



WV Solomon Islands ANNUAL REPORT | 2024

A photograph of a woman with dark skin and hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and a pink patterned scarf. She is holding a baby in her arms. The baby is wearing a pink and green patterned outfit and has its hand near its mouth. They are standing outdoors, and a large black umbrella is held over them. The background is slightly blurred, showing green foliage and a paved area.

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

National Director's foreword

It is with deep gratitude and hope that I present the World Vision Solomon Islands Annual Report for 2024. This past year has brought challenges, new opportunities, and some remarkable stories of transformation.

Across our islands, with the sea as our highway, communities continue to face the far-reaching impacts of climate change, economic pressures, and health vulnerabilities. Yet we have witnessed extraordinary resilience, strength, and unity. At the heart of our work is an unwavering commitment to ensuring every child experiences life in all its fullness.

In 2024, we were proudly appointed the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund, working with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to reduce malaria and tuberculosis across the nation. We also launched a new child sponsorship pilot in Honiara City – the first of its kind in the Solomon Islands and the first in the Pacific in many years. Known locally as ***lumi Tugeda fo Pikinini*** (meaning “we are working together for the children”), the program marks a significant milestone for World Vision and Solomon Islands.

We expanded our reach across the provinces, working alongside communities, partners, government ministries, and donors to deliver impactful programs in health, WASH, sustainable livelihoods, disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and gender and protection. Our work remained grounded in our Christian faith and guided by a deep commitment to inclusion – with women, youth, and people with disabilities at the centre of our community-led approach. Our partnerships with churches and our growing network of faith leaders continued to be vital in this journey.

We were honoured to host visits from our Support Offices – WV Ireland, WV Australia, WV New Zealand, and WV US – and to take donors including USAID, DFAT, MFAT, and the UN agencies into the field to witness their impact firsthand.

This report reflects the impact of our shared efforts – driven by the passion of our staff, the trust of our communities, and the generosity of our partners and donors. To each of you, thank you.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to walking alongside the government and people of Solomon Islands – especially the most vulnerable children – to build a future that is just, peaceful, and full of opportunity.

Together, we will continue to create lasting change.



Jimmy Nadapdap
WVSI National Director

WHO WE ARE

World Vision Solomon Islands is a member of World Vision International, working to contribute to a world where every child experiences Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness. World Vision has been operating in Solomon Islands since 1983, and we currently have a team of 118 staff working across six Provinces as well as in Honiara City.

Our 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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Program Offices in: Honiara City; and Malaita, Makira, Central Islands, Temotu, Renbel and Guadalcanal Provinces

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Technical Sectors

118

Staff -
95% national Solomon Islanders

WE STRIVE FOR IMPACT

National Reach



18%

Coverage of Solomon Islands (direct and indirect)



102+

Communities where WVSI has programming



12,915+

Families directly impacted



66,990+

Children directly and indirectly impacted



79+

Faith Leaders directly impacted

People Reached by Sector



25,796+ families

Inclusive WASH



202+ families

Health



12,193+ families

Climate Resilient Livelihoods



4,050+ families

Disaster Preparedness and Climate Change



5,389+ families

Ending Violence



2,416+ families

Faith & Development



WE ARE CHRISTIAN

World Vision Solomon Islands (WVSI) deepened its partnerships with faith communities to promote social cohesion, gender equality, child protection, and family well-being through its Faith and Development (F&D) programming with support for WVUS.

Grounded in the conviction that churches and faith leaders are vital agents of positive change, the program reached 377 direct participants and over 700 indirect participants, including children, parents, and faith leaders.

The program used:

- Channels of Hope for Gender, which enhances faith leaders understanding of gender norms, power dynamics, and their pastoral role in promoting safer communities;
- “Becoming One” model, which focuses on respectful relationships and marital communication; and
- Gudfala Laef (Good Life for Boys and Girls) Sunday/Sabbath School program, implemented with faith-based educators and adapted for use in safe houses like the Malaita Christian Care Centre.

A significant milestone this year was the renewed signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with three major church bodies: the Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA), the Solomon Islands Full Gospel Association (SIFGA), and the Salvation Army. This partnership formalizes collaborative action on issues such as gender-based violence and child safeguarding.

