

Annual Report 2021

World Vision Bangladesh





OUR VISION

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

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



Technical/ Sector Programmes

 Education	 Child Protection and Participation	 Health, Nutrition and WASH	 Livelihoods and Food Security
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Cross-cutting /Contributing Thematic Areas

 Advocacy and Campaign	 Faith and Development	 Gender Equality and Social Inclusion	 Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Response
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How will this goal be achieved?

 Programme Impact	 Diverse Funding	 Operational Excellence	 Well Developed People
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Foreword



World Vision (WV) kicked off celebrations for its 50 years of operations in country with a gathering of all our staff for the first time in our history. WV was responding to humanitarian emergencies and disasters prior to the formation of the country and has partnered with Government, people of Bangladesh and all stakeholders in the progress and development of the country from its inception.

Once again this year in the midst of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and related challenges, our teams were committed and worked tirelessly to ensure children were kept safe and protected. Given the experiences and the learning from the previous years, we were better positioned and prepared to respond to the challenges posed. Although we were able to stop and prevent many a child marriage in our programs/projects, its unacceptable that more children throughout the country were married off during the pandemic, did not have access to basic services, have experienced increased levels of abuse and violence.

We are constantly challenged and looking to address root causes of poverty by creating learning environments for the children, delivering quality health services, and assisting families with agriculture and livelihoods support. Through the dedicated efforts of our over 1,000 staff and network of over 5,000 community facilitators, we have reached over 6.7 million people. Although progress against Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) were somewhat set back due to the pandemic, we continued to see lives changed for the better through our work and communities given hope in the midst of their hopelessness.

Some of the significant interventions included - 28,895 vulnerable families provided with direct livelihood and asset support to help them overcome some of the losses they incurred during the pandemic. 8,919 malnourished children aged 6-59 months were well-nourished through the community-based nutrition programs. 106,313 people received access to safe drinking water and 131,897 people received access to safe sanitation. Together with the child and youth forum members 374 child marriages were prevented.

Without the continued support of our generous donors and funding offices, national and local governments and the communities we serve, none of this would have been possible. We thank them all for their partnership and the trust placed on us. My heartfelt thanks also to our teams who continue to serve faithfully in challenging contexts. With God's leading, we will continue to fulfil our commitment of transforming the lives of children and communities in Bangladesh.

There is much to be done to recover from the pandemic, particularly in the case of the most vulnerable. With your support, World Vision will continue to collaborate with all stakeholders to build on the progress to date, so that every child can experience 'Fullness of Life' and have hope the future.

Suresh Bartlett
National Director
World Vison Bangladesh

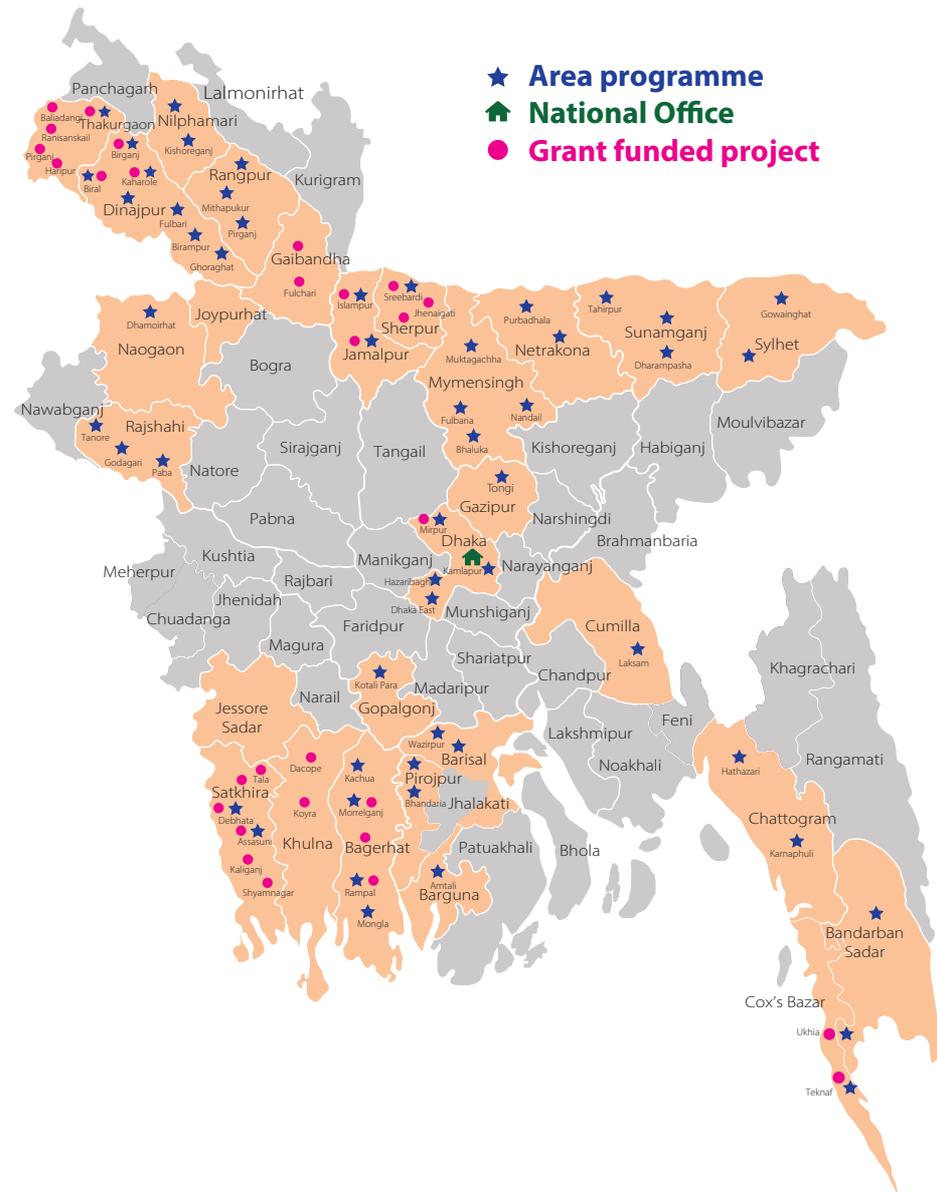
Where We Work

56
long-term Area
Programmes
(APs)

36
grant-funded
projects

25
Privately
funded projects

28
districts
71 sub-districts
275 unions



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

A year of resilience at a glance
Total Persons Reached

6,738,032



1,477,054
Females



505,350
Males



2,299,241
Girls



2,456,387
Boys

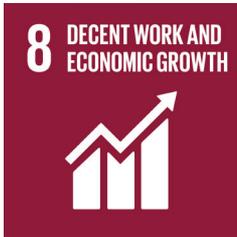


Including
8,991

People With Disabilities (PWDs)

Contribution to SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

SDG



Every hour, 30 individuals receive livelihood inputs to ensure food security for their families

SDG



Every hour, 12 people receive clean water and 45 people get access to safe sanitation facilities

SDG



Every day, 162 children take part in ending violence against children

SDG



Every hour, 29 children (under 5 years) are supported to prevent malnutrition

SDG



Every hour, 24 children receive education





50 years journey of World Vision Bangladesh

Key Milestones

- **10-year** Chanpara Project for homeless people was set up.
- Food, shelter, educational materials, medicine, etc were provided in **13** Burmese Muslim Refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

8,000 children (04-14 years) were supported with food, education and medical expenses under child care projects.

18 projects under sponsorship and child care program were established.

Commenced **Sponsorship program** at Durgapur and Mymensingh.

Supported the Bangladeshi people taking refuge in India.

Social welfare outreach project began in Dhaka providing treatment, education and technical support for **21,000** children afflicted with critical diseases.

- USAID-funded **Food Security Enhancement Initiative (FSEI)** contributed to food security in addition to relief and rehabilitation.
- Various development activities undertaken for **HIV** and **AIDS** high-risk groups.
- Advocacy and campaigns integrated locally, nationally on child protection issues, via '**Child Health Now**' and '**Bride not Before 18**'.

- **USAID-funded Noba Jatra Project** commenced in southeast Bangladesh.
- **Rohingya response** commenced in the largest refugee camp in Cox's bazar with lifesaving support for the refugees that fled Myanmar.
- Area Program modalities continued to be refined for greater impact with technical project models in **health, nutrition, education, livelihood, Child Protection, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change, Advocacy** through Citizen Voice and Action.
- World Vision Bangladesh the **second largest** field office in the global World Vision International organization.

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2000-2015

1990-1999

1970

2016-2022

25,000 Registered children were supported through **103** child care projects.

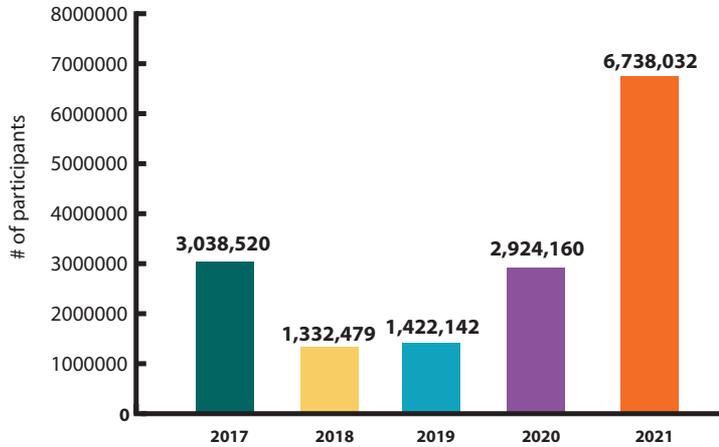
Set up **office** in Birishiri, Netrokona districts in Bangladesh.

- **15-25** years Area Development Programs (ADP) commenced in different parts of the country aimed at long-term, transformational and sustainable development.
- **300** Community Based Organizations (CBOs) were formed with hundreds of under-privileged women who became financially solvent.
- City wide approach started with **Dhaka Street Girl Children** project.
- USAID funded one of the largest grant projects - **Child Survival** project to reduce infant and maternal mortality in Dhaka city.
- The '**Bangladesh Nutrition Project**' was a significant initiative funded by the Government of Bangladesh with the assistance of World Bank.

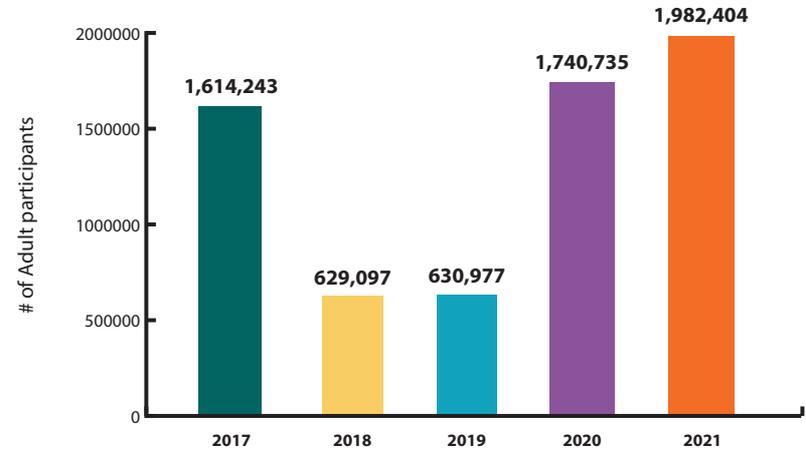
Responded to the devastating **cyclone** in Bhola district.

