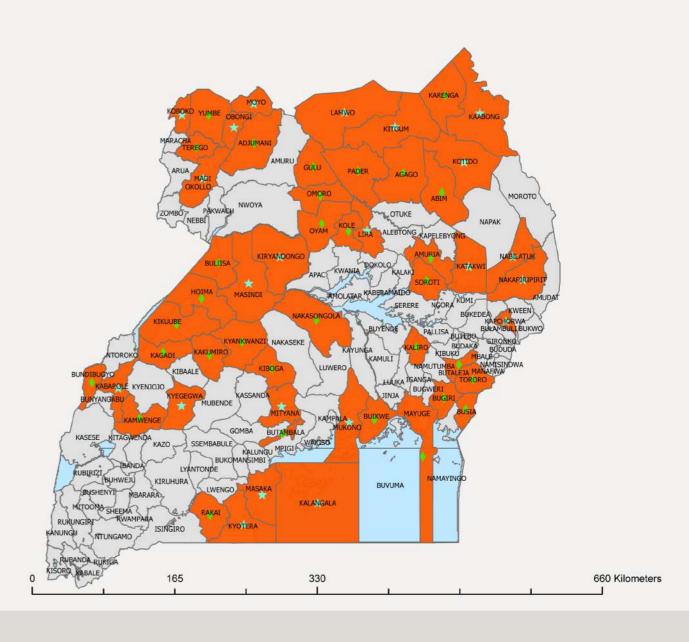


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World Vision's current coverage by Districts



**Numbers:** 

-Districts: 54 -Area Programmes: 54

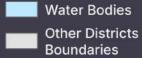
-Grants: 22+

Map Key:

Grants Projects Implementation

Area Programmes Implementation

World Vision Uganda Presence





Our Dear Colleagues and Esteemed Partners,

I greet you all.

On behalf of the World Vision Uganda Board of Directors, I am delighted to present to you our Impact Report for the fiscal year 2024.

It is with utmost humility that I inform you that, World Vision Uganda has made great strides towards enhancing the wellbeing of children and vulnerable communities across our areas of operation.

At the heart of our organisation lies a commitment to governance excellence, ensuring that every decision we make is grounded in integrity, transparency, and accountability. Guided by the principles of good governance, we have strived to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, ensuring that the resources entrusted to us are managed responsibly and utilised effectively to maximise impact.

At the board level, we have continued to provide our fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the World Vision ministry remains strong and aligned to the commitment made through our strategy. We have been pleased to see how much has been realized through our engagement in strategic discussions and impact assessments.

As a board, we appreciate that this has not been without challenges but God has been faithful and through him, we continue to thrive and deliver across our mandate.

**BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD** 

> Through our programmes and initiatives, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of hope, compassion, and empowerment. From providing lifesaving humanitarian assistance in times of crisis to implementing sustainable development projects that address the root causes of poverty and inequality, through strategic partnerships and affiliation, our impact resonates far and wide.

> We have also been blessed to witness the power of collaboration through some of our global campaigns like the ENOUGH Campaign, where joint partnerships with the Government of Uganda and other partners has seen a positive wave in championing the fight against malnutrition and child hunger, in ensuring that all children have enough nourishment to survive, thrive and enjoy equal opportunities.

> During the year, we had the opportunity to visit some of our Area programmes in Northern Uganda alongside our colleagues from Vision Fund Uganda, where we witnessed the impact of our work and initiatives in driving transformation from the grassroots across respective communities. Witnessing the many testimonies of transformation was such a humbling experience and attestation to the great progress we can make in continuing to work together. We also had the chance to feature at the Africa Regional Forum in Ethiopia as a board, where we held fruitful deliberations on combatting child hunger in Africa alongside a broad fraternity of pertinent stakeholders across

> In our continuous quest to drive and achieve our commitment further, we expanded our leadership curve to incorporate two new board members. I am therefore pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Eric Wobudeva and Mr. Stephen Christian Kaheru to the World Vision Uganda board. On another gracious note, our friend and colleague Dr. Kedrace Turyagenda's tenure came to an end as the Lord accorded her new responsibilities across another realm. We bless the Lord for the years we have served together and the great contribution she has made towards the World Vision ministry-Ebenezer for our God is good!

> As we embrace the year ahead, the Board will continue supporting programme innovations and partnerships, with particular emphasis on local partners as well as spearhead the launch of our new strategy 2026-2030. I am confident that we will continue to transform the lives of many more vulnerable children, families, and communities. Together, we have the opportunity to shape a brighter tomorrow for generations to come, leaving a legacy of positive change that transcends borders and empowers communities to thrive.

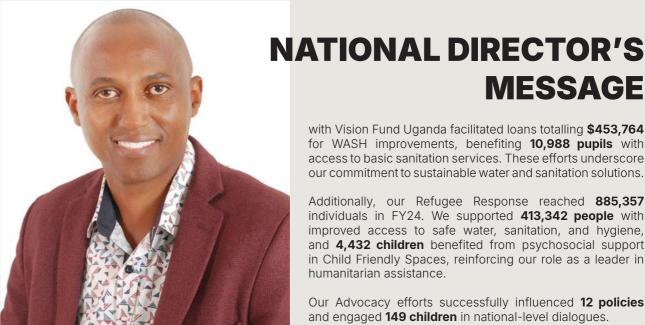
> In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, partners, donors, faith leaders, Government of Uganda, volunteers, and supporters. I could not be more grateful for the support and collaboration rendered as we press on towards a common goal. My sincere appreciation to each member of the World Vision Uganda Board for their unwavering support and leadership. Your guidance and strategic oversight have been instrumental in steering our organisation and enabling us to navigate complex challenges and seize opportunities for growth and innovation.

> As I invite you to read and reflect on our registered milestones across the past year, I would like to re-echo that, your unwavering commitment, collaboration and generosity inspires us each day to reach higher, dream bigger, and work harder towards building a world where every child has the opportunity to realise their full potential with "Christ At The Centre At All Times" as depicted in Colossians 1: 16-17.

Thank you all and may God Bless You abundantly

Warm regards, Jacqueline. K. Opondo.