Faith and Development messages were also integrated into other WVSI projects. For example, in the UN-Habitat WASH project, faith leaders were engaged to promote safe hygiene practices and emphasize the dignity of children, especially girls, in accessing clean water and sanitation.

One of the most powerful outcomes was shared by 16-year-old Elizabeth from the Salvation Army, who credited the Gudfala Laef program with helping her build confidence and leadership skills in both church and school.

Through collaborative action with churches and faith leaders, WVSI continues to amplify faith as a driver of transformation, working to build peaceful families and communities where every child can thrive.



Gudfala Laef Sunday/Sabbath School Program

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE MOST VULNERABLE

We are a child-focussed organization committed to evidence-based approaches that promote the well-being and dignity of every child.

Our work includes bold initiatives like the **Make it 18** campaign - a national effort to raise the legal age of marriage to 18. This movement uplifts children's voices, particularly girls, and seeks to reform Solomon Islands laws in line with global child protection standards.



Drawing on our technical expertise and trusted community presence, we conducted child-focussed research looking at hunger and climate change.



We are working to shape a Solomon Islands where children are safe, heard, and able to flourish.

CHILDREN'S VOICES GUIDE OUR WORK

“

I am afraid of the future because if the flooding continues, we will not have enough land for our gardens

- 14 year-old boy

”

“

I believe it's crucial for all governments to work together to create policies that prevent developments that could worsen climate change.

- 12 year-old girl

”

“

Most children did not know they are considered children up to 18 years old.

- child participant, Malaita Province

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“

Children are different from adults because they are immature, depend on their parents, and cannot do chores, make their own decisions or get married.

- child participant, Malaita Province

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106+

Children and young people actively participated in research on climate change and hunger and on early marriage (Make It 18)



838+

Children accessed gender equality and child protection programming



15,100+

Children reached by Water Sanitation, and Hygiene programming.



INCLUSIVE WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

5,200+ families reached by
our Inclusive WASH work
across 100+ communities

Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene remains a critical development challenge in the Solomon Islands. Many rural communities rely on unprotected water sources and lack basic sanitation facilities, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea and typhoid. Geographic isolation, limited infrastructure, and the impacts of climate change - including saltwater intrusion and prolonged droughts - further compound WASH vulnerabilities.

World Vision Solomon Islands works with and through our partners to deliver water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) systems and behaviour change solutions as a vehicle to improve the health and well-being of people, including those most vulnerable.

World Vision Solomon Islands continued to strengthen its commitment to delivering equitable and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services across both rural schools and communities and in informal urban communities. Through close collaboration with government ministries, local authorities, and development partners - including UNICEF, the Provincial Governments, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS), the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM), Honiara City Council, and UN-Habitat - WVSI implemented a series of integrated WASH and community-led total sanitation initiatives that significantly improved access to safe water and sanitation, hygiene practices, and community resilience.



In schools across Guadalcanal, Malaita and Central Islands Provinces, WVSI supported 18 primary schools with child-focused WASH interventions. These efforts included the formation of School WASH Committees and student-led WASH Clubs, both of which were trained and supported to champion hygiene promotion and positive behaviour change within their school environments.

Through partnership with UNICEF, 11 school toilets were constructed during the year, contributing to improved sanitation infrastructure and safer learning environments. WVSI also piloted Drinking Water Safety and Security Plans in three Central Province schools, supporting teachers to lead initiatives for the long-term management of safe drinking water systems. At the community level, WVSI remained a key contributor to the Malaita Provincial No Open Defecation (NOD) Plan, using the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) model to support villages to achieve

Open Defecation Free (ODF) status - transforming public health and dignity in some of the country's most underserved areas. Under WVSI support, 42 communities have been given No Open Defecation status.

Another of our programs focused on five informal settlements in Honiara: Ontong Java (Lord Howe), Fishing Village, Aekafo-Feraladoa, Wind Valley and Jabros. A total of 15 rainwater harvesting tanks were installed across these communities to improve access to safe drinking water in areas that are not served by the city's piped water network. Site selection and construction were carried out in close coordination with community leaders and supported by RWASH technical officers from the Ministry of Health, ensuring that all installations met government standards and environmental safeguards.

To ensure sustainability, WVSI worked with community-based committees to deliver training on asset maintenance, financial planning, and WASH-related by-laws.

