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*In a world of plenty, every child
should have **ENOUGH** food!*

Advisory Council Chair Remarks

On behalf of the World Vision Zimbabwe (WVZ) Advisory Council, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your valued contribution and support to the vulnerable children of Zimbabwe and their communities through the work of our organisation. This past year has been one of significant change, yet we continued to make strong progress toward achieving our 2025 objectives. Through impactful interventions delivered across the nation—in close collaboration with the Government of Zimbabwe, as well as our donors, stakeholders, and partners—we advanced our mission and strengthened our collective impact. I am also encouraged and prayerful that the challenges faced thus far have only strengthened our resolve and positioned us well as we prepare for WVZ's next chapter.

At the start of the year, WVZ launched the ENOUGH Campaign, building on its global introduction in 2024. The campaign seeks to ensure that hungry and malnourished children are made visible, their voices heard, and their needs prioritized in both policy and funding decisions. Through this initiative, WVZ is working to guarantee that children are better fed, properly nourished, and more resilient, laying the foundation for healthier futures. In Zimbabwe, the campaign focuses on nutrition and food security-related policy change, pushing for implementation of strategies that tackle hunger and malnutrition with a special emphasis on school meals. The rationale is clear: hunger is a key driver of school dropouts, child marriage, and teenage pregnancy. By ensuring that children consume nutritious food provided ethically, sustainably, and as locally as possible, the campaign aims to break the cycle of intergenerational hunger and malnutrition. Among other achievements, WVZ successfully conducted child-led school meals research to understand children lived experiences with school feeding programs, identify gaps, and gather their recommendations for improvement.

World Vision Zimbabwe was honoured to host the All-Africa WASH Forum during the year. The gathering in Victoria Falls provided a valuable platform for World Vision Field Offices from across the continent to collectively chart a path towards delivering adaptive and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene solutions for a healthier Africa. The forum also offered participants the opportunity to visit selected project sites, fostering shared learning and the

exchange of practical solutions. These experiences strengthened programme implementation and reinforced the collective commitment to advancing WASH outcomes across the region.

Also in the year, and in recognition of its impact and leadership, World Vision Zimbabwe was honoured at the 2025 Director of the Year Awards (DOYA) by the Institute of Directors Zimbabwe (IODZ), receiving the Country Director of the Year Award in the Non-Governmental and Civil Society Organisations category. In addition, the organisation was recognised for Best NGO Work in Manicaland Province, affirming the effectiveness and accountability of our programming.

As we continue to enhance our governance in World Vision Zimbabwe, I am delighted to welcome Mr Tafireyi Nyamazana who has over 25 years' experience in Governance, Strategy, Risk, Audit & Compliance to the WVZ Advisory Council, bringing valuable expertise and fresh perspectives to our mission. At the same time, as she exits, we extend our deepest gratitude to Prof. Marvelous Mhloyi who joined WVZ Advisory Council in February 2016 for her outstanding service and unwavering commitment, which has significantly advanced our organization's goals.

As we reflect on the achievements of FY25, we acknowledge the Lord's faithfulness, evidenced through increased donor and partner engagement that yielded positive outcomes despite a shrinking global funding environment. On behalf of the Advisory Council, I commend the leadership and staff of World Vision Zimbabwe for their continued dedication and commitment to serving children and communities. We remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support from our Support Offices, donors, partners, the Government of Zimbabwe, and, most importantly, the children, families and communities that we serve.



Dr. Tafadzwa Matsika
World Vision Zimbabwe
Advisory Council Chair

National Director's Foreword

Looking back on the year 2025, one of the most difficult years ever experienced by the humanitarian sector, I reflect on the difficult conversations we had, shrinking resources and a year where our desire/vision for the vulnerable and what we may be able to deliver in the long run remained uncertain. Amidst these and other numerous humanitarian challenges, our vision “for every child, life in all its fullness”; and our prayer “for every heart, the will to make it so” has never been more crucial.

Despite this background and in alignment with the WVZ Strategy for 2021-2025, I am happy to report that World Vision Zimbabwe made tremendous progress in improving the wellbeing of children and families in vulnerable communities. The organisation's dedication towards improving the wellbeing of those in greatest need was demonstrated by the over 980,000 vulnerable children impacted by World Vision's work, a significant increase from 569,742 in the previous year. These children, their families and communities' boast of improved lives through the hard work of our staff, the generous support of our donors and strength of our partnerships.