**Board Chairperson** 



#### Dear Friends and Valued Partners,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present to you the Annual Report for the fiscal year 2024.

This year has been a testament to our collective resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to transform lives across Uganda. In FY24, we reached 2,492,763 people.

Our mission and vision are attributes that have been embedded holistically in our operations, partnerships and engagements in our quest to uphold the most vulnerable children and communities at large.

In a nutshell, our strategic initiatives in Child Protection reached over 2.3 million children, focusing on ending violence and fostering safe environments. We supported 150,210 registered children and provided assistive devices to 373 children with special needs. Additionally, 81,592 parents and caregivers were empowered with positive parenting skills, reinforcing our commitment to holistic child development.

In Education, we achieved significant milestones in literacy improvement, with 121,776 children participating in our programmes. Our inclusive education efforts ensured that 790 children at risk of dropping out were supported to stay in school, and 37 schools were equipped with inclusive facilities, demonstrating our dedication to equal learning opportunities for all.

Our Health & Nutrition programmes made remarkable progress, reaching 51,600 women of reproductive age and 70,774 children with comprehensive services. We saw a notable increase in antenatal care attendance, with 11,622 pregnant mothers attending their first ANC visit in the first trimester. The declaration of 105 villages as Open Defecation Free highlights our impact on community health and hygiene.

Through our WASH initiatives, we provided safe drinking water to over 1.16 million Ugandans, achieving 93% of our annual target. Our partnership

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with Vision Fund Uganda facilitated loans totalling \$453,764 for WASH improvements, benefiting 10,988 pupils with access to basic sanitation services. These efforts underscore our commitment to sustainable water and sanitation solutions.

Additionally, our Refugee Response reached 885,357 individuals in FY24. We supported 413,342 people with improved access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, and 4,432 children benefited from psychosocial support in Child Friendly Spaces, reinforcing our role as a leader in humanitarian assistance.

Our Advocacy efforts successfully influenced 12 policies and engaged 149 children in national-level dialogues.

It is with humility that we note that despite the challenges faced from global crises to local hardships, we still managed to break through and register remarkable milestones particularly in the countless lives that have been impacted and transformed. This would not have been possible without effective collaboration across you our esteemed partners and affiliated authorities.

As we embrace the future, we shall lay emphasis on assessing our ending 5-year strategy and consequently lay a befitting foundation for the next strategic year FY 2026 to 2030. This will call for a number of interventions but above all, the will to leverage on technology, strengthening growth in income, influence, and impact for maximum impact.

I remain confident that our work together, will bring about greater impact and transformation to the lives of Uganda's most vulnerable children and their communities even in the coming years and future.

As I conclude, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to our board members for your dedication and immense contribution to World Vision Uganda's ministry.

I would like to equally commend the management and staff at World Vision Uganda, all our partners, funders, related key players, organizations and the government of Uganda for your commitment towards creating sustainable impact for the children of Uganda.

It is my prayer and trust that as you catch up on all the exciting highlights from our 2024 annual report, you will equally be inspired to do more with us as we drive our goals.

I therefore wish you a good read as we look forward to an even better year living by our theme for FY 25: "Christ at the Centre at All Times" under the guiding scripture from Colossians 1:16-17. "For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Warm regards,

Jeremiah Nyagah National Director



During this financial year, our Child Protection efforts reached **over 2.3 million children**, especially the most vulnerable through a wide range of impactful programme interventions. We endeavored to end violence against children, and further empowered their families and communities to create environments in which children are safe, cared for, and participate in decisions that affect their lives.

We collaborated with different stakeholders at sub-national and national levels to strengthen the legal policy for protecting children from all forms of violence. Service delivery interventions were integrated into Local Government plans with dedicated budget allocations for FY24. Our spearheaded lobbying efforts resulted in increased budgetary commitments from the Local Government towards Child Protection and prevention of Violence Against Children.

This sector leveraged on integration with other projects like Health, Nutrition, WASH, Livelihoods and Resilience to empower households in environmental stewardship and climate action to improve nutrition, ensure disability inclusion in schools, support various platforms and spaces that allowed children to influence the child protection and participation agenda at local and national levels, which actively promoted positive norms and practices in communities. The introduction of the Government Parish Development Model and EMYOGA which was implemented in group strategy helped strengthen already established household clusters to facilitate easy mobilization and engagement to promote child participation in decision making at household and family levels.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

150,210

registered children

373

children with special needs were supported with assistive devices.

4,010

parents and caregivers were trained on positive parenting approaches and practices.

3,676

reported child abuse cases that are referred to relevant institutions/ structures like police in FY24.

2,522,417

direct project participants

81,592

parents and care givers demonstrated increased knowledge in positive discipline, rather than violent disciplinary approaches.

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# **Dreaming Big In The Face Of Adversity**

At 17, Flora's life took an unexpected turn when she conceived in October 2023 while in primary six. As the fifth of the seven children, she had always helped her parents in the gardens where they grew maize, soybean and cassava.

She dropped out of school as a result of her pregnancy. Life at home was difficult because of the negative energy in the neighborhood. She was eventually forced to move in with her 20-year-old boyfriend who was unemployed.

It seemed like a solution at the time. Later on, the reality quickly set in. She was entering a world of child marriage- one that held little promise and less security. It took the intervention of local leaders and World Vision Uganda to rescue her from an illegal marriage.

"After I gave birth, World Vision Uganda offered me an opportunity to take up practical skills. I signed up for tailoring. We were taught cutting, sewing, design and business management," she says.

Flora is one of the many child mothers rescued by World Vision Uganda from teenage marriage and given second chances at life. With every stitch Flora sews, she dreams of a brighter future for herself and her child.

Amina one of the many child mothers also dropped out of school in 2022 at just 16 years after she became pregnant to a boy she met at a disco. When her parents discovered the pregnancy, their reaction was harsh. They threated to chase her away from home and stopped giving her any help.

"I felt completely abandoned," Amina recalls. She was out of school and had to find away to care for her baby. "It was a very difficulty time. I earned **3,000 Uganda shillings** daily after digging people's gardens. The baby's father continued studying normally,".

Her friends advised her to return to school. "They also convinced them to allow her to return to school, reminding them that she deserves a second chance,". At school, she joined the Peace Road club where she was taught resilience, promoting peaceful coexistence and speaking up on issues affecting children.