OUR RESULTS



25,796

people supported with WASH programming - access to cleaned water, improved sanitation and hygiene



4734

children served and reached with hygiene promotion



137

WASH committees trained across 4 Provinces and in Honiara City with **763** members



5,638

people trained in health and hygiene in schools



24

school facilities have received improved sanitation and hygiene solutions



HEALTH

160 families reached by
our Health work

The Solomon Islands faces significant and complex health challenges. Its dispersed island geography combined with limited transport infrastructure, poses serious barriers to accessing health services, especially for remote and rural communities. Health facilities are often under-resourced, and many communities experience long delays in receiving essential supplies and support. These conditions contribute to the continued prevalence of preventable diseases and poor health outcomes, particularly among children and women.



WVSI implemented a targeted immunisation demand-generation initiative in partnership with MHMS, Burnet Institute and GAVI. Village Health Committees (VHCs), trained and supported led the change. Each VHC included women, youth, and people with disabilities, and carried out door-to-door immunisation awareness and community outreach. Focus Group Discussions showed marked improvement in community understanding of 'baby nilla' (child immunisation). Community trust and peer-led messaging were central to success, with participants reporting an increased sense of ownership and understanding of vaccination benefits. However, challenges such as poor clinic access, cost of transport, and misinformation persisted - especially in urban settings where community cohesion is weaker. One significant insight was that knowledge alone was not enough - proximity of services and confidence in safety remained key determinants of behaviour for the take-up of immunizations.

A School Health and Hygiene Project was implemented in rural schools across Guadalcanal Province with support from the NBSI Health and Welfare Trust. The project aimed to improve menstrual hygiene management (MHM) and reduce the education gap caused by period-related absenteeism. MHM awareness sessions reaching 95% of surveyed female students, and locally-produced Kaleko Steifre were distributed to schoolgirls. The project also supported with the installation of disposal bins and improved toilets in the schools.

World Vision Solomon Islands was appointed as the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund working together with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to reduce the burden of malaria and tuberculosis across the country.



OUR RESULTS



49+

children reached through
immunisation outreach



95%

girls reporting better
understanding of MHM



40+

trained Village Health Committee
members

CLIMATE RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

12,193 people reached
by our CRL work across
30+ communities



The Solomon Islands is a disaster-prone country, with communities facing increasing exposure to natural disasters, flooding, sea-level rise, and other climate-related hazards. Yet, there are few formal safety nets in place to support families when their livelihoods are disrupted by climate shocks. The majority of Solomon Islanders depend on agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and informal income-generating activities for their daily survival, with limited access to formal employment or financial services.

Against this backdrop, WVS's Climate Resilient Livelihoods work is building pathways for families to become more self-reliant and better prepared for future shocks. Through a portfolio of integrated programs, we support communities to strengthen household resilience by promoting small training and business development, especially among youth and women, delivering financial literacy and savings for transformation (S4T) to increase household savings and provide access to loans to reduce vulnerability. We have introduced climate-smart agriculture and fisheries to improve food security and sustainable income.

These community-based initiatives, built around Savings and Producer Groups (SPGs), have successfully combined financial literacy, inclusive governance, market access, and climate-resilient production to strengthen economic and social resilience in rural communities.



part of the coconut oil production process

- Over 60% of project participants were women.
- Participants reported an average 76.4% increase in their income
- 64% of Saving and Producer Group (SPG) leaders were women; and
- 64.4% of SPGs secured agreements with regular produce buyers

OUR RESULTS



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CLIMATE CHANGE

4,050 people and their families reached by our Disaster Preparedness and Climate Adaptation work across 25+ communities

Solomon Islands is one of the most at risk countries to natural disasters and extreme weather events associated with the impacts of climate change. Since 1993, sea levels in the country have risen at 7–10 mm/year - nearly three times the global average - leading to erosion and even the loss of entire reef islands, displacing families. Communities face increasing threats: more intense cyclones, storm surges, floods, landslides, and unpredictable weather patterns that damage crops and infrastructure. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) are deeply intertwined. Climate change is raising the frequency and severity of events such as cyclones, floods, droughts, and sea-level rise. An integrated approach builds resilience to both sudden shocks and long-term trends. Solomon Islands policy frameworks are increasingly linking DRR and CCA, working toward a national resilient development strategy aligned with the Pacific Regional Framework.