5-year Achievements (2017-2021)

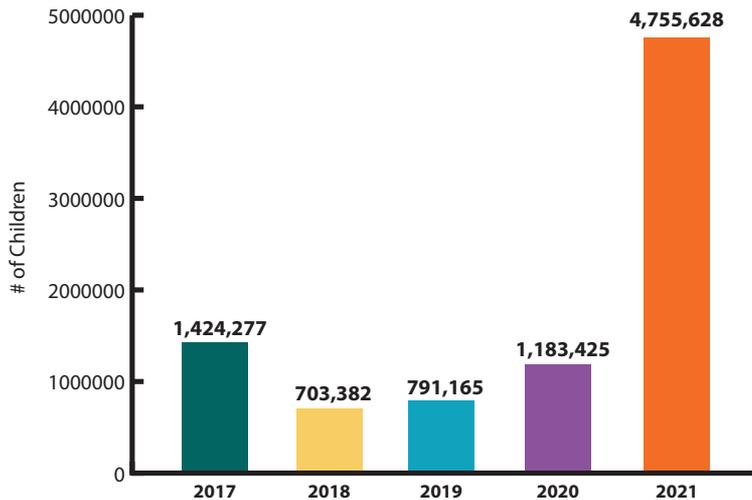
Participants reached



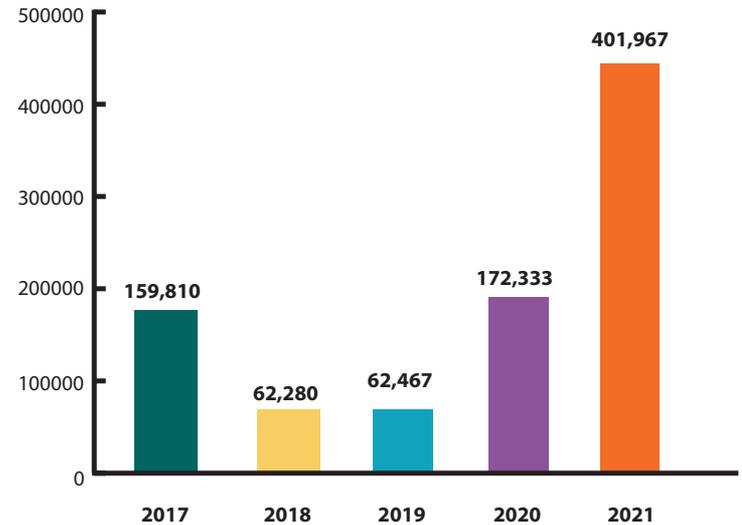
Adult participants reached



Children reached



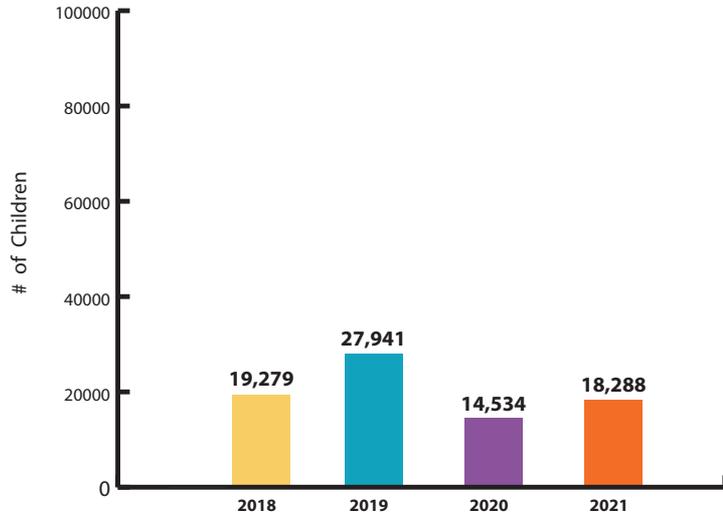
Youths (15-29 years) reached



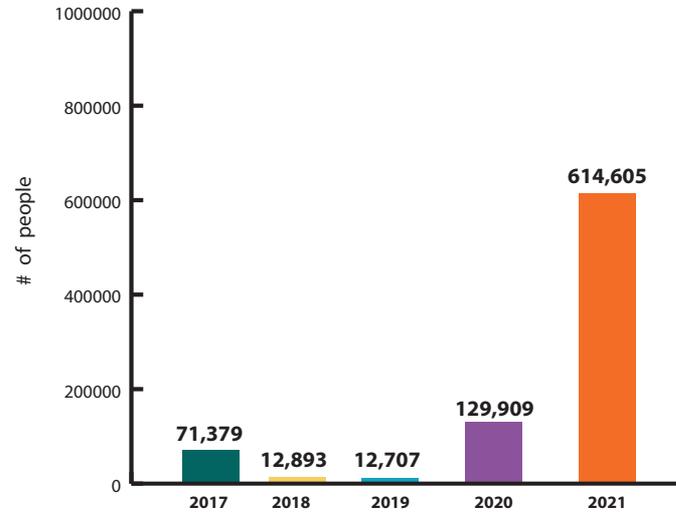
Youths (15-29 years)

Child Protection

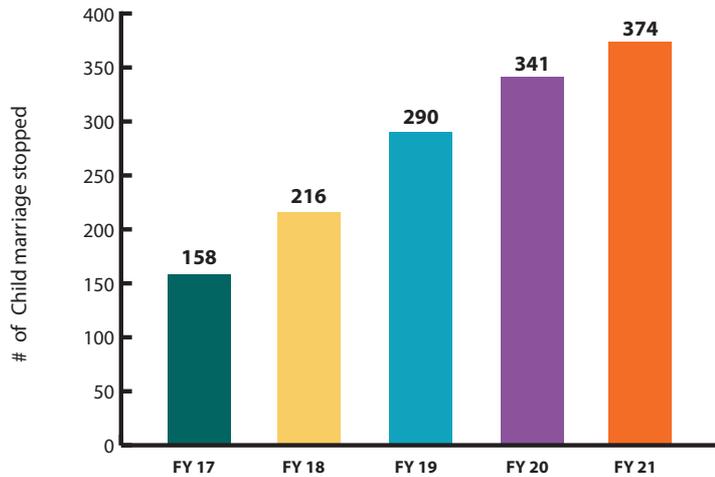
Children participating to end violence against children



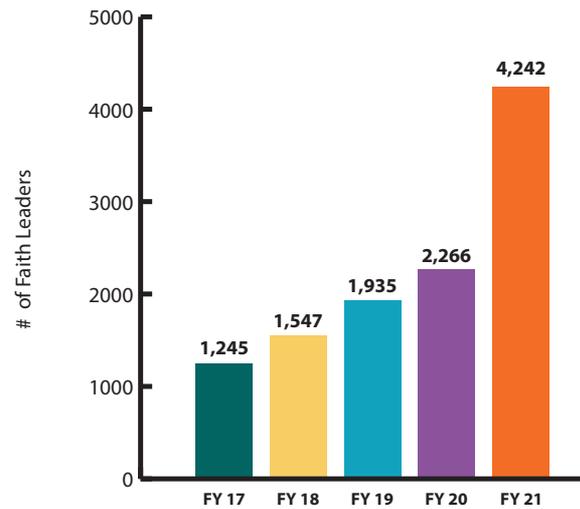
People aware and addressing child protection issues