"I am now focused on education and my dream is to become a nurse," Amina says.





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#### Children With Special Needs Receive A Ray Of Hope For Living Life In All Its Fullness

It's 1:00 Pm, and the sun is high up, beaming its scorching The hope for a new possibility. rays over 15-year-old Melisa as she is wheeled home by her friends; Joy and Patricia.

comb through the thick bushes, navigating their way than half will never live to sit in a classroom\_ from school to find a hot meal. What a way to end a suggests a World Bank report. school day! Born like any other child, Melisa contracted a strange disease at the age of five (5), unknown to World Vision's Disability Inclusion Project in her her mother, this disease would shutter her little girl's community was an answer to Melisa's longchildhood.

For a while, her mother turned to the local village in the two villages of Lalogi and Lakwana in traditional healers who prescribed concoctions northern Uganda. promising her daughter's healing, however, her little girl's health dwindled by the day.

By the time she was rushed to the hospital, it was too late! couldn't afford it," says Adong, "I couldn't believe Melisa could neither sit nor stand. This strange disease my eyes the day people from World Vision unknown to them was diagnosed as acute malaria!

Haunted by this new reality, Melisa's traumatised nothing short of a miracle." She adds. mother abandoned her daughter with her 61-year-old Melisa has joined Lakwana Primary School near grandmother; Adong, and she has never been seen her home, where ramps and disability-inclusive since that day.

"I was left to figure out life with my granddaughter, her any form of fear. disability was a strange thing and I didn't know what to do or where to start," says Adong, "I thought about Local faith leaders within the village were also abandoning her, but our pastor advised me not to," she empowered to influence parents of children adds.

Adong was left to raise her granddaughter alone, at love, protect, and care for their children through 61 years of age coupled with the meager income, this the Channels of Hope model. new addition was an extra burden to her. "I depend on farming to earn a living, and every time I had to go to the "Many parents in our village perceive children farm, I would carry Melisa along.

Additionally, Melisa loved the church and hearing the choir sing. To accommodate her playful and prayerful lifestyle, Adong could carry her over 4 km to and fro. "I used to feel a lot of back pain after walking long distances with her on my back, but I had no alternative, " says Adong.

Whenever she saw other children playing, her inability to move and play with them always made her cry. During school days, she would rise early, crawl to the door post just to see other children walk to school, and wait to see them return donning their school uniforms and books clamped in their arms.

"My prayer has always been to play with other children and experience the joy of being in school like other children," says Melisa "This wheelchair is my answered prayer!" She says.

There are 2.5 million children with disabilities in Uganda, 3 out of every 10 of those are from The air is filled with the joyful laughter of the trio as they northern Uganda where Melisa hails, and more

> time prayer, availing access to safe and quality education to over 370 children with disabilities

> "For years I wasn't able to take Melisa to the regional referral hospital, simply because I brought doctors from the hospital to treat my little girl and later brought for her a wheelchair. It was

> sanitary facilities were installed so that she and other children like her can enjoy learning without

> with disability in their congregation to embrace,





## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The programme supported implementation of Baby Friendly Health facility initiatives (BFHI) in 17 health facilities across Western Region. These efforts contributed to accreditation of 13 Health facilities

In Northern region, the programme supported strengthening and functionalisation of 16 Health Unit Management Committees (HUMCs) to oversee and enhance the quality of health service delivery.

During the reporting period, a total of

(332M:285F)

people with disabilities (PWDs) were supported to participate in health and nutrition activities.

The Buliisa health nutrition and WASH project, in partnership with Total Energies, provided

(268M:228F)

PWDs with solar lamps, improving their health and social status. This reduced negative attitudes, myths and stigma in the community towards PWDs promoting acceptance and Inclusion.

2,670 (1,454 girls and 1,216 boys)

Registered children participated in the medical camps organised within the area. The medical camps made significant impact in the lives of these children improving their health outcomes.

7,233

children were fully immunised by one year, providing additional protection against childhood illnesses. Equally, 105 villages were declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) (Output monitoring report FY24), fostering a healthier and safer environment for children and protecting them from diseases and infections such as diarrhea.



#### **World Bicycle Relief And World Vision Uganda** Partner To Provide 200 Bicycles For Village Health Teams (VHTs) In Morungatuny.

newborns and children.

"I walked every day in the community at least three times a week checking children," Betty said.

complained. She knew how vital her back and walked extending services this was tiring but she pushed on.

community within Morungatuny, bicycle mobility solutions to support bicycle to easy my movements in Soroti - Amuria Cluster.

empower VHTs, who play a critical weekly checking on mothers and role in delivering health services to the most vulnerable children and Despite the tiredness, Betty never transportation, the initiative seeks to improve the efficiency and reach of health services in remote areas.

she could not hide her excitement.

World Bicycle Relief (WBR) donated 200 durable Buffalo Bicycles to long-term sustainability.

to the Morungatuny Area Programme. These healthcare but also enhance the overall quality of life in these communities," said Sean Granville-Ross, Executive Director of programmes, at World

receive timely healthcare services," added James

this partnership, World Vision Uganda and World lasting change in the lives of the most vulnerable.





improvements in health care facilities in Mayuge, with this commitment planned for FY25. These achievements highlight ongoing confidence in the programme's impact and its alignment with long-term sustainability goals.

The programme is also positioned to receive potential additional support of \$175,000 from WV Canada for WASH

in FY24, alongside multi-year commitment of \$1,500,000 from WVUS Base funding and \$300,000 for system

Additionally, the programme successfully attracted support from Support Offices, securing a funding commitment

of \$460,000 for the Rwizi Watershed Restoration project. Furthermore, a \$900,000 allocation has been made for

financing in Kamwengwe District.

the five-year WASH/THRIVE project in Murungatuny.

treatment technologies.

households trained on safe water chain

10,575

pupils gained access to basic sanitation services.

management, focusing on householdbased point-of-use multibarrier water

10,988



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In FY24, our Resilience and Livelihood Technical Programme reached out to 757,726 participants. To achieve the number of participants that benefited from the technical programme, World Vision worked with the government line Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Environment, private sector and research institutions. 50,660 participants were trained and gained knowledge and skills in improved sustainable climate smart agriculture practices. Through working with financial institutions like Vision Fund Uganda, 32,486 (68% female) were trained in financial literacy, which helped them to make appropriate financial and investment decisions.