World Vision Solomon Islands (WVSI) plays a leading role in strengthening community resilience to disasters through inclusive and locally led disaster risk reduction (DRR) initiatives. Working closely with national and provincial disaster offices, local authorities, and community-based organizations, WVSI equips vulnerable communities—particularly in remote and hazard-prone areas—with the tools, training, and resources needed to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural hazards and climate-related shocks.

Our approach is community-driven and inclusive. We support the formation and training of Village Disaster and Climate Risk Committees (VDCRCs), facilitate the development of community disaster action plans, and promote accessible early warning systems. Through education and awareness on gender equality, disability inclusion, and gender-based violence (GBV), we ensure DRR efforts protect and empower everyone, especially women, children, and persons with disabilities.

World Vision Solomon Islands reached over 4,050

community members across Temotu, Renbel, Guadalcanal, and Makira Provinces, with 51% of participants being women. Through integrated programming we strengthened local preparedness, adaptation, and inclusion outcomes.

Our climate-smart agriculture programming delivered 10 demonstration gardens, and trained 620 individuals in soil management and crop diversification - improving food security and generating income. Our commitment to inclusion was evident through GEDSI awareness training, which reached 240 individuals. Post-training evaluations revealed that 80% of participants gained new understanding of gender-based violence and inclusive DRR principles, with half of male participants pledging to support women and girls' participation in leadership and decision-making.

Together with government partners we are advancing a vision where every community - especially the most vulnerable - is better equipped to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.



OUR RESULTS



15

communities have planned and implemented effective, inclusive, and integrated disaster preparedness plans



275

Community Disaster Climate Change Committee members received training



16

number of public awareness and simulations exercises conducted



1158

people trained in disaster preparedness, risk reduction and management

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CLIMATE CHANGE

World Vision Solomon Islands is implementing a Climate Resilient by Nature project in Makira and Malaita Provinces, using Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) as a low-cost, community-led approach to restore degraded landscapes, improve food security, and build climate resilience. Through FMNR, communities are empowered to regenerate native trees and vegetation from existing root systems, stumps, or seeds in the soil-reviving biodiversity, enhancing soil fertility, and increasing crop yields.

The project has supported with:

- **8ha** of forest and mangrove restored; and
- **45,000** mangrove trees planted.



Ben Ofasiri resides with his family in Matakwalao, a small coastal community situated in Sulagwalu village, North Malaita. Ben is a married man with four children (two daughters and two sons). As a primary earner, he supports his family's needs alongside his wife through his profession as a farmer.

Much of his time is devoted to his duties at the mangrove site and his food garden. Ben has emerged as **a champion in mangrove restoration work**, a field in which he has developed significant expertise.

Given his physical condition, Ben could have easily given up or chosen to prioritize other activities that might provide financial support for himself and his family. However, his true passion lies in enhancing ecosystem resilience and promoting environmental health. Moreover, the introduction of World Vision's support has led to a substantial improvement in the survival rates of these mangroves.



The health status of mangrove ecosystem at Sulagwalu is increasingly declining as threatened by climate change and human activities. Rising sea levels intensify coastal erosion and inundation, compromising the habitat's integrity. Human activities, including deforestation and coastal development, worsen these pressures, amplifying habitat degradation.

The introduction of the Nature-based Solutions through Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (NbS-FMNR) project has yielded positive outcomes for Ben in terms of capacity building and inclusion in decision-making bodies.

Equipped with the significant skills and knowledge acquired from the NbS-FMNR training and awareness programs, Ben successfully applied these lessons to enhance his work on mangrove restoration. Since the project's introduction to Ben and his group, no deaths have been reported among the newly planted mangroves, and there has been a substantial expansion of restoration sites.

Furthermore, activities such as the illegal cutting of trees by intruders from neighboring communities have ceased entirely. Additionally, Ben's group has recently ceased the removal of naturally growing trees to facilitate mangrove planting.

Nature-based Solutions initiatives, such as FMNR mangrove restoration efforts, have shown to be effective in restoring biodiversity, nutrient availability, and habitat conditions. In Sulagwalu, Ben reported an observed **increase in the mud crab population** in the area. Additionally, his group noted **regular mass movements of fish within the mangrove habitat**.