The WVZ Sponsorship portfolio recorded significant growth in the year, with 12 Area Programs (APs) expanding their coverage and 13,000 newly Registered Children (RC) added, bringing the total to 90,999 RCs from 63,275 RCs in FY24. This growth in RC commitments by our Support Offices and acquisition of new sponsors translates to increased Sponsorship funding which is critical for sustaining World Vision's work and driving impact in APs. WVZ Sponsorship operations also delivered exceptional results, surpassing global standards in key performance areas- submissions reached 94%, exceeding the global benchmark of 90%. This achievement means there was timely and meaningful sponsor-child engagement, –

strengthening relationships in compliance with partnership requirements.

In October, WVZ conducted a strategy refresh validations meeting in which government ministries, INGOs, local NGOs, Support Office representatives and community representatives were key participants. The session reviewed progress and lessons from the 2021–2025 Strategy, aligned priorities, and reinforced WVZ's role as a convenor committed to deepening partnerships. This collaborative approach lays the foundation for the 2026-2030 strategic phase, positioning WVZ to address emerging challenges and enhance child well-being, with sponsorship growth as a key focus.

Zimbabwe continues to recover from the effects of the El Niño-induced drought, but we give thanks to God for the improved rainfall received across much of the country and pray for a bumper harvest that will strengthen household resilience, improve child wellbeing, and reduce malnutrition.

As we look ahead to 2026, I extend my sincere appreciation to our advisory council, senior leadership team and staff for their commitment in a challenging context, and to our Support Offices, partners, the Government of Zimbabwe, and the communities we serve. With God's guidance, we remain resolute in our calling to improve the lives of children and communities across all ten provinces of Zimbabwe.



Assan Golowa
World Vision Zimbabwe
National Director

National Summary

World Vision Zimbabwe (WVZ) prioritises five core programme sectors: Education and Life Skills; Health and Nutrition; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Livelihoods, Resilience and Climate Change; and Food Security. Across these sectors, the organisation remains committed to mainstreaming Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Advocacy and child well-being, while delivering Faith and Development programmes that holistically fulfil its ministry. The overarching goal is to empower the most vulnerable children to overcome poverty and experience life in all its fullness.

Zimbabwe's child protection landscape continues to be shaped by economic instability, climate-related shocks and evolving policy priorities, which together heighten risks of abuse, exploitation and neglect for vulnerable children. Persistent inflation has strained social protection systems, while droughts and floods have increased displacement and deepened vulnerabilities, particularly in rural and marginalised communities. Although progress has been made in aligning national frameworks with global child rights commitments, implementation gaps remain, underscoring the need for strengthened, coordinated advocacy and child protection efforts amid ongoing funding constraints. WVZ responds to this context by integrating child protection and advocacy across all its programming.

WVZ implements an integrated programming approach that addresses both children's immediate needs and the broader systems that shape their wellbeing. This includes long-term sponsorship programming, community development initiatives and humanitarian assistance. In addition to life-saving responses,

World Vision prioritises disaster preparedness and Anticipatory Action to enable communities to respond proactively to current and future shocks.

Through these combined efforts, WVZ continues to drive sustainable, positive change for children, families and communities across the country.

In 2025, WVZ reached over 2 million children, supported by 71,073 sponsors from the United States, Germany, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Spain and Switzerland, alongside bilateral and multilateral donors, and through strong collaboration with national and international partners, technical experts and the Government of Zimbabwe.



OUR NATIONAL IMPACT

980,742

CHILDREN REACHED



305,456

CHILDREN REACHED
THROUGH SPONSORSHIP



675,286

CHILDREN REACHED
THROUGH GRANTS

2,544,642

CHILDREN REACHED
THROUGH ADVOCACY



122,522

ADULTS REACHED
THROUGH SPONSORSHIP



375

STAFF



1,740,083
TOTAL NUMBER OF
PEOPLE REACHED



735,707

ADULTS REACHED
THROUGH GRANTS



759,341
TOTAL NUMBER OF
ADULTS REACHED

World Vision Zimbabwe Strategy Map

World Vision will work with children, communities and partners to contribute to the sustained well-being of nearly 2.5 million children

MINISTRY IMPACT

Increase in children protected from infection and diseases (0-5)

Increase in Primary School children who can read

Increase in boys and girls protected from violence

Children report an increased awareness of God's love

MINISTRY FUNDING

Ministry Funding Objective 1
Strengthen capacity for acquisition and management of diverse resources that contribute to strategy

Ministry Funding Objective 2
Improved yield to Ministry

Ministry Funding Objective 3
Demonstrate excellence in accountability

Operational Excellence Objective 1
Strengthening evidence-based programming

Operational Excellence Objective 2
Integrate programs and funding for greater CWB impact

