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List of Acronyms

AP	Area Programme	GHS	Ghana Health Service
CPA	Child Protection and Advocacy	GIK	Gift-In-Kind
CCPCs	Community Child Protection Committees	GIWASH	Ghana Integrated Water Sanitation and Hygiene
CWB	Child Well-Being	HEA	Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs
CWSA	Community Water and Sanitation Agency	HEAL	Healthy Environment and Wellness
CVA	Citizen Voice and Action	IMNCI	Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses
CBO	Community-Based Organizations	LCC	Local Council of Churches
CHRAJ	Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice	LIFE	Livelihood Improvement and Family Empowerment
CLTS	Community-Led Total Sanitation	MMD	Metropolitan, Municipal and District
CCG	Community Care Groups	MHPSS/PFA	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support/Psychosocial First Aid
CFC	Celebrating Families Curriculum	MTMSG	Mother-to-Mother Support Group
CFV	Community Farewell Video	NCCE	National Commission on Civic Education
CUV	Community Update Video	NADMO	National Disaster Management Organization
CUP	Community Update Photos	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
CEW	Child Expression Worksheet	OPD	Out-Patient Department
CBOs	Community-Based Organizations	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
CHATs	Community Health Action Teams	RC	Registered Children
CIYCF	Community Infant and Young Child Feeding	S4T	Savings for Transformation
ICCC	Intra-Country Coordination Committee	TP	Technical Programme
DTST	District Teacher Support Teams	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
EWV	Empowered World View	SHEP	School Health Education Programme
ECD	Early Childhood Development	VFG	VisionFund Ghana
FBO	Faith-Based Organizations	VBE	Village Based Entrepreneurs
FMNR	Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration	WSMT	Water and Sanitation Management Teams
GES	Ghana Education Service		



About us

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Inspired by our Christian values, we are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. Our integrated focus is that We are Christian, Child-Focused and Community Empowering.

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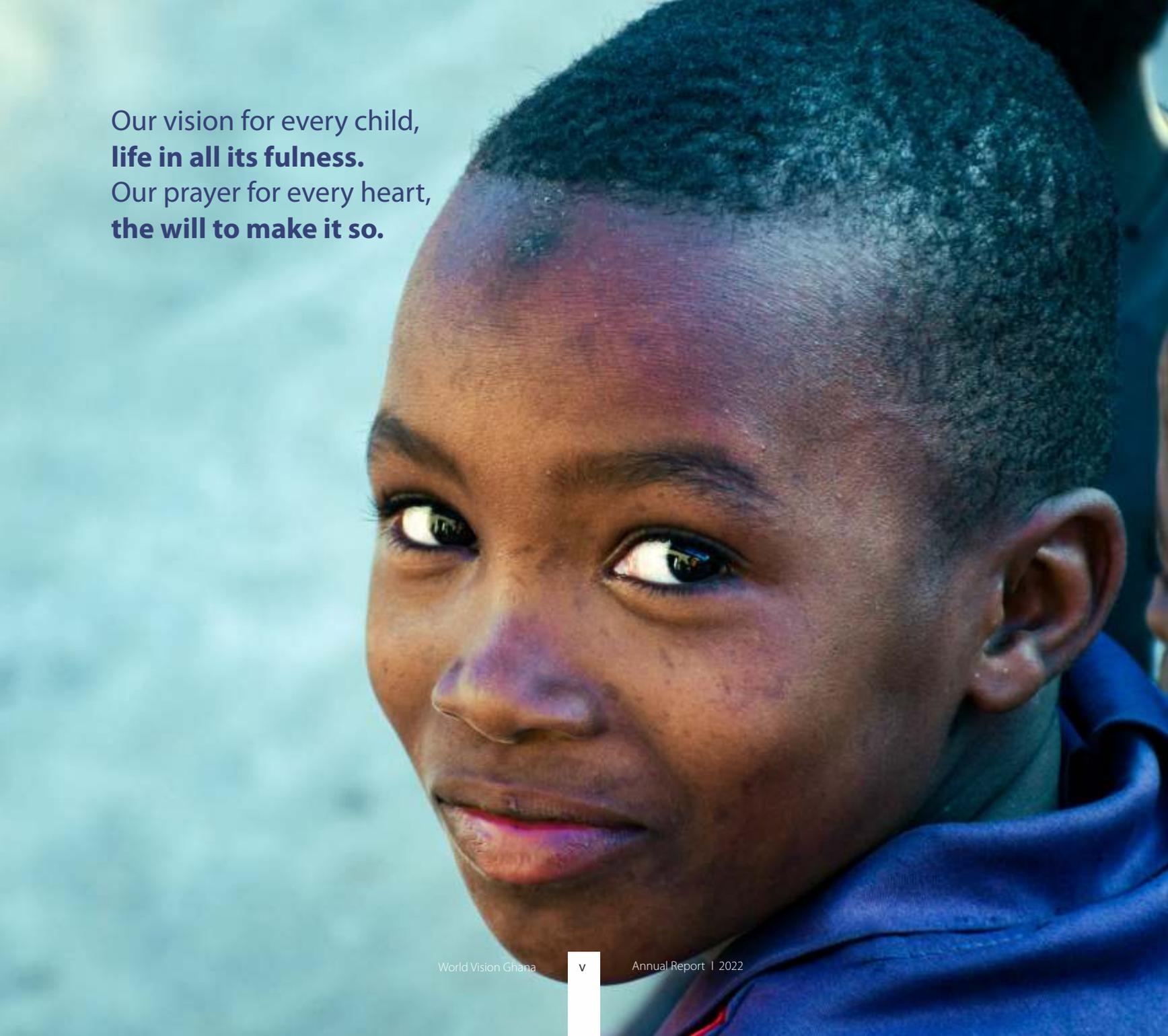
Our Vision for every child, life in all its fullness; Our Prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Core Values

WE ARE CHRISTIAN
WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE POOR
WE VALUE PEOPLE
WE ARE STEWARDS
WE ARE PARTNERS
WE ARE RESPONSIVE



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life in all its fulness.
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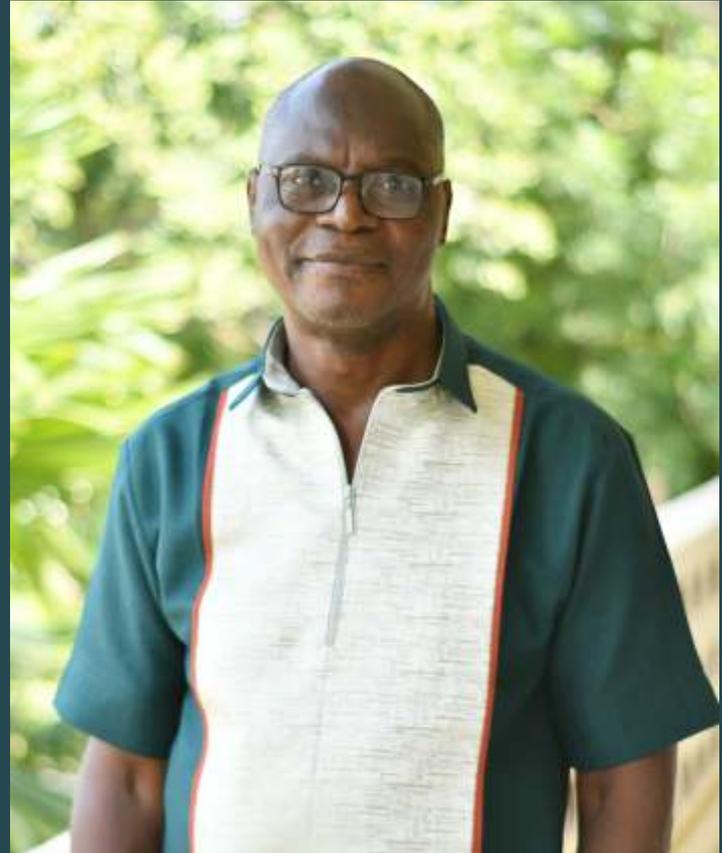
The National Director's Foreword

This marks my last foreword for World Vision Ghana's Annual Reports in the last six years. It is therefore not surprising that 2022 was very eventful, exacting, exciting and full of testimonies of God's Goodness and Mercy. World Vision Ghana had the singular honour, as the first National Office in the West Africa Region, to host the Triennial Council Conference bringing together all chairs of the Board of Directors, Advisory Council Chairs, Senior WVI Executives, National Directors and senior staff of World Vision entities in the world. This is the highest conference of the entire World Vision Partnership that takes place once every three years, rotated in different countries. World Vision Ghana Board and staff earned international recognition from delegates for how this complex conference was hosted to cater for both in-person and virtual delegates.

