

This annual report provides an overview of World Vision's work in the East Africa Region from October 2021 to September 2022.

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Ebyan, 10, looking after her baby sister, Sumaya, 2. World Vision is providing food vouchers and cash to 38,000 displaced families every month, in partnership with the World Food Programme. (Somalia)

Foreword

I am delighted to share our 2022 impact and results towards building brighter futures for vulnerable children in East Africa. A continued commitment to support and empower girls and boys living in the region, motivates our World Vision team to partner with communities, stay and deliver, even in the toughest of circumstances and especially in the most fragile zones where the most vulnerable live. It is with great pleasure that we share our inaugural regional annual report. The report highlights our Christ-centred work in nine countries, including development programming and humanitarian emergency responses.

As World Vision's global strategy - Our Promise - iterates, we are motivated by our Christian faith and our vision for every child to access education, immunisations and healthcare, living a childhood free from violence and abuse. Only then can they flourish and truly reach their God-given potential. We celebrate the innovations in field programming, the good stewardship of finances, the resilience building initiatives and the lives changed in our region. At the same time we are aware of the challenges people in East Africa continue to face every day.

Every country where World Vision operates in East Africa is either experiencing conflict or neighbours a country experiencing conflict. The nature of our work demands agility, flexibility and adherence to humanitarian principles at all times. Our hunger crisis response now engages seven of our nine countries of operation; we have so far reached more than 4.7 million children, and 8.9 million people. The impact of this crisis is exacerbated by protracted conflicts, the after-shocks of COVID-19, climate change and the rising cost of living.

Late 2021 and 2022 were also defined by significant change for our staff and volunteers, learning to work through a hybrid environment while still being able to meet the expectations of all stakeholders, following the COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud to lead a dedicated and motivated 6,500+ workforce. The impact we have had, and the resources we continue to be entrusted with are more meaningful when we also value our people, prioritize their safety, security and wellbeing, and do all that we can to keep the organisation accountable to its stakeholders through robust systems, well-managed risk and and transparent practices. None of this is possible without the leadership of our National Directors, Governing Boards and Advisory Councils. Thank you.

You will read about Child Sponsorship and its far-reaching transformative power, which remains central to our work and fundraising efforts, complemented by growth in our grants portfolio and local resource development efforts. Combined, these funding streams bring tangible benefits to millions of children and their communities. I thank each and every one of our child sponsors, supporters, donors, partners, faith leaders, governments, and the communities themselves whom we walk alongside in our mission.

As we reflect on 2022 and focus on all that is, that we need to achieve together, my prayer is that we turn our eyes towards Jesus for wisdom and guidance, walking confidently towards a world where every child has fullness of life, and where each Sustainable Development Goal is achieved. My greatest hope is that we continue to listen to the voices, needs and solutions outlined by those whose futures are most at risk – the vulnerable children in East Africa.

We invite you to read this report and pray it inspires you to engage further with our region.



Lilian Dodzo Regional Leader, East Africa Region

World Vision



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 East Africa, from rural agricultural villages, urban, to disaster, confict 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 vision for every child, life in all its fullness, Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Our strategy is a promise to build brighter futures for vulnerable children in East Africa. World Vision integrates the global Sustainable Development Goals into its own development and humanitarian emergency response programming.

Our Promise Going Further Together

Our global strategy is a promise to the world's most vulnerable boys and girls. We are heading in the right direction with Our Promise – now we need to go deeper to reach the most vulnerable children and communities. We will continue to deepen our commitment to the most vulnerable children in the toughest parts of the world, acknowledging that Christ is, and always will be, at the centre of everything we do. Only with Him can we go further than we could ever ask or imagine.



³ Children's Voices



"I had a hard time waking up from deep sleep because of the energy I lost every day walking for hours carrying a water-filled container. World Vision has solved the mother of all problems and it is on us to work harder in school to show our recognition for the good deeds the organisation has done. We will certainly make it!" **Bereket (17) Ethiopia**

World Vision's WASH programme committed more than US\$ 54.3 million to improve water supply sanitation services, hygiene practices and to strengthen WASH institutions in rural and urban settings, as well as emergency areas.

"With these wheels, I can move anywhere. I feel comfortable, and it is easy to move around with a tray I use for eating food. I no longer eat from the dirty ground like before." Isma (7) Uganda

Over the last five years, our interventions with partners have contributed to ensuring that per cent of severely malnourished children (including those with disabilities) treated in Busia Municipality made a full recovery.





