based cash intervention of USD 54 for 150 households (651 people) to meet their shifting needs during the disasters.

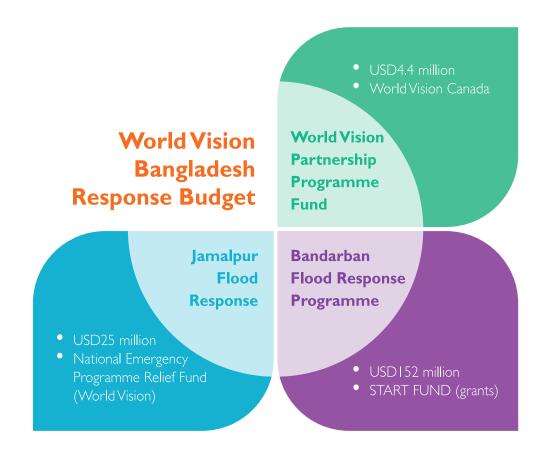
World Vision Bangladesh is pre-positioned to respond to disasters with life-saving assistance and help families restart their lives. We have signi_cantly expanded our humanitarian assistance to fragile contexts and have helped children and families affected by the conflicts and communal violence in Rakhine states especially.

Bangladesh Flood Response Programme

In 2019, World Vision Bangladesh responded to the floods, targeting the most vulnerable children and their families in the flood-affected areas, in particular through the Bandarban Flood Response and the Jamalpur Flood Response Project.

- I,718 disaster-affected families (8,590 people) benefitted from multi-purpose cash grants, special grants for persons with disabilities, hygiene kits and hygienic awareness orientation under the Bandarban Flood Response Programme
- 400 flood-affected households benefitted from the Jamalpur Flood Response Programme with multi-purpose cash grant support through mobile money transfer





Rohingya **Refugee Response**

In August 2017, more than 740,000 people fled violence, persecution and gross human rights violations in northern Rakhine State in Myanmar. The speed and the volume of the crisis created an unprecedented protection emergency. Today, World Vision is caring for approximately 400,000 Rohingya people in 23 sub-camps and in neighbouring host communities. On the ground since the beginning of the crisis, World Vision is focused on providing life-sustaining support for refugees that includes child protection, education, food assistance, nutrition programmes, WASH services and more. More, we are also advocating for the protection and rights of the 920,000 refugees in the camps those who are living in the camps.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 320,000 people reached with clean water and sanitation facilities
- **247,4 15** refugees reached through our food assistance programmes in partnership with the World Food Programme
- 17,000 children and mothers received monthly nutrition support
- **16,828** refugees and host community residents engaged in cash-for-work disaster-mitigation construction projects
- **8,400** adolescents benefitted from our 21 pre-vocational skills training centres
- **5,250** family members enjoyed daily meals prepared by 1,000 mothers in our 42 cooking and learning centres
- 3, 156 children participated each month in our 12 learning centres
- 630 men and boys participated in gender-based violence prevention and awareness training



Tackling Gender-based Violence

in the World's Largest Refugee Camp

At age 12, Smirna* was forced to marry a man more than twice her age. At 14, she gave birth and at 17, she became a refugee _eeing violence in Myanmar. She lost everything. At 19, Smirna was widowed. Today, she lives in a cramped makeshift shelter in the world's largest refugee camp in southern Bangladesh.

As she shares her story, Smirna sits cross-legged on a plastic _oor mat in a circle with a dozen women from her neighbourhood. The women gather each morning here at the Women's Peace Centre, a safe space for Rohingya refugees. Funded by World Vision Canada, the centre opened its doors on International Women's Day (March 8) 2019.

The centre is one of the few places that the women are allowed to visit. In the conservative Rohingya culture, women and adolescent girls are rarely allowed to leave their shelters alone. Families fear they will be harassed, abducted or assaulted. However, since the centre opened, staff have gradually earned the

community's trust. Each week, scores of women and girls attend the sewing classes that are offered here. Many also take advantage of the counselling services for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV).

The women's discussion often turns to marriage and too often to domestic violence. Rohingya women rarely seek support unless they need medical treatment. Intimate partner violence is accepted by both men and women as a natural consequence of a woman not performing her duties properly.