Earlier in the year, World Vision Ghana organised a donor engagement forum dubbed 'Bridging the Learning Gap at the Basic Level with Sustainable WASH Interventions for Supportive Learning Environment'. The event leveraged the momentum of the UNESCO Sustainable Development for Education Award received by World Vision Ghana to engage prospective donors, partners and government agencies, to position the organisation not only as a key player in education but also as a thought leader through its "Unlock Literacy Project".

In the middle of the year, WVG for the first time successfully launched and shared its 2021 to 2025 Country Strategy with its stakeholders and partners. The Strategy, named "Accelerating our Commitment to the Most Vulnerable Children," has the goal of ensuring that **"By 2025, World Vision Ghana would have reached 3.3 million vulnerable children through empowered and resilient communities with a special focus on most vulnerable children."**

We give God all the honour and the glory, that after being cut off from fellowship by the COVID-19 outbreak, all staff and



management came together face-to-face for the Annual Staff Spiritual Retreat. This was a time of thanksgiving for passing over the worst global crisis; a time of celebration and reflection on the achievements of the previous years and the prospects of the new year. It also allowed staff to reignite their passion for the work through the various prayer sessions, staff enhancement interactions, staff dinner and awards night. Thanks to Bishop Charles Agyin-Asare for the spiritual nourishment during that week.



Under the leadership of Madam Carla Denizard, the West Africa Region and the WV Ghana Board led by Mr Baafour Otu-Boateng, remained the major driving force to ensure that staff and management relentlessly pursued excellence at all times. Difficult questions were asked in board meetings, in regional review sessions, during field visits, as well as through audit processes. This resulted in WV Ghana retaining the Best Performing National Office Award in West Africa Region. Thanks, to the staff that never relented despite the many hardships experienced along the way.

This report showcases a summary of the concerted efforts of staff, partners, stakeholders and donors during the year under review whose key achievements are captured below;

- We have made clean water available to over 85,000 community members including children during this year. We have also provided improved household sanitation facilities to more than 56,492 people including children.
- We reached 45,000 children and their families with messages on nutrition, basic hygiene and sanitation practices thus, making sure there is increased access to health care and protection from infection and diseases for the most vulnerable children and their families.
- WVG supported the training of more than 82 District Teacher Support Teams (DTSTs) of the Ghana Education Service in eight (8) Area Programmes (APs) to increase the knowledge of lower primary teachers in literacy instructional methodologies.
- Some 290 new Savings for Transformation (S4T) groups were formed and trained with a total membership of 15,394, (10,776 women and 4,618 men). Additionally, six (6) adolescent S4T groups were also formed and trained on the S4T model. This enabled group members to start or expand their businesses and are positively contributing to the well-being of over 34,455 children.

It is in this light, that I would like to use this opportunity to thank all partners, stakeholders and donors for their continued support. These achievements and celebrations would not have been possible without the dedication of staff who demonstrated agility and resilience in serving the most vulnerable children.

I am deeply grateful that in 2017, God brought me to this nation of Ghana. In my efforts to lead I ended up being led. I thought I would teach the staff and communities, and in the end, I leave the country more educated and better equipped for service and ministry than I was over the thirty years of my career everywhere I have been.

God bless you.

Dickens Thunde

National Director, World Vision Ghana

Message from the Board Chair

FY22 was eventful in many ways:

(i) there was change in leadership for the World Vision Ghana Board, i.e. Baafour Otu-Boateng as Board Chair and Dr. Mrs. Mary Amoakoh-Coleman as the Vice Chair, and (ii) World Vision Ghana was chosen for the November 2022 Triennial (TC) Conference, and that meant a lot, not only to WVG, but the West Africa Region, as this was to be the first TC in the West Africa region.

There were other key events that add up to making the FY22 quite eventful and engaging. We give God the glory, and applaud management for the great work done in FY22 including the excellent TC held in November 2022, to the admiration of all participants.

Two new Board members, Rev. Dr. Abukari Sayibu Yakubu, and Mrs. Ruth Atimlie Wallace were recruited after going through a rigorous interview, including police background clearance. They subsequently received in-depth orientation and have since assumed full participation in all Board and committee deliberations.

The Board undertook a joint field trip with VisionFund Ghana to the Nkwanta Cluster, where Board members witnessed the impact made in the lives of vulnerable children and families. The Board also held its second quarter meeting in the field.

As a build up to the Third Annual General Meeting (AGM), and having gone through the process of engaging with PriceWaterHouse Coopers, the FY2021 Financial Audit was carried out and presented during the AGM. I must applaud all Board members for their commitment to all Board and Committee meetings.

In the process, the following key decisions/approvals were made by the Board: i) The Board approved 2 new Board candidates for Board membership; ii) The Board reviewed and approved the National Director's FY21 Performance appraisal and also approved the FY22 Performance agreement; iii) The Board approved the membership of the former Chair (Mrs. Efua Ghartey) as an Associate Member (friend of WVG); iv) The Board approved the resolution authorizing the National Director to represent World Vision Ghana during VisionFund Ghana Annual General Meetings (AGM); v) The Board approved welfare guidelines to address the welfare of Board members; vi) The Board established an ad hoc committee to review the consideration of having Shared Services under World Vision Ghana registration;



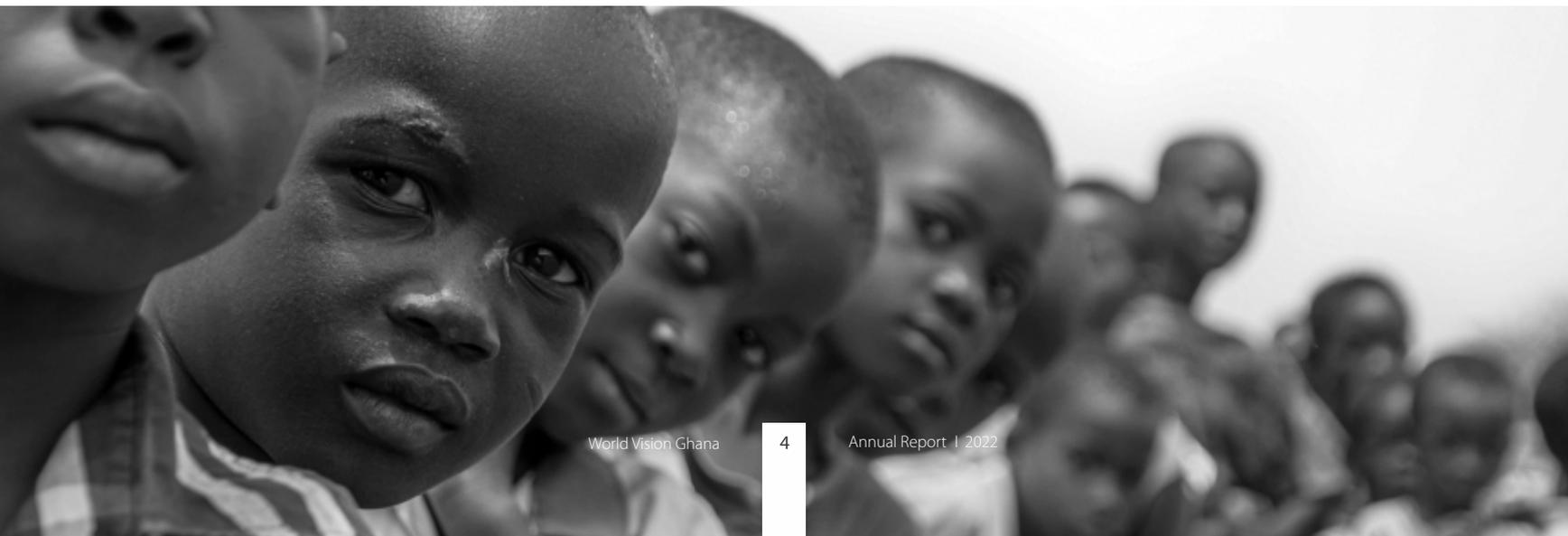
Baafour Otu-Boateng
Board Chair

vii) The Board approved changes to the Enterprise Risk Management Policy, and the Risk Appetite Statement; viii) The Board approved the Search Committee for the new National Director and for work to commence immediately; ix) the Board approved an ad hoc committee to support the Triennial Council Planning committee for the TC Welcome dinner

The Triennial Council (updates) was a standing item on all Board meetings to ensure that WVG was well prepared to host this important event, the first ever to be held in the West Africa Region. The Board worked assiduously with the National Director and his management team to ensure that all the necessary logistics were put in place to ensure a successful TC. It is important to mention the support from the Regional Leader, and the Partnership Leader for Governance and Policy Compliance and her team, who made monitoring visits to Ghana to ascertain for themselves the progress of preparations for the TC. The Board teamed up with management to pray for the success of the TC, including meeting at the venue of the TC (Movenpick Hotel) to commit the entire event to the Almighty God. We thank God Almighty that the TC was indeed a great success. We applaud Management and the Local Organizing Planning Committee for doing World Vision Ghana proud by ensuring that Ghana was well prepared for the Triennial Council.

