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EAST AFRICA IMPACT REPORT



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This impact report provides an overview of World Vision's work in the East Africa Region from October 2024 to September 2025.

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Foreword

As we reflect on FY25, I am deeply humbled by the remarkable progress we have achieved together across East Africa. Last year was marked by both challenges and triumphs—yet through it all, our unwavering commitment to the most vulnerable children remained at the heart of everything we did.

From responding swiftly to emergencies caused by floods, droughts, and conflict, to driving transformative policy changes that protect children's rights, our teams demonstrated resilience and innovation. Together with our partners, donors, and communities, we impacted millions of lives, bringing hope where it was fading and creating opportunities for children to thrive.

Our achievements last year are a testament to the power of collaboration. We strengthened advocacy at national and continental levels, amplified children's voices, and advanced sustainable solutions that safeguard their future. These milestones remind us that when we unite for a common purpose, we can overcome even the greatest obstacles.

As we look ahead, our vision remains clear: to ensure every child experiences life in all its fullness. Thank you for standing with us on this journey. Your partnership continues to make a lasting difference.

Lilian Dodzo
Regional Leader
World Vision East Africa Region



About Us

World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. We serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. For more than 40 years, World Vision has partnered with communities in East Africa, from rural agricultural villages, urban, to disaster, conflict and fragile contexts. Our decades of experience have taught us that the most effective way to transform lives is through a holistic approach. Our ultimate goal is to ensure all children are cared for, protected, educated and feel loved.

Vision

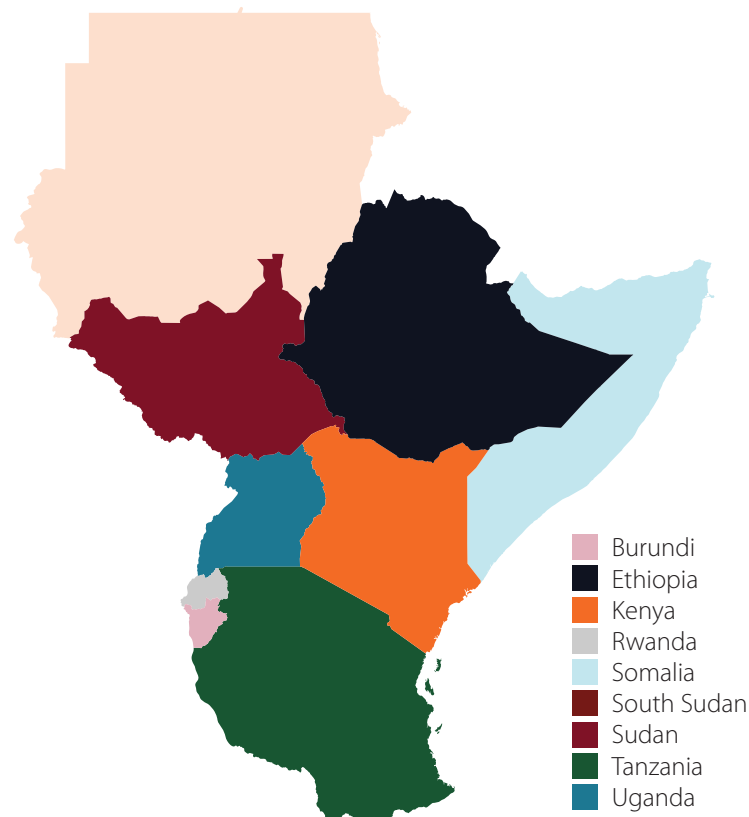
Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness, Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Our Promise. Going Further Together

