World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian, development and advocacy organization 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. In West Africa World Vision has operations in Central Africa Republic, Chad, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Sierra Leone and most recently in Burkina Faso. 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.

Burkina Faso is a new operational area for World Vision’s humanitarian emergency response. World Vision will provide life-saving support, to reduce suffering while strengthening resilience among women, men, boys, and girls, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. World Vision’s initial operations are targeting six provinces with an aim of reaching more than 420,000 conflict and humanitarian crisis affected people, 59 per cent of who are children under the age of 18 years.

World Vision’s work in Burkina Faso will be implemented through a hybrid approach of direct and partnering operations, working through vetted partners who already have a proven record of presence and are assisting the affected communities. Our commitment is to reinforce – not replace – national and local systems as part of the partnership-building process. We will seek to build the capacity of our implementing partners, local government institutions as well as the functional community organisations with technical, institutional, financial and logistical support. We will build partnerships with the Assemblies of God Church and other faith based organisations to pursue our objective of saving lives, reducing human suffering and strengthening the resilience of people.
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE
(WASH)
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. In Burkina Faso, the main objective of our WASH interventions is to improve access to safe water and sanitation, and promote enhanced hygiene for more than 94,000 people. This will be done through rehabilitating water sources, drilling new boreholes, and establishing, training, and equipping community WASH committees. Our interventions will also include distribution of hygiene kits and WASH supplies and dissemination of health messages.

FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOODS,
RESILIENCE & FOOD ASSISTANCE
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 order to meet immediate life-saving food needs for families, World Vision will provide food assistance through cash and/or in-kind. The objective is to ensure communities’ immediate food needs are met by increasing access to food for more than 81,000 most vulnerable households. While the aim of our response is to address primarily immediate and acute needs, World Vision also aims to contribute to long-term food security through strengthening the livelihoods of affected communities, including working with more than 17,000 youth to build their literacy and digital skills to improve their future work options.

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING
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. We target to reach more than 145,000 children, youth and women, by addressing child protection issues, through the establishment and/or strengthening of child protection case management systems. We will mobilise communities against child abuse, Gender Based Violence and on prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. We will ensure that affected communities, especially women and girls, have access to mental health and psychosocial support services.

ADVOCACY
Human rights including child rights will be at the centre of World Vision’s advocacy and influencing for Burkina Faso. Our advocacy strategy will focus on child rights and child protection in crises; access to quality, relevant and inclusive education for all children; prevention and response to record forced displacement internally and across borders; and immediate and long-term solutions to the severe food insecurity situation, including climate adaptation and mitigation. We will work and coordinate across national, regional and global levels to hold duty bearers, regional bodies, and international actors to account on their commitments.

OUR FOOTPRINT IN WEST AFRICA

More than 150 Programmes

More than 430 Projects

More than 1,700 Staff

Humanitarian operations in Central Africa Republic, Chad, Mali & Niger

Relief operations in Burkina Faso along with Mali & Niger comprise of WV’s Central Sahel Response.

931,105 FY20 beneficiary reach in Central Sahel

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