For the third time, Ghana was also, declared as the best Performing National Office in the West Africa Region, among many others during the year. We again applaud Management for 92% project execution at the end of the Fiscal Year, and also for achieving 8.5% efficiency ratio, against the target of 9.7%. This is highly commendable. We will not forget management exceeded their goal of 100% with a 126% budget achievement.

All said FY22 was a year of great strides as we were confident of not only hosting the TC, but making Ghana and the West Africa region really proud, and it did happen. We have received so much unending from the Lord and will continue to pray and trust that the God who has been with us this far will continue to lead World Vision Ghana to FY2023 and beyond.



World Vision Ghana **Strategy**

On 1st June 2022, WVG successfully launched and disseminated its strategy for the 2021 to 2025 Fiscal Years with stakeholders at the Fiesta Royale Hotel, Accra, Ghana. The Strategy, named “Accelerating our Commitment to the Most Vulnerable children” has the goal of ensuring that “By 2025, World Vision Ghana would have reached 3.3 million vulnerable children through Empowered and Resilient communities with a special focus on most vulnerable children.”

World Vision Ghana (WVG) commenced its strategy development processes with various activities such as context analyses, root-cause-analysis, pathway of change, engagements with all relevant stakeholders (internal and external), development of programmes and baseline assessment.

The Strategy outlines three Technical Programmes (TP) as pillars for achieving the strategy objectives:



Health Environment And Wellness (HEAL) Technical Programme seeks to ensure increase protection of 1 million most vulnerable girls and boys from infection and diseases through improved access to WASH and Health care services by 2025. This goal is being realized through interventions in the areas of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Healthcare and Nutrition



Reading Improvement and Skills Enhancement (RISE) Technical Programme seeks to reach **1.3 million** most vulnerable children with improved learning outcomes through increased literacy for basic school children



Livelihood Improvement and Family Empowerment (LIFE) Technical Programme which seeks to build and maintain peaceful, inclusive and cohesive families and communities that seek to promote love and justice for **1 million** vulnerable children, particularly the most vulnerable



Collaborations & Partnerships

As part of efforts to strengthen partnerships and collaboration with like-minded stakeholders, we partnered with key stakeholders locally and nationally to carry out interventions aimed at improving the well-being of children.

WVG's FY22 accomplishments were made possible by the contributions of local and international donors such as Promasidor Ghana, Societe Generale Bank Ghana, UNESCO, IRC, European Union, UNICEF, International Centre for Agroforestry (ICRAF), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Global Communities, Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS), FORIG, Safe Water Network, Kings Hall Media, ABSA Bank, Awana Ghana, and J-Life Ghana among others. Key governmental institutions include the Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Water Resources, Education, University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), and the Ghana Enterprise Agency. The collaboration with the aforementioned partners led to the funding of projects and the effective implementation of interventions.





LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT (LIFE)





Livelihoods and Environmental Restoration

Key Achievements

290 new Savings for Transformation (S4T) Groups comprising **6,133** (4,293 females and 1,840 males) members caring for **15,394** children were formed and trained.



421 S4T Groups comprising of **9,234** members linked to Vision Fund Ghana (VFG) for Transformation products and services (insurance, WASH, education).



800 farmers (**400 females, 400 males**) were trained on the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) concept

10,098 S4T members supported to acquire health insurance cards for their household members (including 5,044 children).



Over **3000** trees planted as part of activities to mark the 2022 Green Ghana Day and 17000 seedlings of varied species distributed to farmers..



Key Achievements

4,792 Savings Group members trained on financial literacy skills.

31 producer groups (Value Chain Development) established to maximize gains from economic ventures

1,072 individuals trained in additional livelihoods (including beekeeping, shea and groundnut processing)

1051 project participants trained and practicing conservation agriculture on cropland



WVG's Livelihood Improvement and Family Empowerment (LIFE) Technical Programme (TP) seeks to build and maintain peaceful, inclusive and cohesive families and communities to promote love and justice for **1 million** vulnerable children by 2025. To achieve this, WVG worked closely with key stakeholders including Vision Fund Ghana (VFG), Departments of Agriculture, Saving for Transformation (S4T) agents, National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), Ghana Enterprise Agency/Business Advisory Centres, local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), communities, chiefs and opinion leaders.

Increased access to financial products and services

World Vision Ghana and its partners intensified the implementation of the Saving for Transformation (S4T) model to ensure increased access of beneficiaries to financial products and services. During the year 2022, 290 new S4T groups were formed and trained with a total membership of 15,394 members (10,776 women and 4,618 men). Six (6) adolescent S4T groups were also formed and trained on the S4T model.

Furthermore, WVG facilitated the linkage of 403 S4T groups (comprising 9,234 members) to Vision Fund Ghana's (VFG) Finance for Transformation products and services. This enabled group members to access loans to start or expand their businesses and positively impacted 34,455 children.

To enhance the health status of children and their families, WVG collaborated with VFG to support 10,098 S4T members to acquire health insurance cards for themselves and their dependents (including 5,044 children) to address their medical needs.

Increased capacity of adults and youth in additional livelihood options

A total of 31 producer groups consisting of 750 (488 women and 262 men) and 4792 individuals consisting 3,355 female and 1,437 were trained on financial literacy by the Ghana Enterprise Agency and Department of Agriculture to aid beneficiaries in profitable trade engagement.

WVG collaborated with key partners including the Ministry of Food and Agriculture to conduct livelihoods training for 1,072 adult and youth beneficiaries (751 men and 321 women). The training equipped beneficiaries with requisite skills and knowledge on additional/alternative livelihood options including beekeeping and shea butter processing to enable them to diversify their incomes without degrading the environment. 60 farmers provided with 108 beehives and accessories monitored over the period showed that 79 (74%) out of the 108 hives have been colonised with active honey production ongoing.

Adoption of sustainable natural resource management practices by communities

Eight hundred (800) farmers (400 females, 400 males) were trained on the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) concept, a low-cost, and sustainable land regeneration practice that communities can use to efficiently restore their degraded land, increase their productivity and build resilience relatively quickly and efficiently. On sustainable agriculture, WVG trained 1,051 participants across all projects on conservation agriculture on cropland to improve soil fertility.

Strengthen institutional capacity to improve livelihood and resilience services

World Vision Ghana joined stakeholders to commemorate the 2022 Green Ghana Day under the theme *“Mobilising for a Greener Future”*. The Green Ghana Project is an agenda by the Government of Ghana to restore the country's dwindling forest cover by planting at least 100 million trees by 2024. In the Bawku West District, WVG marked the Day with a durbar to raise awareness and collaborated with stakeholders to plant more than 1,000 seedlings. In getting children involved in environmental restoration, the organization collaborated with the Department of Agriculture to support students to plant about 2,000 trees.

At the 2022 Sustainable Wood fuel Value Chains in Africa conference held in Kumasi, Ghana, WVG made a presentation on “Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) Approach- A Catalyst for Sustainable Wood Fuel Production in Ghana”. WVG used this opportunity to share knowledge and best practices on sustainable and equitable wood fuel value chains with academia, practitioners, and policymakers from about 28 countries across the world.

Interventions implemented in 2022 and other previous years within WVG programing areas has contributed to 66% of parents or caregivers being able to provide well for their children and 24 % of households having gained alternative and diversified sources of income.

Also, 81% of households have sufficient dietary diversity and over 200 hectares of degraded lands across the northern sectors of Ghana are being restored through the FMNR model. Despite the gains made, more exist to respond to as 31% of households within WVG programme areas experienced one or more 'hungry months' in a year (WVG FY21-25 Technical Programme Baseline Report, 2022).

SUCCESS STORY

Tackling climate change and desertification in Northern Ghana

Due to population pressure, woodlands in Northern Ghana are shrinking at an alarming rate. The livelihoods of farmers are facing a crisis on multiple fronts. Despite this, tree felling for charcoal production and bush burning, coupled with unsustainable farming practices, urbanization, and construction, contribute to severe deforestation. This is resulting in the loss of biodiversity, putting farmers' livelihoods in serious jeopardy.

Farmers in Sori No. 1 in the West Gonja District, such as Mary, a mother of two children, have already begun experiencing the impact of these activities. She fears that these practices will take away their livelihood from them if nothing is done. Mary believes inclusiveness is foundational to the national landscape restoration processes and women who suffer most in all of these need to be allowed to lead in the landscape restoration processes.

Thankfully, the European Union-funded Landscape and Environmental Agility across the Nation (LEAN) Project being implemented by World Vision in the West Gonja and Kassena Nankana Districts is using an integrated approach to build farmers' resilience by promoting sustainable environmental practices.

