

WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA NEWSLETTER

Empowering & Transforming Lives

World Vision

GOING FURTHER TO REACH THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES



Renewing our commitment to improving food security in Mauritania

Over the next five years, World Vision will increase its focus on food security in alignment with our recently-launched [ENOUGH campaign](#) - World Vision's global campaign to end child hunger and malnutrition. In Mauritania, the Gorgol region located in the south-east of the country is one of the areas most affected by food insecurity and child malnutrition. Paradoxically, the region has significant agricultural potential. Join us on a trip to the Maghama commune in Gorgol to evaluate potential for agricultural value chain development as World Vision increases support to farmers.



World Vision recognised for its contribution to national development in Ghana

World Vision won two prestigious awards at the 10th edition of the Ghana Corporate Social Responsibility Excellence Awards, for our commitment to positively impacting the lives of the most vulnerable children. Across Ghana, World Vision implements unique community development programmes that increase household food and nutrition security, income and children's access to quality education, health care, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and child protection services.

COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATES



Transforming household resilience to support families in Senegal to thrive

On 24 October, World Vision launched the Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments ([THRIVE](#)) programme in Kaffrine. THRIVE is an economic empowerment model designed to help households to address climate shocks. It consists of farmers working together to reduce economic vulnerability by bettering their agricultural value chain, as well as creating savings groups and micro-credit systems. The programme targets more than 52,000 households in Senegal and touches other domains such as health and water, sanitation and hygiene.



Empowering women, youth and improving child nutrition in Niger's Zinder region

In the community of Dogo, a town located in Zinder region in the south of Niger, community members have no shortage of incredible testimonies to share. Twenty-year-old Karima is one of them. From struggling to afford supplies for her baby to becoming self-reliant, she credits World Vision's [Savings for Transformation](#) (S4T) economic empowerment project model, which trained her and others in financial literacy, empowering them set up savings and credit micro-systems. In addition to S4T, World Vision has implemented the [Positive Deviance/Hearth](#) nutrition model which has had a 100% success rate in Dogo, with hundreds of moderately malnourished children now completely cured.



Market gardening boosts Chadian communities towards self-sufficiency

In Chad, the Doro community is realising an increase in income thanks to a World Vision approach that enables them to produce vegetables throughout the year. World Vision supports producer groups in this community with market garden feed, alongside equipping them with solar pumps and water retention tanks. Families are now better able to provide for their children and families. Rosine is one of those farmers, and testifies of the significant transformation that this support has had on her family.



Sierra Leone: One pastor's journey of change

Pastor Emmanuel's family members hated him when he became a Christian and chastised him when he came back to his community as an ordained pastor. Despite his family's opposition, he chose to be more committed his service for God. Emmanuel's new vocation might have brought a huge transformation in him, but this was only the start of his story of change. The servant of God had no income and struggled to provide for his own family until he attended World Vision's [Empowered Worldview](#) training. From an initial \$10 and other small donations from well-wishers, Emmanuel has grown his investment to over \$1,000 in farm produce, foodstuffs and a motorcycle business.

PARTNERING & COLLABORATING TO REACH MORE CHILDREN

Reaching and Adapting Immunisation Services Effectively to Reach Zero-Dose Children in the Sahel (RAISE 4 Sahel) is a project led by [World Vision US](#), in collaboration with the [Africa Christian Health Associations Platform](#), [Food for the Hungry](#), [CORE Group](#), [Dimagi](#), and local partners. RAISE 4 Sahel is implemented in 90 districts across the seven Sahel countries. Read about some of the impact we are achieving through this project below.



Central African Republic

In September, World Vision joined a collaborative effort involving a diverse team of health professionals in the Central African Republic to deliver life-saving vaccines to a hard-to-reach Pygmy community in the town of Boda. The mission was to innovatively deliver vaccines and antimalarial medicines to the community, in an effort to immunise the number of zero-dose children (ZDC) living there.

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Mali

Mali is affected by a security crisis which is having a negative impact on vaccination, especially in conflict zones. RAISE 4 Sahel comes as an answer to this challenge for many families in the country. Within the framework of this project, World Vision recently organised a training for vaccinators and technical directors of health centres in the Bandiagara region in Mopti. The aim was to equip them to achieve the goal of vaccinating all zero-dose and under-immunised children in Mali.

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Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is confronted by a massive population displacement challenge that has majorly impacted on child immunisation rates. The northern region, where the situation has been further exacerbated by insecurity, recorded more than 250,000 internally displaced people earlier this year. In response to this humanitarian crisis, the RAISE 4 Sahel project has organised a zero-dose vaccination campaign for children from the displaced communities. This initiative has resulted in the vaccination of 260 ZDC and 2,900 under-immunised children in the Ouahigouya health district.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM OUR REGIONAL LEADER

On behalf of World Vision staff from West and Central Africa, our Regional Leader sends season's greetings and happy holiday wishes to all our partners, donors, and supporters from across the region and beyond.

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