Child marriages stopped by community and children

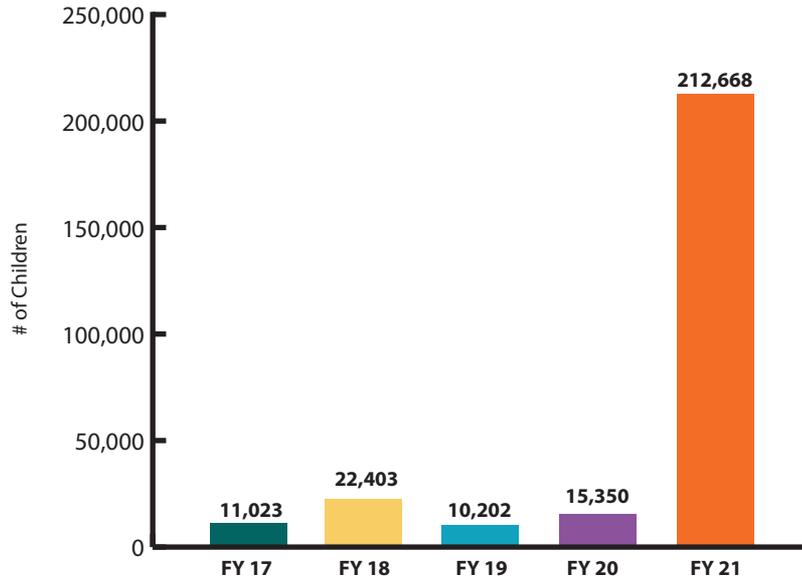


Faith leaders engaged in protecting children from violence

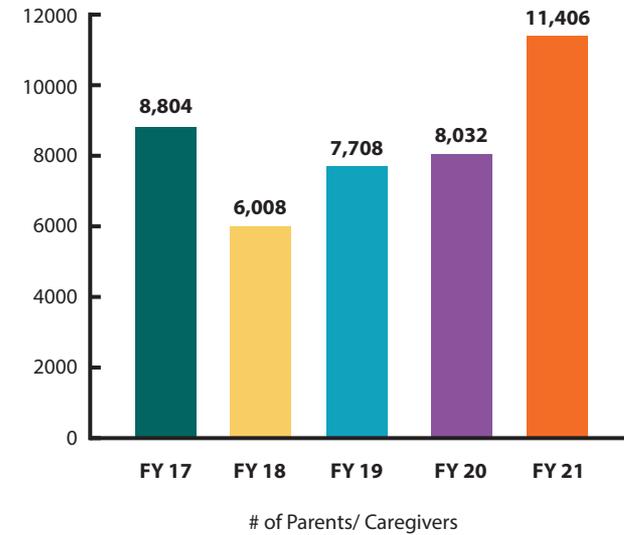


Education

Children benefited through Education

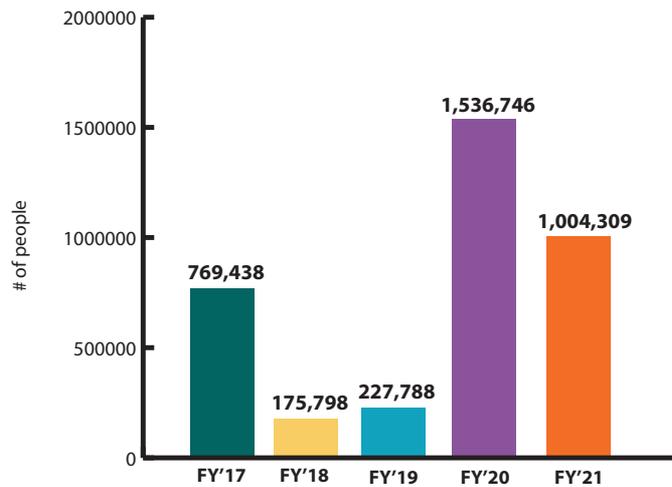


Parents/caregivers participating in positive parenting

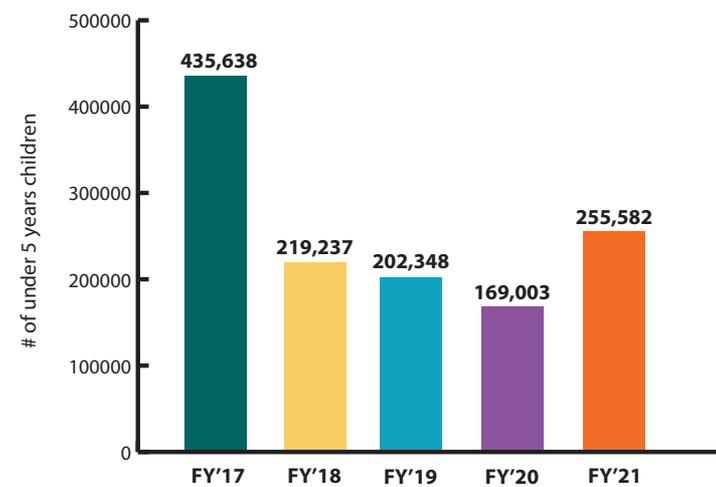


Health, Nutrition and WASH

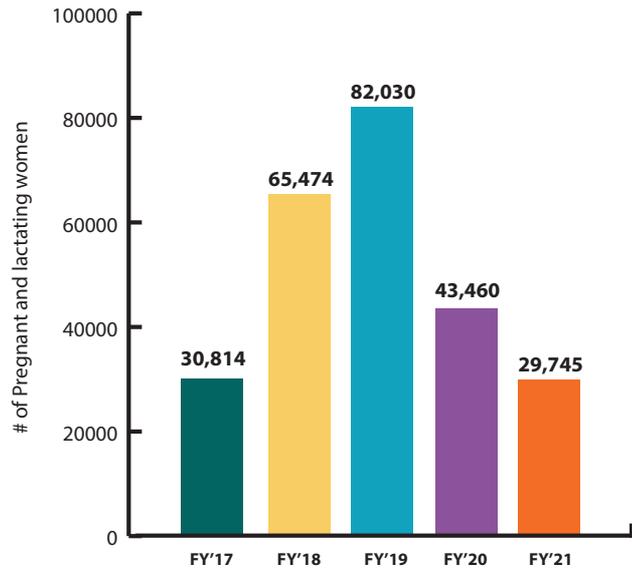
People reached through health, nutrition and WASH



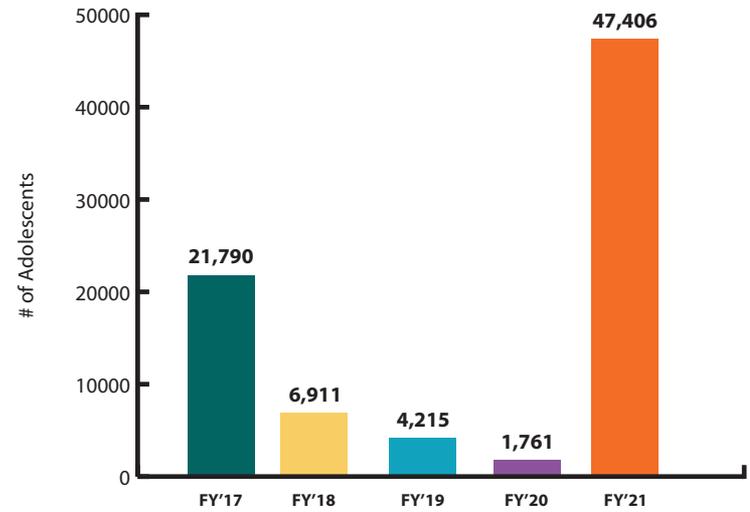
Children under 5 years receiving nutrition support



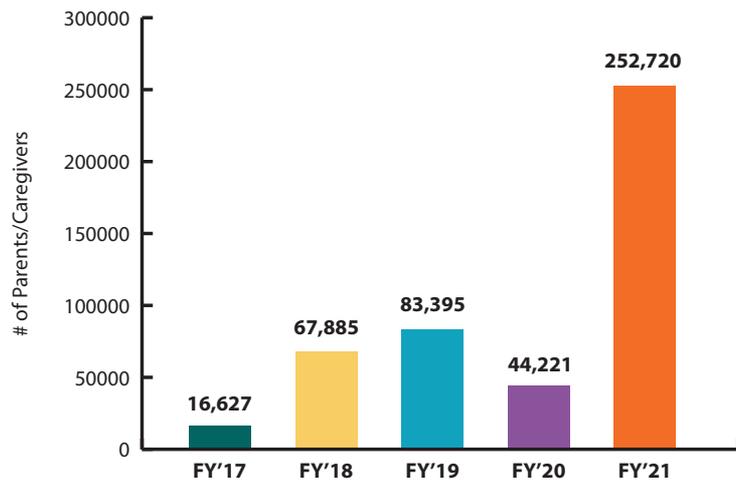
Pregnant and lactating women receiving for Antenatal care (ANC) & Postnatal care(PNC) services



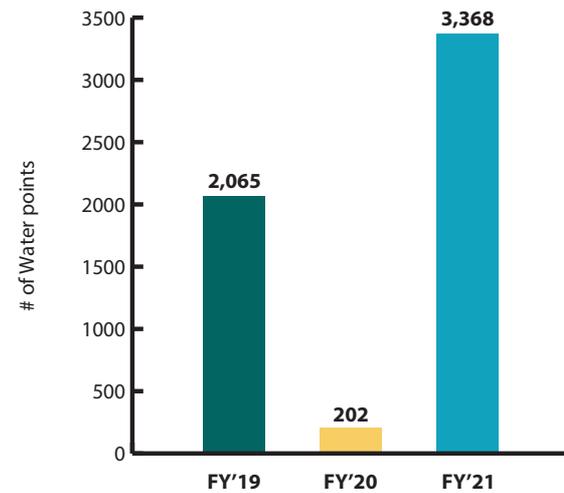
Adolescents reached with nutritional services



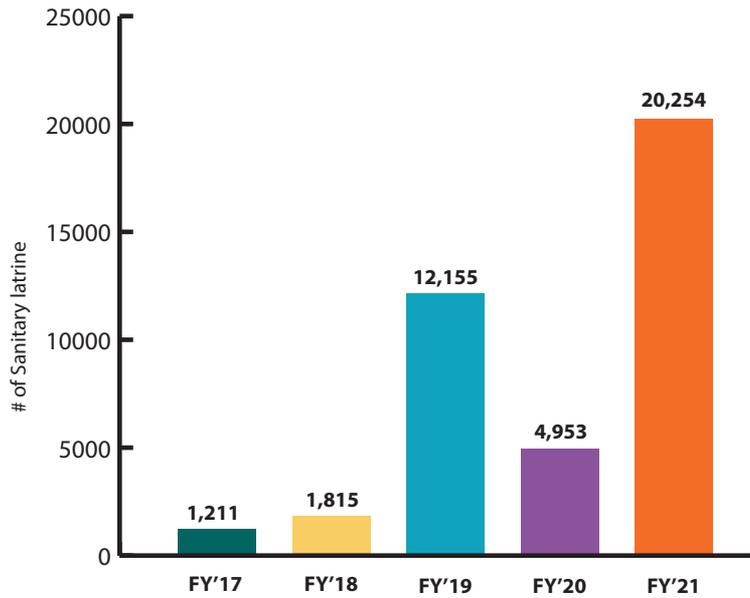
Parents/Caregivers received awareness on Infant and Young Child Feeding(IYCF) practices



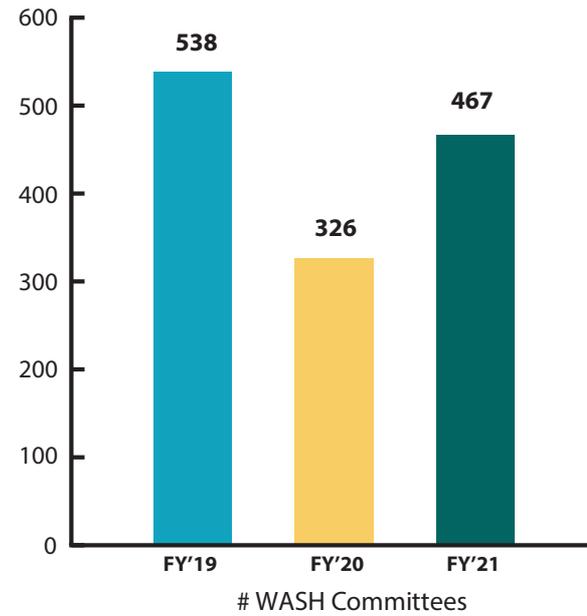
Water points established/rehabilitated



Sanitary latrine constructed/rehabilitated

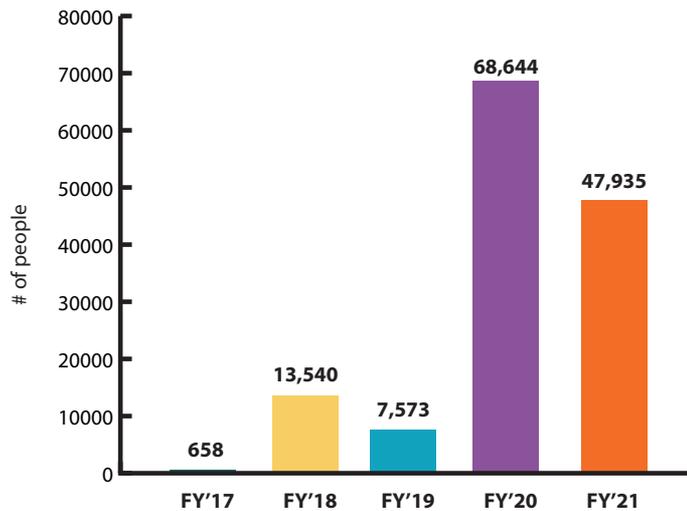


WASH Committees functional

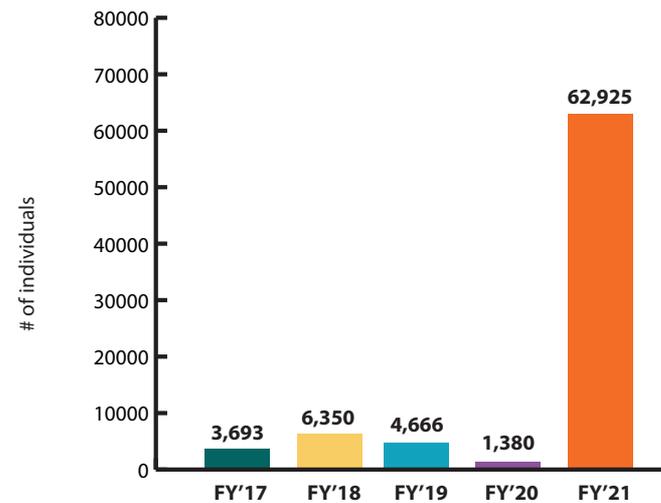


Livelihood

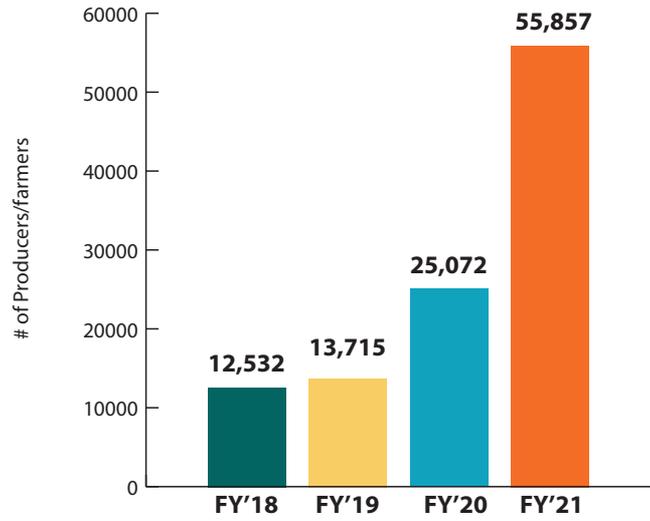
People involved in Income Generating Activities