Ben Ofasiri



Ben tending his
mangrove nursery

GENDER & PROTECTION

5,389 people and families reached by our gender and protection work across 30+ communities

Solomon Islands has some of the highest rates of violence against women and children in the world. Studies show that around two in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. According to Save the Children's Pacific Regional Child Protection Situational Analysis (2023), over 80% of children in Solomon Islands experience violent discipline at home, including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Consistent exposure to violence in the home has severe impacts on the long-term well-being and vulnerability of children, increasing the likelihood that the children will use violence or experience violence in the future - perpetuating an intergenerational cycle of violence. World Vision Solomon Islands.



In the Solomon Islands, World Vision is championing child protection and gender equality through a multi-pronged approach that combines community empowerment, legislative advocacy, faith-based partnerships, and youth-led initiatives. Across its programming World Vision is transforming norms, strengthening protection systems, and building inclusive communities where children and women are safe, valued, and heard.

Some key outcomes have seen the increase in child-led risk identification and action, such as addressing dangerous road conditions and community water issues, demonstrating children's growing role in shaping safer environments.

Some young women have emerged as Child Protection and Advocacy focal points, leading training sessions and advocating for change at the community level. And in our gender and protection programming 100% of trained (male) leaders now actively include youth and women in decision-making processes, institutionalising inclusivity within community governance.

WVSI continues to be an active member of SafeNet, the national Gender-Based Violence (GBV) referral network that brings together government agencies, civil society organisations, and faith-based service providers to ensure a coordinated, survivor-centred response to GBV and child protection.



OUR RESULTS

77

Ward Development Committees and Community Governance Councils trained on on inclusive, child-safe planning

20

Child Protection and Advocacy Committees are now actively coordinating child protection and advocacy efforts

15

15 communities have functional child protection bylaws now in place, contributing to community-wide norms change



WE VALUE PEOPLE

We regard all people as
created and loved by
God

We practice a
participative, open,
enabling style in working
relationships

WE ARE STEWARDS

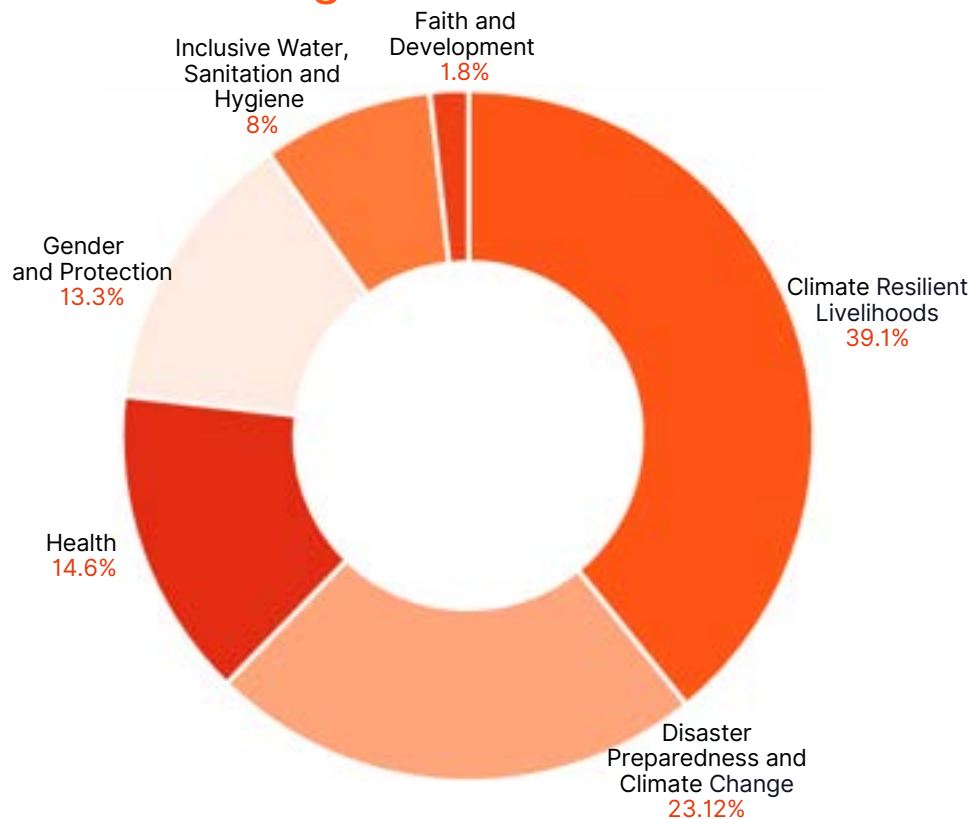
As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24), World Vision Solomon Islands continues to demonstrate strong and consistent growth in both our budget pipeline and expenditure – a positive trend sustained since 2020.