Some Rohingya women who attend the centre say they believe incidents of physical and emotional abuse have increased since they arrived in the camps two years ago. Domestic violence can be linked to the extreme emotional stress that refugee couples face, as well as financial strain and coping with living in cramped conditions.

'This is a place where women can feel free to talk with others over a cup of

tea', says Ruth Kimaathi, a Kenyan psychologist who leads World Vision's GBV prevention programme. 'We provide counselling for women who are experiencing gender-based violence and refer them to other professional services available in the camps.'

Ruth and her colleagues train women how to recognise GBV and prevent it. More than 600 men and boys have also been trained on violence prevention, becoming advocates for their wives, daughters, mothers and sisters. World Vision is also empowering Rohingya leaders to help stop GVB.



Twenty community protection committees – led by women and men – are effectively raising GBV awareness across the camps. Slowly, they are influencing some of the negative cultural norms and values that can facilitate violence.

Smirna and her new-found circle of friends say that the centre has made life in the camps a bit more bearable and given them a sense of security. 'World Vision staff have taught us how to speak up if we are abused and report it', says Smirna. 'As a widow, I have to be the father and the mother for my daughter now. It's good to know World Vision is here to help us.'

* not her real name





Resource Acquisition and Management

The acquisition and management of resources at World Vision Bangladesh has been designed to be inclusive, by ensuring that partners and donors are fully involved and share in the delivery of this 'promise'. And furthermore, that all resources, assets and experience available are used as effectively as possible to collectively impact and improve the lives of over 5 million of Bangladesh's most vulnerable children. Our current grant portfolio stands over US\$30 million for the (life of project) implementation of humanitarian and development grants and another US\$2 million private / non sponsorship funded projects reaching the most vulnerable children impacted. This includes programmes in all core World Vision Bangladesh sectors of education and life skills, health, nutrition and WASH, economic development, food security and child protection.

Together with our donors we have a shared commitment to build a relationship beyond just the funding and create a true collaboration with partners for children, their families and communities across our World Vision office interventions in Bangladesh.

Major Grants Awarded in 2019

Project Name	Area of Focus	Donor	Funding Size
USAID Emergency Food Security Programme	USAID's Food for Peace (FFP) programme focuses on building and supporting livelihoods for Rohingya refugees and host communities in Cox's Bazar. Peacebuilding components are integrated to help prevent conflict and promote harmony between the two communities.	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	USD18 million

Project Name	Area of Focus	Donor	Funding Size
UNICEF WASH III	This third phase of funding from UNICEF focused on improving access to appropriate WASH facilities in the Rohingya refugee camps, establishing community WASH structures, and implementing a comprehensive hygiene promotion and behaviour change strategy.	UNICEF	USD3.76 million
Mirpur Urban Community Empowerment Project on Waste and Sanitation Management	This urban WASH-focused project focuses on improving sanitation and waste management in the Mirpur area slums of Dhaka.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan	USD 1.94 million
Australian Humanitarian Programme	Preventing and addressing gender-based violence and improving WASH facilities in the Rohingya refugee camps is the goal of this project.	Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	USD 1.6 million
Nobo Jatra Project Extension	Ensuring future sustainability of Nobo Jatra Project interventions and outcomes, focusing on knowledge management and linkage building.	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	USD11.3 million

Key Project Activities

Maternal Child Health and Nutrition

BleNGS project

(Bangladesh Initiative to Enhanced Nutrition Security and Governance) European Union (EU)



- 24,000 farmers benefitted through skill increase training on local value chain development and market increase on high nutrition value crops
- 8,500 pregnant and lactating women received timed and targated counseling on improved health and nutrition behaviour
- 1,150 frontliner health workers received basic health education
- Established effective monitoring and support system of 224 Community Clinics to provide health services
- 346 MenCare groups formed to promote men's equitable involvement as caregivers in the lives of their partners and children

Maternal and Child Nutrition Project

Korean International Coorporation Agnecy (KOICA)

- 89,366 vulnerbale beneficiaries received maternal, child health and nutrition support with inclusive, safe and institutional deliveries, timely and targeted counseling on safe motherhood and child health
- Established sustainable and trustworthy Growth Monitoring and Promotion System in partnership with the government through 225 Extended Programme on Immunization (EPI) Centres to improve disease prevention and response

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

Global Affairs Canada (GAC)