The LEAN project is a 4-year intervention that seeks to directly support national efforts to conserve biodiversity, improve the livelihoods of small-scale farmers, build climate resilience, and reduce emissions from land-use changes across Ghana's savannah, high forest, and transition zones.

The project is also addressing three structural barriers that have historically hindered efforts by governments, civil society organisations, and the private sector to halt land degradation and deforestation through the uptake of landscape approaches.

“Climate change is manifesting at a very rapid pace in Northern Ghana. To ensure building communities and small-scale farmers' resilience, World Vision has trained and built capacities of 2,999 farmers on integrated land management (ILM) practices,” said Joseph Yelkabong, LEAN project manager.

He added that World Vision in Ghana facilitated training on conservation agricultural practices such as zero tillage, green manuring, burning-free, and mulching for 1,000 farmers, improving significantly their skills and knowledge on conservation agriculture practices and soil management.

Combating poverty and hunger among poor farmers

Aside from empowering communities and local farmers with skills and knowledge on Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), the project is facilitating the establishment of alternative livelihoods for the beneficiary communities. FMNR is a low-cost land restoration technique used to combat poverty and hunger among poor farmers. The practice increases the production of food and wood (timber) and builds farmers' resilience to climate shocks and stresses. This is minimizing farmers' reliance on forest resources and drastically reduces forest and land degradation.

So far, more than 17,000 seedlings of varied tree species such as cashew, acacia, mahogany, and teak have been distributed to local farmers. For a lasting greening and a contribution towards the fight against climate change and desertification in Northern Ghana, the project is raising 32,000 seedlings of shea and 10,000 seedlings of rosewood.

Rosewood and shea trees are unique tree species with both ecological and economic advantages. They have a long lifespan and the ability to withstand harsh weather conditions. Rosewood is highly rich in nitrogen and high in demand within the wood industry while shea provides butter (oil) that is globally sought by the cosmetic industry. The initiative to raise and plant shea and rosewood will trigger changes that will traverse many grounds in any greening initiative in the north, thanks to EU-LEAN Project.

World Vision in Ghana is achieving these by working closely with decentralized structures, local community leaders, and farmers and gradually and sustainably restoring degraded landscapes, improving soil fertility, enhancing the ecosystem and bettering the lives and livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable farmers. This, Mary said, is currently helping restore hope for the Sori No. 1 community witnessing rapid deforestation and livelihood losses.

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LEAN project beneficiary, Mary, pruning her cashew plant.



HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND WELLNESS (HEAL)





Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Key Achievements

85,200 people in communities (21,300 men, 24,113 women, 19,425 boys and 20,362 girls) were provided with access to safe drinking water

251 community members (62 men, 73 women, 57 boys and 59 girls) reached safely managed water services at the household level

38 schools with a total population of **11,981** pupils were provided with clean water on their school premises.

19 health facilities provided with improved water facilities on-site.

77 communities certified as Open Defecation Free

56,492 people gained access to improved household sanitation facilities

9 improved sanitation facilities provided in schools and **8** in healthcare facilities



Key Achievements

27 schools received waste bins for effective waste management

141,958 community members reached with appropriate hygiene behaviour change messages

6,863 community members reached with handwashing facilities for households, schools and health facilities.

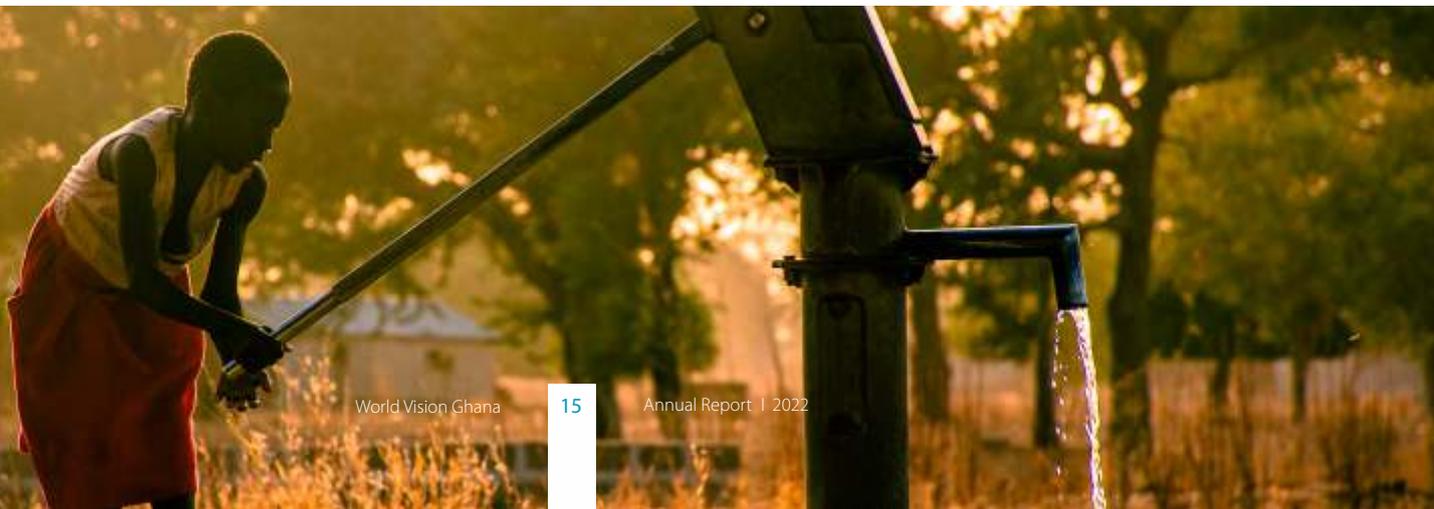
298 Water and Sanitation Management Teams (WSMT) formed

44 WASH school clubs formed

631 faith leaders involved in WASH programme activities



The Healthy Environment and Wellness (HEAL) Programme seeks to ensure increased protection of **1 million** most vulnerable children from infection and diseases through improved access to WASH and Health care services by 2025. This goal is being realised through interventions in the areas of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Healthcare and Nutrition.



Sustained access to safe water for multiple uses in communities and institutions

World Vision Ghana intensified its collaboration with stakeholders such as Municipal and District Assemblies, communities, Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA) and corporate organisations in ensuring that Ghana contributed significantly towards the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6). This goal is to ensure the availability of sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

During the year, 85,200 community members (21,300 men, 24,113 women, 19,425 boys and 20,362 girls) had easy access to basic drinking water through the provision of 37 boreholes fitted with hand pumps, 201 taps from mechanised water systems and 65 rehabilitated water facilities. An additional 251 people (62 men, 73 men, 57 boys and 59 girls) were reached with safely managed water services through household piped connections in the Asutifi North, Kassena-Nankana West and Sekyere East Districts.

A total of 5,076 households were introduced to point-of-use water treatment options. This included 2,650 households using Proctor & Gamble water purifiers, especially in communities with limited prospects for successful boreholes.

Over 38 schools with an enrolment of about 11,981 pupils gained access to safe water facilities comprising 3 boreholes fitted with hand pumps, 37 taps from water supply systems and 15 rehabilitated water points, in their school compounds.

Additionally, 19 health facilities were supported with a borehole, 24 taps and 6 rehabilitated water points.

Access to improved sanitation at household and institutional levels

World Vision Ghana, in partnership with District Assemblies and CWSA, supported 5,633 households to construct their own improved latrines for use. Apart from using the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach, a total of 15 households benefited from a WASH loan initiative with a 10% interest rate per annum. This was piloted in West Gonja and Fanteakwa APs in collaboration with VFG in order to construct their own WASH facilities. These efforts contributed to 77 communities that attained Open Defecation Free statuses in various programme areas and 7 sanitised communities in the Saboba and Zabzugu Districts.

9 improved WASH facilities consisting of 54 latrine stalls were constructed in 9 schools with a total population of 2,888 pupils. 27 schools also received solid waste bins as part of efforts to improve sanitation behaviours and environmental cleanliness in schools. 8 health facilities gained access to improved WASH facilities, comprising 32 latrine stalls and 5 bathrooms for staff and Out-Patient Department (OPD) attendants. Moreover, 10 health facilities were supported with waste bins to manage waste at critical points of care.

Improved hygiene practices in households and institutions

Hygiene services were promoted during the year 2022 to improve household and institutional cleanliness. This includes handwashing demonstration sessions and training and the construction of low-cost handwashing facilities. This was to ensure that 141,958 community members (32,931 boys, 33,367 girls, 35,488 men and 40,172 women) gained access to 14,165 handwashing facilities.

At the institutional level, a total of 494 handwashing facilities were provided in 147 schools with a total population of 104,614 pupils. In addition to this, 58 handwashing facilities were provided on the premises of health facilities.