"We used to visit and play together. But we stopped due to fear of getting killed. We are excited that the communities are back to normal now." Nyansebit (12) South Sudan

Despite numerous challenges posed by ongoing subnational conflicts, natural disasters such as flooding, and COVID-19, World Vision supported more than 10,000 people in South Sudan in collaboration with faith actors in remote areas in order to achieve community cohesion, peace-building and disaster risk reduction.

"Before the intervention, we were not able to take three meals a day, school fees payment was a challenge, as well as having school materials on time. Now we are confident and certain of our education, health and nutritional well-being." **Nestory (12) Tanzania**

As part of our 2021-2025 development strategy for Tanzania, we are making strides in collaboration with our partners towards ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry, farmers become more resilient, and every child has food throughout the year.



4 Children's Voices



"We no longer have to walk long distances in search of a drinking water since a water point was installed at our school. The sanitation has improved and also people who used to drink dirty water from rivers are drawing water near our school." **Evelyne (14) Burundi**

An additional 39,000 people in Burundi gained access to clean drinking water through World Vision's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions in 2021, which included the construction of 100 new water points and rehabilitation of 38 others.

"I have made so many friends at the camp.We play, sing, draw and also read story books at the reading camp. Now I know how to read very well, and I was even the first in my class. My favourite story book is "Ihogoza Regains Her Rights." **Alpha (10) Rwanda**

In 2021, more than 126,000 children of lower primary grade levels in Rwanda participated in activities under World Vision's Unlock Literacy intervention, which aims to improve their reading comprehension.





"We are grateful for the support our parents received to set up small businesses (income generating activities) that have enabled them to buy for us schoolbooks, give us food and ensure that we are healthy."

Children in Nyatike, Migori County, Kenya

More than 2.8 million children and adults benefited from World Vision's various development project across 37 counties in Kenya, where we invested over US \$65.5 million during our 2021 financial year.

"To me, the messages I received through the radio are very clear and I take them very seriously. I like to be aware of everything that's going on, so that I can help champion prevention efforts at home. I am happy that my parents are taking what is being said about the Coronavirus seriously." **Nouraldin (13) Sudan**

In the first five months of World Vision's COVID-19 response in Sudan, more than 539,000 people were reached across four states with COVID-19 risk and prevention campaigns (including through mass media) as well as interventions to reduce the impact of the pandemic for the most vulnerable.





"The sound made by our goats make me so happy because that means they are there and alive. The one I am carrying is the latest addition." **Abdirahman (5) Somalia**

By 2025, World Vision plans to protect and improve the wellbeing of 2 million Somalia children by building the resilience of their families and communities. Workin hand-in-hand with local partners and government, we seek to achieve this goal through multi-sectoral and sequenced programming that addresses the root causes of vulnerability at house-holds, communities, and institutional levels.

5 Our Footprint





Key Highlights

 World Vision East Africa Regional Office (EARO), and WV Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan and Somalia collaborated to influence the IGAD Child Policy for five years (2022–2027), in partnership with the IGAD Secretariat, Save the Children and International Office of Migration.

• With World Vision Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda, EARO influenced the Implementation of the East African Community and IGAD Roadmap on Strengthening National Child Protection Systems.



Advocacy and External Engagement

Across the East Africa region, World Vision influences and collaborates with governments, and regional/continental organisations including the African Union, Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and East African Community (EAC), towards amplifying children's voices and building brighter futures for them and their families. We do these by focusing on three regional outcomes:

1.Governments in East Africa have increased resources and implement laws and policies to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children

2.All children in East Africa are protected from violence (aligned with the organization's global It Takes a World to end violence against children campaign)

3. Rights of all children in East Africa are prioritized in response to humanitarian crisis.

 Children from WV Rwanda and WV Ethiopia, representing the region joined those from other African countries to present on Children's Rights in the Digital World during the 40th Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. They called upon African governments to develop and enforce laws against all forms of online violence, abuse and exploitation.

• WV East Africa joined representatives from West and Southern Africa to participate in the African Union Humanitarian Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. Following the event, pledges from Member States and partners totaled almost US \$ 177 million.