Operational Excellence Objective 3
Strengthening community, church and civil society engagement and build effective

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

PEOPLE, LEARNING AND GROWTH

People, Learning & Growth Objective 1
Attract, Develop, Retain talent and strengthen succession pipeline

People, Learning & Growth Objective 2
Enhance employee experience buttressed with Christian values

People, Learning & Growth Objective 3
Deepen a corporate culture of performance and strategy execution

Education & Life Skills

In 2025, WVZ's Education and Life-skills Technical Programme continued to drive transformative change by promoting equitable access to quality education and improving learning outcomes for vulnerable communities. The programme reached 192,691 children across 18 APs and three grant projects, equipping them with foundational skills essential for breaking cycles of poverty. A major achievement was bridging the digital divide, with 49,444 children gaining access to tablets for learning, significantly enhancing digital literacy and access to modern educational tools.

Infrastructure development remained a priority, resulting in the construction of 40 new classrooms and rehabilitation of 56 classrooms, benefiting 10,566 learners (5,309 boys and 5,257 girls). Teacher development was equally impactful, with 450 educators trained in innovative methodologies, positively influencing learning for over 143,453 children.



Evaluations highlighted a 26.6% improvement in reading proficiency and a 15% reduction in school dropout rates since 2018, underscoring the programme's effectiveness.

Community empowerment complemented these efforts through strengthened governance and accountability in schools. In partnership with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, 58 School Development Committees were trained, while 7,419 community members engaged in education initiatives. Integration with other sectors enhanced sustainability, with 7,465 savings group members and 54 schools participating in income-generating projects, enabling households to better support education. Additionally, 57 piped water schemes were established in schools, improving hygiene and benefiting 23,777 children (11,948 boys and 11,830 girls).

Health & Nutrition

Health and Nutrition interventions were delivered through a combination of sponsorship and grant-funded projects. Six Area Programs including Muzarabani, Mutasa, Matobo, Nkayi, Sikhobokhobo, and Umzingwane implemented targeted health and nutrition initiatives, while several grant-supported projects were also executed under the Technical Programme, including Women at the Center (UNFPA/Takeda funded), Early Life Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases (UNICEF funded), Nourish and Thrive (FAO funded), and Strengthening Health Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Resilience (SHEPRAR) (ADH funded). Together, these interventions contributed to improving the health and nutrition outcomes of children, families, and communities across the supported regions

Health & Nutrition Grant Highlights

Women @ the Centre: UNFPA/TAKEDA Funded

The project focuses on improving access to quality services for GBV survivors, especially the most marginalized, through strengthened case management and systems. In 2025, 8,041 individuals were reached with programs promoting gender-equitable norms, and 10 safe spaces were established in Bubi district, providing psychosocial and economic support to 250 vulnerable women and girls. Additionally, survivor access fees have significantly enhanced access to medical and legal services, enabling survivors to attend court proceedings and increasing the likelihood of justice being served.

Nourish & thrive: Inclusive & Sustainable Nutrition & Livelihoods Initiative

The Nourish & Thrive project, launched in May 2025 in Masvingo and Mwenezi, addresses nutrition and food insecurity caused by the El Niño-induced drought. It focuses on preventing child malnutrition and improving household resilience through MIYCN, social protection, and nutrition-sensitive agriculture. Key achievements include the creation of 131 nutrition care groups, training of 109 Lead Mothers, registration of 4,000 households for agriculture e-vouchers, provision of cash assistance to families with young children, and training of 1,314 farmers. These efforts have improved feeding practices and enabled households to access essential foods, benefiting 845 children in the first cycle.

Early Life Prevention of non-Communicable Diseases Risk Factors & Strengthening Primary Healthcare & Health Systems

The project, implemented in Mutoko, Sanyati, Umguza and Matobo, aims to strengthen MOHCC's capacity for social behavior change on NCDs through peer support, early detection, and health literacy. In FY25, the project established community-level support systems, trained healthcare and village health workers, and conducted school-based screenings and dialogues. School structures were enhanced by training 102 health coordinators, 79 NCD ambassadors, and forming 80 health clubs, which promoted NCD awareness through competitions and peer-led activities.



SHEPRAR II - Strengthening healthy Emergency Preparedness & Response in Zimbabwe

The SHEPRAR II project strengthened Zimbabwe's public health emergency preparedness and cholera response in high-risk districts by improving surveillance, training 365 health workers, equipping 4 laboratories, and establishing 5 Public Health Emergency Operations Centres (PHEOCs). These interventions reduced diagnostic turnaround from over 7 days to 24 hours, improved outbreak coordination, and enhanced community engagement, benefiting over 30,783 people. The PHEOCs enabled rapid activation and decision-making, while laboratory upgrades and trained teams ensured faster detection and containment of cholera and other outbreaks, significantly reducing transmission risks.