Improved Capacity for Sustainable Delivery of WASH Services

World Vision Ghana collaborated with the Municipal and District Assemblies to build the capacity of 298 WSMTs to ensure sustained delivery of WASH services. Additional support to empower communities in the WASH business involved the training of 599 local entrepreneurs such as latrine artisans, water vendors and pump mechanics. Overall, 631 faith leaders participated in WASH programme interventions to enable them to contribute effectively as change agents in their congregations and communities.

In collaboration with Ghana Education Service, the School Health Education Programme (SHEP) received support through the formation of 44 WASH clubs. In terms of WASH-related advocacy, WVG empowered 30 community Citizens Voice and Action (CVA) groups who engaged with duty bearers and services on WASH service. The organisation participated in a stakeholder dialogue involving Parliamentarians, heads of relevant state institutions, development partners, NGOs and CSOs with the aim of enhancing WASH service delivery in the northern parts of Ghana.

The 2022 edition of the School Sanitation Solutions Challenge and maiden Children's Sanitation Fair was held successfully with support from the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana Education Service and King Hall Media. These initiatives were held with the objective of promoting child-led advocacy in WASH. WVG also supported the successful organisation of the **32nd Mole WASH Conference** which had the theme: "Repositioning the WASH Sector for Emergency Response and Sustainable Development"

Furthermore, WVG joined stakeholders to review the Rural Sanitation Model and Strategy Policy and the 2007 National Water Policy. We also joined the commemoration of 2022 World Water Day, Global Handwashing Day, and the inauguration of the Bono, Central and Upper East Regional branches of the Media Coalition Against Open Defecation (M-CODE).

Efforts by WVG and partners to improve upon WASH services within families, communities and institutions through the provision of WASH facilities and capacities contributed to 46% of households using a basic drinking water facility and 42% gaining access to improved sanitation facilities. There is still a gap of 50% of people within WVG programmes without access to basic water and 58% without basic sanitation facilities (WVG FY21-25 Technical Programme Baseline Report, 2022). WVG is open to partnerships to address this gap.

SUCCESS STORY

Bringing safe water to the doorsteps of community members

Over the past years, the Builsa South Area Programme has collaborated with the Ghana Integrated Water, Sanitation and Health Program (GI-WASH) and various decentralised departments to provide safe water to needy communities, schools and healthcare facilities. Many such water facilities are boreholes and limited mechanised systems that provide communal fetching points for households. This helps households to have access to safe water for consumption and other livelihood activities.

Through the efforts of the Area Programme, a household water connection pilot scheme was instituted, where households were supported to pipe water from a mechanized system to the premises of selected households.

In all, 26 and 17 households now have access to safely managed water services in Builsa and Kassena districts respectively.

Monitoring reports reveal that women now spend less time in search of water and use the time saved to engage in other productive ventures such as shea butter processing, farming and participating in meetings. Also, children can now report to school early and participate in lessons due to less time spent searching for water.

Women also reported that household connections have eliminated the potential risk of water pollution.

Scan to watch video documentary





Health and Nutrition

Key Achievements

44,968 community members were reached with nutritional sensitisation messages and about **242,000** listeners were reached through radio



1,850 people received education on dietary diversity

5,520 women (of reproductive age, pregnant, lactating women) supported to improve their feeding practices, benefiting 4,900 children under two years



21,700 sachets of Koko Plus, distributed to Village Based Enterprises (VBEs) for subsidised sale, benefiting **10,107** children

2,662 children benefited from immunisation and growth monitoring services



3,039 Faith and Community leaders trained and supported to scale-up sensitizations on COVID-19 vaccine uptake

597,870 people were reached with messages on COVID-19 with a focus on vaccines uptake

About **500,000** people in the Greater Accra Region reached through sensitisation float on COVID-19 vaccine uptake

Reduced maternal and child malnutrition

Motherfood Project

World Vision Ghana received the **“Best Collaboration”** award at the 2022 Farmers Day event in the Asante Akim North District in recognition of the Motherfood project's nutritious snack bar “Healthy Crunchy Bite”. 66 female producers and 7 supervisors also received training in occupational health and food safety, value chain approaches and post-harvest handling to enable them to boost snack production.

Furthermore, 750 community members (350 females, 300 males and 100 children) were reached with sensitisation messages on the nutritional value of consuming the snack bar while about 150,000 listeners were reached through radio discussions on Salt FM, 4,000 people on Asempa and 88,000 people on Adense FM. A total of 1,850 people (1200 women, 500 men and 150 children, 85 girls and 65 boys) received education on dietary diversity and food handling during food demonstration sessions held in Nhyiaso and Brentuokrom communities.

In the Sekeyre East AP, 60 women from selected producer groups received training in the production of the snack bars as part of efforts to scale up the project in the District. The 320 snack bars initially produced were distributed to children during programme activities held in 6 communities.

Improved Feeding Practices for the first 1000 days project

In collaboration with partners such as the World Bank, WV Japan, and Ghana Health Service, WVG is contributing towards improving the feeding practices among 5,520 targeted women of reproductive age, pregnant, lactating women and 4,900 children under two years in the Kintampo South AP, Kassena Nankana West and Sekyere East Districts. 96 staff and partners (25 females and 71 males) including the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Health Unit, Input Dealers and WVG Volunteers were trained in Environmental and Social Management Framework which reached 948 smallholder farmers (553 females, 395 males).

In addition, 44,968 community members (6,386 men, 31,504 women, 3,512 boys and 3,566 girls) were reached with messages on nutrition, basic hygiene and sanitation practices. In collaboration with the Veterinary Unit of the Department of Agriculture, 2,700 poultry birds were vaccinated against Newcastle disease in order to boost the production and consumption of poultry products.

Also, 21,700 sachets of Koko Plus, a nutritional supplement, were distributed to Village Based Entrepreneurs (VBEs) in the project Districts for sale to beneficiaries at a discounted price. This has benefitted over 10,107 children (WVG FY21-25 Technical Programme Baseline Report, 2022). Communities have access to improved healthcare facilities and services

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The KIA Green Light Health Centre

The KIA Green Light Health Centre, in the Fanteakwa South District built with funding support from KIA Motors, recorded an Out-Patient Department (OPD) attendance of 8,544 patients including 1,484 children under 5 years, 799 antenatal services and 87 postnatal care services attendants. Besides, the facility recorded 49 deliveries and 1,671 growth monitoring and promotion attendants. The Health Centre treated 2,289 community members (918 males and 1,371 females) for various ailments through Mobile Health Clinic services. The Mobile Health Clinic provided health care services to 5 communities (Nsuapemso, Abompe, Dwenase, Gyampomani and Hemang) and 2 communities outside the catchment area (Bonkame and Juaso).

The Health Centre also mobilized GH¢ 245,823.00 (\$25,490.00) as internally generated funds from the sale of drugs in addition to GH¢ 115,497.00 (\$13,105) from 4,852.13 crates of eggs produced at the poultry farm which is the livelihood component of the project.

Other interventions carried out included:

- 26 trained health workers (20 females and 6 males) providing Community-Base Growth Promotion and Community Infant and Young Child Feeding (CIYCF) services in project communities,
- 30 health staff (11 males and 19 females) trained in Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) treated 1,351 cases (799 females and 552 males) using appropriate diagnostic, treatment and counselling protocols; and
- 50 health-trained staff (31 females and 19 males) in COVID-19 response who are now able to identify, isolate, notify and manage cases of COVID-19.

Caregivers have knowledge on preventable diseases and appropriate health-seeking behaviour

The capacities of 20 Mother-to-Mother Support Groups and 20 Daddy's Clubs in the Sekyere East AP were strengthened during coaching and monitoring visits for effective prevention and management of malaria and diarrhoea cases.

Furthermore, 1,293 households in the AP were educated on environmental cleanliness, the dangers of self-medication and the need to promptly seek appropriate health care services when symptoms are identified.

As part of efforts to reduce the under-five mortality rate, a total of 2,662 children (1,468 girls and 1,194 boys) benefited from immunisation and growth monitoring services in the Asante Akim North and Sekyere East Districts.

The health promotion sessions provided opportunity for 2,671 caregivers (1,916 women and 755 men) to receive nutritional counselling and disease prevention.

World Vision Ghana continued to build the capacity of Community Health Committees to identify and respond to key health and nutrition concerns in programme areas. Routine monitoring data confirmed that 152 Community Health Committees actively engaged in interventions aimed at improving access to health services delivery.

Enhanced systems, structures, networks and coalitions for improved health services

World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day:

World Vision Ghana joined other stakeholders such as Ghana Health Services' NTD, Leprosy and Buruli Ulcer Programmes, FHI360, AIM Initiative, Sightsavers, and World Health Organisation to mark the 3rd edition of the World NTD Day in January 2022. The event included media engagements on television, radio and social media platforms, a Quiz competition on NTDs among pupils, a health walk and a durbar. The media engagements focused on awareness creation, advocacy and showcasing the work of WVG in NTDs on TV3, STARR FM and ADARS FM which reached about 330,000 people.

