Empowered Children as Agents of Change: Advocating to Reach the SDGs
Who We Are

- World Vision is a Christian relief, development & advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families & communities to overcome poverty & injustice.
- Inspired by our Christian values, we are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people.
- We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.
Who We Are (cont'd)

To learn more about World Vision International, visit our homepage: https://www.wvi.org/
Children, Young People & the SDGs

- The SDGs are universal goals meant to bring economic, social & environmental progress for all communities, including children & young people.
- Under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the civil, political, social, economic & cultural rights of children are outlined.
- Children & young people have a right to advocate & be heard by their governments in reaching the SDGs.
World Vision & the SDGs

- World Vision supports children in getting their voices heard on the local, national & international stage on topics such as the SDGs
- Our Promise: Launched in 2016 as a guarantee to help transform the lives of the most vulnerable children through poverty eradication (SDG 1)
- Our Promise link: https://www.wvi.org/our-promise
- Social Accountability: This initiative helps communities worldwide hold their local governments accountable (SDG 16)
- Social Accountability page: https://www.wvi.org/our-work/socialaccountability
- World Vision SDG page: https://www.wvi.org/SDGs
SDG 4: Education

- World Vision works with communities & local governments to provide a quality education for children.
- Training, tools & resources are also provided to parents & teachers.
- World Vision Education page: https://www.wvi.org/our-work/education
- Based on the 2021 Annual Report: 4.1 million children reached with education programs.
- 1.5 million education materials distributed.
- 64 thousand teachers trained & supported.
SDG 4: Education (cont'd)

- World Vision values children's voices & regularly works with children, allowing them to lead & provide their direct inputs in reports.
- Training & resources are also provided to children so that they can advance their activism & advocacy skills.
Relevant Reports & Resources

SDG 5: Gender Equality

- Sexual & Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), decision making, resource access, early marriage/pregnancy are all signs of gender inequality that women & girls face worldwide.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has made addressing these issues difficult & risk setting back progress made so far.
- World Vision works on the ground with partners to help put an end to instances of gender inequality & bring long-term progress.
World Vision & SDG 5

• World Vision plans projects with Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI) theory of change in mind to ensure all communities are able to be reached & served, bringing sustainable change.
• By ensuring women & girls are targeted in development plans, the inequality gap gets reduced, economically, socially, environmentally, etc.
• World Vision also provides girls with training & resources on preventing & reporting child marriages & other forms of Gender Based Violence.
• The results from these trainings are seen in reports that analyze initiatives to help prevent child marriages.
### Relevant Reports & Resources

• World Vision works in 100 countries, many which have experienced the harsh effects of climate change in recent years.
• Drought, flooding, conflict over resources, etc. around the world are bound to keep increasing if nothing is done.
• To better help these communities, World Vision works to prepare them & become climate change/disaster resilient.
• World Vision also supports teaching children about climate changes & listening to their concerns.
World Vision & Climate Change

- In a recent report, World Vision identified 8 areas for environment/climate action.
- The 8 areas are: Natural Resource Management (NRM), Climate-Smart Agriculture, Integrated Water Resource Management, Waste Management, Energy-efficient Technology, Former Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), Community-Based Disaster Risk Management
Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR)

- FMNR is a nature-based solution where people tend to trees & shrubs, letting the forest regenerate naturally.
- Women & Children have also learned about the FMNR process.
- Since 2009, World Vision has introduced FMNR to 27 countries.
- Over a 20 year period in Niger, FMNR has helped restore **5 MILLION** Hectares of forest.
Relevant Reports & Resources

- WVI Climate Change Page: https://www.wvi.org/our-work/climate-change
- 6 Ways We Are Addressing Climate Change Around the World: https://www.wvi.org/opinion/view/six-ways-we-are-addressing-climate-change-around-world
- Kenya Kids & FMNR video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0m9Tgk31rg
All Resources & Links

World Vision sites
- SDGs: https://www.wvi.org/SDGs
- Our Promise: https://www.wvi.org/our-promise
- ITAW: https://www.wvi.org/ittakesaworld
- Social Accountability: https://www.wvi.org/our-work/socialaccountability
Publications & Articles (SDG 4)

SDG 4: Education

- Child Led Research, from Participating Research, to Leading It: https://www.wvi.org/publications/report/child-participation/child-led-research-participating-research-leading-it
Publications & Articles (SDG 5)

SDG 5: Gender Equality
Publications & Articles (SDG 15)

On SDG 15:

- 6 Ways We Are Addressing Climate Change: • https://www.wvi.org/opinion/view/six-ways-we-are-addressing-climate-change-around-world
- Unleashing the Worlds Underground Forests: https://www.wvi.org/opinion/view/unleashing-worlds-underground-forests
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