Health & Nutrition Operational Area Highlights

Mutasa

The project supported immunization in hard-to-reach areas, vaccinating 1,389 children and providing Vitamin A to 680 children. Through the Care Group Model, 262 Lead Mothers reached 1,310 mothers with positive health and nutrition messages. Construction of the Zindi Maternity Wing, Chinaka Clinic OPD, and Samutete Health Post progressed, set to improve healthcare access for 5,631 children.

Muzarabani

The Kapembere Clinic's new wing was opened, serving 3,200 people, while Utete Clinic reached 75% completion. The program immunized 3,402 under-five and 5,964 under-ten children during a polio campaign, maintaining high coverage. Nutrition interventions included a drip irrigation garden supporting PD Hearth sessions that rehabilitated 34 malnourished children. Malaria case management training enabled treatment of 7,057 cases, including 371 children.

Matobo

Training on disability inclusion was provided to 16 health workers on Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI), alongside 28 stakeholders, strengthening inclusive healthcare services for children and communities. Construction of a maternity waiting home progressed, targeting 460 women. Nutrition support included resuscitating three nutrition gardens serving pregnant women and complementing school feeding programs for 192 girls and 171 boys. Sankonjane Clinic's water scheme was rehabilitated and solarized, improving access to safe water.

Nkayi

Forty-five village health workers were trained on growth monitoring and immunization uptake. Outreach clinics provided vaccinations and health services to remote villages and collaboration with the District Food and Nutrition Sub-Committee reached 3,494 adolescents with health and nutrition information.

Sikhobokhobo

Mentoring sessions for 21 health workers improved management of acute malnutrition. A refresher training on Impact and Young Children Feeding (IYCF) was conducted for 33 village health workers, and 16 school health teachers were trained on health club management and disability inclusion, reaching an estimated 5,112 learners.

Umzingwane

Construction and operationalization of Esibomvu and Nswazi Clinic outpatient departments and waiting mothers' shelters improved healthcare access for 10,548 people. Solar-powered water systems were installed at two clinics, serving over 3,500 people. Twenty-five health workers were trained on disability inclusion, integrating WASH, nutrition, and health interventions for sustainability.

Tshitshi Madabe

The program completed construction of Nguwanyana Clinic, which is now officially open, providing children, pregnant women, and the wider community with improved access to essential health services.

💧 Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Ensuring access to safe water remains a top priority for World Vision Zimbabwe. In our water projects, our goal is to improve sustainable access to safe water and sanitation while promoting better hygiene practices for 400,000 boys and girls.



Some of the World Vision colleagues who attended the All Africa WASH Forum in Victoria Falls listening attentively during a field visit in Hwange

In alignment with the FY21–25 World Vision Global and National WASH Business Plan targets, the ZimWASH program sustained its strong performance in FY25, surpassing its annual goal by reaching 79,622 people with basic drinking water services—a 106% achievement against the target. This success was driven by the deployment of solar-powered piped water systems constructed from productive boreholes and engineered sand abstraction wells, ensuring climate-smart and reliable water supply. A total of 66 solar-powered schemes (63 borehole-based and 3 sand-abstraction-based) were established, complemented by 406 public standpipes, significantly improving water security and resilience for vulnerable communities.

Sanitation and hygiene interventions advanced through a multifaceted approach integrating demand creation, innovative financing, and sustainable service delivery. The Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) model was implemented in four priority districts—Rushinga, Nyanga, Buhera, and Lupane—under the principle of “Sanitation First, then Water,” resulting in Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages and strengthened community ownership of hygiene practices.

Quality assurance remained a cornerstone of the program, with strict adherence to SAZ, ISO, and WHO standards. Pre and post-delivery inspections of WASH materials ensured compliance and water safety, while revised bills of quantities incorporated measures to reduce contamination risks and enhance cost-effectiveness and durability. These efforts collectively improved health outcomes, strengthened resilience, and contributed to sustainable WASH service delivery.



Livelihoods, Resilience & Climate Change

The WVZ Livelihoods Technical Programme partners with vulnerable communities to strengthen household resilience by addressing low income, food insecurity, and disaster vulnerability for 100,000 households. Through improved agricultural production, enhanced productivity, and expanded income-generating opportunities, the programme empowers families to achieve food security and self-sufficiency, enabling parents and caregivers to meet children's health, education, and essential needs.