We also worked with Vision Fund, to roll out saving group loans across our areas of operation, in addition to other microfinance services which benefitted 610,316 children, of which 60,834 are registered children. 424 community level saving groups that conduct group savings and loans were digitized into an application supported by DreamStart Lab. The digitisation has also increased the level of transparency across the savings and loan activities. Additionally, it has helped in the building of financial and credit trustworthiness which is a key measure for access to future financial credit from microfinance institutions and banks.

The technical programme also promoted school feeding initiatives in schools across the country, where school based backyard gardens were established for high dense nutrient crops. This initiative was also scaled out at household level and at the child development and participation centers which targeted the registered children across different Area programs. The school feeding initiative contributed immensely towards addressing child hunger and malnutrition in schools, household and community

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Saving groups trained and functional after first share out (1st cycle)

groups fully digitalized.

51,358 household 61,350

members trained on environmental conservation and natural resource management technique to enhance environmental sustainability.

**757,726 people** reached across **24 Area Programmes**.

Savings Groups that received loans from Vision Fu Uganda and other Micro Finance Institutions

59854

**424 S4T** Number of project participants actively participating in S4T groups

40427

trained project participants who apply improved sustainable climate smart agricultural techniques/practices

participants reached with Biblical Empowered World View.

The programme worked with the district environmental department and trained 51,358 household members on environmental conservation and natural resource management technique to enhance environmental sustainability

**35,773** members had adopted Farmer Managed National Regeneration technique and **38,722 households** were using energy saving household technologies (solar & energy efficient cook stoves) which are environmentally friendly





# **Stella's Triumph In Economic Empowerment**

"My children are my only source of motivation; their well-being is the driving force behind my relentless efforts to secure a brighter future for them," asserts Stella, a 35-year-old mother of four.

Stella vividly recalls a harrowing chapter in her life when she was forced into marriage with a man old enough to be her father. The haunting memory of betrayal by those she once believed loved her continues to linger fresh in her mind to this day.

The initial two years of her marriage were marked by love and support; however, this dream was abruptly shattered. Stella's husband began engaging with other women, returning home inebriated, subjecting her to humiliating insults, and neglecting his responsibilities towards their family.

"That's when I realised it was my responsibility to provide for my children, as no one else would," reveals Stella. Determined to secure their well-being, she engaged in various money-making activities, including brewing and selling alcohol in her neighbourhood to afford food for her children.

Regrettably, her business venture yielded more losses than gains, with customers consistently consuming on credit and threatening her when asked for payment, leaving her feeling helpless and frustrated.

"There were days when I contemplated suicide, but the thought of leaving my children alone made it an impossible choice," she confesses.

One fateful day, Stella's friend Grace introduced her to the Ombavule Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA), part of the **850 VSLAs** established by World Vision under the Security, Protection and Economic Empowerment (SUPREME) project. Stella found a training programme by World Vision focused on financial literacy, goal setting, and enterprise development.

During this training, Stella discovered the solution she had long prayed for to create a better life for her family. Filled with fresh hope, she eagerly joined the group, commencing her savings journey with **UGX 5,000 (USD 1.3)** for five shares.

In just six months of her membership in Ombavule VSLA, Stella mastered the art of financial management and business enterprise development. She obtained a loan of **UGX 500,000 (USD 130)** to put her newfound knowledge into practice, investing in a milling machine next to the primary village market for grinding cassava, maize, and millet.

Since joining the Savings and Loans Association, Stella's children no longer had to worry about food and school fees. John, Stella's 9-year-old son, recalls the challenging times and expresses gratitude for the positive change. "There were days when our mother would ask us to play at the neighbor's house in the hopes of being invited to share a meal.

Some days, we'd go without food. But ever since our mother joined the savings group, we've never worried about food at home or school fees."

Stella now charges **UGX 500 (USD 0.13) per kilo** for grinding; on average, she earns between **UGX 25,000 (USD 6.5) to UGX 35,000 (USD 9)** on a market day. With her thriving business, she acquired two acres of land for growing food for sale and family consumption, and she also bought two goats.

Stella has found a new supportive family within the savings group as she embarks on the journey to economic empowerment. She has become a beacon of hope for many single mothers in her village and now empowers other women who have been victims of Gender-Based Violence.



### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 1,143 children (618 boys, 525 girls)

received case management support. Monitoring showed 84% experienced better wellbeing, reduced distress, and renewed hope.

81,078 people

with improved access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene, disease prevention and overall well-being.

4,432 children

benefited from psychosocial support in Child Friendly Spaces (CFS), where they engaged in games, drawing, and

98,044 (45,980 males and 52,064)
children and adults through Education in Emergency

Back-to-school initiatives led to a 22% increase in primary school enrollment

(from 46,509 to 59,905)

and a 45% increase in secondary school enrollment (from 5,075 to 9,220) as of March 2024, with attendance rates averaging 70% for primary and 30% for secondary schools.

## REFUGEE **RESPONSE**

Uganda remains home to Africa's largest refugee population, hosting over 1.7 million refugees primarily from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and 30 other nations. World Vision Uganda has been at the forefront of providing support to both refugees and host communities in the Northern, West Nile, and South Western regions of the country since 2014. In 2024 alone, a cumulative total of over 110,708 asylum applicants were received in Uganda with the new arrivals from Sudan and South Sudan hosted at Nyumanzi Resettlement Center.

h our strong collaboration with religious and cultural leaders in Madi-West Nile and Arua diocese, ell as the Lugbara Kari cultural union, a memorandum of understanding to jointly implement child development programmes, focusing on Ending Violence Against Children was signed. This w strengthen our collaboration with interfaith leaders while advocating for the well-being of children.

During FY24, the Uganda Refugee response reached 885,357 individuals, addressing critical needs, enhancing community resilience, and ensuring both new arrivals and protracted refugee populations received essential support to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

The interventions impacted

413,342 people

nclusion, climate smart agriculture, vocational training and enterp

To enhance inclusivity,

183

#### children

with disabilities received assistive devices, and **6** child mothers returned to school following the construction of **6** breastfeeding corners.

