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BURUNDI

# IMPACT REPORT



2023



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## ACRONYMS

AAP	Appui Alimentaire Programmé
AID-I	Accelerated Innovation Delivery Initiative
AP	Area Programme
B4MCN:	Bio-fortified Value Chains for Improved Maternal and Child Nutrition
CAY	Child And Youth
CHW	Community Health Worker
ECW	Education Cannot Wait
GIK	Gift-In-Kind
HGSF	Home Grown School Feeding
ISTC	Integrated Services in Transit Centers
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees
TTC	Timely Targeted Counselling
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WVIB	World Vision International/Burundi

## FOREWORD

### Message from the National Director

Dear Supporters and Partners ,

At the end of every year, we reflect on what we have been able to do for the children of Burundi and this impact report forms part of our reflection.

We ask ourselves: did what we did in the past year improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable child in Burundi? Did we ensure that the child had access to health care, food, water, education, and was loved and protected by his or her community?

Did we use the resources given to us prudently, and did we seek to multiply those resources and create greater impact?

I am happy to report that all the close to 300 staff of World Vision Burundi exerted ourselves to positively impact the children with whom we had the privilege of being in contact with.

We are grateful that, with the support of our donors and government and partners, **we were able to provide support to 660,000 children and their communities** in the area of health and nutrition, food security and livelihoods, water and sanitation.

We want to highlight the positive impact **we had in providing 150,000 school children with school meals** in school in partnership with the Government, Education Cannot Wait, and World Food Programme. The school meals programme is part of World Vision's ENOUGH Campaign that aims at ending hunger in all the communities that we serve.

The school meals kept children in school, ensured they were well-nourished and able to focus on their studies, and benefited the local economy as part of the school feeding programme, which buys locally produced food from local farming cooperatives.



The year was not without challenges but we are grateful that we were able to surmount them and provide much needed humanitarian and development assistance.

We continue to be grateful to the government for providing an enabling environment for our work, to the communities for allowing us the privilege of working with their children, to our donors and partners and to our staff who put in the hard work to ensure that we reach the most vulnerable children.

We pray that as you read on our reflections on what we were able to achieve, you will be inspired to continue supporting and collaborating with us to tackle the developmental and humanitarian challenges that children in Burundi experience.

May God bless you.

*Simon NYABWENGI*  
National Director

## We are World Vision

World Vision is an international Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

We work alongside families and with local, national, and global partners, helping children take an active role with their families in building lives free of need and full of promise. We speak the truth against injustice, and continuously challenge ourselves and others to do our utmost for those we serve.

Our aspiration is to ensure girls and boys enjoy good health, are educated for life, experience the love of God and their neighbours or families and are cared for, protected and participate in improving their lives.

We have been working in Burundi since 1994 with our basic model being the Area Program addressing context specific issues within a geographically defined community.

## Our Vision

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

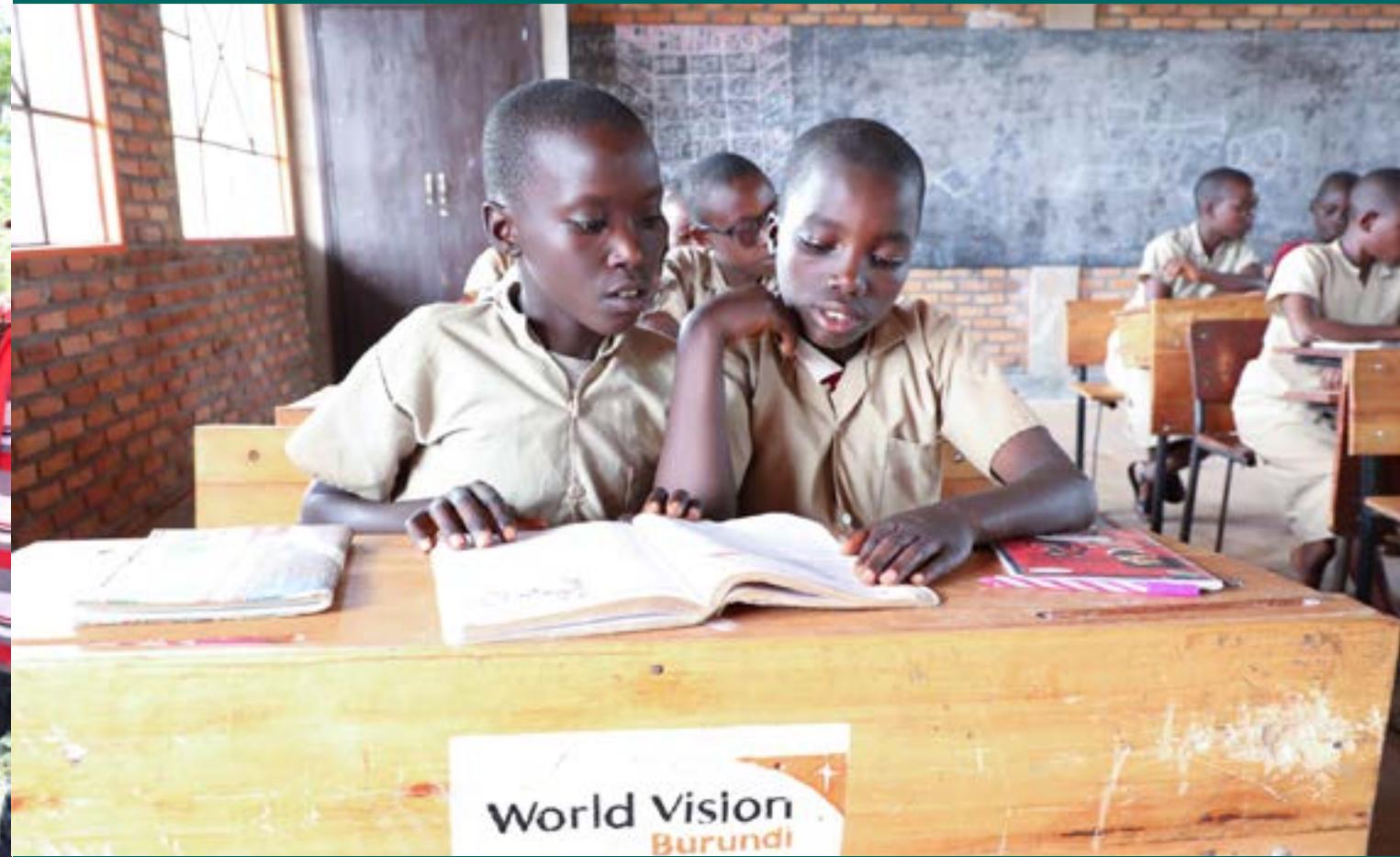
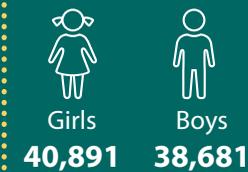
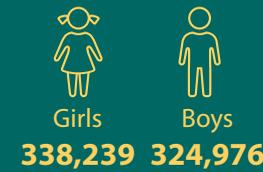
## Our Mission