In FY25, the programme reached 742,698 individuals, including 425,388 children, through economic development and food security interventions. Of these, 16,190 were Registered Children (RCs), representing 43% of children reached through sponsorship programming. Key interventions promoted sustainable agriculture through irrigation development, small grains, and small livestock production.

Under humanitarian interventions, 684,322 individuals, including 367,213 children, received food and cash assistance in response to El Niño-induced disasters. The programme distributed over USD \$4,045,243 and 18,702.98 metric tonnes of food commodities, significantly improving household food security and resilience against disaster-related shocks.

Direct economic empowerment was achieved through Building Secure Livelihoods (BSL) and Savings for Transformation (S4T) models, engaging 167 producer groups in 12 APs in income-generating projects to support child well-being. Additionally, 735 savings groups were supported, with membership growing from 3,827 to 15,884, increasing access to loans and income opportunities. These interventions were complemented by Empowered Worldview (EWV) for mindset and behaviour change, implemented in partnership with 384 faith leaders.

Integration with Education and WASH Technical Programmes enabled school-level income-generating activities and school feeding programmes, contributing to the WV ENOUGH campaign. For example, in Mbire AP, 3,300 children—including 3,005 RCs—benefited from school feeding facilitated by a school irrigation project.

In Mberengwa West AP, context-appropriate IGAs were established at FMNR sites, with five schools supported in mushroom production for community sale and school feeding.



Climate Action and Regreening Progress

In FY25, WVZ scaled Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) and regreening capacity-building to WV staff, Agritex and EMA officials, as well as community cadres. This approach enabled contextualization of the FMNR model and its cascading to community level. Communities established or revived Natural Resources Management (NRM) committees and developed plans to restore degraded land.

Through climate programming, 14,815 individuals were reached, with 7,276 trees planted, 555 hectares restored, and an additional 1,208 hectares under restoration. Key activities included tree, shrub, and grass planting for gully reclamation and soil stabilization, alongside nurturing FMNR plots. Integration with schools further promoted environmental stewardship among children, fostering a culture of sustainability.

Disaster Risk Reduction, Food Assistance & Gift-in-Kind

In FY25, a year in which Zimbabwe face the worst Elnino-induced drought in 40 years, WVZ strengthened humanitarian response and resilience through integrated food and cash assistance, disaster risk reduction, anticipatory action, and Gift-in-Kind (GIK) support, reaching 667,491 vulnerable children and families across multiple districts.

In partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and other humanitarian actors, large-scale food and cash assistance programmes were implemented in districts including Buhera, Mangwe, Gokwe South, Gwanda, Kariba and Epworth. These interventions were supported by regular joint monitoring missions and donor and stakeholder engagements, ensuring strong accountability and learning.

All WFP-supported projects achieved excellent ratings in both mid-term and final evaluations, with no reportable issues identified during compliance audits. Programme Management Indicator Reports recorded 100% Green status for food and cash grants, reflecting strong systems, compliance, and delivery standards.

WVZ also advanced disaster preparedness and anticipatory action, supporting urban and rural resilience initiatives, district risk management planning, and early action pilots implemented in partnership with local and regional actors. Learning and innovation were strengthened through participation in regional platforms and knowledge-sharing fora.

Significant investment was made in emergency readiness and staff

capacity, with 18 staff members completing the Regional Disaster Management Training, including simulation exercises following six months of structured learning.

Through the Gift-in-Kind (GiK) programme, essential relief and recovery items school furniture, solar panels, ceramic tiles, bicycles, medical equipment and supplies were delivered to vulnerable communities, enhancing dignity, protection, and well-being during emergencies and recovery periods.



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✚ Faith & Development

Faith and Development efforts continued to drive community transformation. 2,235 local faith leaders were equipped with Child Protection and Well-being competencies, promoting positive parenting, reducing harmful cultural practices, and fostering mindset change through models such as Empowered Worldview (EWV), Celebrating Families, and Channels of Hope (COH). Additionally, 5 Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) and 47 faith leaders actively supported the ENOUGH Campaign and school feeding programs, ensuring equitable treatment of children.

Community engagement was strengthened through 61 Celebrating Families (CF) parent/guardian support groups, involving 915 trained members, and 740 adolescents across 85 schools participating in EWV projects—20% of whom initiated income-generating activities to fund their education. Overall, 275,582 children were reached through faith-based approaches, marking a 58% increase from FY24 (115,319), largely driven by expanded Spiritual Nurture of Children (SNC) and discipleship initiatives in schools.

These achievements underscore the effectiveness of integrated sponsorship and faith-based strategies in enhancing child well-being and fostering sustainable community transformation.



