

Overview of WVI operations in Ghana

Thirty-two years after World Vision was founded, the seed of Bob Pierce's vision sown in Ghana. World Vision International started working in Ghana in 1975 in response to economic and social challenges in some parts of the country. Since then, World Vision has remained dedicated to working with the most vulnerable children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice, inspired by Christian values.

For the last 40 years, World Vision has invested more than US\$ 600 million in transformational development interventions across Ghana.



4,375 - 1979 65,369 - 2019

Number of Sponsored Children:



263 - 2019

Total number of Staff



Contribution to national revenue through taxes:



\$600 million

Overall investment over 40 years

Key Milestones

- December 1979 the first Child Sponsorship Community Development Project was started in Nkronso near Apedwa in the Eastern Region.
- 1980 the first Primary school building was constructed at Obeliakua (Obeirakwa) (near Bawjiase).
- 1982 the first batch of Village Health Workers to support the Primary Health Care centers or the community clinics were trained at Gomoa Oguaa Health Centre.
- In 1983 fifty-two corn milling machines were imported and supplied to all projects to promote project-level income-generating activities and ensure sustainability.
- 1983/84 World Vision supplied relief items to project communities, specifically targeting children due to acute scarcity of food.
- 1985- Drilling of 50 boreholes in some water-distressed project communities in the Volta, Eastern and Greater Accra Regions. Twenty-eight (28) out of the fifty (50) wells drilled yielded water. WorldVision decided to expand the drilling programme to cover 100,000 people and to include construction of KVIP latrines through Ghana Rural Water Project (GRWP) Phase I.
- 1989 World Vision Ghana brought in vehicles and equipment for the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in Western Region.

- 1990- Hilton Foundation funded the Ghana Rural Water Project (GRWP) Phase II with marching funds from World Vision US in the Greater Afram Plains. In the same year, WorldVision Ghana began to re-think its development strategy.
- 1991 The first Area Development Programme (ADP) started in the Kwahu South District in October.
- 1994 World Vision Ghana chaired the first Inter-NGO Consortium that coordinated NGO relief activities to victims of the Northern conflict that erupted in February.
- 2000- First Family Sponsorship ADP started in Atebubu District (Brong Ahafo Region)
- 2001 In January, GRWP commissioned its offices in Savelugu, Northern Region as part of the extension of Phase III.
- 2005-The GRWP Project drilled the 2,000th borehole in the Kpekuni community in the Gushegu-Karaga ADP
- 2006-World Vision Ghana supported the vaccination of 4,206,393 rural poultry birds against Newcastle disease and Avian Flu.
- 2007-WorldVision Ghana received \$128,250 from the German Government through WV Germany to support flood victims with relief items in the Bongo District.
- 2009- World Vision Ghana was adjudged the Best NGO in 2008 at the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana awards.
 - A \$3 million Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Educational Project was launched to provide infrastructure, teaching and learning materials as well as capacity building for teachers in the Fanteakwa and Afram Plains Districts.
- 2016- World Vision Ghana launched a new Strategy (2016 to 2021) with a goal of "contributing to sustained well-being of 4,555,809 people including children within families and communities, especially the most vulnerable."
 - · This led to the development of Technical Programmes such as WASH, Food Security and Resilience, Primary Health Care and Reading Improvement in Primary Education.
 - The Office was operating in 29 Area Programmes (APs)/ Districts in 2016.
- 2017 WVG Advisory Council transitioned to an Intermediate Board.
- 2019 The Office's name was officially changed from World Vision International (WVIG) in Ghana to World Vision Ghana (WVG).
 - · The National Office is currently implementing in 34 Districts including grant projects across 14 out of 16 Administrative Regions in Ghana.
 - New APs opened in Wa West and Builsa South Districts from 1st October, 2019.

SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILD WELL-BEING





Education

World Vision Ghana works closely with partners such as Ghana Education Service and Ghana Library Board to ensure that children have access to quality education in order to acquire the requisite knowledge and skills they need to build a better future.

Key Achievements



1,221 primary school blocks built (1995 to date)



417 nursery school blocks



219 junior High school blocks built (1994 to 2014)



3,400 teachers trained in improved instructional methods (2013 to date)





Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

World Vision Ghana has since 1985 been implementing diverse interventions in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in communities, schools and healthcare facilities to enhance access to WASH services for vulnerable children and their households as well as contributing to the eradication of Guinea Worm in Ghana. World Vision Ghana has a well-resourced Water Quality Laboratory that analyse water samples for both chemical and microbial contamination. In collaboration with partners such as the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), the Coalition of NGOs in the Water Sector (CONIWAS), donors and development partners such as the Hilton Foundation, UN-Habitat and UNICEF.

Key Achievements



3,518 boreholes fitted with hand pumps and 106 Limited Mechanized System (with 477 taps installed) in Communities (1985 till date)



1,087,452 people educated / sensitized on WASH issues in communities (1985-2019)



1,418,182 people provided with access to potable water (1985 till date)



\$106.651.826.63 Amount spent on WASH to date





Livelihood

World Vision Ghana's Livelihood programme seeks to contribute to improved wellbeing by empowering households and communities in using sustainable agricultural practices, reduce post-harvest losses, become resilient to disasters and gain access to micro-credit. World Vision Ghana implements its livelihood interventions in collaboration with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), Department of Cooperatives, National Board for Small Scale Industries (NBSSI), Ghana Irrigation Development Authority and other Civil Society Organization (CSOs).

