

## WORLD VISION IN WEST AFRICA

World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. We serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

For more than 40 years, World Vision has partnered with communities in West Africa from rural agricultural villages, to disaster, conflict and fragile contexts. Our decades of experience have taught us that the most effective way to transform lives is through a holistic approach. Our ultimate goal is to ensure all children are cared for, protected, educated, and feel loved.

Our strategy is a promise to build brighter futures for vulnerable children in West Africa. The Sustainable Development Goals, guide our development and emergency-response programming.

*Our Vision for every child,  
life in all its fullness.*

*Our prayer for every heart,  
the will to make it so.*

### ▶ OUR FOOTPRINT

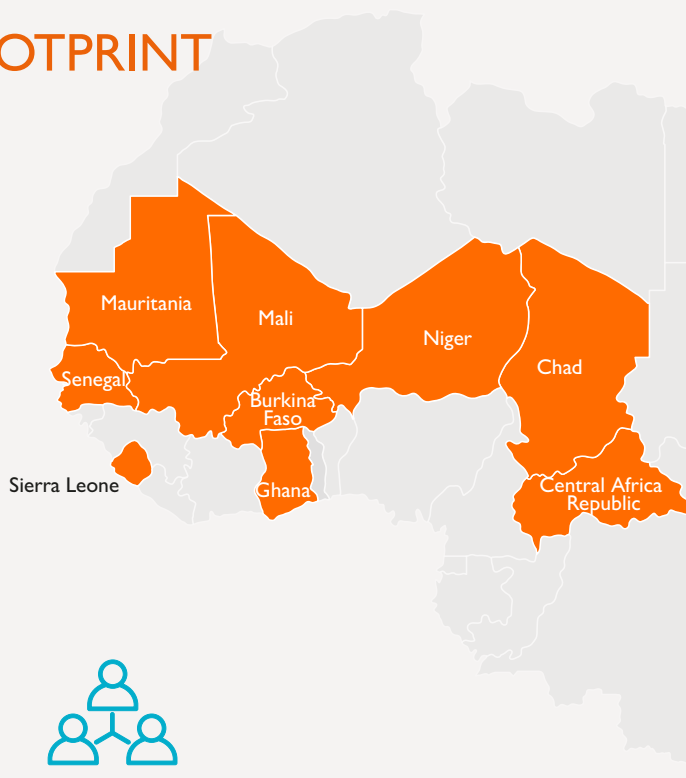


More than  
**150**  
Programmes



More  
than **430**  
Projects

More than  
**1,700** Staff



More than  
**3,600,000**  
People reached



More than  
**US\$174 million**  
(FY20 budget)



## ▶ OUR PRIORITIES



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

We know that safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030 requires investment in adequate infrastructure, provision of sanitation facilities, and encouraging good hygiene. World Vision focuses on water, sanitation and hygiene in households, health facilities and schools, encouraging behaviours that keep water clean, provide safe toilets and other practices to manage waste, and ensure people wash their hands with soap. We are making progress; during the year 2020 we reached more than **2.3 million** people in West Africa through access to drinking water.



### EDUCATION

Our goal is to achieve improved access to quality primary education for children, so that they can enjoy integrated early childhood services for holistic development and acquire reading (literacy) and counting (numeracy) skills. We work with communities and local government to address the barriers to a quality education for all children. In the year 2020, we reached more than **231,000** children in West Africa through our education programmes.



### HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Our goal is improved health status for children and their families, so that children are protected from infection and disease. In Sierra Leone, we have helped severely malnourished children make a full recovery. There is more to be done. We want to promote good hygiene and nutrition for children and strengthen health systems. In 2020, we reached more than 275,000 children, including more than 10,000 adolescents and more than 66,000 parents/caregivers through our health and nutrition programmes.



### LIVELIHOODS & RESILIENCE

Because productive and resilient livelihoods are key to breaking the cycle of poverty, we empower families to provide well for children by strengthening skills and improving access to income. In West Africa, we do this through supporting growth of Savings Groups. These groups enable community members to plan ahead, to cope with household emergencies and to develop their livelihoods. In the year 2020 we supported more than 9,200 savings groups members.



### HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Through our disaster management and response, we prepare communities who are vulnerable to disaster and provide short-term relief, food, shelter and medical care to people when natural or man-made disasters happen. Between March and November 2020, we reached more than **4.7 million** people including more than **2.2 million** children through our COVID-19 emergency response.



### FAITH & DEVELOPMENT

We collaborate with people who share our values towards children: compassion, love, and mercy. Believing that God works through all people, we work with those who are like-minded to reach the most vulnerable children in the most dangerous places. We partner with faith leaders and faith based organisations to bring transformation and strengthen community and family relationships enabling children to live in happy and safe environments. We are making progress equipping faith leaders to reach communities through creating awareness on diseases such as COVID-19, and Ebola. In 2020, more than 80 religious leaders partnered with World Vision to transform the lives of the most vulnerable people.



### CHILD PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION

We work with communities to prevent abuse, exploitation, and other violence against children; to ensure this is addressed effectively when it occurs; and to help and restore child survivors. World Vision works toward the empowerment of children to become change agents on issues that affect them. During the COVID-19 response we trained more than 130,000 community members to respond to child protection incidents.



**It takes a world**  
to end violence against children

### IT TAKES THE WHOLE OF WEST AFRICA TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

World Vision West Africa is participating in a five-year global campaign to end all forms of violence against children. World Vision actively participates in the Joining Forces Initiative in West and Central Africa and is driving activities to promote child protection and participation especially in conflict-affected areas, promote community complaints mechanism, and advocate for children's rights across the region.

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OUR MAJOR  
DONORS