Bryan, from Evolve Church in Wisconsin, USA poses for a photo with the child that chose him during a Chosen event in Enqameni



Community Engagement & Child Sponsorship

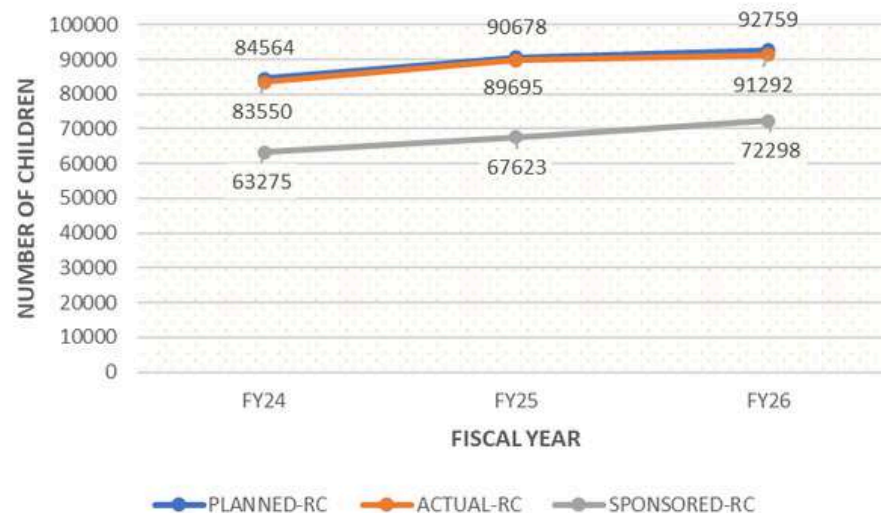
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SPONSORSHIP PLAN

Main Output Indicators	Target	Achieved	% achieved
Total # of registered children (RC) reached by WV programming	90999	91190	100
# of boys and girls reached by (relevant) F&D activities (including spiritual nurture of children).	330 000	275 582	84
Number of faith leaders participating in programming that contributes to improving child well-being	1000	2235	224
Number of children reached by World Vision supported Child protection programming	500 000	980 742	196

In FY25, Sponsorship operations delivered exceptional results, surpassing global standards in key performance areas. Child Expression Worksheet submissions reached 94%, exceeding the global benchmark of 90%. This achievement ensured timely and meaningful sponsor-child engagement, strengthening relationships and maintaining compliance with partnership requirements.

The Sponsorship portfolio recorded significant growth, with 12 Area Programs (APs) expanding and 13,000 new Registered Children (RC) added, bringing the total to 90,999 RCs from 63,275 RCs in FY24. Registered Children (RC) supply management was rated at 99%, reflecting strong operational efficiency. Sponsor acquisition also accelerated through 4 Vision Trips and 16 Chosen events, resulting in 2,180 new sponsorships—1,324 from standard Chosen and 856 from Vision Trips. These initiatives enhanced sponsor engagement and broadened the sponsorship base, contributing to an overall green rating on the Global National Office Dashboard, with Service Operation Indicators (SOI) at 88% and Child Monitoring Standards (CMS) at 97.8%.

RCPMS GROWTH BY YEAR



Advocacy & Child Protection

Zimbabwe's advocacy and child protection environment has been shaped by a complex interplay of socio-economic challenges, climate-related shocks, and evolving policy priorities. Persistent economic instability and high inflation have continued to strain social protection systems, leaving vulnerable children at heightened risk of exploitation, abuse, and neglect. At the same time, climate-induced disasters such as droughts and floods have deepened vulnerabilities, driving displacement and increasing the need for integrated child protection and resilience-building interventions. While the government of Zimbabwe has made good strides in aligning national frameworks with global commitments on child rights, implementation gaps remain, particularly in rural and marginalized communities.

Civil society organizations and development partners have intensified advocacy efforts to strengthen child protection systems, promote digital safety, and ensure that children's voices are represented in policy dialogues, given the US induced funding constraints. This dynamic context underscores the urgency for coordinated action to safeguard children's rights and well-being amid ongoing humanitarian and development challenges.

Despite this, WVZ child-led advocacy drove significant progress in school nutrition and health policies in 2025. Child ambassadors engaged stakeholders through district feedback sessions, radio programs, and parliamentary presentations, calling for expanded school feeding programs and the use of sugar tax revenues for child nutrition. These efforts elevated child hunger in policy and budget discussions, contributing to 1.4 million primary school children now benefiting from school meals, with a goal to reach all 3 million learners by 2025. Additionally, the School Health Policy now covers over 4.7 million learners, promoting holistic child well-being nationwide.