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.

## Our Core Values

- We are **Christian**
- We value **people**
- We are **partners**
- We are **committed to the poor**
- We are **stewards**
- We are **responsive**

## 2023 at a Glance



# Areas of Operation



## Projects and Programmes in Provinces and Communes

- Long term Development Area Programs in **Muramvya** (Rutegama, Mushikamo, Mbuye and Kiganda), **Gitega** (Gitega -Rural and Itaba), **Ruyigi** (Butezi) **Rutana** (Gitaba, Kinzanza and Musongati), **Makamba** (Kayogoro), **Cankuzo** (Cankuzo, Muyaga, Mishiha and Kigamba), **Muyinga** (Gasorwe, Gashoho, Buhinyuza and Cumba), **Kirundo** (Vumbi and Kirundo), **Karusi** (Bugenyuzi, Ntunda and Gitaramuka)

- Biofortified for Maternal and Child Nutrition (B4MCN): **Kirundo** (Vumbi, Gitobe, Bwambarangwe, Ntega), **Muyinga** (Buhinyuza), and **Karusi** (Gitaramuka)

- Komezawige Project: **Makamba** (Kayogoro, Nyanza – Lac), Cibitoke (Rugombo and Mugina)

- Disability Inclusive WASH and Livelihood Project: **Ruyigi** (Bwagiriza Refugee Camp)

- Accelerated Innovation Delivery Initiatives (AID) Project: **Muyinga** (Gashoho and Muyinga) **Kayanza** (Muhanga and Rango), **Kirundo** (Vumbi)

- Twiyunge Project: **Makamba** (Nyanza-Lac, Kibago, Kayogoro), **Muyinga** (Muyinga, Giteranyi, Gasorwe ) and **Ruyigi** (Kinyinya, Gisuru)

- Ejoheza (Child Protection and Youth Empowerment) Project: **Ruyigi** (Butezi), Cankuzo (Cankuzo), Muyinga (Gasorwe)

- Burundi Wash Program / US base fund: **Rutana** (Bukemba)

- Nkuriza Project: **Cankuzo** (All communes), **Muyinga** (All communes), **Kirundo** (All communes)

- Integrated Services in Transit Centers: **Muyinga** (Muyinga), **Makamba** (Mabanda, Nyanza-Lac) and **Bubanza** (Gihanga)

- Bol et Cuillere Project: **Muyinga** (Muyinga), **Makamba** (Makamba), **Bubanza** (Gihanga)

- Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF) project: (Gasorwe, Gashoho, Buhinyuza, Muyinga, Mwakiro, Giteranyi, Butihinda)

# Burundi Strategy Map Financial Year 2021-2025

## STRATEGIC GOAL:

By 2025 World Vision Burundi (WVI/B) will contribute to improved quality of life and brighter future for **2,320,867 children** (Boys 1,125,996, Girls 1,194,871) including **487,382** identify as most vulnerable.

## MINISTRY IMPACT

**Objective 1:** Increase in children who have positive and peaceful relationships in their families and communities.

**Objective 2:** Increase in children who are well nourished (ages 0-5)

**Objective 3:** Increase in children protected from infections and disease (0-5).

**Objective 4:** Increase in primary school children who can read.

## MINISTRY FUNDING

**Objective 1:** Strengthening resources growth and donor diversification for ministry impact

**Objective 2:** Improved Financial Resource Management, Compliance and accountability.

**Objective 3:** Improved Strategy and programme quality through MEAL.

## OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**Objective 1:** Enhanced Communication and Engagement to position WVI/B as preferred partner by sponsor and donors, strategic organisations & government.

**Objective 2:** Enhanced systems, Risk, management and internal control processes.

**Objective 3:** Strengthened Networking and collaboration for optimal impact. quality through MEAL.

## PEOPLE, LEARNING & GROWTH

**Objective 1:** Enhanced people management skills among line and potential managers.

**Objective 2:** Staff technical skills aligned to WV International integrated competency Development and Core Competencies.

**Objective 3:** Improved staff engagement, motivation and performance.

# OUR IMPACT



People from Gitega rural Area Programme enjoying improved harvests. World Vision provided improved maize seeds



World Vision supports farmers with improved seeds to improve food production

## FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

### Strategic Objective: Increase in number of children who are well nourished

World Vision Burundi food and nutrition interventions are making significant strides towards reducing all forms of malnutrition among children under five, both for the families and communities we work with. Our programmes are designed to enhance household capacities, empowering them to increase their food production and gain access to diversified nutrient dense food.