018 VSLA groups formed with

30,540

#### members

These collectively saved **UGX 2,580,333,264** oaned UGX 239,329,100 and contributed UGX 21,672,500 to social funds.





A total of 288,233,038

Uganda shillings was disbursed to 463 families through their registered mobile money numbers, across the 5-IDP camps in Kasese District.

#### 700 Households

received a total of 1,400 bars of handwashing soap items like 800 Jerrycans to 400 Households and assorted case by case Child protection case management items across the 5-IDP camps.

# DISASTER MANAGEMENT

2024 was marked by a series of devastating humanitarian crises, including disease outbreaks, natural disasters intensified by climate change such as floods, drought and hailstorms. World Vision stepped in to deliver urgent aid to the most vulnerable communities affected by these challenges.

Our timely response swiftly responded to MPOX health emergency announced in July 2024, in Nakasongola and Mayuge districts, and we additionally responded to floods that devastated in Ntoroko, Kasese and Bundibugyo district and the Karamoja region, providing immediate needs to the affected populations in the sectors of WASH, Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Items.

We collaborated with different partners like HelpAge International, Caritas, Red Cross, CRS, Save the Children, WFP, and UNICEF. Government stakeholders and the communities in ensuring that immediate response interventions were scaled up.

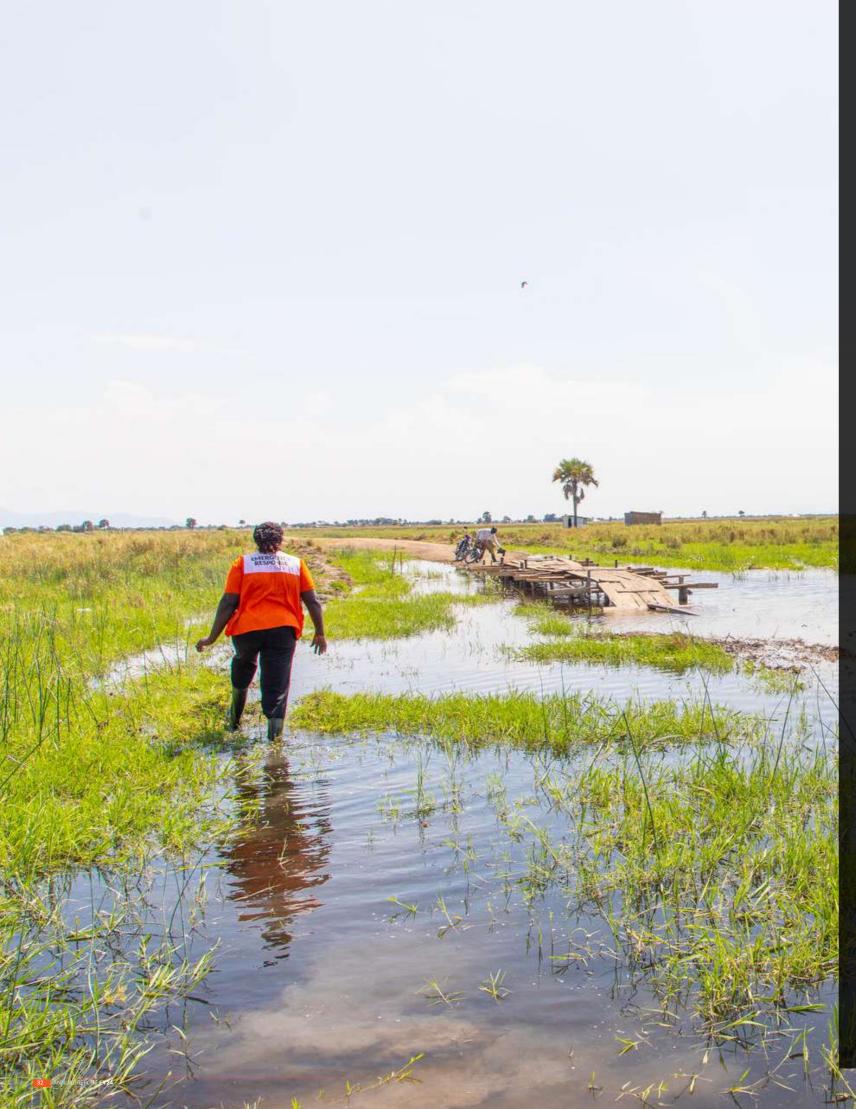
We worked closely with community structures such as the Village Health Teams and the District Disaster Task Forces to empower communities to identify risks, manage crises, and respond effectively to emergencies, ensuring they are better prepared to face future challenges.

In partnership with Save the Children a total of

283,688,325 Uganda shillings was disbursed to 464 families through their registered mobile money numbers, across the 5 villages in Kanara town council.

With funding from UNICEF under the Emergency partneship MoU, World Vision Provided appropriate case management support to affected children, including case documentation and reporting with MPSS under the child protection component.

Supported to ensure the Water user committees were trained on water management and sanitation integrating with awareness creation on PSEA, GVB, and MPOX to the affected communities of Ntoroko, Kasese, Nakasongola and Mayuge.



#### **World Vision's Nutrition Intervention Curbing Malnutrition In Ntoroko**

In the wake of devastating floods that swept through At the medical camp, Deborah was diagnosed the Rwenzori region, leaving families displaced and with acute malnutrition and immediately referred livelihoods shattered, malnutrition among children to Karuguttu Health Center III for specialised care. has become an alarming concern.

According to the Uganda Demographic and Health where Deborah was provided with the rapeutic food Survey 2022, three in ten children aged between 0 to 5 years in the region are Malnourished. The loss of farmlands, livestock, and homes has exacerbated the situation, making it difficult for families to access prepare nutritious foods at home with readily nutritious food.

who lost her home, four goats, and property when Lake Albert and River Semliki burst their banks in Dr. Fredrick, the District Health Officer of Ntoroko, late 2024.