Faith and Development

World Vision leaders and staff act as witnesses to God's work in the world, serving as ambassadors of spiritual and social transformation. We recognise the significance of all our ministries as demonstrations of witnessing Christ's life and love. This is reflected in every aspect of our lives, actions, words, and symbols.

Key Highlights

- Approximately **1.5 million** children were reached through our faith and development work.
- More than **35,000** faith leaders reached and engaged in Christian discipleship of children, child protection and social transformation and worked with over **900** faith partners to implement Christian discipleship for children in 3 countries reaching over 4,000 partners through empowered world view programming.

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Disaster Management

The food crisis caused by corollary effects of climate change, national and sub-national conflicts, rising oil costs and the war in Ukraine has exacerbated inflation, reducing purchasing power for vulnerable households.

World Vision has been addressing the multiple crises through; East Africa Hunger Emergency response, Northern Ethiopia Crisis Response, the Uganda Ebola outbreak response, and Sustained Humanitarian Responses (SHRs) in Uganda (Refugee Response), Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan.

Major responses

East Africa Hunger Emergency Response: Northern Ethiopia Crisis Response (Nov 2020 - Oct 2022):

8.9 million people reached 4.7 million children 5.3 million people reached 2.2 million children

Uganda Refugee Response:

More than 647,770 people reached Almost 343,941 children

Asha Jamal Abdi receiving medical checkup and Plumpy Nuts at WFP Nutrition in Somaliland -Wajaale Food Distribution Centre.



Education

World Vision is working to ensure all children have the opportunity to learn basic literacy, numeracy and life skills. We help ensure that girls and boys are educated so that they can reach their full potential and contribute to their communities and countries.

World Vision works to make sure girls get into and stay in school and supports their learning and life skills by promoting an equitable home, community, and school environment that encourages learning for both girls and boys. We also work with wider Education systems on equitable and effective policy and resourcing, as well as addressing broader harmful social and gender norms and practices that marginalises children, including girls.

With access to a quality education, children become lifelong learners, transform their communities and experience life in all its fullness. We work with communities and local governments to address the barriers to quality education for all children. Empowering parents and teachers with the tools and training they need gives children the opportunity to shine.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Our goal is to provide clean water and sanitation to everyone in every community where we work, including those in the hardest-to-reach places. World Vision's strategy defines approaches including: building water infrastructure, such as boreholes, latrines and sanitation systems, as well as promoting good hygiene and hygiene practices to prevent the spread of diseases.

During this financial year, a total of 22 students across the region completed their studies with Drexel University and University of Nevada Reno, equipping them with critical skills on implementing WASH activities to support their communities.

People gaining access to:







Hygiene Services more than 1.3 million

Livelihoods and Resilience

We empower families to break the cycle of poverty by strengthening enterprise skills and increasing access to capital and markets. We also help communities protect and restore their natural resources through low-cost and participatory ecosystem greening known as Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) to revitalise and regenerate fragile and degraded ecosystems. Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration is being considered as a form of insurance against shocks and stress caused by climate change.

Supporting the communities to innovatively utilise existing resources for access to water for irrigation in some Area Programme, including in areas known for protracted flooding during rainy seasons.

Support communities in value addition of their products, while investing on drought resistant farm produce.

During this fiscal year, World Vision East Africa contributed to planting and maintaining of approximately 2 billion trees, with 1 million acres of land under trees; impacting up to **750,000** people including **260,000 children**.





Health and Nutrition

Our goal is to improve health status for children and their families. We focus on good nutrition, protection from infection and disease, and access to essential health services to improve health and reduce mortality.

In order to combat high levels of chronic malnutrition, prevalence of overweight (4.0 per cent), stunting (32.6 per cent), levels of anaemia among women, and risks of communicable diseases, WV in East Africa has partnered with local administration and organizations and/or community structures (including Community Health Workers) to improve the health status for children, women and their families.

Through various health and nutrition programmes and/or projects in the region, we focus on enabling nutrition through access to efficient and use of diverse food and utilization of existing/local food produce; protection from infection and disease; and access to essential health services to improve health and reduce mortality rates.

Number of children benefited from WV nutrition programmes: more than 1.2 million.

Audit and Accountability

The Global Internal Audit (GIA) team in East Africa enhances and protects World Vision's value by providing risk-based and objective assurance, advice and insight to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of governance, risk management, and control processes. This helps colleagues across the region to ensure what they do is done as effectively and efficiently as possible, promoting accountability and transparency.