- 190,093 people reached with increased availability and diversity of nutrient-dense foods, through biofortified crops, kitchen gardens and livelstock supports
- Strengthen goverance, policy and public engagement of maternal, newborn and Child health in country

Nutrition Sensitive Value Chains Project (NSVC)

DFAT-ANCP

- Around 4,000 caregivers and community members sensitized and adopted positive behaviour change practices in food production, consumption and age appropriate nutrition and gender-equitable practices
- 800 producer groups received livelihood support to increase income through maize and rice production and adopting collective purchase, aggregated sale practices and sustainable marketing

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Community-based WASH Improvement Project

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan

- Reached upto 70,000 beneficiaries with dignified sanitation and clean water to promote sustainable and inclusive WASH promotion
- 4,000 households provided with dignified water and sanitation support with 849 latrines
- 92 wells to improve the public health status

Strengthening Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in WASH in Bangladesh (SHOMOTA)

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

- 4.468 households received integrated WASH services including menstrual hygiene management support benefitting 22,866 people including women, men and person with disabilities
- Evidence generated by the project with increased dignity and meaningful engagement of 187 people with disabilities in government-supported social safety net programmes
- Increased equitable access to and use of gender-sensitive WASH facilities in 135 schools with 73 hand-washing corners
- 73 student council and 24 student cabinets formed in schools







Development Food Security Activity Nobo Jatra (New Beginning)

Nobo Jatra ('New Beginning'), a five-year USAID Food for Peace Title II Development Food Security Activity, aims to improve gender-equitable food security, nutrition, and resilience of vulnerable people in the Khulna and Satkhira districts in Bangladesh. World Vision Bangladesh, together with the World Food Programme, Winrock International and three local partner NGOs implement the activity, integrating interventions in maternal child health and nutrition, WASH, agriculture and alternative livelihoods, disaster risk reduction, good governance, social accountability and gender to achieve its objectives. Nobo Jatra is implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief of the Government of Bangladesh in four sub districts, — Dacope and Koyra in Khulna district, Shyamnagar and Kaliganj in Satkhira — and it aims to reach 856, I I 6 direct participants.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 121,212 households reached
- 36,028 children under 2 reached
- 8,528 pregnant women benefitted from a community-based nutrition programme

Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition

- 36,028 children under 2 received micronutrient supplements
- 20,921 pregnant and lactating women received digital conditional cash transfers for nutrition resources
- The rates of underweight children decreased from 21.9% in 2017 to 13.8% in 2019
- The rates of severe acute malnutrition in children under 2 decreased from 1.1% in 2017 to 0.2% in 2019.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- 176,438 beneficiaries had access to clean water and sanitation facilities
- I,045 household-based water points installed and 206 community-based water options functioning
- 400 Water and Sanitation Committees functional

Gender and Youth

- 16,544 people reached with gender equitable and youth empowerment interventions
- 4,263 couples reached with male engagement for gender equality sessions
- 3.452 adolescents reached with life skills education
- 2,393 women and youth received leadership training
- 536 youth in market-driven trades earning US\$36 to US\$95 per month
- 58 cases of child marriages prevented
- 46 Child Protection Committees operating with 263 total committee members

Agriculture and Alternate Livelihoods

- 50,961 households reached
- 30,869 farmers practicing Climate Smart Agriculture and improved production technologies
- 23,529 men and women involved in sustainable, market-driven income-generation activities
- 16,563 participants completed entrepreneurial literacy training
- 1,640 Village Savings and Lending groups formed with 36,497 participants

Ultra-poor Graduation Programme

- 16,179 households cultivating year-round vegetables
- 8,941 women supported to open bank accounts linking them to formal financial services
- 6,670 women participating in 316 Village Savings and Lending groups
- 6,405 women have graduated from extreme poverty
- 100% of households have a minimum of two sources of income
- 3,903 participants received cash grants of US\$188 per person for income-generating activities



Audio Bangles Improving

Nutrition in Southwest Bangladesh

Trying to stay healthy, eat well and seek basic health care is not always easy for pregnant women in southwest Bangladesh. Only 38 per cent of women are able to access primary health care services essential to ensure a healthy pregnancy and baby.