Sustainability Plan for NTDs

The Act to End NTDS |West project collaborated with other stakeholders including Ghana Health Service, FHI360, and USAID to develop a sustainability plan for NTDs focusing on six domains; Coordination, Operational Capacity, Service Delivery, Policy Planning, Information System, and Financing. The project also partnered with the Ministry of Health and Ghana Health Service to hold a bi-annual meeting for the Intra-Country Coordination Committee (ICCC) for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

2022 International Health Day:

World Vision Ghana partnered with Vodafone Ghana Foundation to commemorate the 2022 International Health Day. As part of activities to mark the event, 3,500 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) were donated to the Teacher Mante Hospital to enhance infection prevention and control in the health facility.

COVID-19 Vaccines Uptake Project:

With support from GIZ, WVG implemented a COVID-19 Vaccines Uptake project with the objective to drive demand for the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines by sensitising about 20% of the 261 Metropolitan, Municipal and District (MMDAs) in Ghana. A total of 3,039 people, including faith leaders, community groups and volunteers such as Mother-to-Mother Support Group (MTMSG), Daddy's Club, Community Health Committees, Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) were trained to help scale-up sensitisations in communities across the target Districts. Overall, 597,870 people were reached with messages on COVID-19 with a focus on vaccine uptake across districts and adjoining MMDAs besides an estimated 500,000 beneficiaries in the Greater Accra Region. Interventions towards improving health seeking behavior, health status and service delivery contributed to 81% of children 0-59 months with fever being appropriately taken to appropriate health care provider 89% of caregivers of children under five years being satisfied with health services received during recent child illness episode (WVG FY21-25 Technical Programme Baseline Report, 2022).

SUCCESS STORY

Baby Ruth, transformed after months of consuming nutritional supplements

My name is Lydia; I am a Village Based Entrepreneur (VBE) from the Oguaa community in the Sekyere East District. I was privileged to be selected by my Savings for Transformation (S4T) group to be a VBE in the community.

My younger sister lost her life due to complications from childbirth. Lucky for us, the baby's life was saved by Grace and we named her Ruth. The lucky baby girl was cared for by her father and family.

A year later, we paid a visit to baby Ruth just to find out that our little girl was malnourished. We couldn't sit to watch our little girl grow up this way so we decided to take her along to stay with us. Baby Ruth, at age 1, had a protruding belly and her hair was not growing so well.

As a VBE, I encouraged my mother to add KOKO Plus to her meals and enlightened her about its benefits. My mother did not hesitate and started giving Ruth KOKO Plus; Ruth grew to love KOKO Plus. KOKO Plus is a nutritional supplement that can be added to any complementary food. It is recommended for all parents and sold by the project to mothers or parents who wish for their infant's healthy growth and is designed for children aged 6-24 months.

Ruth has now transformed after 4 months of consuming KOKO Plus. She now looks healthy. Her protruded belly has reduced. Her hair has also started growing well too. KOKO Plus is good for children and makes them grow healthy.

I want to say a big "Thank You" to World Vision for introducing this nutritious meal to us and teaching us best practices for feeding our children.

Village Based Entrepreneurs are S4T members who are selected and trained by World Vision through the "Improved feeding practices for first 1,000 days" project to sell nutritional supplements to mothers.





READING IMPROVEMENT AND SKILLS ENHANCEMENT (RISE)





Education

Key Achievements

42,652 children are participating in Unlock Literacy interventions across World Vision Ghana's programming areas



41,000 copies of mother language supplementary readers and **200,000** copies of storybooks (GIK) have been distributed to **264** schools and **320** community reading clubs.

32,450 learners from KG-Primary 3 were reached with improved literacy instruction in the **264** schools.

2 classroom blocks (3-unit) were built and inaugurated.

82 members of District Teacher Support Teams (DTSTs) from **6** district education offices trained in Unlock Literacy and Learning Roots methodology.

360 Early Childhood teachers and **964** Early Grade teachers received in-service training in Unlock Literacy and Learning Roots Methodology.



The Reading Improvement and Skills Enhancement (RISE) programme seeks to ensure **1.3 million school-age** vulnerable girls and boys thrive and are able to read to comprehend grade-level text by 2025 through the implementation of models such as Unlock Literacy and Learning Roots.

UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development

WVG was named a prize winner for the 2021 UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development. This award was in recognition of WVG's contribution towards the achievement of SDG 4 - Inclusive education for all, through the implementation of the Unlock Literacy Project model in helping improve children's ability to read grade-level text with comprehension in the Kwahu Afram Plains North and South Districts of Ghana.

Enhanced School Environment and Teacher Support for Increased Reading Performance of Schools.

To increase the knowledge of lower primary teachers in literacy instructional methodologies, WVG supported the training of 82 District Teacher Support Teams (DTSTs) of the Ghana Education Service in eight 8 Area Programmes (APs) in order to conduct coaching within the year. Consequently, the DTSTs provided coaching services to 360 Early Childhood Development (ECD) teachers and 964 Early Grade teachers (Primary 1 to 3) to adopt and utilise instructional methods in Unlock Literacy and Learning Roots models.

To promote a conducive and safe school environment for learning, WVG constructed and inaugurated 2 classroom blocks in the Upper Denkyira West District with support from the Australian High Commission to Ghana. A 3-unit classroom block was constructed for primary school children in the Aniantentem community while another 3-unit kindergarten block was built for the Bethlehem community. The classroom blocks have made it possible for over 200 children to have access to decent school facilities for enhanced teaching and learning.

Improved community networks and support for children learning

Word Vision Ghana supported 222 Community Action Core Group members in 8 APs (Krachi West, Nkwanta, Kadjebi, Agortime, Afram Plains, Fantekwa, Daiso, and Kassena-Nankana East) to visit Early Childhood Development (ECD) schools to provide instructional coaching to kindergarten teachers and also support teachers to create a conducive learning environment through print rich classrooms.

An average of 3 visits were undertaken to 320 ECD centres (Kindergarten 1 and 2) in 8 districts. About 65% of teachers were using instructional methods that met the standards based on evidence gathered using the Measuring Evidence of Quality Achieved tool.

As part of efforts to enhance effective participation in learning opportunities for vulnerable girls and boys, WVG ensured the effective functioning of children's clubs or groups. A total of 28,964 girls and boys were actively participating in reading camp activities.

International Literacy Day

World Vision Ghana partnered with UNESCO, Worldreader, and the Complementary Education Agency of the Ministry of Education, to celebrate the 2022 International Literacy Day under the theme: **“Transforming literacy learning spaces”**. In a keynote address, the Deputy Minister of Education, Rev. Ntim Fordjour encouraged Ghanaians to support their children's learning, as it was the only way to take full advantage of government flagship learning opportunities. Participants resolved to work even harder to ensure that SDG goal 4 is fully achieved.

Interventions implemented by WVG and partners to facilitate teaching and learning is has contributed to 57% of parents/guardians actively participating and supporting their children literacy development and 57% of children reported an increased frequency of participation in literacy activities with household members. Also, about 6% of children in grade two within WVG programming areas are able to read with comprehension compared to national average of below 5%. Though children ability to reach and comprehend at grade two is increasing, 6% remains unacceptable as this means that over 94% of children in grade two completed are unable to read and comprehend.



Unlock Literacy supports Early Grade children to Break into Literacy: The Story of Perpetual

Ten-year-old Perpetual is a World Vision Registered Child (RC). She is in grade three at her community primary school within the Krachi Area Programme. Perpetual is the third born of her parents but lives with her grandmother. 2 years ago, Perpetual's parents used to help her read at home because she experienced some difficulties in reading on her own. This support was discontinued when her parents separated due to marital issues.

Consequently, Perpetual had to stay with her grandmother Aku, a tomato seller. This was at the time she was beginning to grasp the concept of reading.

Before the introduction of World Vision's After-School-Reading club at Perpetual's community, Perpetual like many other children in the Area programme could not read class-appropriate reading materials in the language of instruction.

Grandma Aku shared the effort she had been making to manage Perpetual's emotions and get her grandchild back to school. "I have spoken to her severally and provided her basic needs but she said would not go to school. I would be grateful if you can come to our house and talk to her, maybe she would listen to you", Grandma Aku re-counted her challenge during an Unlock Literacy Parental Awareness Workshop in Perpetual's community,

Perpetual was then introduced to World Vision's After-School-Reading club where she got the opportunity to improve on her literacy skills.

After-School-Reading-club is one of the components of the Unlock Literacy Project. It's organised for children after school and on weekends to build their literacy skills.

The trained community volunteers lead children through songs, storytelling and reading activities in their mother tongue. There are also book banks in the reading clubs where the children collect books and read at home. Currently, there are 45 after-school reading clubs with 70 trained community volunteers across the 20 communities in the Krachi Area Programme.