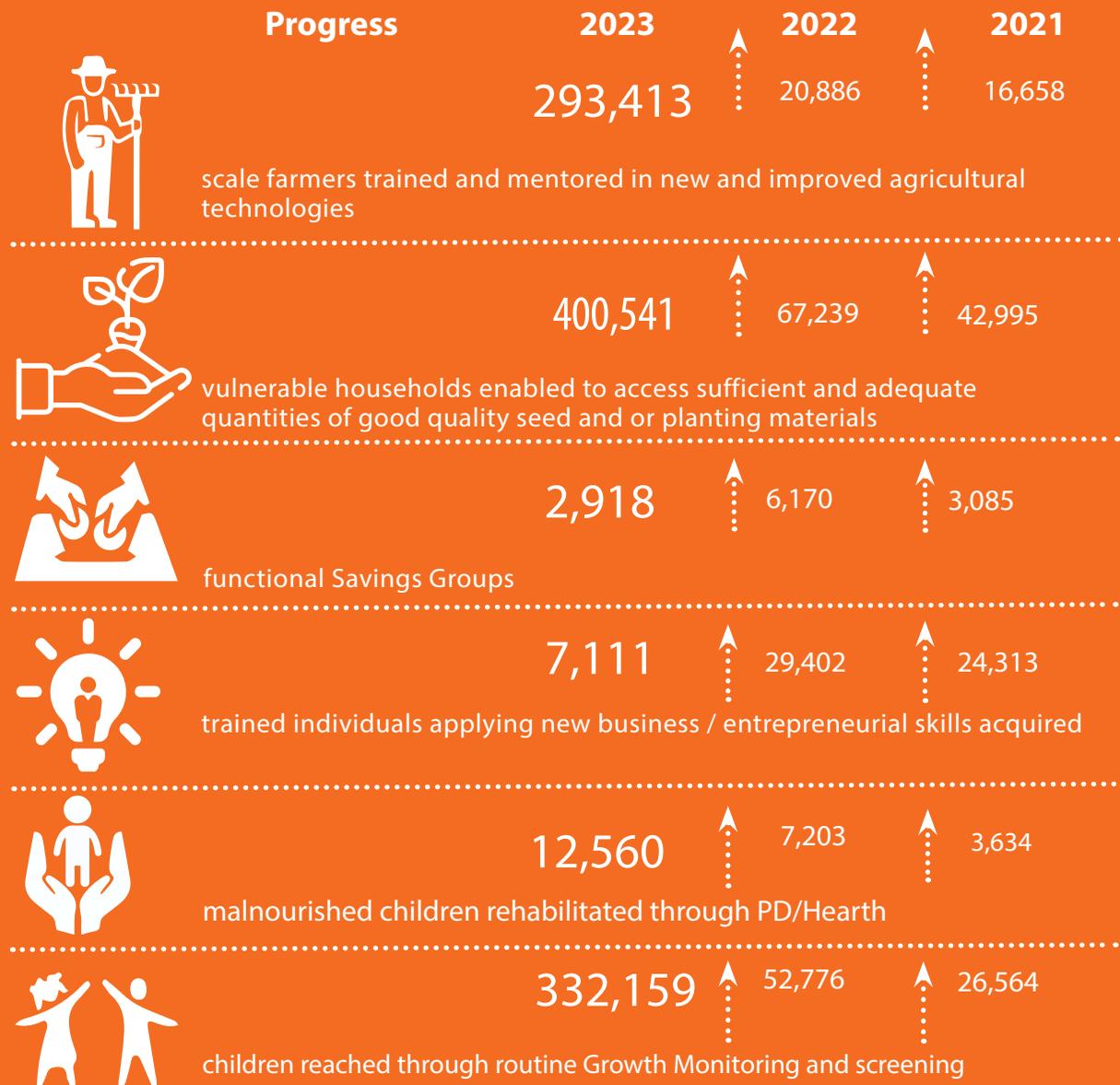
During this 3rd Year of our Strategy 2021-2025, our integrated food and nutrition projects have reached 423,061 people including 294,588 children in 24 area programmes and 8 grants. Through these programmes, World Vision has played a pivotal role in strengthening household capacity in nutrient dense food production, capacity building of farmers groups and associations in agricultural technologies and intensifying accessibility of farmers to quality seeds and agricultural materials.

Our Nutrition projects have also worked with Community Health Workers and Health Systems in the rehabilitation of malnourished children and promoting improved dietary practices, thus contributing to the overall well-being of children and communities. Our contribution to improved nutrition status reached 140,281 children aged 0-23 months who received essential community nutrition and early stimulation services during their 1,000 first days.



Schools empowered to initiate school gardens

### Key highlights and progress results



### Impact Story: The power of cash assistance and training to transform children’s lives



Chadrack ready to graze a goat. His family is keeping small livestock thanks to WVIB support

Chadrack’s family was identified by World Vision among other most vulnerable households who enrolled the Ultra Poor Graduation (UPG) model and received 476,000 BIF (164 \$). This cash assistance aimed to enhance the household economic resilience of 77 identified most vulnerable households in his community. Additionally, Chadrack’s father (Gabin) and other beneficiaries participated in the Saving for Transformation Program (S4T) where they learned essential skills such as developing business plans and effective saving techniques. The Empowered World View (EWW) curriculum changed their mindset, enabling them to navigate challenges with confidence, resilience and foresight.