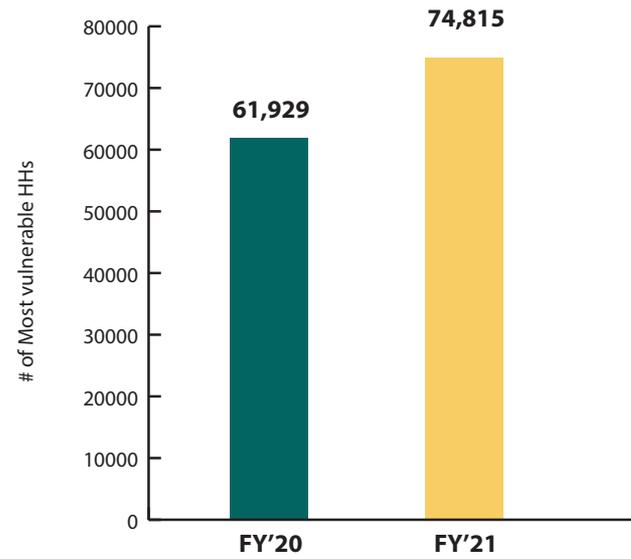
Individuals participated in group-based savings, micro-finance or lending programs



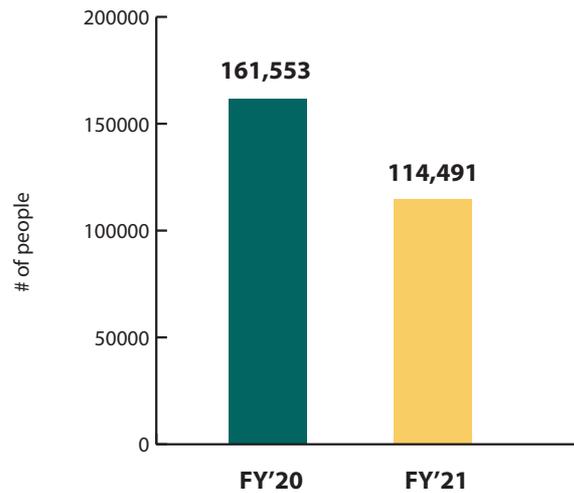
Producers/farmers applied improved agriculture/livelihoods technology



Most vulnerable HHs received one time cash grant

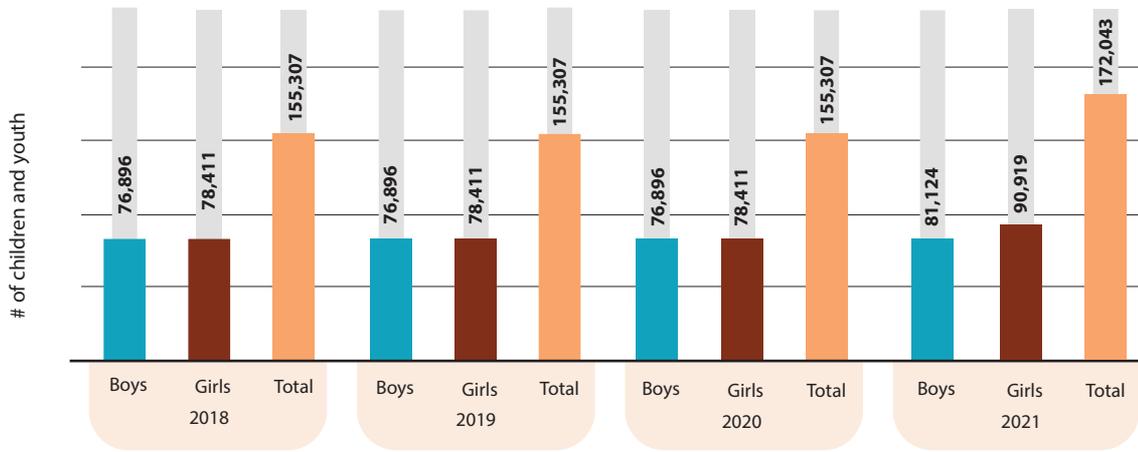


People used climate information to improve resilience to climate change

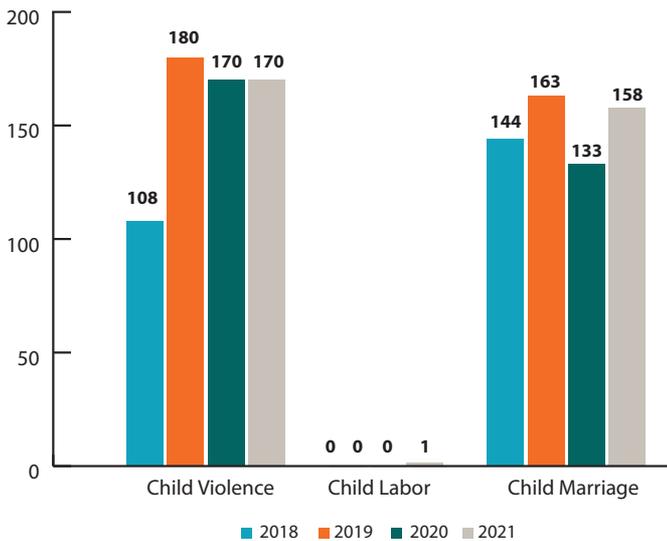


Child Protection & Participation

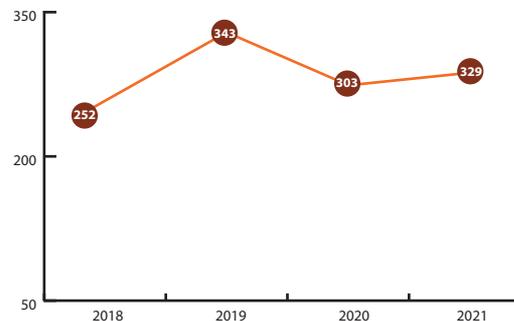
Number of children and youth participated in our programmes



Types of Child Protection Incidents



Child Protection Incidents



source: Internal CP Incident System, WVB

Major Impacts



374 child marriages prevented by child and youth forum members, faith leaders, and local Child Protection (CP) committees



19.2 percent increase in positive and peaceful relationships between children (12-18 years) and their parents/caregivers (WVB Impact Assessment 2021)



"I fully appreciate the work done by your Child and Youth Forum members. It's impacting the lives of other children and improving child rights and protection in Bangladesh. Including children is a great initiative of WW Bangladesh."

Aroma Dutta, MP and Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights



Significant Achievements



614,605

people reached through child protection interventions



25,957

children and local child protection committee members trained to identify and respond to major child protection risk.

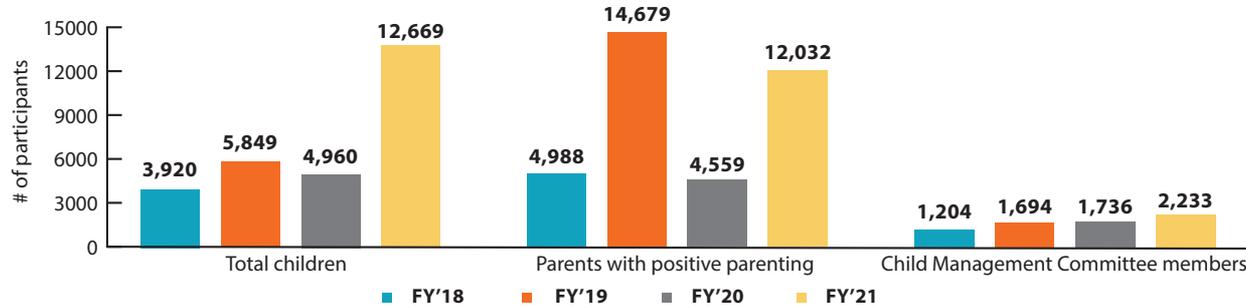


15,687

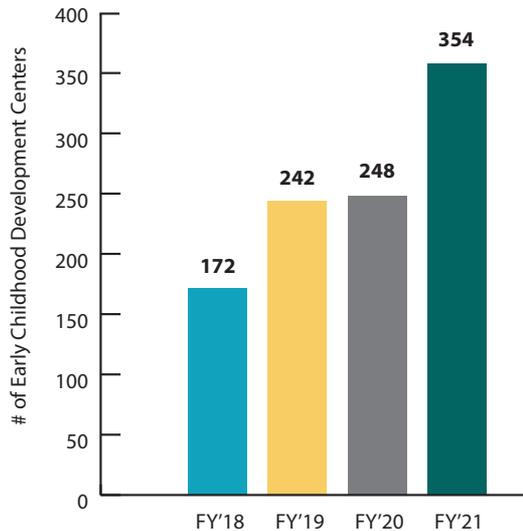
adolescent girls learned about the child protection issues and are now working as agents of change in their community

Education

Participation in Early Childhood Development programme



Early Childhood Development Centers established



Interventions in primary schools

Type	FY'18	FY'19	FY'20	FY'21
# of Primary schools	51	224	224	173
# of students	5,639	39,779	34,044	32,692
# of boys	2,742	19,686	16,254	15,858
# of girls	2,897	20,093	17,790	16,834

Over the past four years, **112,154 children** were reached with quality primary education in **672 schools**.

Major Impacts



60.6% of parents regularly communicate with school teachers (Rapid Assessment Education, 2021)



40.3% of parents give additional time to children's study (Rapid Assessment Education, 2021)



"My daughter used to have difficulty learning in the past. But after I enrolled her in World Vision Bangladesh's Learning Roots Centre, she has learned to write her name, recite poetry and name many flowers and fruits. The Centre has also taught her to be polite and greet everyone she meets which I think is a very important thing for children to know. This intervention has made a real difference in my child's life."