Challenged by her situation, Wisdom an after-school reading club facilitator where Perpetual attends reading club gave her special attention to overcome her emotional challenges by visiting her at home regularly and supporting her to read. Wisdom says, "Perpetual was not able to blend letter sounds and form new words with them".

Perpetual's attention was caught by her Class teacher, Madam Fletcher, a well-trained Unlock Literacy teacher who also gave her further attention to reading at school.

Now, Perpetual breaks through Literacy. She can now work with individual sounds, create new words and read simple sentences. "Initially, she could not read, but with continuous practice she can now read fluently and confidently and comprehend what she reads. Aside, she helps her friends to read at the reading club, at home and reads Bible in Church." Madam Fletcher remarked.

During this year's 2022 Annual Reading Festival conducted at both the municipal and regional levels in the Oti Region of Ghana, where the Area Programme is located, Perpetual was selected to contest for both her school and Municipal in the two competitions. Perpetual excelled well to the admiration of the audience. "I am happy that I can read now", Perpetual expressed her joy when she was given the chance to talk.

The Municipal Director of Education in Krachi West Municipality, Madam Irene Jacquelinde Attabra, expressed her gratitude to Perpetual for her brilliant performance and thanked World Vision for introducing Unlock Literacy in the Municipality. She also used the platform to encourage all children, parents and teachers to keep embracing the Unlock Literacy Project since it has a lot to offer children to improve their reading skills.

Grandma Aku joyfully expressed her heartfelt thanks to World Vision and all the teachers for their support to bring her grandchild to this level. Perpetual's ambition is to become a lawyer in future and has now joined a Child Parliament in her community, where she serves as a Speaker of Parliament.



Perpetual reading to colleagues in a reading camp





CHILD PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

Key Achievements

WVG contributed to **7** policy reviews that will positively impact of the lives of over **13.5 million** children in Ghana.

229 communities with complaints and reporting mechanisms are in place to take feedback from communities

277 Community Child Protection Committee (CCPC) members have received training on their roles and responsibilities

82, 200 stakeholders in child protection have affirmed commitments to end child marriage and all forms of violence against children

2,761 adolescents and youth meaningfully participated in Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) activities



6 Global and National Commemorative Days celebrated
(including the Day of the African Child).

30 representatives of the Media Coalition on Ending Child marriage



Advocacy

Together with other stakeholders including Ministries, Agencies, Civil Society Organisations, and development partners, World Vision Ghana contributed to the review of seven (7) policies/strategies namely: National Water Policy, National Sanitation Authority Bill, National Liquid Waste Management Strategy, National Solid Waste Management Strategy, Menstrual Hygiene Management Strategy, Hand Hygiene for all Strategy, and National Strategic Framework for Ending Child Marriage in Ghana. The Policy reviews impacted over 13 million children nationwide through improved management, delivery, utilization and public services in line with the SDGs and other international best practices.

Furthermore, WVG participated in a consultative workshop in collaboration with UNICEF and other stakeholders aimed at developing a medium-term implementation plan for the National Social Protection Policy.

Child Protection

World Vision Ghana (WVG) continued to work with local child protection groups to create awareness and strengthen child protection mechanisms within communities for children to thrive. WVG and partners such as the National Commission on Civic Education (NCCE) and the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development (DSWCD) reached 78,794 community members with various awareness and behaviour change messages on child protection.

Additionally, 229 reporting and feedback systems were set up to facilitate the provision of essential child protection services to vulnerable children and families. These interventions contributed to a total of 26,569 children gaining access to reporting and feedback mechanisms within the year.

WVG supported capacity-building programmes geared towards improving services delivery by institutions such as the Department of Social Welfare & Community Development, the Commission on Human Rights and Community Development (CHRAJ), and NCCE providing child protection services across the country. This in effect contributed to increased children's awareness of the formal and informal reporting and referral mechanisms available to them at the community and district levels.

Strengthening Child Participation in Decision Making

WVG continued to prioritise the participation of children in decision-making on issues pertaining to them and societal development. In 2022, a total of 70 children were empowered to participate in international and national level children's programs such as the 3rd African Girls' Summit, African Child Parliament, and National Children's Parliament.

Thirty-Six (36) children were also empowered to fully participate in decision-making at the 2022 World Vision International's Triennial Conference held in Accra, Ghana. Monitoring data revealed that 7,250 children were engaged in decision-making in their communities while 2,454 youth (aged 12-18 years) expressed their opinion and interests during proposal presentations to duty-bearers at both national and local levels. In all, a total of 34,537 children actively participated in WVG's Child Protection interventions.

Child Online Protection

The Organisation continued its interventions around the protection of children within cyberspace. As part of the 2022 Cybersecurity Awareness Day, WVG educated 3,423 girls and boys and their parents on avenues and contacts for Cybercrime/cybersecurity incident reporting. Together with partners, schools in 4 communities in the Fantekwa Area Programme (Bosuso, Hemang, Gyampomani and Kplandey) were sensitised on dangers associated with the internet and measures that could be adopted to keep safe online. Similar activities were organised in Diaso, Sekyere East and Agortime APs. This contributed to building the resilience and life skills of children in communities as part of efforts to strengthen community child protection mechanisms for enhancing a safe environment for children to thrive.

Campaigns

In 2022, WVG campaigned actively at the national and local levels by collaborating with stakeholders especially child advocates, community members, and traditional and faith leaders to end all forms of violence against children, especially child marriage. WVG's End Child Marriage Now Campaign contributed significantly to creating awareness on the negative consequences of violence against children, by rallying over 82,200 supporter actions nationwide.

In support of the Back-to-School Campaign, WVG held a national-level dialogue with 50 Queen Mothers who now serve as agents of change in their localities and have since supported 120 teenage mothers to return to school. Likewise, a total of 114 identified child brides, teenage mothers and school drop-outs were supported to enrol in vocational skills training.

In 2022, Girls' Soccer Clinic was organised as part of innovations to scale up interventions to End Violence Against Children (EVAC) at the local level. Through the Soccer Clinics, WVG reached over 3,500 people with information on ending violence against children and Back-to-School guidelines for pregnant and teen mothers after delivery.

Overall, a total of 109,898 children directly benefitted through WVG's child protection activities aimed at reducing violence against children with about 2,761 children and youth meaningfully participating in actions that support EVAC.



FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

Key Achievements

203,952 children reached Spiritual Nurture of Children (SNC) related activities.

2,801 people, including women, men, girls, and boys in communities engaged during gospel rallies and Children's Bible Vacation Camp.

119 World Vision Ghana staff and faith leaders trained in Empowered World View (EWV) model for community transformation.

30 Christian leaders received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support/Psychosocial First Aid to support children and families recovering from crises.

600 faith leaders trained in Celebrating Families Curriculum to foster family cohesion.



World Vision Ghana uses Faith & Development (F&D) approaches as an integral part of its development programming to deepen relationships within families and communities. In FY22, 203,952 children were reached with faith-based interventions including Spiritual Nurture of Children (SNC). In collaboration with partners such as the Local Council of Churches (LCC), gospel rallies and Children's Bible Vacation Camp were organized reaching 2,801 people (430 women, 446 men, 992 girls, and 933 boys) in communities to address barriers to children's spiritual growth.

As part of capacity building for ownership of WVG interventions, 119 participants (39 females and 80 males), comprising 27 staff and 92 Faith Leaders, were trained on Empowered World View (EWW) model for community transformation. 41,800 reference materials including participant booklets, facilitator handbooks, and supplementary readers were distributed to contribute to the fidelity of the EWW model.

World Vision Ghana provided support to children, families, and communities to minimize the mental, psychological, and social impact of incidents, enhance recovery from crises, and resume adaptive functions by training 30 Christian leaders on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support/Psychosocial First Aid. The training emphasized the role of faith communities in providing these services, including addressing issues of stigma in their congregation.

663 faith leaders (600 Christians and 63 Muslims), comprising 360 males and 303 females, were trained in the Celebrating Families Curriculum (CFC) to support community members in gaining a deeper appreciation of the roles of families in children's spiritual nurture and well-being.

Throughout the year, World Vision Ghana intensified its partnerships and engagements with Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), including AWANA Ghana, J-Life Ghana, Ghana Evangelism Committee, Scripture Union, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Bible League Ghana, Challenge Enterprise Ghana, TheoVision International, and the Local Council of Churches (LCC). These engagements offered valuable inputs for the effective implementation of the "Let the Little Children Come Every Last One Christian Discipleship" Project across 10 Aps.

Across WVG programming areas, 55% of adolescents have a strong connection with their parent or caregiver and 92% of % of boys and girls (12-18 years) reported to have positive and peaceful relationships with their peers.



Celebrating Families Training transformes Pompee and his household

Pompee, a strict father of 12 in Kayereso in the East Gonja District in Ghana, used to believe that instilling fear in his wife and children was the only way to assert himself as the head of the household.