Critically, the first 1,000 days between a mother's pregnancy and her child's second birthday sets the foundation for all the days that follow. 'Nobo Jatra – New Beginning' – a five-year development food security project in Bangladesh led by World Vision and funded by USAID – has taken a number of innovative approaches targeting women during pregnancy until the child transitions from exclusive breastfeeding to complementary foods.

Akhi, a young mother, was enrolled in the Nobo Jatra project during her third month of pregnancy. To start, Akhi received a Carbon Monoxide Exposure Limiter (COEL) bangle programmed to transmit weekly audio health messages that are tailored to the exact stage of

her pregnancy. Akhi describes the bangle as, 'my own personal doctor advising me to have vegetables, meat and milk. It also tells me and Tushar, my husband, when to visit the community clinic for checkups. My mother-in-law also listens to the messages.'

The COEL bangle is lightweight and designed to be worn by women throughout their pregnancy. Often, it can serve as the only source of health information for pregnant women, and for this reason, Nobo Jatra selected 1,000 households that are particularly remote, in hard-to-reach areas.

As an ultra-poor household, Akhi's family was also included in Nobo Jatra's nutrition safety net cash transfers. Through an e-wallet registered to Akhi, US\$26 dollars is transferred each month for a period of 15 months and is used to purchase nutritious foods for the household. Akhi and Tushar also save some of the money for medical expenses. Mili, a frontline



health worker, also visits the household on a weekly basis to provide nutrition counselling, particularly focusing on Akhi's nutrition during pregnancy and how this also affects the baby. Throughout the pregnancy, Tushar has also been a pillar of support to Akhi – primarily as he has listened to the messages from the COEL bangle. "These messages may seem simple, like 'take rest after eating during pregnancy', but for us, we don't usually practice this. Since listening to these messages we have changed."

Akhi delivered a healthy baby boy, Sopnil in February, 2019, at the local government hospital and the family continues to receive cash transfers, which they use to buy food at the local markets. Mili continues to visit the family on a weekly basis and has found them to be committed to improving nutrition practices, taking Sopnil to growth monitoring and promotion sessions each month at the local community clinic.

Akhi's story of success is one of many from the Nobo Jatra project. Nobo Jatra continues to be dedicated to transforming the lives of communities in southwest Bangladesh by focusing on pregnant women and children under 2 to improve nutrition outcomes leading to healthier, more self-reliant families.

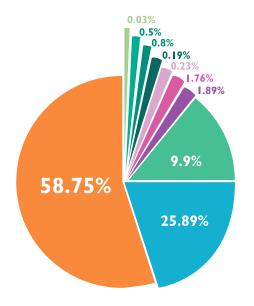
Closing Day Celebration

Twenty years after kickoff and implementation, World Vision has closed three Area Programmes and one grants project this past September – 20 years of major accomplishments in collaboration with the Government, local initiatives and various local partners. It is an opportunity not only to jointly look back on the work that has been done and the results achieved, but also to celebrate the long-term impact the programme has going forward and the willingness of the population to participate in it.

The closure is the finish line of a programme's natural course, a circle closing when a mission has been accomplished and its results prove that a real positive impact has been made on the well-being of children and families. World Vision is committed to continuing its work in other underprivileged regions of Bangladesh with the goal to improve the lives of 5 million children in the country, especially the most vulnerable ones, by 2025.



2019 Financial Summary



- Increase community resilience
- Improve health and nutrition status of mothers and children
- Ensure children are protected and cared for
- Improve access to and quality of education
- Ensure/Pursue quality Improvement
- Position World Vision Bangladesh as trusted/credible child focused development partner in Bangladesh
- Increase level of strategic partnering, collaboration and networking
- Enabling accountability and integrity
- Enabling learning and development
- Increase and diversify resources through non-sponsorship funding

Objective	YTD Actual (US\$)	YTD Budget (US\$)	Annual Budget (US\$)
Improve health and nutrition status of mothers and children	21,596,053.71	21,595,749.92	21,595,749.92
Improve access to and quality of education	1,577,143.36	1,769,331.68	1,769,331.68
Ensure children are protected and cared for	8,256,869.93	11,844,575.17	11,844,575.17
Increase community resilience	48,998,088.50	48,788,936.23	48,788,936.23
Ensure/Pursue quality Improvement	I,470,249.08	1,768,893.00	1,768,893.00
Increase level of strategic partnering, collaboration and networking	165,095.89	207,149.00	207,149.00
Position World Vision Bangladesh as trusted/credible child focused development partner in BD	198,278.20	144,522.00	144,522.00
Increase and diversify resources through non-sponsorhip funding	32,911.63	68,884.00	68,884.00
Enabling accountability and integrity	675,345.01	972,694.00	972,694.00
Enabling learning and development	420,191.54	588,199.00	588,199.00
Total	83,390,226.84	87,748,934.00	87,748,934.00