Rafiqul, father of Bani, Learning Roots Centre of Tanore AP

Significant Achievements



1,481 adolescents (815 boys and 666 girls) reached through the Impact+ model



5,433 people (including 85 children) received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to address their mental health needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic



2,898 (1,477 males and 1,421 females) teachers in Secondary schools received Training of Trainers (ToT) life skills based education



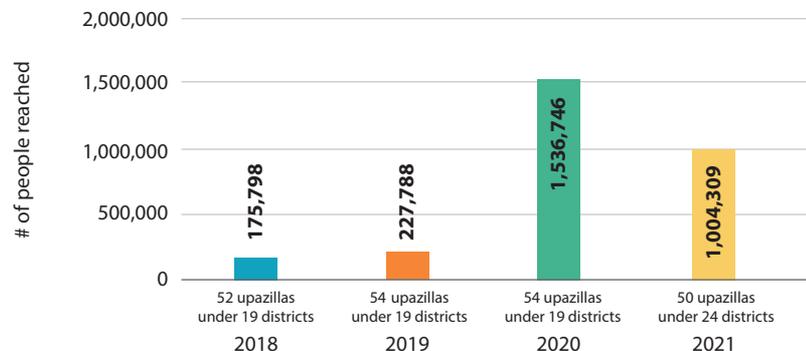
10,136 students from 110 schools benefitted from Life Skill Based Education (LSBE)



**The IMPACT+ Club model is an integrated life skills approach to adolescent engagement. The goal of IMPACT+ is that adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, transition well into adulthood as active citizens empowered with competencies, values, confidence and social connectedness.*

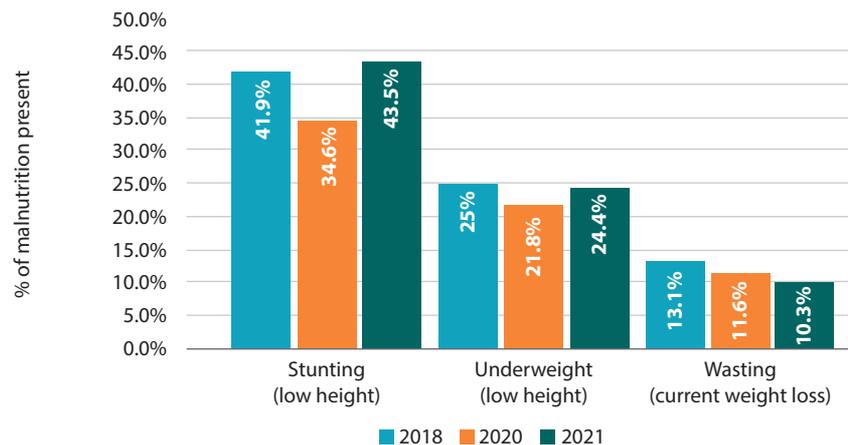
Health and Nutrition

People reached via Health, Nutrition and WASH programme



Note:
Health, Nutrition and WASH sector reached over 2.94 million people in the past 4 years. This reach was significantly increased during the COVID-19 response through mass health and hygiene promotion.

Prevalence of malnutrition



Note:
Malnutrition declined over the years. However, the COVID-19 pandemic had a negative impact on malnutrition rates in 2021, leading to more children being underweight and stunted.

Major Impacts



4.8% increase in ANC (atleast 4 times) received by pregnant and lactating women (Baseline Survey 2018- 34.7%; Evaluation 2020- 39.5%)



49.3% increase in PNC (atleast 2 times) received by mother of children under 2 years first week after birth (Baseline Survey 2018- 28.3%; Impact Assessment 2021- 77.9%)



50.4% increase in children under 2 years receive minimum dietary diversity (Baseline Survey 2018- 29.5%; Impact Assessment 2021- 79.9%)



8,919 malnourished children, aged 6-59 months, became well-nourished through our community-based nutrition programme



25% increase in Exclusive Breastfeeding Status (EBF)(Baseline Survey 2018- 51.1%; Impact Assessment 2021- 76.1%)



The way World Vision is identifying and treating malnourished children at community level is highly appreciated. If World Vision, with the support from donors, can expand such good work in all corners of the country, I believe, Bangladesh's children and people will soon get rid of malnourishment and we will be a developed nation.

Dr. Md Khalilur Rahman
Ex Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council



Significant Achievements



131,445
women of
reproductive age
oriented on safe
motherhood and
postnatal care



255,582
children, aged 0-59
months, impacted
through Growth
Monitoring and
Promotion (GMP)



252,720
caregivers/mothers counselled on Infant and
Young Child Feeding Practices which contribute
to improve appropriate feeding practices

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Major Impacts



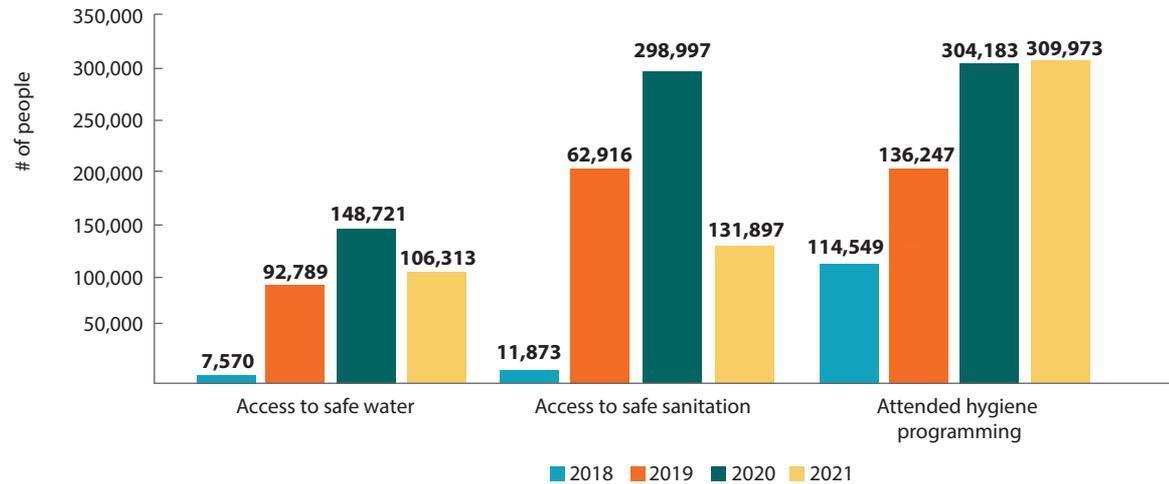
Handwashing practices increased significantly from 27% (Baseline Survey 2018) to 75.9% (Impact Assessment 2021)



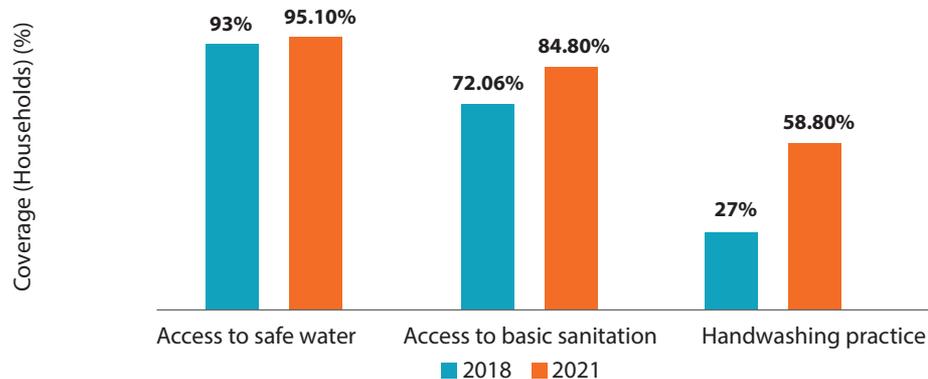
“Children in our colony used to die from waterborne diseases. This does not happen here anymore, thanks to World Vision. We learned to keep our environment clean and maintain proper hygiene. We also saved together as a community to purchase a waste disposal van and hire garbage collectors who collect and dispose of all our household waste. With our colony clean and our increased awareness on hygiene, it’s easier for us to stay healthy now.”

Rafiqul Islam, UNDC member, Karnaphuli AP

People reached via WASH interventions



Impact of the WASH programme



Significant Achievements



548,183

people provided access to safe water, sanitation and sensitized on handwashing and hygiene practices



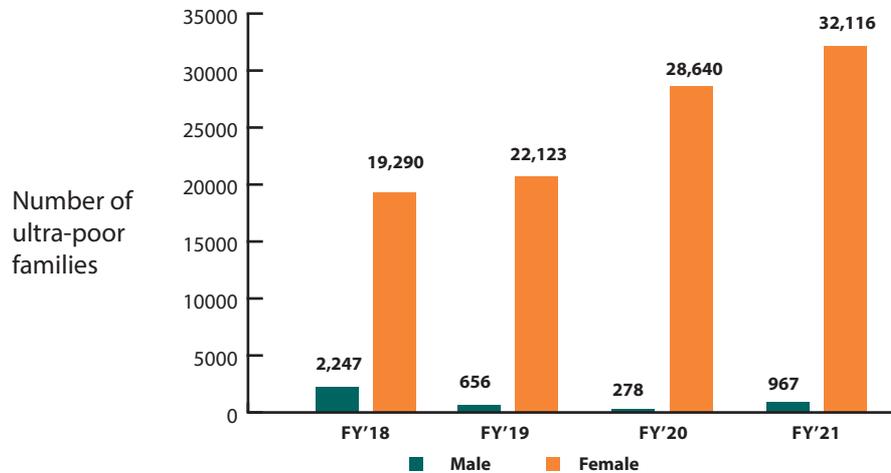
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sub-villages (50-80 households) certified as open defecation free (ODF) locations including 100% coverage with handwashing devices

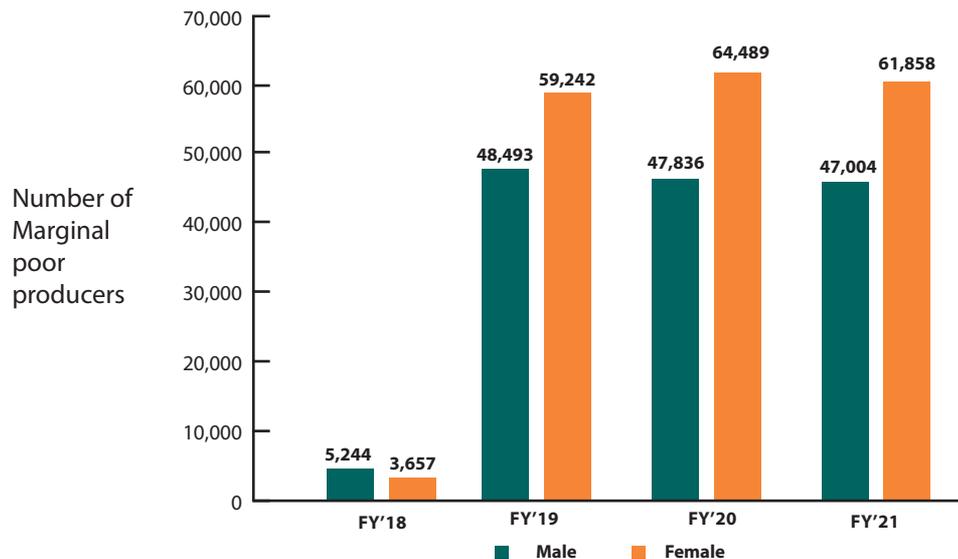


Livelihoods and Food Security

Ultra-poor families involved in income generating activities



Marginal poor producers involved in economic development activities



Major Impacts



14.4% increase in households with sufficient dietary diversity (Baseline Survey 2021- 63.5%, 2021; Impact Assessment 2021- 77.9%)



8.5% increase in households with alternative sources of income (Baseline Survey 2018- 17%; Impact Assessment 2021- 25.5%)



24.6% increase in parents or caregivers providing for the basic needs of their family (Baseline Survey 2021- 55.0%; Impact Assessment 2021- 79.6%)



28.5% increase in household savings in financial institutions (Baseline Survey 2021- 20.2%; Impact Assessment 2021- 48.7%)



"I never thought I would be able to build a business and have all the assets I have today! When I see my goats and cattle, I feel so proud of how far I have come!"