Chadrack is a 12-year-old Registered Child attending grade 2. He lives in the Itaba commune of Gitega province. Chadrack’s family primarily relies on farming and other small businesses that his father initiated thanks to World Vision cash transfer support and training.

Thanks to the cash assistance and training, Gabin started breeding 13 chicks, 3 goats, and 1 pig that helped him have organic manure that he used to fertilize his land to increase harvest and to generate additional income for other basic needs. As a result, Chadrack’s father was able to build a nice house, increase food production and buy a solar panel for nighttime lighting.

Chadrack used to face hardships, often hindering his regular attendance to school as he lacked necessary school materials, clothes and food. *“We used to live in a hut without light at night, and it leaked whenever it rained. Sometimes, my few copybooks got damaged. Food was not enough; and all that negatively affected my school performance”,* says Chadrack.

Chadrack expressed his joy stating, *“We have enough food thanks to an improved life at home. I celebrate that I am now in grade 2, hoping for an improved performance”.*

The increased income in Gabin’s family has also facilitated access to hygiene essentials such as soap and clothing for both parents and children, significantly improving their well-being.





School children enjoying potable water in Gihogazi Area Programme

### Success Story

Reine, a 12-year-old student in grade 7 at a local school in Kiganda commune of Muramvya province lives with her parents who earn their living through farming.

Some years ago, Reine’s community relied on a gravity-fed water system for clean water. When the system became damaged, it posed serious hygiene challenges to public infrastructures like health facilities and schools. Community members were forced to fetch water from nearby streams and rivers.

For Reine, this meant embarking on a daily 2km journey to fetch water. It was time-consuming and tiresome for her especially in the morning as she had to wake up early to fetch water and arrive at school on time.

The Community members raised the issue of clean water during the Annual Community Review and Planning meeting and World Vision accepted to step in and rehabilitated 4 Water Sources that supply clean water to 29 water points.



Reine fetching water from a water source constructed by World Vision Burundi in her community

“Now, I can relax as the water point is at less than half a kilometer from my home”, joyfully shares Reine. She adds “Fetching water takes very little time in the morning or after school, allowing me to spend more time playing with other children or revising my lessons”. Reine also noted an improvement in hygiene at her school thanks to a water point installed near the school.

## HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

**Strategic objective: Increase in children protected from diseases and infections**

Integrated Health and WASH interventions significantly contribute to the achievement of World Vision Burundi’s child wellbeing objective #6 “Increase in children protected from diseases and infection” as well as the Global Goal 3 “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages” and Global Goal 6 “Ensure sustainability and availability of water and sanitation for all.” Over the reporting period, Wash Program reached the following beneficiaries:

**47.3**  
thousand people with access to basic sanitation

**36**  
thousand people gained access to basic drinking clean water

**37**  
thousand people with basic hand washing facilities.

### WATER SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTED

Cluster	Commune	Community	Water system name	Length (Km)
Rutana-Gitega	Kayogoro	Kirombwe, Gatabo	Kirombwe Gatabo Gravity Water system	17km
Karusi	Gihogazi	Mugero, Mugogo	Mugero-Mugogo Gravity	4km
Cankuzo	Mishiha	Kibimba	Rusumo-Kibimba Gravity	6km
Muyinga	Muyinga	Mukoni	Extension of Cumba	4.6km
Muyinga	Vumbi	Nyakibanda	Ruhona Nyakibanda	4.6km
Rutana-Gitega	Bukemba	Kabanga	Nyaciha phase 4	6km
Muyinga	Muyinga	Kinazi	Rugari-Kinazi	10.5km
Muyinga	Gasorwe	Bwasare	Rusimbuko Masasu	5km

During FY23, the health programme was implemented in 12 area programmes. World Vision Burundi health work particularly focused on infants, young children, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age. More than 2 million \$ were invested in 12 programmes and one grant that focused primarily on health approaches, reaching 37,8427 children (185,430 boys & 192,997 girls). In our operation areas, the work focused on preventing and treating childhood illnesses through continuous trainings, consultations and immunizations.



**378,427**  
Children reached with health services



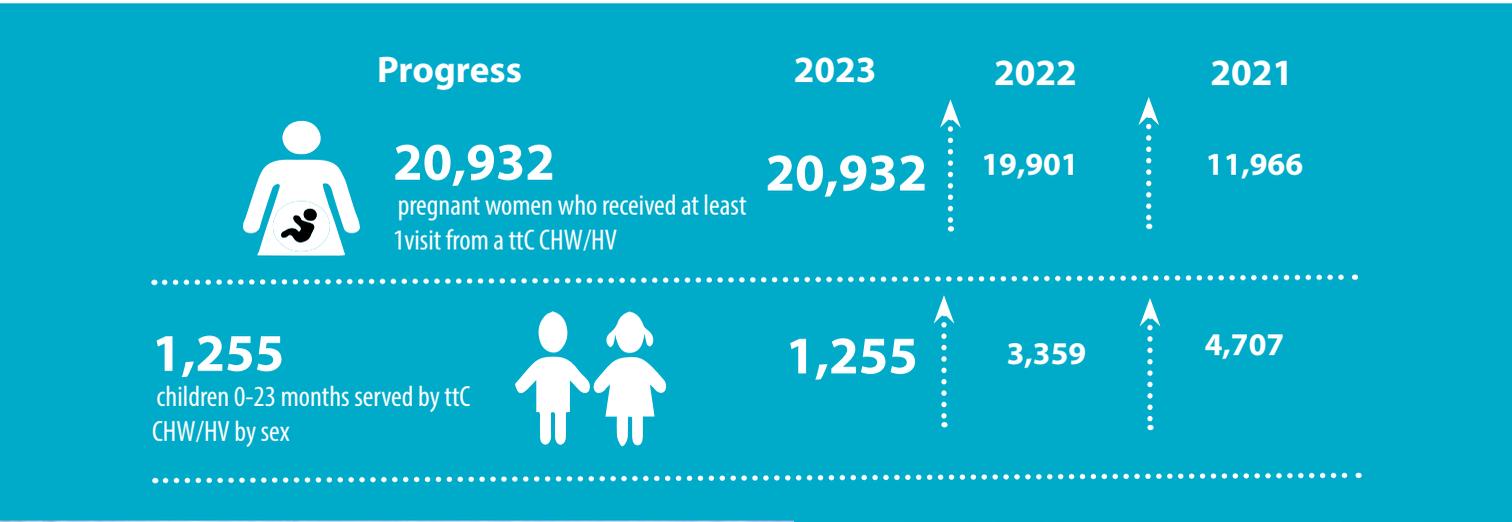
**611,000**  
people reached with health services



