Established in 1950, World Vision (WV) is an international Christian relief, development and advocacy organization, dedicated to working with children, families and their communities to overcome poverty and injustice, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

World Vision Papua New Guinea (WVPNG) has been operating in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for over 40 years and is able to leverage the expertise of the global WV partnership to work with communities to overcome multi-faceted development challenges and deliver humanitarian assistance. WVPNG core programming covers the sectors of Education, Health, Livelihoods, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, Social Cohesion and Peace building, with an annual grant portfolio of USD$50 million under support from a range of institutional, bilateral and multilateral donors. Relief support, preparedness and resilience building are also our core part of our work, including the covid-19 pandemic response.

Our programming focus is spread across 12 of PNG's 22 provinces, with field offices and staff in the 6 Provinces of National Capital District, Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARoB), Morobe, Madang, Western and Southern Highlands Provinces; as well as through partners in another six provinces across the country.

WVPNG works to ensure our strategy and approaches are in line with the Government of PNG's strategy and priorities, with geographical footprint being driven by our core values and commitment to the most vulnerable children and communities. We partner with communities, local civil society, private sector, non-government organizations, faith-based groups, and government of both national and local levels to deliver evidence based quality programs with a strong emphasis on community empowerment and local ownership.

At the core of our programming remains the most vulnerable and our commitment to every child which reinforces our unwavering support and determination to continue with our programs to help vulnerable communities and children therefore despite the challenges of 2021 and early 2022, our World Vision PNG programming never ceased and we continued to adjust and adapt to the changing COVID-19 landscape.

We believe that we were amongst the few development agencies that were truly blessed to be able to maintain a level of continuity in our programs to still reach the most vulnerable communities and children in PNG.

World Vision International’s global strategy – Our Promise – prioritizes partnership to increase impact. In line with this strategy, World Vision Papua New Guinea has decided to maintain, strengthen and have more meaningful partnership in the country to address the well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable.

We remain steadfast and committed to reaching more in our programming.
WATER SANITATION & HYGIENE

WVPNG works to increase access to sustainable clean drinking water; improve sanitation and hygiene via Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), Participatory Hygiene & Sanitation Transformation (PAST) and WaSH facilities installation. WV also strengthens governance capacity to design, finance, deliver and sustain inclusive, resilient WASH services. World Vision is a cluster co-chair with UNICEF.

Target outcomes:
- Increased access to sustainable safe water sources in communities, Schools and Health Care Facilities
- Enhanced sustainability (social, financial, and environmental) of water sources
- Improved sanitation in communities, Schools and Health Centre Facilities
- Partnering with local government in planning, training, monitoring and piloting inclusive climate resilient Innovative WASH approaches
- Private-sector development supported to strengthen and expand WASH products and services available to target communities (e.g. ‘self-supply model’)
- Alternative use of water for production promoted

EDUCATION

WVPNG works to improve access to quality education for children by supporting students, teachers, caregivers, schools and the government. WV is an active member of the Local Education Group and the Education Cluster, with strong working partnerships with the local education officials cultivated overtime and a robust network of key partners.

Target outcomes:
- Increased parental/caregiver support and demand for basic education.
- Increased practice of inclusive and age-appropriate teaching practices and positive discipline in schools.
- Increased Literacy and Numeracy Skills among boys and girls in the early grades.
- School learning environments are inclusive, safe and enable student learning

HEALTH: NUTRITION

WVPNG works to ensure children can reach full potential of their growth and development by addressing childhood (0-5yrs) malnutrition and reducing illness, disability and death caused by vaccine preventable disease (VPD). WV’s work is It is anchored on the National Health Plan (2021-2030) and PNG Vision 2050.

Target outcomes:
- Village Health Volunteer (VHV) capacitated and supported at community level
- Increased knowledge of caregivers on adoption of recommended feeding and care practices for children under two.
- Improved access of routine immunization for children under 1 via outreach patrols
- Improved capacity for frontline health workers on vaccination and increased knowledge and management skills of Provincial Health Authorities (PHAs)

LIVELIHOODS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WVPNG works to reduce poverty by encouraging savings, building sustainable income, improved access to finance, self-reliance development, integration with nutrition, and enhanced youth employment. WV empowers individuals to achieve resilient sources of income for households and strengthens communities’ development via layering of multiple projects.

Target outcomes:
- Improved effectiveness and quality of production of farmers and small business owners.
- Producers supported and mobilized into functional groups, with trust deepened within and between market actors
- Households equipped with financial tools, information and networks to grow businesses and improve the wellbeing of their families
- Improved readiness for market access and private sector engagement initiatives of households
- Improved communities’ resilience and preparedness for external shocks, such as extreme weather events, through crop diversification, climate smart agriculture initiatives and prudential savings culture and nature based solutions.

HEALTH : TB/HIV

WVPNG has been responding to TB and HIV for more than a decade, and is Principal Recipient for the Global Fund to PNG from 2015 onwards. This unique positioning has enabled WV to directly influence and impact the National programs of TB/ HIV and civil society partners working in PNG.