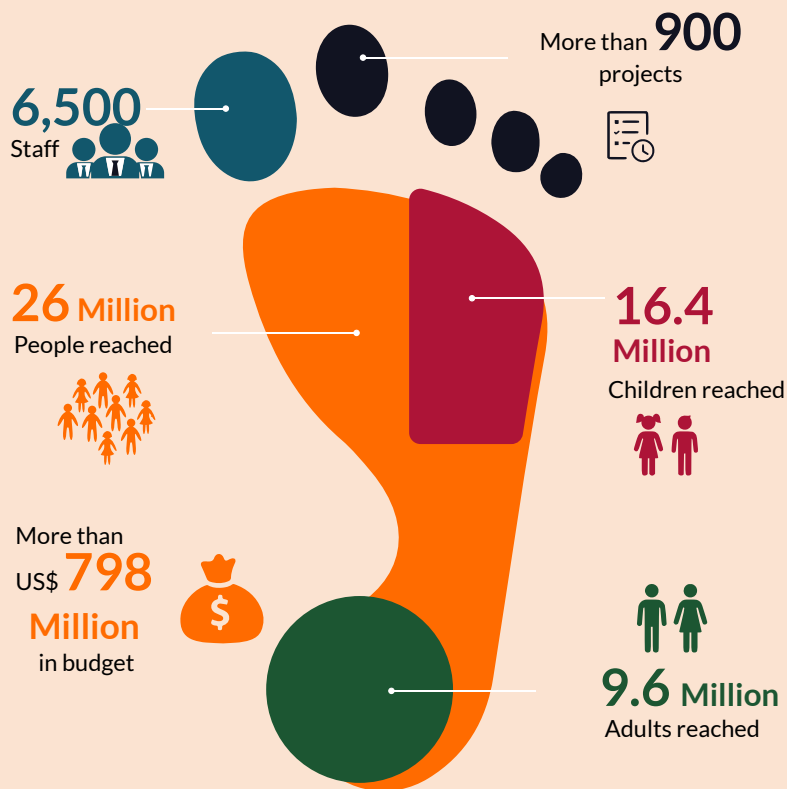
Our global strategy is a promise to the world's most vulnerable boys and girls. We are heading in the right direction with Our Promise – now we need to go deeper to reach the most vulnerable children and communities.

World Vision integrates the global Sustainable Development Goals into its own development and humanitarian emergency response programming.

We will continue to deepen our commitment to the most vulnerable children in the toughest parts of the world, acknowledging that Christ is, and always will be, at the centre of everything we do. Only with Him can we go further than we could ever ask or imagine.



Footprint



Children's Voices

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"My parents were alcoholics and often fought. I heard that my parents went to the training courses at World Vision. Thanks to World Vision because since these teachings, my parents get along well and work together." Said Valentine, aged 13, in a yellow dress.

Buhinyuza ADP, Burundi

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"My parents had a challenge of providing enough books while in school, however, I thank World Vision for organizing the reading competition during literacy celebration where my friends and I were able to win these books for use while at school." Brian, 13-years-old (Second from the right)."

Lunyo ADP, Uganda

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"Before, our school didn't have a menstrual hygiene management room for girls like me, I missed classes during my period. Then World Vision built a hygiene room where I care for myself and rest. Now, I return to class, feel confident and focused on my studies. Helen, 14, girl, wearing a green shir."

Dembia AP, Ethiopia

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"I used to drink contaminated water and get infectious diseases and some times i miss my classes., but now with the support of water purifiers from World Vision, I am now able to study well and my performance have improved."Regis 13 years old.

Ubumwe ADP, Rwanda

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"My mom used to buy all our vegetables, but after the borehole and EWW training, she used the land near the water kiosk. We planted spinach, cabbage, onions, and kale. Now we eat our own and save money for other family needs." said Main, aged 11 years."

Kiambogoko ADP, Kenya

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"I thank World Vision for the school feeding program. Before the program, I used to stay at school the whole day without eating anything, it was very difficult to concentrate on my studies. But now, I enjoy the meal, I can concentrate better in class," said Lapsoni, 13 years old, the first from left."

Kasanda Area Program, Tanzania

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Influence

Championing Policy Reforms That Protect and Put Children First

In FY25, World Vision amplified its voice on the global stage, driving policy change and championing child well-being across East Africa and beyond.

Driving Policy Change at Scale

Through our Advocacy Strategic Measures, WV East Africa achieved 84 policy changes across 9 Field Offices, positively impacting 69 million vulnerable children. These included 58 policies targeting child hunger and 38 focused on increasing government funding, aligned with the ENOUGH Campaign. Notably, 90% of our programmes supported communities to advocate for their rights.

Influencing Regional and Global Agendas

World Vision Uganda, the East Africa Region, and the African Union Liaison Office played a pivotal role at the 11th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11) in Kampala. Our advocacy efforts helped shape the Kampala Declaration, Africa's unified position for the UN High-Level Political Forum. Key recommendations included: Increasing health budget allocations to 15%, eliminating discriminatory laws, empowering women through access to credit and technology, and promoting inclusive investment in food security.