Key Achievements



\$66,612,396.88 Amount spent on Livelihood to date

- 5,225 Micro-credit/Savings Groups (Saving for Transformation) formed (2003 to 2019) helping over 130,625 members to access credit facilities to support well-being of over 400,000 children (2013-
- GHS 23,139,646 as Saving group total asset
- 95 major processing centres (local industries) in Shea butter processing (8), Soap production (3), Cassava processing (8), Honey production (76) benefitting 15,582 people (90% women) [2015-2019].
- 270,000 people sensitized on Climate Smart Agriculture interventions (2018)





Health and **Nutrition**

In partnership with the Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service, Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana, Municipal/District Health Directorates, communities and CSOs, World Vision Ghana continues to implement interventions that address the healthcare needs of children and their families. World Vision through its efforts assisted reduction of Buruli Ulcer cases in Ghana and also minimized the stigmatization of HIV/ AIDS patients though the use of the Channel of Hope-HIV/AIDS model. The Health programme adopts an integrated approach that seeks to promote Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) through community sensitization and education on nutrition, breastfeeding, malaria, diarrhoea management, immunization and provision of various medical supplies.

Key Achievements



Over 100 Health facilities built across the country (1994 - date)

1,592,624 children had their mothers trained on appropriate supplementary



208,446 people trained in HIV/AIDS issues including support to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (1995-2015)



About 1.1 million people suffering from Neglected Tropical Diseases (Filiariasis, Yaws, Oncho etc) treated (1999 - 2007)



\$163,762,178.35 Amount spent on Health to date



feeding (1995 - 2011)

Relief and Disaster Management

World Vision Ghana responds to humanitarian emergencies in order to alleviate the plight of vulnerable people through provision of relief items such as food, water, shelter, medicine and clothing. Communities are empowered to develop disaster preparedness and management plans and also trained in conflict resolution. This is done in collaboration with NADMO, Ghana National Fire Service and other CSOs.

Key Achievements



Provision of water, support for agricultural ventures and other income generating activities to refugees at Buduburam (1991-2000)



houses constructed for flood victims in the Bongo District (1999-2008)

disaster victims supported with relief items through collaborations with NADMO and Inter Agency Working Group on Emergencies



flood victims supported with food and non-food items across selected Districts in Northern Ghana (2008-2010)



shipments of medical equipments/ supplies, school supplies, personal items etc worth \$120 million donated to health facilities, schools, disaster victims etc. (2003-2009)



\$ 1,833,102.23 Amount spent on Disaster Management & Relief to date





Child Protection and Advocacy

World Vision Ghana works with partners including the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and other like-minded Civil Society Organizations and Development partners to uphold child rights. World Vision Ghana's Child rights work is premised on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, The Children Act of Ghana, World Vision Ghana's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and the Bible. In addition, Advocacy is an integral part of World Vision Ghana's ministry as it enables the organization to contribute toward tackling the root causes of poverty and community empowerment.

Key Achievements



people reached via media platforms with End Child Marriage Now! messages (2018)



functional kids clubs/ child parliaments in all APs promoting child-led advocacy



Faith Leaders engaged in action to end child marriage

Contributed to review of the Children's Act, the Criminal Offences Act and the Juvenile Justice Act during national consultation events organized by MGCSP (2018-2019)



\$ 2,702,624,48 Amount spent on CP & A to date



Strategic Areas for **Collaboration**

In collaboration with government institutions, the Church and other CSOs and stakeholders, World Vision Ghana endeavors to implement relief, transformational development and advocacy interventions that seek to complement the efforts of national, regional and local governments in contributing to improved child wellbeing and socio-economic development at large. Some of the proposed areas for improved collaboration with the government through the Ministries, Departments, INGOS/NGOs and other institutions include:

- Sharing of information and resources to achieve greater impacts.
- Engagements on SDGs, National Development Plans and the role of INGOs/NGOs in contributing to the achievement of national goals and priorities.
- · Local resource mobilization to augment government's developmental programmes in response to the rapidly changing donor funding in favour of less developed economies and fragile contexts.
- Explore sustainable livelihood opportunities for women and youth.
- · Support implementation of the National Strategic Framework on End Child marriage in Ghana (2017-2026) and other Child rights policies and legislations.

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For nearly 70 years, World Vision has been committed to protecting and caring for children and those in need. From our founder Bob Pierce giving the last \$5 in his pocket to help care for an abandoned Chinese girl in 1947, to then-CEO Stan Mooneyham purchasing a large ship in 1979 to rescue refugee families stranded at sea in Vietnam, World Vision has gone where others would not. Even in the places where it is hardest to be a child, God is there—and we should be there too. So, our mission continues.

THE JOURNEY OF
WORLD VISION GHANA

(1979 - 2019)

World Vision

Bob Pierce founded World Vision three years after he came face to face with an abandoned child and chose not to look away. Determined the last \$5 in his pocket wasn't enough, he knew more people had to be involved for a long-term solution and broader impact. Initially based in the state of Oregon, the organization focused on missions service for emergencies in East Asia. Today World Vision has become the largest Christian international non-governmental organization working in nearly 100 countries worldwide.