Saira Bibi, small livestock farmer and participant, Nobo Jatra Project

Significant Achievements



37,411
vulnerable families trained on sustainable income opportunities through technical and business skill training



28,895
vulnerable families provided with direct livelihood and asset support



236,106
vulnerable households provided with food and cash assistance to cope with the COVID-19



8,398
ultra-poor households trained on savings and financial literacy



ultra-poor women have savings in 1,821 village saving and loan associations. Total savings of the groups is USD 507,910



Environment



5,642 HHS in 123 Villages implementing eco-village approach



265 HHs using improved cooking stoves

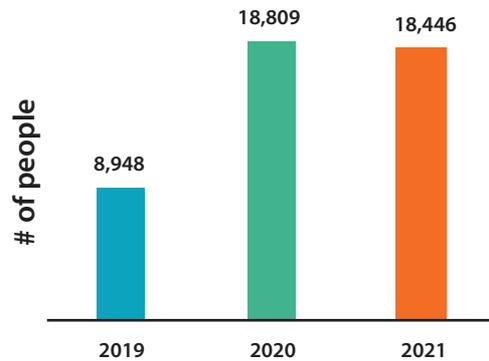


998 HHs sensitised on climate change



100 facilitators and volunteers trained on climate change

People used climate smart agriculture



"We were unaware about the importance of eco-conservation and keeping our spaces plastic-free before. After attending the eco-village training, now we engage in permaculture, utilise our fallow lands, and produce organic, pesticide-free food for our families. We hope this will help us leave a better environment for our future generations."

Koli Akter, a participant, Purbadhala AP, Mymensingh

Significant Achievements



10,363

HHs provided input support for homestead gardening



8,395

Persons trained on homestead gardening



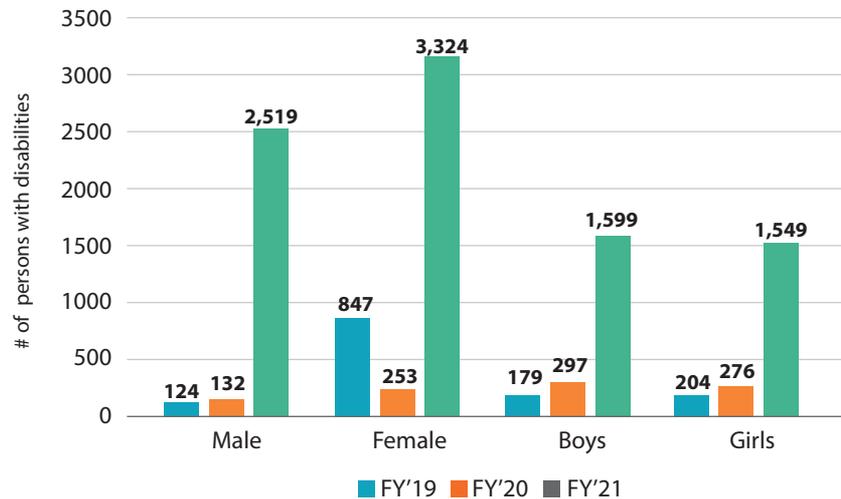
3,339

HHs selected for homestead gardening (vegetables & fruits)

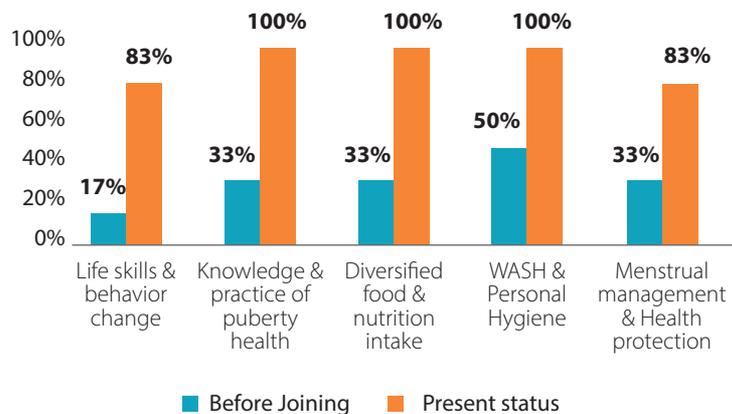


Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

Participation of Persons with Disabilities



Behavioural changes via Adolescent clubs



“I used to be very violent towards my wife, but I eventually realized that no matter what I do, I am helpless without my wife beside me. The relationship between a husband and wife is like a bicycle- if the rear wheel is punctured, the front wheel cannot move anymore.”

Dinbondhu Das, a participant of the Nobo Jatra Project's GESI training



Significant Achievements



102,823

people, including 8,991 persons with disabilities participated in different GESI interventions



12

gender sensitive and disability inclusive CVA (Citizen Voice and Action) working groups formed



1,327

faith leaders involved in addressing negative social norms towards disability



4,601

couples graduated in adopting Men Care Approach



1,203

Boys orientated on Positive Masculinity and negative social norms to prevent GBV



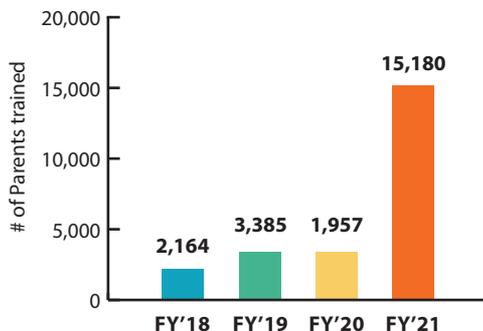
54,826

community members (17,723 men, 24,763 women, 4,700 boys and 7,640 girls), including 1,810 persons with disabilities (803 men, 797 women, 113 boys and 97 girls) became aware of Gender Based Violence (GBV)

**MenCare approach empowers men and boys as allies and agents of change through the promotion of alternative and positive masculinities, shared decision making, equitable division of labor in caregiving or unpaid tasks, healthy and gender-equitable relationships, non-violence and elimination of harmful practices.*

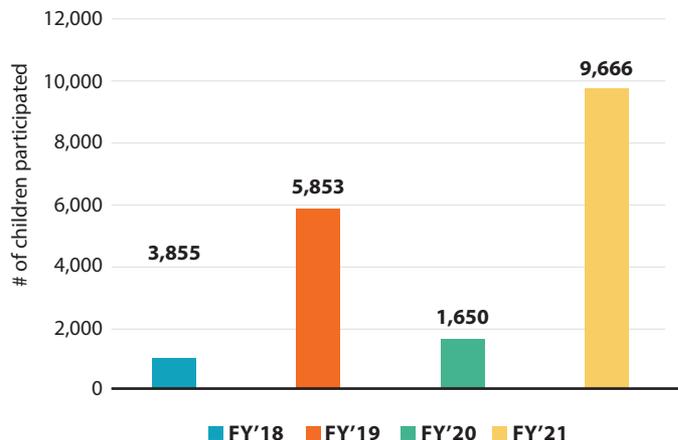
Faith and Development

Parents trained on positive parenting through Celebrating Families model

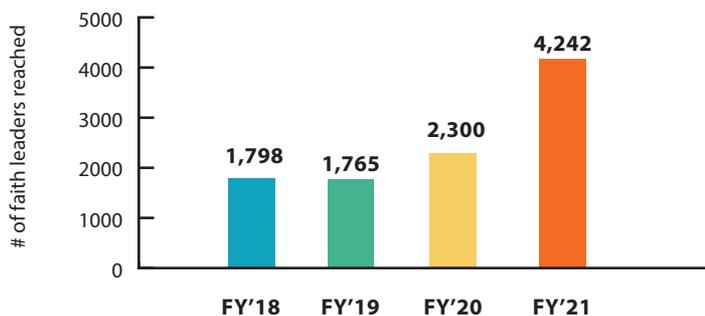


*Celebrating Families (CF) is a project model which creates enabling environment for social norm and attitude/ behavior change among communities to ensure that children can thrive spiritually, socio-emotionally and physically.

Children participated in spiritual nurture and faith-based programmes



Faith leaders reached through Channels of Hope(CoH) model to ensure child protection



*Channels of Hope is both a model and a process focused on partnering with local faith leaders, their congregations and communities for sustainable solutions to community needs.

Major Impacts



19.2% increase in positive and peaceful relationships of children (12-18 years) with their Parents/Caregivers (52.7%, Impact Assessment, 2021; 33.5%, Baseline Survey, 2021)



23.5% increase in Positive and peaceful relationship of children (12-18 years) with faith leaders (35.8%, Impact Assessment, 2021; 12.3%, Baseline Survey, 2021)



In 2021, I prevented around 20 child marriages. In the early days of the pandemic, I provided cash support, food aid and others to support approximately 2,500 families with help from my friends and neighbours.

Md. Golam Mostofa, Imam and Madrasa Superintendente, Dhaka East Urban Center

Significant Achievements



5,905

Girls and Boys reached by programmes/activities aimed towards building trust and communication with their peers



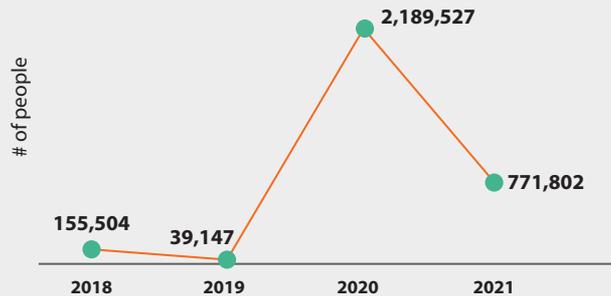
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Joint events organized with Faith based organizations and NGOs to address child protection issues



Humanitarian Emergency Affairs, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Response, Climate Change and Adaptation (CCA)

People reached through Disaster Management Programmes



People reached through sector-focused emergency support

26,981	107,520
CASH	WASH
34,528	60,799
MHPSS	Food Security
68,981	
Health & Hygiene Awareness	

Community Disaster management committees formed



Community based Disaster Management Committees lead local risk analysis and implementation of risk reduction action plans



"Fear of losing my daughter to floods, my husband's meagre income as a day labourer, and lack of access to food made our lives vulnerable. During the flood and COVID-19 pandemic, World Vision Bangladesh supported us and helped us survive. We owe them our lives."