First IGAD Child Policy Adopted

WV East Africa supported the adoption of IGAD's first Child Policy in December 2024, ensuring alignment with international child-rights standards and addressing key issues such as peace, security, governance, socio-economic conditions, and climate change.

Shaping the Future of Nutrition

Through the ENOUGH Campaign, seven Field Offices held 20 Nutrition Dialogues with communities, faith leaders, and children. The insights gathered informed the Global Synthesis Report, which contributed to shaping discussions at the Nutrition for Growth Summit (March 2025) and strengthened calls for improved policies, increased funding, and deeper collaboration to combat malnutrition.

Driving Continental Education Transformation

WV contributed to the AU Biennial Report on School Feeding and supported the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2016–2025), positioning school feeding as a central pillar of education systems. These efforts promote integrated solutions that combine learning and nutrition for Africa's children.

Advancing Gender Equality

WV played a pivotal role in shaping the AU Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls, adopted at the 38th Heads of State Summit. We continue to drive ratification and implementation with AU partners, strengthening our commitment to creating safe, inclusive environments where women and girls can thrive.

Impact

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Safeguarding and Protecting Every Child, Every Community



“Safeguarding is not a duty—it’s who we are.”

Across nine Field Offices and the Regional Office, we strengthened safeguarding measures through:

- Awareness creation for children, communities, staff and partners
- Robust accountability and reporting mechanisms for children and adults
- Integration of safeguarding in humanitarian responses
- Safe engagement with vendors and partners
- Ethical and secure communications
- Enhanced investigations and survivor-centred response

Amplifying Children’s Voices for Change

Through the East Africa Children’s Advisory Group (EACAG), children influenced policy discussions on ending child hunger and malnutrition, addressing the impact of climate change, and ending violence against children. Their voices shaped resolutions at platforms such as the African Union Climate Summit and informed priorities in WV’s upcoming five-year strategies across eight Field Offices.



“When we speak, leaders listen. We want a world where no child goes hungry or suffers violence,” says Amina, 14, Kenya



Protecting Children from Harm

World Vision supported child protection system strengthening while tackling harmful practices such as child marriage and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Working with children, communities, and formal and informal protection actors, these interventions reached 927,103 children and communities.

Additionally, 217,922 children in need of protection services were linked to reporting and referral mechanisms, ensuring timely access to care and support.

“I was only 15 when my parents wanted me to marry an older man,” shares Mary, from northern Kenya. “World Vision and the local child protection committee intervened. Today, I am back in school and dreaming of becoming a teacher. I want other girls to know they have a choice.”

Mary’s story is a powerful reminder of why child protection remains at the heart of our mission.

Scaling Humanitarian Impact Across East Africa & Responding Amid Unprecedented Challenges

In FY25, the East Africa region faced one of the most complex humanitarian landscapes globally, accounting for 21% of the world's humanitarian caseload. Escalating conflicts, political instability, economic shocks, disease outbreaks, and extreme climate events compounded vulnerabilities across the region. Sudan alone represented 10% of the global population in need, with over 14 million people displaced internally and across borders.

Humanitarian access was increasingly constrained by funding cuts and unprecedented targeting of aid workers, making response efforts more challenging than ever.

Despite the obstacles, World Vision East Africa reached 7.6 million people, including 4.4 million children (Girls: 2.25M, Boys: 2.18M; Women:

1.85M; Men: 1.28M) through multi-sectoral interventions in Food Assistance & Livelihoods, WASH, Health & Nutrition, Education, Child Protection and Non-Food Items (NFIs). This included 1.8 million refugees supported across the region.

Building Resilience and Readiness

Recognising the region's vulnerability to frequent disasters, we invested in disaster preparedness and anticipatory action:

- Trained 54 National Disaster Management Team members
- Conducted Field Office training in Anticipatory Action and Response and
- Prepositioned our supplies



The numbers tell a stark story:



58.6M
people
severely food-
insecure



8.7M
children under
five acutely
malnourished



17.7M
people
internally
displaced



5.9M
refugees and
asylum seekers



158,000
cholera cases
reported

Driving Gender Equality and Disability Empowerment



"From awareness to action—building a future where every child thrives."

In FY25, World Vision East Africa accelerated its commitment to Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) as a strategic enabler of child well-being across nine National Offices. This year marked a significant shift from awareness to action, embedding GEDSI principles throughout the programme cycle, strengthening institutionalisation, improving Sex, Age, and Disability Disaggregated Data (SADDD), and expanding partnerships that amplify children's voices and deliver impact for the most vulnerable.