Once a landowner, Maureen now struggles to pay medical outreaches, often reaching more than 200 rent for the land where her makeshift house stands. Feeding her three children has become a daily battle, and affording nutritious meals is a luxury she can barely dream of.

As a breastfeeding mother to her one-year-old and World Vision is actively working with VHTs and two-month-old daughter, Deborah, Maureen had hoped to continue nursing her until the age of two. However, food scarcity has made this goal seem initiatives aim to raise awareness about malnutrition's unattainable. She first noticed something was wrong when Deborah's hair began to redden—a telltale sign of malnutrition. Soon after, her daughter developed diarrhea and a swollen stomach.

then she started getting worse," Maureen recalls. "I was so worried."

Reaching medical help, however, was an even bigger challenge. The nearest health facility is a four-hour walk from her home, requiring a costly boat ride and further transportation—expenses she simply couldn't afford.

partnership with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health, organised a medical outreach in her community. The outreach offered vital services, including nutrition assessments, immunisation, antenatal care, diagnosis, and pharmacy services.

"When I heard the news from our Village Health Team (VHT), I knew God had answered my prayer. I woke up earlier than usual to be among the first in line," Maureen says. "I couldn't wait to have my daughter treated."

With support from World Vision, an ambulance transported Maureen and her daughter to the facility, to speed up her recovery

Maureen was empowered with procedures to available ingredients. Deborah is now discharged from the hospital and the Village Health Teams One such family is that of 29-year-old Maureen, make regular follow-ups to monitor her recovery.

> highlights the overwhelming need for such interventions. "We always see large turnouts during families in a single day. We typically identify between five to ten children suffering from malnutrition, with the most severe cases referred for intensive care."

> district health structures to conduct communitybased nutrition empowerment outreaches. These impact on children's growth and development and equip families with the knowledge to nurture healthier children.

"Maureen is just one of over 3,000 families "I ignored it at first, thinking it would get better, but diagnosed with malnutrition in hard-to-reach areas of Ntoroko district and is now on the path to recovery thanks to the support from UNICEF," says Mercy Owiny, the World Vision Floods Response Coordinator in Ntoroko.

"Through our efforts, families are empowered to better care for their children, while healthcare Her prayers were answered when World Vision, in providers and facilities are better equipped to combat malnutrition in the region."

> Although the floodwaters have receded, their effects linger. However, with ongoing support from organizations like World Vision and UNICEF, hope is being restored.





We successfully collaborated with various Ministries, departments, agencies, and Civil Society Organizations to advocate for improved child well-being. We supported children to actively in national forums, enabling them to voice critical issues affecting their lives. Our efforts to influence policies yielded significant progress, including the Food and Nutrition Bill to which "leave of parliament "was granted to the mover and consultations are ongoing.

Additionally, we successfully launched the ENOUGH campaign and conducted a school meals assessment among schools supported by World Vision to guide an advocacy angle for enabling school meals following the campaign implementation. We also hosted the regional advocacy forum which brought together **32 participants** from World Vision global centre, Eurpean Union, East African Region, Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Burundi.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Signed an MoU with the Uganda Parliamentary Alliance on Food and Nutrition Security aimed at promoting food and nutrition security through legal reforms and financing in Uganda.

# 149 children

were engaged in different national-level external engagements

# 12 national

dialogues in health, education, child protection resilience and livelihood hosted and/ or supported by World Vision Uganda

# 12 policies

targeted and influenced

Advocacy remains a critical pillar to World Vision iv) Strengthened partnerships & collaboration Uganda's development programmes at local and As the chair of joining Forces coalition 2024/ 2025 national level. During this period WVU continued to: WVU has played a key role in convening joint meetings a) influence different decision making processes, b) strengthen child participation in key commemoration days c) Different Ministries, Department and agencies UN agencies, Civil Society including cultural & faith institutions, d) build staff and partner capacities in policy including development of child participation platforms. & budget advocacy. Highlights of the FY included;

#### i) Launch of the Enough Campaign.

ENOUGH Campaign, presided over by the 3rd Deputy Prime Minister Rukia Nakadama. The Campaign that comes with an investment of over \$75 million seeks to continued to support and influence the passing of the end child hunger and malnutrition throughout Uganda. Food and Nutrition Bill to which "leave of parliament The campaign was preceded by regional launches in Mayuge, Nakasongola, Abim and Yumbe amplifying the ongoing call to end malnutrition & hunger.

#### ii) Strengthened child participation & Influence

WVU mobilized and facilitated children to meaningfully influence advocacy forums at local and national levels. Children advocated for school feeding, instructional learning materials, safe learning environment, access to quality health care and food security. This was during the nutrition week, day of the African child, National Children's Parliament, World Refugee Day, High Level Vi) Strengthened staff & partner capacities in advocacy Dialogue on education among others.

#### iii) Influenced policy changes

Collaborating with partners at local and national level, advocacy. The practical skills gained in budget analysis we successfully influenced 19 policy changes relating to budget allocation, adoption and implementation of strategies and policies were registered. Empowering communities to advocate Leveraging our Citizen Voice and Action Model, WVU continued to empower and facilitate communities to advocate for improved service delivery. 44 (96%) area programmes supported communities to advocate for improved services in in health, education, child protection, and livelihood sectors.

with MoGLSD, UNICEF and partners which resulted into a commitment to orient INGOS and Ministry of Gender structures on Child wellbeing Management Information System. And revision of child participation guide In addition, WVU facilitated the development of the joint 3-year strategy that was launched in November 2024 We also secured an MoU with the Uganda Parliamentary On August 21 2024, World Vision Uganda launched the Alliance on Food and Nutrition Security aimed at promoting food and nutrition security through legal reforms and financing in Uganda. Together we have "was granted to the mover and consultations are

#### East Africa Regional Advocacy Forum

Hosted a regional Advocacy Forum which focused on building capacity, exchanging skills and knowledge to align our advocacy with regional outcomes. The Forum brought together 32 participants from World Vision global centre, European Union, East African Region, Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Burundi.

WVU in partnership with Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group trained 82 staff and 16 Partners for Resilience and Livelihoods and Child Protection in budget and tracking will guide and shape budget discussions in local governments where WVU operates.



#### Parents Build 12 Teachers' Houses In Kole

Kole District have constructed 12 teachers' houses, significantly improving learning conditions at the only inclusive school in the area.