In Fiscal Year2022 (FY22), the East Africa Regional Internal Audit Team delivered 100 per cent of its Annual Audit Plan. This included 17 bisk Based audits, four advisories, three thematic audits (partnering and fleet management) as well as external (KPMG) testing for each of World Vision's nine offices in the region. Our Global Internal Investigations Unit, which is also part of GIA has investigated reported fraud incidences within reasonable timelines and reducing considerably the number of open fraud incidences. As a region, World Visoin East Africa has implemented audit recommendations and improvements with average implementation rates of 99.75 per cent and 96.5 per cent respectively for the last year.

Our regional framework for Enterprise Risk Management mandates us to analyse our top regional risks and monitor the control implementation frequently to ensure that we mitigate against potential risks that can affect our objective realisation in keeping Our Promise. In FY22, top risks included: security risks due to geopolitical issues, after-effects of COVID-19, climate change and conflict, risk of financial loss due to fraud and corruption, reputational risks, safeguarding, as well as supply chain challenges due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. A child at a World Vision Sudan nutrition clinic in South Darfur, were the clinic helps the most vulnerable households and children under five years old.



Government Relations

East Africa Region Government Relations operates to influence the shaping of public policy at all levels of governance with an aim of persuading legislative and regulatory arms of government to change or maintain a policy and to create a trusting environment for long-term sustainable transformed relationships and strategic engagement with government offices to be more effective in transforming the lives of the most vulnerable children.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• Established strong strategic collaborations with governments within the Region, whilst signing of technical memorandum of understanding and Letters of Agreement for long-term relational engagement. As a result of signed agreements, WV has started making significant savings from tax returns, and as such, the income is being re-invested in communities to impact the most vulnerable children. Gift in kind Program also resumed as a result of tax exemptions.

 World Vision participated in the planning team for Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting preparations and in all four CHOGM forums, most importantly on the Youth Forum panel where the voices of the most vulnerable children were amplified.

VisionFund

World Vision enacts its microfinance services through Vision-Fund, a network of microfinance institutions around the world providing access to credit, savings and insurance products to the most vulnerable households. Microfinance is one of the most important tools to help families and communities break free from the cycle of poverty. By providing microfinance products and services to the financially underserved, families are empowered to generate their own income, and not rely on charity in the long term. It is particularly encouraging that the most frequently cited benefit of VisionFund's impact relates to education, contributing to SDG4 and children's wellbeing in the region.

VisionFund FY22 highlights in East Africa:

- Almost 596,000 children reached
- More than US\$ 25 million outstanding portfolio
- 62.4 per cent female clients
- 73.5 per cent in World Vision Area Programmes
- More than 130,600 total active clients
- 160,000 FAST* clients
- More than 190,000 jobs impacted
- *FAST Finance Accelerating Savings group Transformation





video they have captured during sponsorship for excellency training in the district. This training SEED (Simplification and Efficient Enabled by Digital) helps children to engage with sponsors in simple and realistic ways online

Digital Technology for Impact

Global Technology and Digital Solutions (GTD), is a function within World Vision that leverages digital technology for meaningful and impactful interactions between vulnerable children, their families, communities, donors, and field staff. GTD provides technical support and resources for two key initiatives: Virtual Field Experience and Chosen, in five African countries: Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made physical interaction between donors, sponsored children, and field staff challenging. However, GTD provided an innovative solution by equipping field staff with technology, equipment, and training to deliver a Virtual Field Experience for donors. This experience provided a safe avenue for both children and donor interaction and engagement, bringing on-ground action and activities to life. The experience was unchanged, except now accessible with a single click.

GTD also provided technical support and capacity building for Chosen, a unique WV feature that allows children to choose their sponsors. Through GTD's support, a Chosen event in Uganda was live-streamed, enabling donors and children to participate in this life-changing and emotive exercise. Overall, GTD has connected many children with donors and streamed the Chosen events to reach a significant online audience. GTD regularly participates in CHOSEN's Innovation lab to encourage and promote sponsored-child/community interaction.