ENOUGH Campaign Launch

Zimbabwe launched the ENOUGH Campaign in February 2025 under the theme "In a World of Plenty every child should have ENOUGH food", the launch of the campaign marked a key milestone in Zimbabwe's commitment to collaborate –

with various stakeholders to end child hunger. The event brought together government ministries, civil society, and private sector stakeholders, with active participation from children who advocated for universal school meals, diversified and locally sourced nutrition, integration of nutrition education, and stronger accountability mechanisms. Their calls highlighted the link between inadequate feeding programs and negative coping strategies such as early marriage and school dropouts. The launch created a platform for intergenerational dialogue and secured commitments from stakeholders. A keynote from the Nutrition Council of Zimbabwe reinforced the campaign's alignment with national priorities and emphasized the need for multi-sectoral collaboration to address hunger and malnutrition. Throughout the year, the organization continued to strengthen partnerships to advance these goals.

African Children's Summit – South Africa

Four children from Zimbabwe participated in the prestigious African Children's Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa. This continental platform serves as a transformative platform for children to lead, influence, and shape discussions and policies addressing their rights and welfare. Anchored in the principles of child participation, inclusion, and empowerment, the summit seeks to advance the goals of key regional and international frameworks such as the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and Agenda 2040: Africa's Agenda for Children. Aiming to amplify children's voices in tackling critical issues, including violence against children, climate change, education disparities, health inequities, and gender-based violence, ensuring their centrality in designing solutions for a better future. Our delegation actively contributed to the development of a children's action plan and policy recommendations aimed at shaping "The Africa Children Want." Their participation amplified Zimbabwean children's voices at regional level and strengthened our commitment to inclusive advocacy.

Impact Story 1

Ending the Wait: How Sanitation Opened Access to Safe Water

Established in 1972, Matargets is a remote settlement in north-eastern Rushinga district, near the Mozambique border. Despite its fertile soils, the community endured decades of water scarcity. Residents relied on unsafe rivers, collapsing boreholes and distant water points—often walking up to 7 km for water. Women spent hours queuing late into the night, while children carried water to school, contributing to absenteeism, poor hygiene and strained family life.

A turning point came in 2022 with the introduction of the Sanitation First approach under the WASH programme. United by the opportunity to secure reliable water, the community committed to ending open defecation. By 2023, Matargets became the first community in the district to achieve ODF status, comprising six villages. Their achievement attracted recognition from visiting World Vision partners, leading to support for a water system.

In 2025, a piped water system with eight taps was installed, benefiting 521 people. The impact has been immediate—time previously spent fetching water is now used for productive activities, school attendance has improved, personal hygiene has increased, and household relationships have strengthened.

“As women, the increase in bathing frequency restored our confidence. Our time is no longer mostly spent on water,” says Fiona (55), a community member.

To sustain these gains, Water Point Management Committees have been trained in operation and maintenance, user fees have been introduced, and accountability systems strengthened to ensure reliable service delivery.

During the reporting period, 79,221 people gained access to basic drinking water services through 66 Water Supply Systems with 406 taps, contributing to improved health, dignity and wellbeing across communities.



Fiona collects water at a water point approximately 40 metres from her household



Impact Story 2

Economic Empowerment in Action: Memory Nyathi's Transformation

Women's economic empowerment initiatives are transforming lives by equipping women and girls with practical skills to actively participate in income-generating activities. Memory, a 42-year-old woman from Gwanda Mzimuni AP, exemplifies this change. She lives with her 15-year-old daughter and three nephews aged 2, 3 and 5, and previously faced economic uncertainty due to her husband's absence while working in Botswana.

Before the SWSW project, Memory relied largely on remittances and seasonal farming, with limited financial independence. This began to change after she participated in Empowered Worldview training, which challenged her perceptions of opportunity and self-worth. Despite initial scepticism, she joined a Savings for Transformation (S4T) group after selling two chickens to raise start-up capital, later becoming the group's secretary. She was also trained as an S4T Agent and introduced to DreamSave, a digital savings platform that improves accuracy and tracking of savings.

Through access to loans and financial literacy training, Memory developed the skills to manage household finances, calculate profits and losses, and invest confidently. She established a mushroom production project at her homestead with technical support from the local agricultural extension officer and later diversified into rabbit rearing, selling mature rabbits for US\$10 each. "I have learned not to rely on seasonal projects alone. With multiple sources of income, I can live a decent life," she says.