Located in Aboke Town Council, Wigua Primary School serves both children with and without disabilities. It also receives special needs learners from neighboring needs. All special needs learners now board at the districts such as Oyam, Lira, and Alebtong. However, for years the school struggled with challenges including lack of staff accommodation, unreliable electricity and water, and limited support for learners with special needs.

Thanks to efforts by the parents and support from local to improve service delivery. authorities, these challenges are being addressed Over the past six years, parents, trained under the Citizen Voice Aaction model, mobilised resources to build 12 houses for teachers. In 2022, Kole District Local Government added a twin house after receiving a to address them," Edyangu said. formal request from the school and parents.

"Today, 18 out of our 31 teachers live at the school," said Lawrence Olet, the school's headteacher.

"This has improved teacher presence and support, especially for children with special needs who now receive close attention even outside class hours." Among the beneficiaries is 14-year-old Penina Among, a Primary Six pupil, who said the increased availability of teachers has helped her and others improve in their

"In the past, teachers would leave immediately after lessons. We had no chance to ask questions or revise together. Now, most of them live here and we can consult them any time," she said.

Teacher Maxwell Otyek echoed similar sentiments, Parents of learners at Wigua Primary School in noting that having teachers reside at the school has allowed them to offer remedial lessons and support to struggling learners.

> The impact is evident. Learner enrolment has increased from 1,200 in 2018 to over 1,690 in 2024—a 29% rise. Of these, 821 are girls, and 201 are children with special school in facilities built with support from their parents.

> According to Edyangu Alfred, Programme Coordinator for World Vision Uganda in Aboke, the transformation at Wigua demonstrates the success of the CVA approach in empowering communities to work with government

> "What we're witnessing is a powerful example of citizenled development. The community identified the gaps, advocated for solutions, and worked with government

> For learners like Penina, these changes bring hope. "Our school is better now. I believe our performance in national and school-based assessments will also improve," she said.





at Wigua, the head teacher says learner enrolment has increased from 1,200 in 2018 to over 1,690 in 2024, contributing to 29% increase in enrolment at the school. Of these, 821 are girls. Out of its total population, 98 boys and 103 girls are children with special needs. "All special needs children live at school. Their parents contributed money for building boarding facilities.

Edvangu Alfred, the Aboke Programme Coordinator, WVU says the positive changes that have happened Increased Enrolment -As a result of these improvements at Wigua Primary School show that CVA's aim of empowering people to improve service delivery in partnership with the government has been realized. Penina says the changes that have occurred at the school have significantly improved the learning environment. "We hope this is going to improve our performance in national and school-based assessments.



### **KEYHIGHLIGHTS**

In FY24, World Vision Uganda proudly hosted 153 sponsors, showcasing the tra ansformative impact of child sponsorship on children, families, and communities. We celebrated th of Kiryanga, Kasitu, and Ngogwe APs, while welcoming new growth of spo rship programmes in Mpungwe, Bumanya, Odravu, Dzaipi, and Harugale Busaru APs.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CHILD SPONSORSHIP**

The Community Engagement and Sponsorship households to take an active role in their transformational Project continued to drive transformative change in households, enabling them to care for, protect, and empower 158,258 (49% boys, 51% girls) vulnerable Uganda continues to act as a learning hub for chosen children across 51 Area Programmes.

equipped them to drive transformation through household clusters, community development, and project management activities. For instance, adolescents and adults were empowered with transformative life skills, enabling them to become change agents in their communities. By pursuing this goal, the project aimed to create a lasting impact on the well-being and resilience of vulnerable children, families, and communities.

In FY24, there was a notable increase in household participation and self-efficacy in community child who were trained in the Household Engagement and vulnerable children. Accountability approach. This approach empowers

development journey.

and church partnerships across the World Vision partnership. In the FY, 7,950 Registered Children We closely collaborated with different partners and had an opportunity to choose their own Sponsors and gain age-appropriate life enriching skills through the Chosen initiative. The Chosen approach has attracted considerable attention, prompting numerous partner visits to Uganda to learn from World Vision Uganda's

This knowledge-sharing initiative seeks to extend the Chosen approach to other field offices and enhance World Vision's marketing efforts with churches. By replicating this innovative model, World Vision Uganda aims to expand its impact, strengthen relationships well-being initiatives. This progress was facilitated by between sponsors, registered children, communities, enhancing the capacity of 26,300 staff and partners, and churches, and ultimately improve the lives of more

#### 7,950 Registered Children

had an opportunity to choose their own

of sponsored adults acquired life-sustaining skills

#### 1772 volunteers

were trained in child care and development, management of sponsorship operations and monitoring of registered children

#### 118,649 sponsors

were engaged in different sponsor engagement features and retained with 99% Registered Children accounted for during the Annual Progress Report-

#### 10,292 young adults

acquired marketable vocational skills for self

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acquired marketable vocational skills for self sustenance

A total of

158,258

registered children actively participated in various age-appropriate activities during the Child Development and Participation Centres.

#### 11,269

community stakeholders and partners convened quarterly to discuss and address child wellbeing issues identified during each monitoring cycle of 158,258 registered children.



In FY 24, we continued to build strategic and deliberate result bound faith partnership for child well-being and ensured that staff and communities we serve are spiritually nurtured. Faith and Development models and approaches continued to be integrated into technical and grants programming in an aligned manner.

We collaborated with churches, faith leaders and faith-based organizations to enhance child well-being and strengthened interfaith engagements and collaboration with key external bodies for increased influence, impact and income. We directly worked with over 1,520 faith leaders in delivering spiritual nurture of children interventions, positive parenting and community mindset change and community transformation initiatives. There are critical community power gate holders and influencers and so they are vital stakeholders in community mobilization, mindset and behavioural change as well as community socioeconomic transformation projects.

We onboarded three new partnerships with the biggest churches in Northern Uganda and West Nile, that is, the Dioceses of Madi Wet Nile and Arua Diocese both spanning a geographical area of over 11 districts. We also concluded an agreement with Lugbara Kari cultural Union, the biggest and most influential cultural institution in West Nile. These partnerships were intended to build deeper synergy on delivering interventions to increase child wellbeing outcomes on ending violence against children through promotion of positive attitudes, norms and practices among others.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

We equipped over

#### 4,000 parents

and caregivers with positive parenting skills for them to be able to empower their children on their journey of growth while preventing violence against them.