Audit Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position of World Vision Baughadesh as at 30 September, 2019 and Consolidated Statement of comprehensive income, Consolidated Statement of Records and Psyments for the year there needed, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of against automating policies and other explanatory information.

In our againion, the accompanying Consolidated financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of World Vision Banghalesh as at 20 September, 2019 and of its financial performance and its receipts and payment for the year then ended in accordance with the financial propriage provisions of Toreign Donations (Voluntary, Activities) Regulation Ordinance 1978 and Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance 1978 and Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation (Most 9787.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities auder those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the International Editics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Editics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other efficial responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained as sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements and Internal Controls

nent is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accorda with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines it necessary to enable the preparation 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. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material mistatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material If, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basic of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional



ASSETS

- Identify and assess the risks of murrial misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to final
 or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that
 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for une opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
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 Obation sufficient appropriate made evidence regarding the financial information of the anticies or business activities within the regardination to express an option on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, amort silon and performance of the audit, we remain solely responsible regionable regionable for the direction, amort silon and performance of the audit, we remain solely responsible. for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other natters, the planned scope and timing of the audi and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in intensi control that we jointful, during our audit.

We also provide those charged with government with a statement that we have compiled with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and the commission with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to be one one independence, and where applicable, related afreguards.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the Companies Act 1994 and other legal and regulatory requirements, we also report the

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief
- at We have obtained at the information and creditations which to the best of our knowledge and belief-were necessary for the purposer; and red anneals the verification thereof).
 (b) In our opinion, proper books of recommiss are equival by law have been kept by the entity so fat as it appeared from our examination of these books.
 c) The statements of financial period on and statement of comprehensive income deals with by the report are in agreement with the books of recommiss and retirens.

Dinka, 09 February 2020

Ashraful Haque Nabi & Co.



hard Statement of Financial Position As at 30 September, 2019

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Non-current assets			
Advances, deposits and prepaid expenses	5m	4,727,811.20	12,173,670,38
Receivable from employee against service	6.60	13,408.07	1,181.64
Craft and craft equivalent	2.60	449,196.74	6,372,328.43
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Total assets		5,190,416.00	18,547,180.45
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Fund account		(1,259,916.91)	4,713,667,45
Liabilities			
Payable to expensive	9000	88,571.00	5,000.00
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Foreign Boundary		45,492,634,91	91,364,636,60
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Other Possion:		26,329,457,32	6,426,439,21
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Received from Save The Children-UK		15.062,411.17	-
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B. EXPENDITURE			
Administrative Cost;		6,436,874.69	6,268,879.9
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Capital aspenditum		205,637.62	194,024.6
Project Cost: (Schololy-C)		76,950,382,34	WT.064,279.9
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Family planning and population		9.	1,7283
Public health		3.011.594.72	5,625,322,1
Education, routh and colliser		2,271,279.94	2,675,206.0
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Total Expenditure (B)		53,990,226.84	*1,331,196.6
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Total		76,971,202.97	76,928,492,5

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WORKING TOGETHER

"In Bangladesh, the USAID Mission and Food for Peace have a strong partnership with World Vision, who implements the USAID-funded Nobo Jatra (New Beginnings) activity in four areas in southwest Bangladesh. We've extended the program to run to 2022 to make the results sustainable. These are the poorest communities - and the work of Nobo Jatra is changing lives, making communities and people more resilient, with increased incomes and skills to move them out of poverty even when personal or natural disasters hit,"

- Tom Pope Director, USAID/Bangladesh Office of Food, Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance At every level – from a child's community to global – World Vision works with partners from across society to influence and bring our expertise and resources to transform children's lives. We work to make our partnerships positive for every partner. We are so grateful for our partners like you who believed they could make a difference. And they did.



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