World Vision supports schools in improving sanitation infrastructures

### Key highlights and progress results

Progress	2023	2022	2021
 children who received health checks from a trained health care provider	<b>133,117</b>	113,085	40,365
 people gaining access to basic drinking water services	<b>36,060</b>	43,054	39,248
 water collection points constructed in communities	<b>86</b>	132	100
 children with access to basic sanitation facilities in schools	<b>47,386</b>	22,383	26,342
 education facilities with basic drinking water facility constructed	<b>46</b>	39	48
 health care facilities gained to basic sanitation services	<b>5</b>	13	4
 people with access to handwashing facilities	<b>36,908</b>	37,914	35,956
 married (or in union) women aged 15-49 years who report that they are currently using a modern contraceptive method	<b>4,540</b>	13,804	5,117



### Success Story

In FY23, World Vision International Burundi, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, local administration and organisations, community structures including Community Health Workers (CHWs), enhanced health status for children, women and their families with 133,117 children who received essential health screening from trained healthcare providers.



Dieudonné, a CHW, treating a child at community level

Dieudonné is a dedicated CHW in the Gihogazi community. He plays a crucial role in delivering community-based treatment for malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea in children under 5. He is delighted with the progress made thanks to World Vision's support in this sector: «Before World Vision's support, accessing treatment for sick children under 5 was challenging and they would go to the health center when the illness status required transfer and referral, and most of their working time was lost at the health center. With the support of World Vision Burundi, CHWs like Dieudonné received comprehensive training, essential medicines and reporting registers. As a result, the three diseases (malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea) were timely treated.

«There are fewer serious cases of illnesses because children are treated before complications arise; mothers no longer waste time getting their children treated at health centers, which are often far from their homes. But they also save the time lost queuing at the health facility. Now, parents too are delighted with this step forward». Dieudonné, serving as exemplary CHW embodies the positive impact of community-led healthcare interventions supported by World Vision Burundi.



## EDUCATION PROGRAMME

### Strategic objective: Increase in primary school children who can read

In 2023, World Vision Burundi dedicated substantial resources to providing gender-responsive and quality education in safe and inclusive environments improving literacy skills of 251,469 primary school-aged children (5–14 years) through 476 schools. Education programmes also engaged youth through life skills training, entrepreneurship programmes, pathways to vocational education and employment. Essential school materials and equipment were provided to schools, ensuring every student has the resources they need to excel.



Children learning in a school built and equipped by World Vision

### Progress results



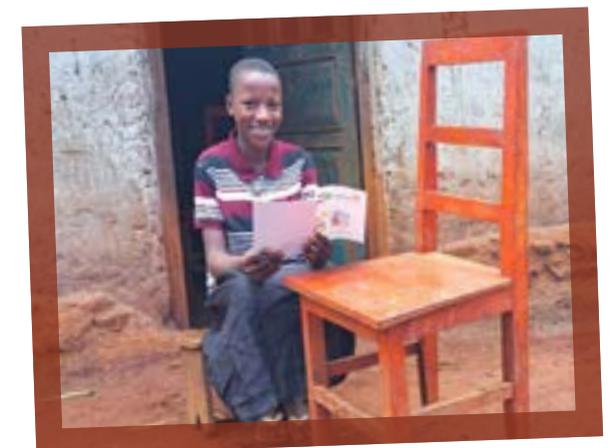
Progress results	2023	2022	2021
teachers whose capacity were built.	1,049	1,201	81,226

Progress	2023	2022	2021
children who have been taught using the Literacy Boost teaching methodology	24,325	8,449	151,913
children supported through school feeding programme	133,316	122,328	95,678
primary schools supported through school feeding programme	159	142	68
schools supported with teaching and learning materials or trainings	317	275	168
schools constructed	39	42	15
parents/caregivers trained in unlock literacy support	12,467	5,112	2,584

### Success Story

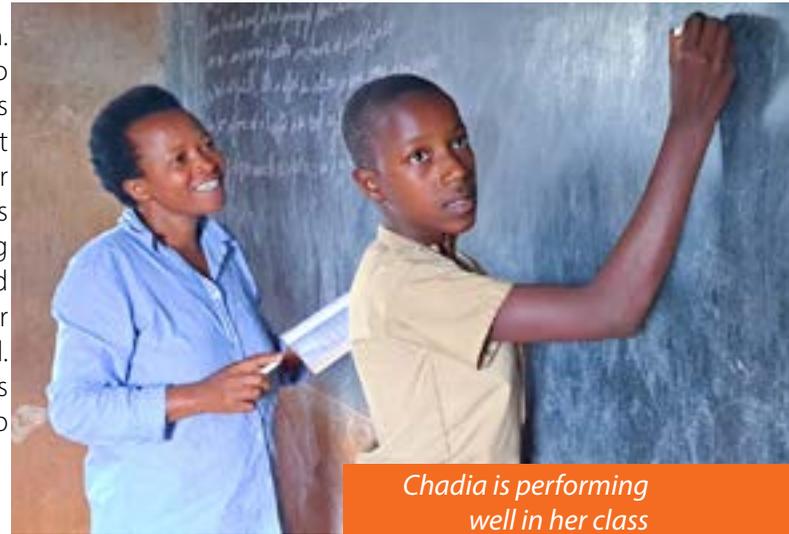
Chadia is a 15-year-old girl in grade 6 residing in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province. She lives with both parents and 6 siblings in Bugwana community. Her parents who are farmers enrolled her in school before World Vision introduced Unlock Literacy Core Project in her community. The core project aims at increasing literacy skills among children.