Safety and Security

In World Vision, the safety and security of our staff and the children and families in our programmes is our number one priority. We work in some of the most difficult and challenging security contexts in East Africa, and we believe we can only serve the most vulnerable children when we know their contexts well. This is why our approach is based on a locally informed, adaptable, flexible approach built on continuously learning and improving. We take a holistic strategic, risk-based approach to security, safety and resilience. Our local, and regional security teams find safe ways to reach vulnerable children, by advising, training, responding and setting and following high industry standards for our work. Strong security, safety and resilience contributes to realising hope, joy and justice for vulnerable children.

In FY22, key training highlights included staff in several East Africa countries were trained in Security Awareness In National Theatres (SAINT) and the roll out of Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) Driver Training in Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania and Kenya. This was the first time in a decade where this was possible in some contexts. Hostile Emergency Awareness Training (HEAT) training in Kenya is due to recommence in FY23.

12 Financial Summary

East Africa Region total income in fiscal year 2022 was **US \$ 727,035,759**, which was an increase of 11 per cent from the fiscal year 2021.



FY2022 EXPENSES BY SECTOR



East Africa Region Field Office administration costs have steadily decreased over 3 year period implying more funds have increasingly been directed towards direct programming at Field Office levels



13 We Are World Vision



We recognise the critical role that frontline workers, support service staff, volunteers, interns and partners play in our mission to improve the lives of the children and their communities. From health workers to social workers, teachers to community organisers, these dedicated individuals bring their rich diversity to work tirelessly to support those who are most in need. They provide essential services, advocate for those who are marginalised, and partner to build stronger, more resilient communities.

The East Africa region currently has a dedicated team of more than 6,500 people working in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Our people are our greatest asset. We are deeply grateful for the commitment and sacrifices of our workforce, especially in challenging times. Their unwavering dedication to serving others is a testament to their commitment in seeing what they do not as a job but a ministry. This is in line with our global strategic Imperative: Living out our Christian faith and calling with boldness and humility.

To all in the East Africa World Vision family, we say thank you. Your collective and individual work is an inspiration to many. Together we make a difference, collaborating towards building brighter futures for children in the region.

14 Governance

The World Vision bylaws establish a partnership based on a federalist governance model. This is the sharing of power between the national offices and the global center (World Vision International). Within this federal governance system framework, it is possible for each World Vision National Office to become a legally separate but interdependent entity within the international World Vision Partnership (where it is feasible to do so), governed by its own board of directors who represent World Vision's commitment to:

- (i) Responsible ministry within their own country;
- (ii) Genuine partnership in global ministry; and
- (iii) Mutual accountability for resources.

Currently in East Africa, we have 3 National Offices that have full Boards of Directors and are registered as separate local entities in their respective countries.1 National Office has an Advisory Council while 5 others remain branches of World Vision International as follows:

World Vision Offices with Governing Boards, are separate local entities with Full Legal Authority in their country	
WV Kenya	WV Burundi
WV Tanzania	WV Ethiopia (has an Advisory Council)
WV Uganda	WV Rwanda
	WV South Sudan
	WV Sudan
	WV Somalia

We are grateful to our Board and Advisory Council members who have worked hard this financial year to contribute to the achievements we are celebrating in this Annual Report. They have provided overall strategic leadership and direction thus making it possible for us to achieve these wonderful results. Specifically our boards have been instrumental in the development, review and approval of relevant policies, monitoring of strategy implementation; ensured accountability and standards through regular review of finance and operations reports presented by the National Offices. Additionally the boards have in particular played their roles in risk management through the Audit and Risk Committees and the external auditors as expected. Key to note is the role played by boards in nurturing positive and productive relationships between World Vision and community-based organizations in the country, making strategic contacts for enhancing WV's work in each country, and supporting the projection of World Vision's image at the national level. They have also ensured that the operations of each National Office comply with applicable legislation in each country, and provided oversight to ensure respect for standards of work and management of World Vision in the different countries in the Region.

15 Our Team

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World Vision believes that only by working together with children, their communities, and our supporters and partners, can the lives of the world's most vulnerable children be transformed.

At every level – from a child's community to global – World Vision works with partners from across society to influence and bring our expertise and resource to transform children's lives. We value the role, expertise and resources of governments, commuities, faith actors, businesses, and other organisations in addressing child well-being.

> We continue to respond to the impact of hunger in countries across East Africa Since April 2021, we have reached more than 4.7 million children, and a total 8.9 million people. The needs are growing and urgent.

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