In FY24, we strategically prioritised key sectors strategically aligned with community needs and national priorities. Health emerged as a central focus, marked by our appointment as the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund in Solomon Islands – a historic milestone for WVSI. Climate change and resilient livelihoods also attracted significant investment, underscoring our commitment to sustainable development in the face of increasing environmental and economic pressures.

Our dedication to transparency, accountability, and good stewardship was reinforced through multiple external audits and donor-led spot checks, all of which reported no significant adverse findings.

These results reflect our careful financial management and, more importantly, our steadfast commitment to delivering transformative outcomes for children, families, and communities across Solomon Islands.

Sector Funding



OUR DONORS



NBSI Health and Welfare Trust



World Vision Solomon Islands is deeply grateful for the ongoing financial and technical support from our World Vision partners in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Ireland, and Korea - and to the people and private donors in those countries who make this work possible.

WE ARE PARTNERS



World Vision Solomon Islands stands by the government of Solomon Islands through genuine partnership with both national and provincial offices, supporting their national development goals. While we work across many ministries and departments, we give special thanks to the Ministry of Health and Medical Services; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology; Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock; Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; Ministry of Forestry and Research; and the Provincial Governments of Malaita, Guadalcanal, Makira and Central Islands, as well as Honiara City Council for close collaboration and sharing of knowledge and information in carrying out God's work.

WVSI is proud to partner with Kastom Gaden Association (KGA), a leading local organisation promoting food security, traditional agriculture, and sustainable livelihoods. Together, we are supporting communities to strengthen climate-resilient farming practices, revive traditional knowledge, and improve household nutrition through the use of locally available crops.



WVSI is honoured to partner with the Mothers' Union, a respected faith-based organisation with deep roots in communities across the country. Through this partnership, we are working together to strengthen family and community resilience, promote positive parenting, and advance child protection. By building on the Mothers' Union's trusted presence and influence, we are amplifying faith-led action to support the well-being of children and families.

We work in close partnership with the Burnet Institute to strengthen immunisation coverage and build the capacity of frontline health workers across the country. This collaboration focuses on training and supporting Village Health Workers, who are essential in reaching remote communities with health education creating demand for life-saving vaccines.



WVSI is working in close partnership with RMIT University on a joint initiative funded by UN-Habitat, focused on community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) and resilient water systems. This collaboration combines local knowledge and community engagement with technical expertise and research, strengthening the capacity of communities to plan for, respond to, and recover from climate-related hazards.



Partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) in the community: MAL trainer teaching soil composting process and correct mixing ratios

Alliance



World Vision partners with Alliance to continually contribute to the pool of evidence in the Pacific, particularly in nutrition and agricultural practices.

we are responsive



47,630 people and
their families

supported through World Vision Solomon
Islands **programming** in six of the nine
Provinces plus Honiara City



25,796 people
and their families

supported **with access to clean
water and better hygiene practices**,
including in 24 **schools**



22,330
children

reached **across all WVSI**
programming



2,009
children

children reached with faith-
based and gender programming,
and child protection messaging
and advocacy



298
children

participated in Farmer
Managed Natural
Regeneration practical
activities



125% rise

in **ownership of
chickens**; and crop
diversity **improved** from
an **average of 3.8 to 4.9**
crops per household



2,859
people

were members of savings
for transformation groups,
with 94.5% saving regularly
- and saved some **SBD 1.2**
million



'Make It 18'

advocacy action undertaken
by WVSI and coalition
partners, **campaigning for**
an increase in the age of
marriage from 15 to 18



500 hectares

of **forest protected** under
community-led
conservation



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.



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