**“I used to have difficulties in reading, and was poorly performing at school before I attended reading camps’ activities”,** says Chadia who had to repeat classes. With the support of World Vision Burundi, a reading camp was established and equipped in Bugwana community,



Chadia has improved her literacy skills thanks to reading camp sessions

in collaboration with local administration. Reading camp facilitators were trained on how to run reading camps activities. The reading sessions in the community are very exciting moment for children. They are gathering for fun and for reading. Chantal, Chadia's mother is the witness of that excitement of community children going to those reading sites. "Since Chadia started attending the reading camps sessions, her school performance improved", shared Chantal. "Not only for Chadia, but also the school results for her siblings that are attending reading camp sessions changed radically", she added.



Chadia is performing well in her class

## SPONSORSHIP, CHILD PROTECTION, ADVOCACY AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

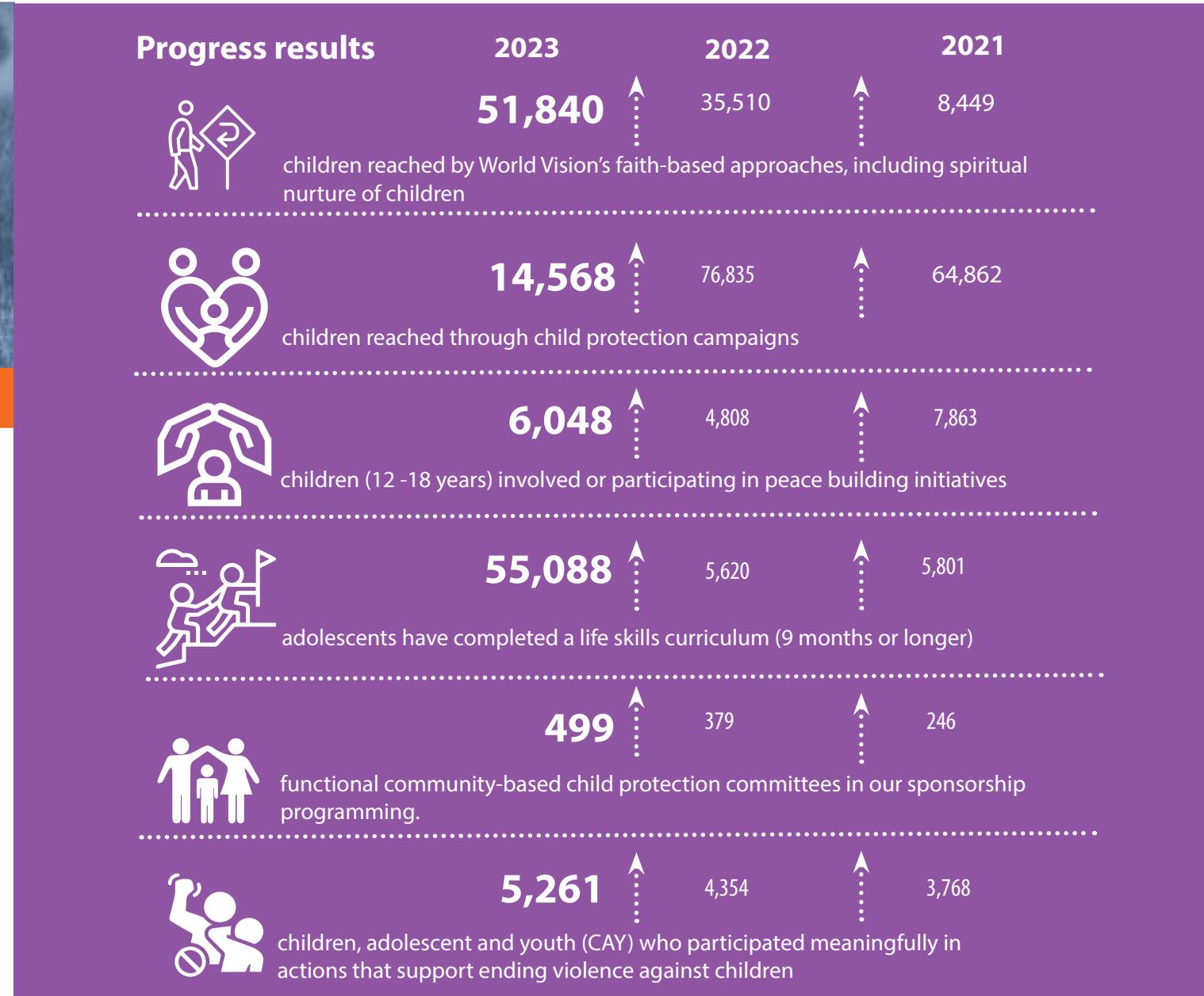
This year, World Vision Burundi made significant contributions to end violence against children through impactful campaigns and dedicated advocacy activities. Under our child protection portfolio, we prioritised strengthening community-based structures to spearhead child protection initiatives, empowering children to become agents of change in their own communities. Over FY23, 1,462 children have benefited through having access to child protection reporting and referral mechanisms that respond to violence against children.