Pervina Begum, a resident of Jamalpur district



Significant Achievements



339,986
people including
143,672 children
reached through
Emergency
Response
Programmes



431,816
people including
84,249 children
reached through
Disaster Risk
Reduction
programmes



4,005
staff and volunteers trained across the
country on disaster management, DRR
and CCA



4,722
community members, including children
and youth, trained on DRR and CCA

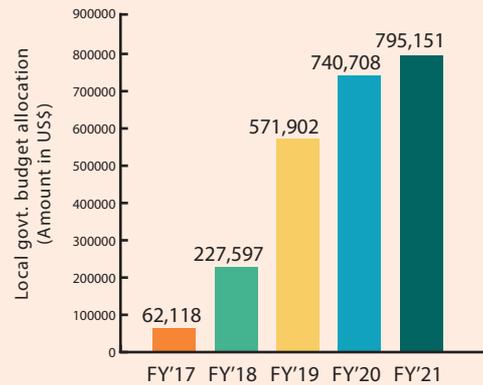
Advocacy and Justice for Children

It Takes A World (ITAW) campaign to end violence against children

Children reached via ITAW campaign

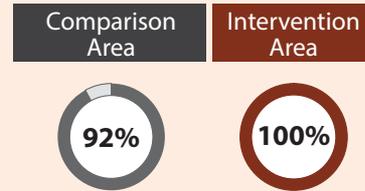


Budget allocation by local governments for Child Well-Being (CWB) through budget advocacy

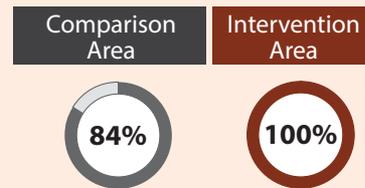


Strengthening services of the child affairs desk at 24 police stations through social accountability interventions based on a comparative study conducted in 2021. This benefits 2.8 million children.

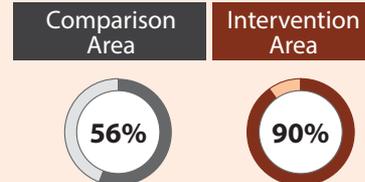
Availability of Child Affairs Desk at the local Police Station



Availability of assigned Police Officer for managing the Child Affairs Desk



Availability of a referral system to provide medical support for children



Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) model implemented

Scale up of services in community clinics via CVA



Significant Achievements



393,196

People reached through the Just Married Campaign, focused on ending child marriage



Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), Government of Bangladesh, UN, donors and relevant stakeholders are using and promoting the **10 innovative Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) materials** developed for child marriage prevention



171

Girls received self-defence (martial arts) training



91

Child Protection Reporting and Response mechanisms established in Union Parishads



“Whenever we hear about any child marriage taking place or any form of child violence happening, we call the national helpline no 1098 that extends necessary support to us immediately to stop child marriage or other violence against children.”

Dola, Child Forum Leader

We are grateful to all our partners and donors for their continued support and collaboration. We appreciate the partnerships we enjoyed without which the achievements would not have been possible.

Our Donors



BiENGS

Bangladesh Initiative to Enhanced Nutrition Security and Governance



A multi-sectoral nutrition governance initiative to improve maternal, child, and adolescent nutrition in Jamalpur, and Sherpur districts



Major Impacts



1.0% underweight decrease in children under 5 years (Evaluation Report, 2021: 23.0%; Baseline Survey, 2019: 24.0%)



7.0% increase in achieving minimum diet diversity among women of reproductive age (Evaluation Report, 2021: 53%; Baseline Survey, 2019: 46%)



10.0% increase in participation of women in income related household level decision making (Evaluation Report, 2021: 57.0%; Baseline Survey, 2019: 47.0%)

Significant Achievements



53,735 people received nutrition & healthcare counselling



15,268 Adolescent girls oriented on life skills and health improvement practices



6,445 women's participation in HH level decision making increased

33.27% increase in income related participation

38.79% increase in nutrition related participation



1,088 (42.4%) of children under 5 years graduated from the PD/Hearth initiative

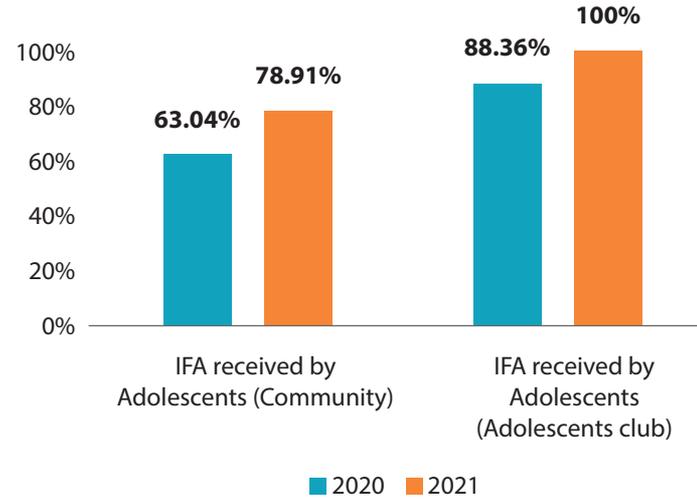


24,000 households (960 Producer Groups) increased skills on diversified production through local value chains



18,400 farmers produced Biofortified crops (Zinc rice-18,000 and Zinc wheat and lentil-400)

Iron Folic Acid (IFA) consumption status (%)



NoboJatra



USAID
আমেরিকার জনগণের পক্ষ থেকে

Food security project targetting women and girls to ensure gender equality and equitable food distribution among the most vulnerable communities in Dacope, Kaliganj, and Shyamnagar sub-districts in southwest Bangladesh



Major Impacts



32.1% increase in access to household basic drinking water (Evaluation Report, 2021: 84.1%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 52.0%)



39.5% increase in access to household basic sanitation facility (Evaluation Report, 2021: 81.5%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 42.0%)



54.0% increase in exclusive breastfeeding of 0-59 months children (Evaluation Report, 2021: 83.2%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 29.2%)



39.8% increase in Antenatal care (ANC) received by pregnant and lactating women at least 4 times (Evaluation Report, 2021: 63.9%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 24.1%)

Significant Achievements



283,201 participants
(male- **123,418**;
female- **159,783**)
reached



92.10% of men
think that women should be
consulted on household
budgeting and purchases



10,739 people (male-5,836, female-
4,903) with disaster awareness and
preparedness, as part of community
led disaster risk reduction (CLDRR)



ENRICH Canada

Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health

Nutrition project contributing to the reduction of maternal and child mortality



Major Impacts



10.7% increase in exclusive breastfeeding of 0-59 months children (Evaluation Report, 2021: 81.3%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 70.6%)



14.0% increase in infant births by Skilled Birth Attendant (Evaluation Report, 2021: 78.6%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 64.6%)



13.5% increase in mothers of under 5 years children who control or are consulted in the use of household income (Evaluation Report, 2021: 22.4%; Baseline Survey, 2016: 8.9%)

Significant Achievements



Trained **1,920** (all female) Care Group Volunteers (CGVs) on 1000 days' care, malnutrition prevention and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



CGVs trained **19,200** of their neighbouring women through group sessions and disseminated their learnings. CGVs also monitored the behavioral practice by visiting the neighbouring households



84,557 caregivers sensitised on Maternal, Infant, Young Child Feeding (MIYCF) practices and preservation of nutrient-dense food



Provided vegetable seeds to **37,082** (all female) HHs with Children Under Five (CU5) and zinc rice seeds distributed among **45,329** (male-45,000, female-329) farmers



Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response

In August 2017, 740,000 Rohingya refugees fled extreme violence and decades of persecution in Myanmar. Today, five years later, they live in one of the world's largest refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh- now home to more than 860,000 people.

Our response teams continue to support these refugees across the 34 camps.



161,291 HHs
reached through General
Food Assistance



65,310 people
reached through hygiene
awareness and kits



156,732 people
reached with water and
sanitation support



26,822 children
reached with Growth
Monitoring Promotion
sessions



47,794 people
reached with messages
on COVID-19 prevention



18,540 people
reached with awareness
messages on GBV



2,985 children
received educational
support



Ensuring Sustainability



172,043 Child and Youth Forum members (from 2,328 Child Forums and 100 Youth Forums) trained on leadership skills are now leading and participating in child and youth development activities in their villages. Some of the members are also representatives of the National Children's Parliament and are raising their voices for the development of all children across the country.



183,353 members from 822 Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) are self-reliant and are currently funding development projects in their own communities to improve the education and well-being of vulnerable children lacking resources. 12 CBOs have enlisted as successful vendors with World Vision Bangladesh and other organisations.



47,538 people enrolled in 2,502 Village Development Committees (VDCs) and Urban Neighborhood Development Committees (UNDCs) trained in leadership skills. They are currently participating in development activities in collaboration with local governments and other organisations.



9,620 members from 1,924 Child Protection Committees trained on child protection issues. These members are now collaborating with local police stations and local governments to reduce violence against women and children in their communities, and act as agents of change.





1,331 WASH committees formed across the country are working with WASH committees at the union level to disseminate messages regarding proper hand-washing practices among households. The committees also motivate households without proper latrines to install low-cost latrines themselves.



12,882 people under 548 producer groups trained on different business methods. The producer groups are now generating income through group transactions with local markets.



3,372 Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) groups with a total of 78,814 members have been formed. The group members are sensitised to create a collective savings fund and conduct in-group lending schemes to help their whole community to run income-generating activities which is helping to reduce the number of families living in poverty.



213 Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) committees formed to train 3,263 people on their rights and how to access government social protection services accordingly.

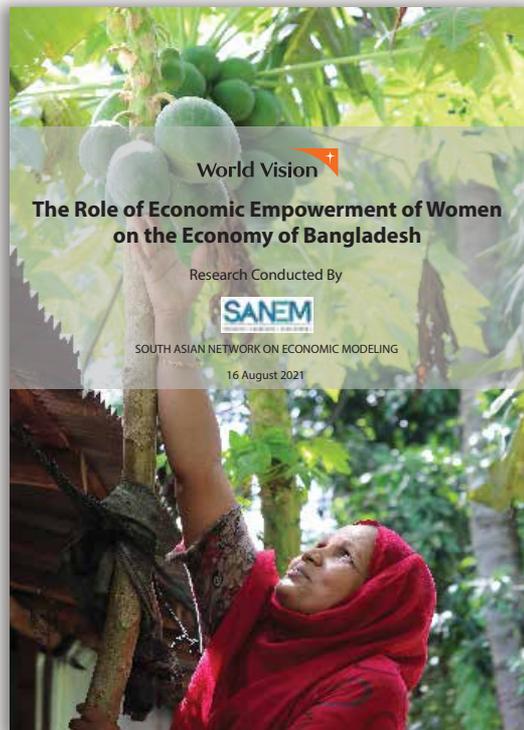


1,122 former sponsored children, now with established careers mobilized as alumni to sponsor or support children themselves.

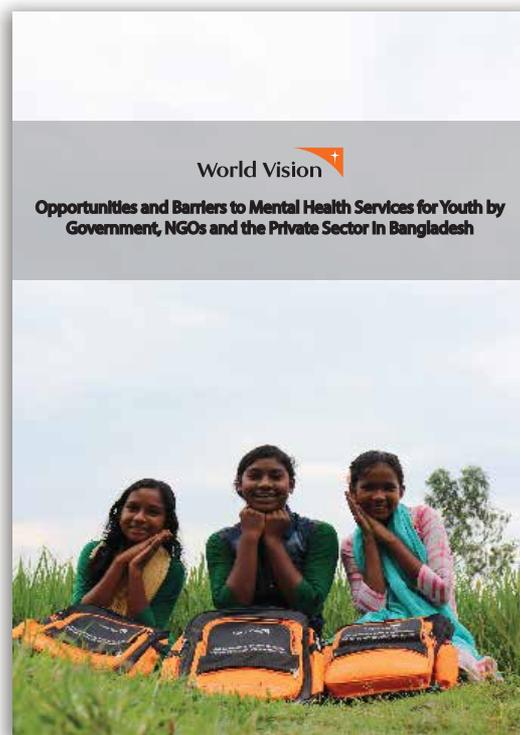
Research and Study

21 research and evaluation initiatives were carried out to promote evidence-based programming and measuring impact. The following thematic projects were carried out.