The impact extends beyond her household. Memory recruited three other women into mushroom production, contributing to increased output and shared learning. Increased income has enabled her to invest in her daughter's education by enrolling her in a better school outside the community. This reflects a wider shift, as empowered mothers increasingly prioritise girls' education. SWSW surveys further demonstrate this progress, with women's savings increasing from 20.6 per cent at midline to 62.5 per cent at endline.

Even in her husband's absence, Memory now thrives economically, inspiring other women in her community—some of whom have since acquired cattle and hold stock cards in their own names.



Memory displays mushrooms produced from her homestead unit established through Empowered Worldview training.

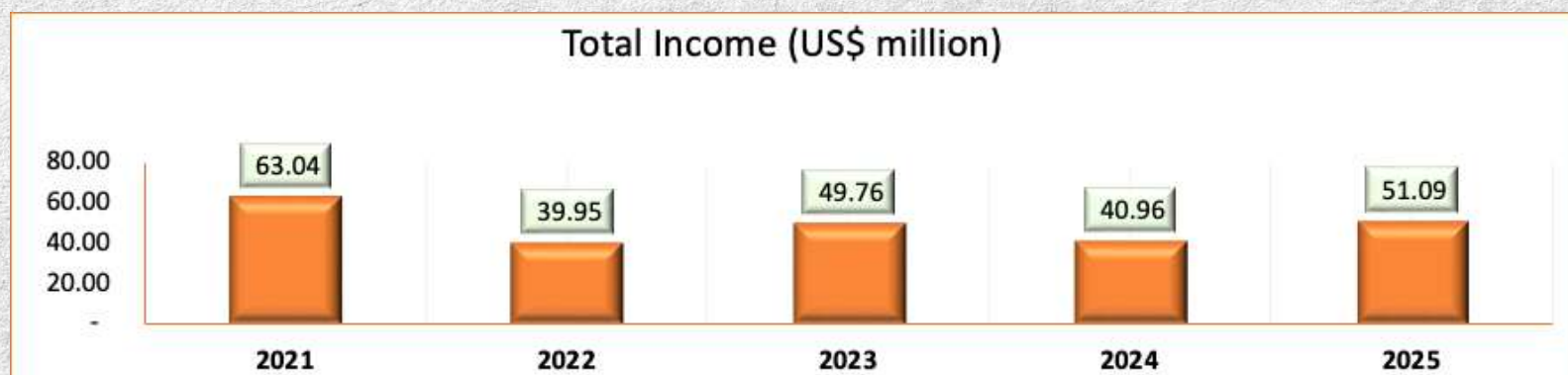
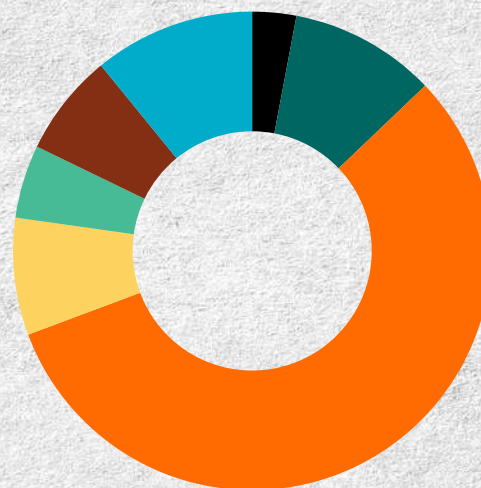
Financial Summary

Total FY25 funding increased by **24.7%** compared to prior year mainly due to growth in grants and PNSs as well as GIK driven by El Nino response. The Office received positive FY2024 carryforwards which contributed to the **4.2%** growth in Sponsorship funding. Higher Gift Notifications and Birthday Bounce-backs were received in FY2025 compared to the prior year hence the **18.4%** growth in reserves.

Gokwe and Buhera WFP lean season assistance grants were the main driver of the **98.7%** growth in GIK compared to prior year. These two grants closed in May 2025 and there were no active WFP grants in Q4 FY2025.

Total Income (Past 5 Years)

- Education & Life Skills (10%)
- Health & Nutrition (5%)
- Water Sanitation & Hygiene (11%)
- Livelihoods, Resilience & Climate Change (8%)
- Food Assistance & WFP Resilience Programme (57%)
- Community Engagement & Child Sponsorship (7%)
- Advocacy & Child Protection (3%)





FY25 INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Income	US\$
Sponsorship	18,148,423
Resources in Kind	14,081,415
Local Funding & Private Non-Sponsorship	10,432,235
Bilateral and Multi-lateral Donors	8,426,936
Total Income	51,089,009
Expenditure	US\$
Project Expenses	47,019,573
Exchange Differentials	779
Total Expenditure	47,020,352
Funds for the Future/Prefunding	4,068,657

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