Sponsorship activities help improve children's well being

Additionally, through innovative approaches, World Vision Burundi equipped children and youth with essential skills and competencies enabling them to chart their own paths forward.

Advocacy plays a crucial role in sustaining the achievements of World Vision Burundi and reaching our target coverage for child well-being. By leveraging technical program outcomes, data, evidence-based practices, and strategic networks, we actively influence policy and practice. World Vision Burundi advocacy efforts contributed to policy implementation addressing the root causes of vulnerability among children, fostering lasting change in Burundi.



Chosen approach was first implemented in World Vision Burundi from FY23. It is an empowering approach whereby children take the first step in changing their future. For the first time ever, power to choose their sponsors is put in the hands of children.

On the football pitch in Vumbi commune, Kirundo province, 76 children had the opportunity to choose their sponsors late September 2023 thanks to a «Chosen event».



A Chosen event puts the power to choose sponsors in the hands of children

First, each child passed in front of a photo-portrait of the person wishing to become a sponsor. Then, with the photo in hand, the child was photographed and registered in a system that will enable him or her to make virtual contact with the sponsor.

According to Virginie, whose 6-year-old son had just made his choice, it was an incredible opportunity for the community.

Commending the process, the commune’s permanent secretary, emphasized the positive impact of allowing children to choose their sponsors themselves. «It gives the child a lot more confidence when they see the photo of the person who wants to sponsor them,» explains the administrator.

Simon Nyabwengi, WVIB National Director reaffirmed World Vision’s commitment to continue working closely with the Vumbi commune administration over the next decade, building schools, enhancing the health sector and addressing various community needs.

## HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY AFFAIRS

### School feeding programme

For the fourth year, in partnership with World Food Programme and the Ministry of Education at Provincial and communal levels, World Vision Burundi provided Home – Grown School meals in Muyinga Province and contributed to increased resilience and production of small holders farmer cooperatives to supply 145 schools with 133,316 students with daily hot meals. With the purpose of fighting child wasting, the programme has been building more resilient and sustainable food systems and using a school garden model to add locally appropriate nutritious vegetables and leaves to children’s beans and maize or rice meals. With Komezawige Project, funded by Education Cannot Wait, World Vision Burundi extended its support to 14 primary schools in Makamba Province reaching 18,536 children with nutritious hot meals. 13,276 tons of foods were distributed in order to increase school enrolment, attendance and retention in primary schools of Muyinga and Makamba Provinces.



School children having lunch in a school canteen



World Vision supports people affected by floods in Gatumba

### Reinsertion and empowerment for returnees

World Vision Burundi implemented the Integrated Services in Transit Centers Project funded by UNHCR. The project is outlined on two components including child protection addressing gender-based violence and people with specific needs, empowerment and reinsertion. During this financial year, many households were supported to return in their communities. The project performed as follows:



In Gatumba zone, children bear the blatant consequences of floods



People affected by floods are living in temporary structures



People trained in soap making to help them improve their lives



People living with disabilities in Bwagiriza refugee camp trained in sewing

### Key achievements

 **18,875** returnees received

 **718** people (456 females, 262 males) with specific needs identified

 **55** People with specific needs supported

 **168** gender-based violence received, treated and referred to specialized centers

 **218** children separated from their parents supported.

### Responding to Emergencies Amidst climate change

In 2023, climate-related emergencies primarily triggered by stormy rains mixed with hail posed significant challenges across Kigamba, Muyinga (Cumba), Itaba, Vumbi, Gitaramuka, and Mutimbuzi communes. Communities endured devastating impacts of natural disasters resulting in widespread destruction of crops, loss of livestock, and damage to shelters. As World Vision continued to provide assistance to affected people of different disasters, our Sponsorship programmes have responded with Non-Food items and food assistance through Cash Transfer to 5,946 households benefiting 30,823 people, including 19,926 children.

### Success Story

Early April 2023, people in Gatumba were affected by floods as Rusizi river overflowed due to heavy rains. A rapid needs assessment revealed that 400 people hosted in Kinyinya 2 site were the most affected. The site was already hosting other displaced people that were affected by floods in past years. To address their urgent needs, World Vision Burundi provided non-food items ensuring each household received blankets, a kitchen kit, and mosquito nets.



World Vision supporting people affected by floods in Gatumba

Jacqueline a mother of two, expressed gratitude saying, **« It is really hard to live in huts covered with tents; there are risks of suffering from diseases. Now that you give us these kits, children will no longer sleep on the ground and will be protect from cold».**

### GIFT-IN-KIND



A school in Gitega-rural Area Programme benefits from GIK desks



A school in Kirundo Area Programme benefits from GIK desks

### Key achievements

**40,000** tablets of Vitamin A **100,000 IU** and **320,000** tablets of Vitamin A **200,000 IU** were provided to the Ministry of Health

**2,974** desks, tables and chairs distributed

**622** Blankets and **720** pillows distributed to most vulnerable people

**27,635** shirts and T-shirts distributed to most vulnerable children

**7,187** Trolleys distributed to pupils

**363** rolls of tissues distributed to youth associations.

During FY23, in partnership with World Vision US and World Vision Canada, World Vision Burundi received gifts that supported health facilities, schools, and most vulnerable people including people living with disabilities.