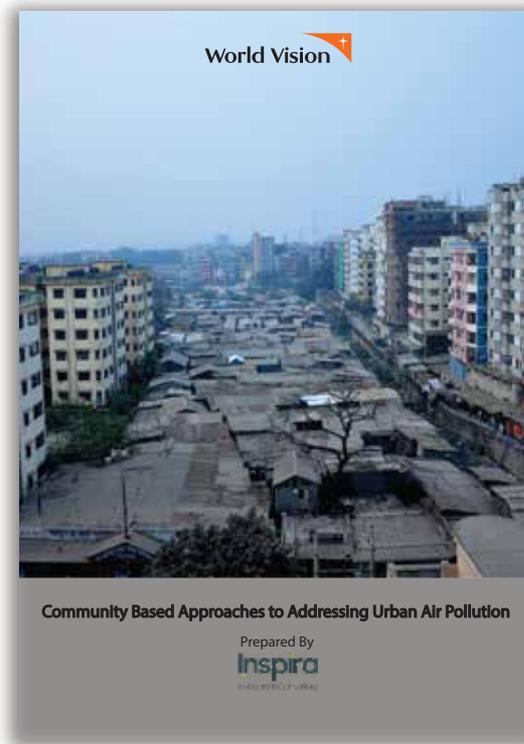
Research on 'Economic Empowerment of Women'



Research on 'Opportunities and Barriers to Access Mental Health Services for Youth and Adolescent'



Research on 'Community Based Approach to Address Urban Air Pollution'



Innovation for Development

Innovation and learning is a key aspect of all project implementations. Some of the innovations that will be scaled are as follows:



1. Disaster-Resilient House Design in Amtali:

A low-cost, inclusive, community-led approach to disaster resilience. A design that is unique to meet the needs of women, men, girls, boys, including the disabled by using available local materials to find longer term solutions to prepare households for disaster.



2. Community Led Sanitation System in Goawinghat:

A community designed, cost-shared, gender and disabled friendly toilet using local resources like bamboo, wood, soil etc. Village Development Committee is actively tapping resources from Govt and other NGOs for the continuation of this innovation.



3. Learning Root (LR) Integrated Nutrition Center in Rajshahi:

Nutrition is integrated with the LR model which is a no-cost, community-led nutrition center with locally produced food packages. Also a mother-to-mother approach is adopted for reaching out to the unreached mothers.



4. Eco-Friendly Village and Sand Land Cultivation in Bandarban:

Crops that are climate adaptive and sand land suitable high yielding varieties are used by following crop calendar for rotational cultivation. Farmers are using organic manure and hired facilities for irrigation. Market linkages are being established.



5. Digital platform by faith leaders for reducing physical punishment and child marriage in Barisal:

Faith leaders developed awareness messages to prevent child marriage and physical punishment in line with religious principles. Messages are shared digitally and on Facebook live shows resulting in, 4000 parents motivated not to marry their child or physically punish them, and 2063 girls inspired to continue education.



6. Developing VDC (Village Development Committee) portal by local government for institutionalization in Nandail:

VDC portal was developed by local government via MoU with Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh. 35 VDCs received formal recognition. This portal highlights the objectives and activities of VDC enhancing accountability and effectiveness. It also gives access to the general public to highlight needs of the community that need to be addressed.



7. Community Based Model to reduce Children drowning in Dhamoirhat:

VDC and Child Forum designed and developed a database of children in the targeted area, shared mobile text messages in Bangla, built fences around open water bodies, hung red flags in front of the families of children under five, hung waist bell and organized swimming classes for children over four.



8. Women-led safe food production by ethnic minorities in Ghoraghat:

Ethnic women are trained by the Govt. Agriculture Dept. on safe food production. Vegetables, fruits and zinc rice are some of the foods adapted for them. These products are then promoted and sold in the market ensuring the empowerment of these ethnic women groups.



9. Youth Led Disaster Risk Reduction Model in Rampal:

Youth are capacitated to serve vulnerable groups as a priority. Each village is monitored by one trained youth through a digital platform. Youth activities are then monitored by the VDC, using GIS (Geographic Information System). Communities are also sensitized to the role of female youth volunteers to prevent any discrimination during service.



10. Promoting Menstrual Hygiene Management through Women WASH entrepreneurs at community level in Satkhira, Gaibandha and Jamalpur districts :

SaniMart was introduced to the women and women with disabilities. These women act as change-makers by being local sanitation entrepreneurs selling Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) materials at the doorstep of adolescent girls and women. These items are affordable and accepted through the awareness-raising carried out in these poor communities.

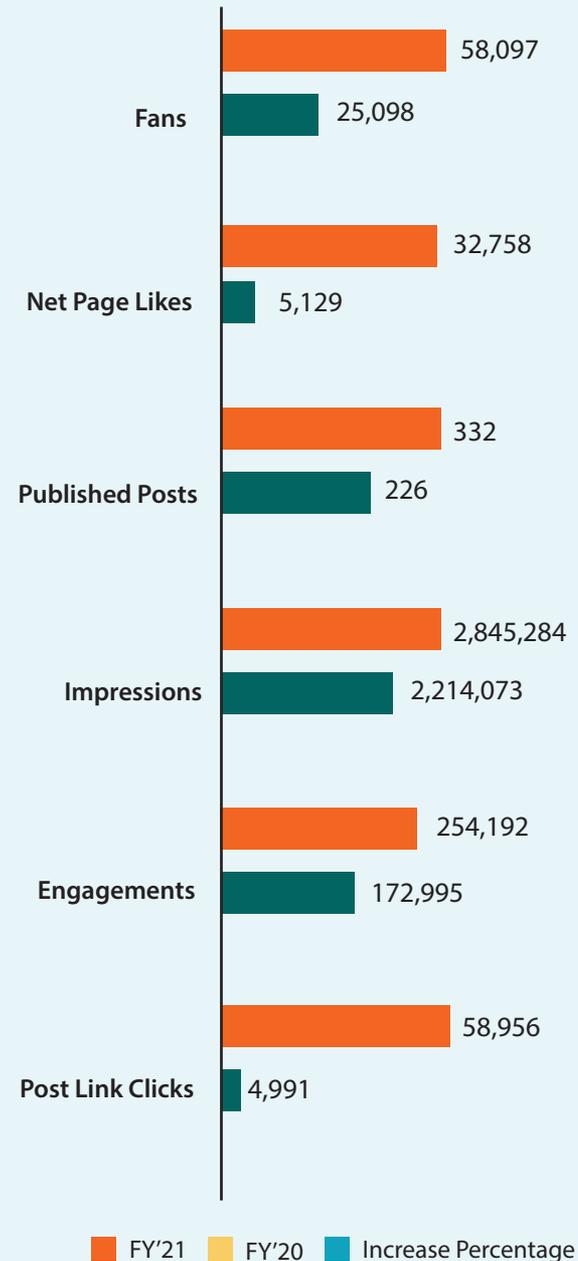


Media and Social Media Engagement

Media Engagement in numbers

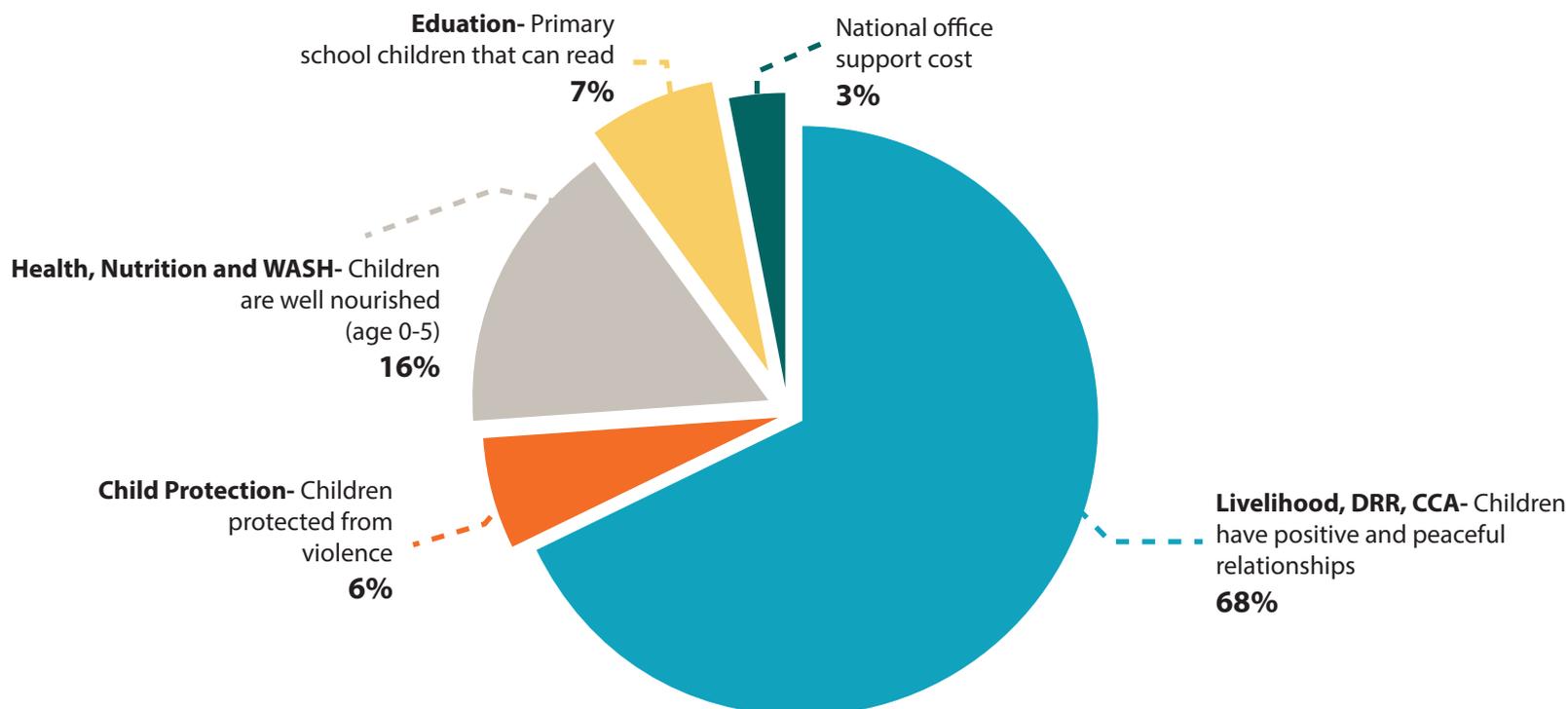
- **356 news** items published/broadcast
- **152 stories** published/broadcast
- **33 special features** published/broadcast on national and international media

WVB Facebook Page Metrics



Financial Summary

Expenditure based on technical programmes and child well-being objectives:



Objectives	Expenditure (US\$)
Children have positive and peaceful relationships	68.49 million
Children protected from violence	6.218 million
Children are well nourished (age 0-5)	15.61 million
Primary School children that can read	6.67 million
National Office Support Cost	3.22 million
Total	100.22 million