However, after participating in the Celebrating Families Curriculum training that looked at addressing the past, recognizing the present, envisioning the Future, and pursuing our dreams, he started being more intentional in building better relationships with his family, adopting positive disciplinary methods, and incorporating daily devotions.

Pompee's son Yagala recounted how his father's newfound approach changed the family dynamics. His father no longer use physical violence to discipline his children but asks for their opinion. Yagala shared that his parents' relationship also improved, with Pompee being supportive of his wife, Comfort, after the birth of their last child. He helps with household chores and even supports his wife's shea butter business.

The family has begun to thrive with the children excited to see their father when he returned from his travels. Many other families are being transformed through this faith-based model across World Vision programme areas.

Celebrating Families (CF) is a faith-based core project model, which aims at ensuring that children have positive and caring relationships with their families, allowing them to thrive spiritually, socio-emotionally and physically.

As an enabling model, CF can help achieve diverse goals and outcomes because it works to change the **behaviour and attitudes of parents and caregivers** on a deeper level to create a safe and loving environment in the families; as well as influences **social and cultural norms change through church and faith leaders and community influencers**.

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CHILD SPONSORSHIP

World Vision Ghana worked closely with Community Care Groups (CCGs) to regularly monitor children, especially Registered Children (RC) in the Child Sponsorship Programme. The CCGs are multi-functional and are made up of representatives from local church partners, school management committees, child protection committees as well as health institutions. World Vision Ghana obtained a 100% rating for RC monitoring within the standard time of 90 days throughout 2022 during routine monitoring of participation and presence of RC in project activities.

Additionally, cumulative Sponsorship Operating Indicators (such as Sponsor Letters, Gift Notification, RC Management, Introductory Letters, Sponsor Queries, Partnership Holds, and Annual Progress Report) of 124,716 RC were responded to, within the standard time with a green rating (91%).

Community and Child Contents make child sponsorship more efficient and effective for children's well-being and more engaging for supporters.

This helps to amplify the voices of children, strengthen and expand connections between communities, supporters and children and are relevant to providing life-enriching experiences that contribute to the sustained well-being of children.

In view of this, WVG produced 35, 511 (871%) Sponsorship 2.0 Child Contents (Community Farewell Video (CFV), Community Update Video (CUV) and Community Update Photos (CUP). All Community and Child Contents passed quality reviews.

Additionally, WVG supported a “Chosen Child Experience” study conducted in Ghana, to validate the practicality of Chosen's promise of empowering the children, even after the children chose their sponsors. It sought to make a comparison between RC who participated in Chosen and those who did not on issues such as their understanding of child sponsorship, the child-sponsor relationship, child empowerment and child engagement in the community. A Child Expression Worksheet (CEW) study was also conducted to adopt learnings from sponsored children to improve the CEW. Learnings from this study will be used to inform and design future programme interventions.



HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY AFFAIRS/ SECURITY

Key Achievements

60 boreholes in 15 communities affected by flood were disinfected in Wa East and Jirapa Districts providing about **17,400** people with safe water



500 children supported with educational supplies (500 pieces of school bags, 2500 exercise and 500 sets of school uniforms) in Appiatse Community after explosion disaster

183 beneficiaries from 5 communities assisted with multipurpose cash amounting to **US\$ 9,500**



85 partners trained in peace building and conflict sensitivity in Gushiegu and Karaga Area Programmes.

Six 40-foot containers containing medical gowns were distributed to over **50** health facilities in Greater Accra and across WVG's operational areas located in both the Southern and Northern parts of Ghana.

Two 40-foot containers containing mixed items of clothing and fabric rolls were distributed to children during Birthday Bounceback activities in WVG's Northern Operational area.

One 40-foot container of mixed educational items was distributed to selected schools in the Southern part of Ghana.



Emergency Response

A total of 60 boreholes (22 located in Wa East and 38 in Jirapa Districts) that were affected by floods were disinfected in 15 communities and estimated to serve 17,400 people with safe water

During the year, WVG supported 500 children in Appiatse community affected by the explosion which occurred on 20th January, 2022 with educational supplies. Supplies provided included 500 pieces of school bags, 2500 exercise books and 500 sets of school uniforms to enable the children to get back to school.

As part of the recovery phase of the Upper West Region's flood response, multipurpose cash assistance of US\$ 9,500 was disbursed to 183 beneficiaries from 5 communities (Gbare, Tampala, Tuggo, Yaaga, and Siiri). This intervention sought to assist beneficiaries to buy a variety of seeds, farm inputs and basic needs for their households.

Training of Partners in Peacebuilding and Conflict Sensitivity

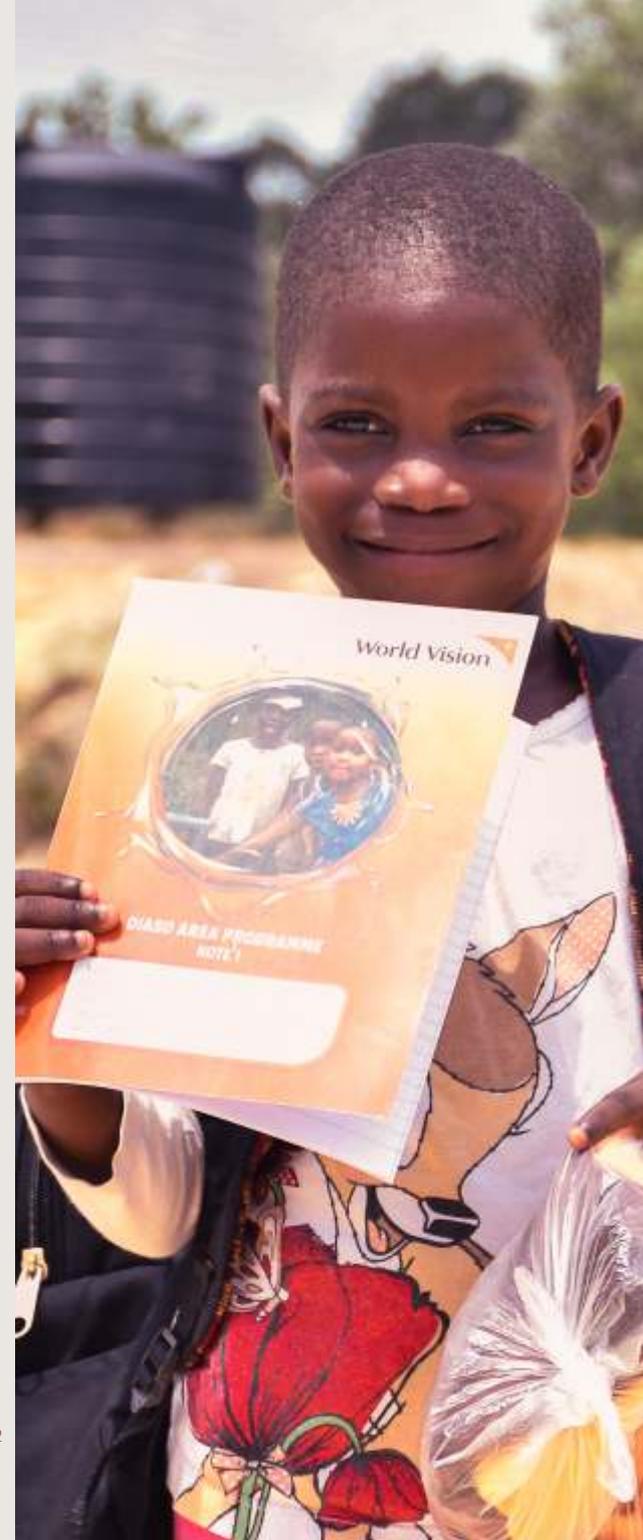
Eighty-five (85) partners including Traditional Leaders, Faith Leaders, Women Leaders, District Assembly Members and Community Volunteers received training in peacebuilding and conflict sensitivity in the Gushiegu and Karaga APs. The training sought to equip the participants with appropriate knowledge and to strengthen local structures that enhance peaceful co-existence. Participants were taken through early warning signs of conflicts, causes of conflicts in the communities, peace-building processes, among others. This is aimed at reducing tensions and rampant chieftaincy and land conflicts in the area.

Security Training for Community Volunteers

A total of 163 community volunteers (129 males; 34 females) were trained on basic security awareness in Savelugu, West Gonja, Wa West, Bawku West and Garu APs. The training sought to equip the volunteers on personal security and their survival in the midst of threats of terrorist activities in our neighbouring countries. The content of the training included the concept of NGO security, personal security, road safety, hostage taking and survival. The volunteers are expected to replicate the same training in their various communities.

Gift-In-Kind (GIK) Programming

World Vision Ghana distributed the following GIK items received and used to support the interventions in the areas of Education, Health, WASH and Child Sponsorship activities.



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