Children enjoying their time on trolleys

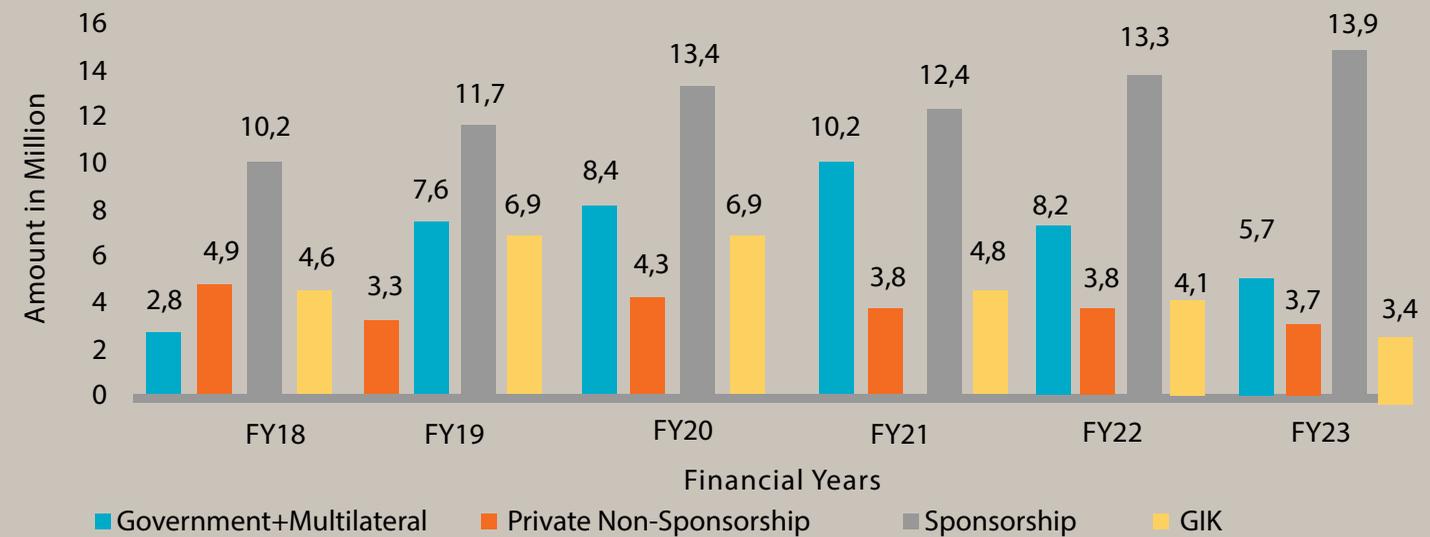


Rolls of cloths distributed to orphanages

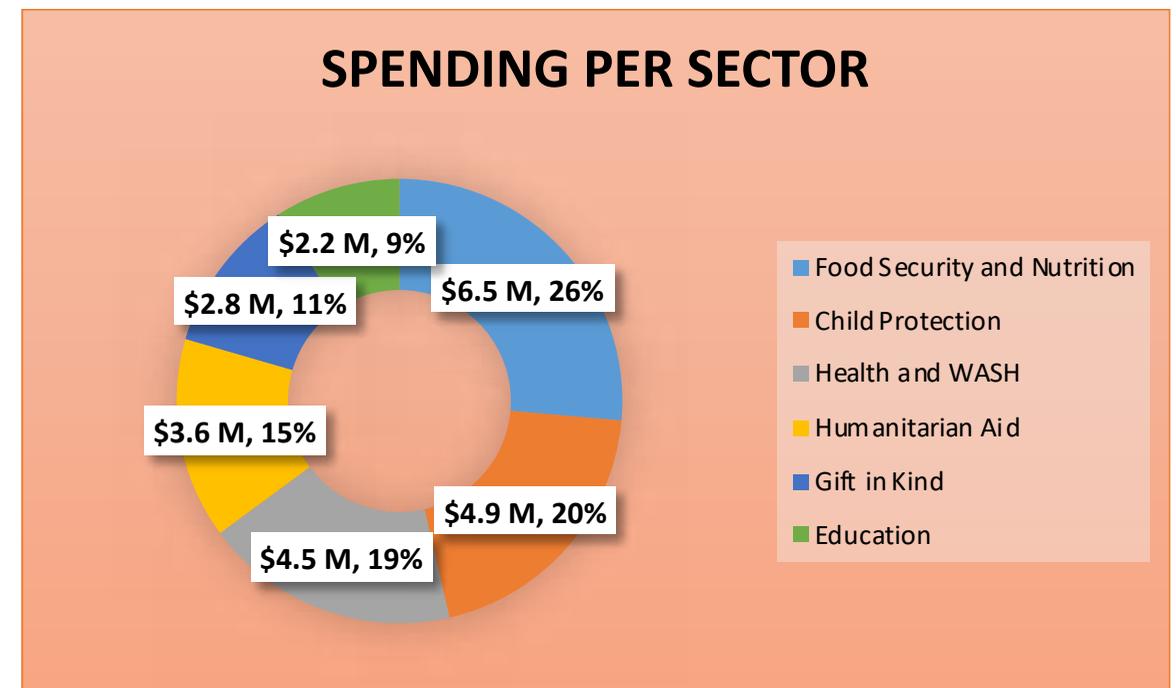
## FUNDING

World Vision Burundi is committed to stewardship of resources entrusted to us by our donors, partners and ultimately by God. Acknowledging this sacred trust, we hold ourselves accountable to utilize these resources efficiently and effectively, ensuring they provide maximum benefits for the children and communities we serve.

### World Vision International Burundi Financial Trend for the last 6 Years by Type of Fund



## FY23 EXPENDITURES PER SECTOR



## DONORS AND PARTNERS

Our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed donors and partners whose invaluable support and commitment enabled us to reach more vulnerable children in Burundi during the fiscal year 2023.



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