Target outcomes:
- Increased coverage of TB and HIV prevention, diagnostic and treatment services leading to increased notifications of TB,
- Increased initiation of treatment for TB patients including those with Multi-drug resistant TB, improved treatment success rates and decrease in those lost to follow up.
- Improved access to pediatric case finding by working with adults and reducing proportion of childhood TB (less than 15 years)
- Strengthened community based health system and increase of domestic funding for TB/HIV National programs

DISASTER MANAGEMENT & RELIEF

WVPNG works to reduce vulnerability and exposure of children and families to hazards and risks by adopting community based disaster risk management approach to strength community’s resilience against disasters and local authority’s preparedness. WV also provides efficient and responsive life-saving support to alleviate human suffering during crisis, including floods, drought, earthquake, pandemic, conflict etc.

Target outcomes:
- Local capacities strengthened for disaster preparedness and mitigation pre-disaster.
- Respond effectively to emergencies for life and dignity
- Restore and rebuild natural disaster or conflict impacted communities and sustained well-being.
- Improved Disaster Risk Reduction knowledge and skills of children.
- Strengthened awareness and ability of households and community to adapt to impacts of climate change.
Cross Cutting Themes

Child Protection & Safeguarding Participation:
World Vision believes every child deserves a childhood to live, grow, and thrive and be protected from all forms of harm. Child protection & safeguarding is incorporated into all projects to strengthen the systems that keep children from harm in a community-based and sustainable approach.

Aside from empowering girls & boys to protect themselves; WV also strengthens families and caregivers to be the first line of protection via social support networks, linkage to economic and social assistance, and positive parenting skills. WV works to influence governments, local leaders and formal stakeholders, as well build evidence to drive policy change.

Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion:
Significant gender disparities exist in PNG which fuel gender based violence. GBV survivors and People with Disability (PWD) are apart of the marginalized in society. It is WV’s priority to ensure equal participation in decision making and improved gender awareness among communities. Such priority are also communicated to our partners.

While WV makes all possible efforts to encourage female participation in activities, WV also engages men to support and share responsibility with mother and traditional to overcome the gender challenge. WV also builds capacity of healthcare workers, teachers and government and encourages consideration of inclusion during development of policies and planning to promote inclusive schools, healthcare services and WASH facilities.

Environment & Climate Change:
WV cares for the earth and act in ways that will restore and protect the environment. Climate justice represents the interdependence of human rights, development and climate action. It is an approach that brings about solutions good for people and the planet by upholding rights of children and their families.

Aside from building governments awareness and knowledge towards climate change and better planning and prioritization, WV supports communities to build their resilience, to adapt to climate change, and to prepare, mitigate, cope with and recover from the immediate impacts of climate-related disasters. Protection and restoration of environmental assets that support the livelihoods and food security and mitigate climate change are mainstreamed across projects.

Faith & Development:
More than 90% of PNGs population are Christians. Many combine their Christian faith with traditional indigenous beliefs and practices. As such, faith leaders play vital role in influencing the attitudes of communities therefore WV partners with faith based organizations to catalyze communities to change behaviors and end harmful practices, as well promote positive relationship and peace building.

WV supports the capacity building of faith leaders to encourage positive parenting and conflict management, as well build their knowledge on gender equality, child protection and safeguarding, as faith leaders are the first-line entity that communities trust and seek help from.

Social Accountability & Advocacy:
WV believes in collaborating and advocating for broader impact. WV’s strategies are aligned with government priorities. Aside supporting operationalization of national policy (WV contributes to development of policies and strategic plan) including Village Health Volunteer Policy, National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Control, National WASH Policy, etc.

Social accountability is introduced into programs to empower communities to hold authority accountable and initiate changes with bottom-up approach. WV supports government to take lead in findings solutions, while facilitating the conversation among authority, community and various actors.

Peace Building & Fragile Context Programming:
PNG is characterized with pockets of fragility and violence issue. Exacerbated by weak local governance, these conditions pose a multi-dimensional challenge to economic and human development. At community levels, conflict analysis is conducted to identify conflict triggers, key stakeholders and the relationship dynamic within and between communities, so that WV can establish trust, facilitate dialogues and conduct peace building interventions that address root cause of clashes.

Aside from actively engaging community and governments, WV also equips and empowers children and youth to be channels of peace, agents of change and healing among their peers and in their communities by using contextualized WV approaches to peace building education (eg. Peace road and IMPACT clubs), supporting them to manage and resolve conflict as well to model active citizenship.

Local Partnering & Coordination:
WV has strong networks of partners across PNG. While WV is a well-recognized and trusted partner of multiple government departments, we also work closely with UN agencies, international NGOs, local CSOs, academic institution, and private sector. These partners allow WV to serve in the hard to reach areas.

WV participates in coordination groups and is an active member of Clusters of Food Security, Education, Protection, and WASH (cluster lead). WV has also been leading 3 major consortia: Global Fund, Water for Women, and Together for Education Consortium. WV contributes to institutional learning & exchange by developing and sharing critical learning products across the sectors and networks.
GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

* National Department of Education
* National Department of Health
* Provincial Health Authorities Department of Agriculture & Livestock
* Department of Planning
* Department of Community Development
* National Fisheries Authority
* Conservation & Environment Protection Authority
* WASH Project Management Unit

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

* PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited
* National Cocoa Board
* Burnett Institute
* Youth With a Mission (YWAM)
* National Agriculture Research Institute
* Missionaries of Marianhill, Catholic Church
* Consultative Implementation & Monitoring Council
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