# Over 1,860 community

interventions were delivered through the new faith partnerships.

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1,520

faith leaders in delivering spiritual nurture of children interventions, positive parenting and community mindset change and community transformation initiatives.

# 42,600 children

were impacted and had their lives transformed through these interventions including refugee children and over **81,590** parents demonstrated increased knowledge in positive discipline and other child protection related issues.

#### **Over 350**

girls in Mabale Islamic School in Kamwenge District, formerly at risk of dropping out of school and a compromised reproductive health because of lack of a girl friendly latrine got increased confidence in pursuing their education and freedom to live positively as girls in a more conducive learning environment.

Over 1,860

community interventions were delivered through the new faith partnerships.

# Over 55,900

households demonstrated a positive mindset change in their interactions, strategic and productive choices particularly in resilience and livelihoods.



#### Raising Spiritual Children.

At Kaleire Primary School in Kalongo Sub- County, Nakasongola district, the spiritual Nurture club plays a key role in the shaping of its members' character and aspirations.

The club provides the pupils with an environment where they develop their spiritual lives through activities such as Bible study, praise and worship, and quite reflection.

Beyond faith, members also gain essential life skills and values including leadership, obedience, discipline and empathy. The club has 50 members who meet once a week after class to discuss issues affecting them.

Kellen Nankunda is 14, is a member of the club. Her participation in Spiritual Nurture has taught her love and responsibility. "The Spiritual Nurture club has taught me how to care for others," she says.

Before I joined Spiritual Nurture, I only thought about myself at school. I was self –centered. Now, I have a real interest in others. If I find a young pupil crying, I ask them what the problem is. I want to be a community worker, work in World Vision, and help People."

Tayebwa, a 13 –year-old pupil in primary five, dreams of becoming a lawyer. Through his involvement in spiritual Nurture, He has learned to read and interpret Bible verses and learnt lessons on Forgiveness.

"My favorite story in the Bible is the story of Joseph who forgave his jealous brothers who sold him into slavery, he says. The teachings from the club have helped me to understand the importance of Honesty. I want to be a lawyer to ensure that justice is served, he shares."

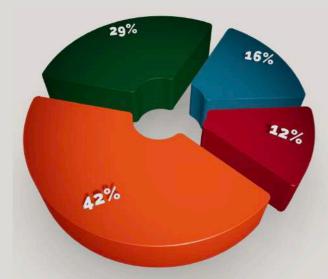
Benon Habimana, the school head-teacher prides in the Child protection interventions of World Vision Uganda. He says the training of teachers and parents on the dangers of corporal punishment, violence and child labor has reduced the cases of violence against children in schools and homes

"Children's parliament has helped our learners to express themselves, gain confidence and report child abuse cases, he says.



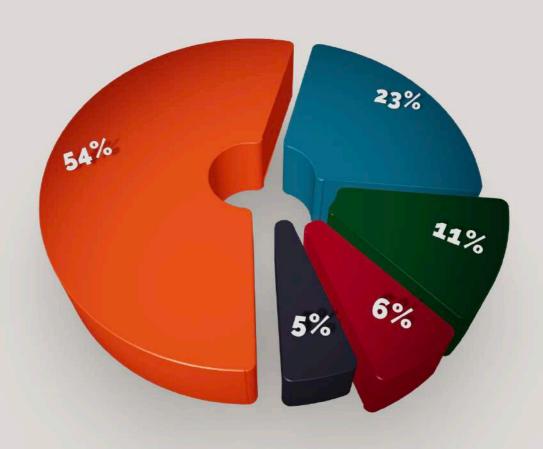
# FY24 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### **FY24 INCOME RESOURCE (CASH & NON CASH)**



Resource Type	Budget (USD)
C-Sponsorship	29,751,141
Private Non Sponsorship	11,630,594
Government & Multilateral Grants	8,616,131
Food + Vouchers (GIK)	20,745,406
Total	70,743,271

# FY24 MINISTRY SPENDING BY SECTOR (CASH & NON CASH)



D	Product (UCD)
Resource Type	Budget (USD)
Child Protection	15,217,741
Education	7,638,175
Health	4,277,940
Resilience & Livelihood*	36,426,468
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	3,421,059
Grand Total	66,981,383

<sup>\*</sup> Resilience & Livelihood includes Cash, Food & Vouchers

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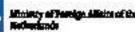




































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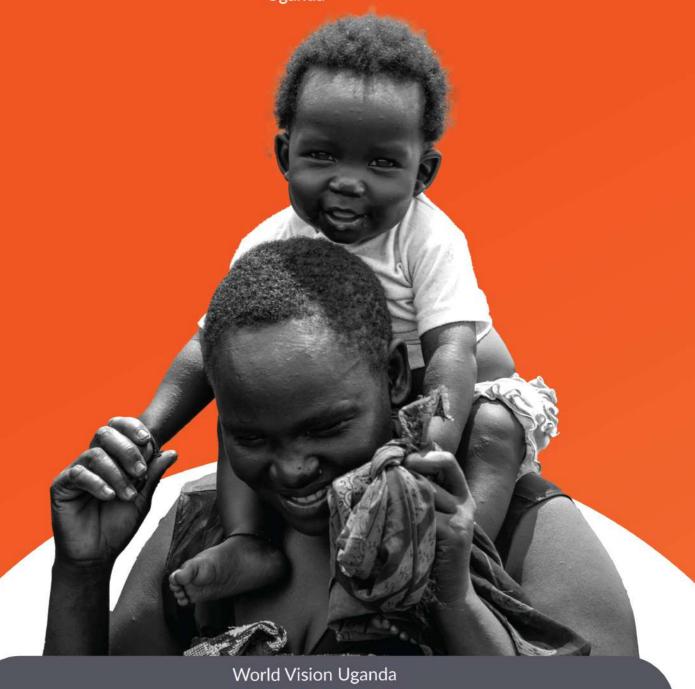






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