Key highlights

- 88% of Field Offices advanced GEDSI action plans, integrating indicators into grants and sector programming.
- Partnerships with Women-Led Organisations (WLOs) and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) strengthened, enhancing advocacy and service delivery.
- Country case studies highlighted gains in inclusive WASH, girls' leadership, accessible education, and women's economic empowerment.

Faith engagement remained central to shifting harmful norms. Through models like Channels of Hope and Positive Masculinities, faith leaders became champions of change, facilitating dialogue, supporting survivors, and promoting child protection and safety.

Restoring Hope: Scaling Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship

East Africa continues to grapple with the harsh realities of climate change and environmental degradation, which threaten child well-being and undermine progress in food security, health, education, and protection. In response, World Vision East Africa has prioritised nature-based solutions to restore ecosystems and safeguard livelihoods.

Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) remained a cornerstone of our climate action in FY25. Across five countries, FMNR programmes were implemented, directly benefiting 207,500 men, 161,000 women, and 446,000 children. Over 46 million trees were growing and regenerating, and 256,000 hectares of land were under restoration with more than 230,000 households participating and adopting restoration practices.

To accelerate impact, we tapped into carbon markets as a sustainable financing mechanism for long-term climate solutions. In FY25, the region developed and registered seven high-integrity carbon projects, generating **US\$3.6 million** in revenue distributed among **57,259 families**. These projects are projected to **sequester 4 million tonnes of CO₂**, creating economic, social, and environmental benefits for the most vulnerable.



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Every Drop Brings Hope: Transforming Communities Through Clean Water

World Vision remains steadfast in its commitment to SDG 6, ensuring access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and hygiene for all. In FY25, our efforts across nine countries in East Africa delivered life-changing impact for millions:

Impact on Institutions



Schools: 308 schools received water supply, 181 gained sanitation facilities, and 353 were supported with hygiene services.



Health Facilities: 140 facilities accessed clean water, 66 improved sanitation, and 123 enhanced hygiene standards.

Beyond infrastructure, recognising the role of faith and enterprise in community transformation, we trained 2,828 faith leaders to champion Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene practices and had 2,098 local businesses active in WASH, strengthening local economies and sustainability.



Clean Water:

1,270,000 people gained access to safe water through 388 new water systems, 40% powered by renewable solar energy—promoting sustainability and resilience.



Hygiene:

890,000 people accessed essential hygiene services, fostering healthier communities.



Sanitation:

886,000 individuals now enjoy access to basic sanitation facilities.



Children Reached:

690,000 children benefited from WASH interventions.

Transforming Child Health and Nutrition

In FY25, World Vision supported over 106,000 Community Health Workers (CHWs), the lifeline for children in hard-to-reach areas. These CHWs delivered life-saving health and nutrition services, taught caregivers essential practices, treated common childhood illnesses like malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea, and referred sick children to health facilities, bridging the gap between communities and formal health systems.



Transforming Child Health and Nutrition

- 11,788 children under five were treated for acute malnutrition, with 84% fully recovering and returning to healthy growth.
- Eight out of ten births in our programme areas were attended by skilled birth attendants, ensuring safer deliveries for mothers and newborns.
- Four in five children under five with pneumonia symptoms received timely care from qualified health providers, saving lives and reducing preventable deaths.

Faith in Action: Transforming Lives Through Spiritual Nurture and Peacebuilding

Building a Mission-Driven Workforce through the Mission Immersion Programme, 2,073 staff were equipped to integrate faith into their daily work, reinforcing World Vision's commitment to holistic transformation and strengthening organisational culture across regions.

Impacting Children Through Faith Partnerships: By working closely with faith leaders and community groups, World Vision reached over 1.3M children through Faith and Development core models and peacebuilding initiatives. These efforts strengthened partnerships with churches and other faith-based organisations, while promoting spiritual nurture, child protection, and positive social norms.

- 93% of parents trained actively engaged in spiritually nurturing their children.
- Among faith leaders, 69% were Christian and 30% Muslim, with 91% taking action to influence social norms for child well-being.

Our peacebuilding initiatives have touched thousands of lives across Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan, strengthening stability and safeguarding children in some of the world's most fragile contexts. Through collaborative approaches, we are helping communities heal, rebuild trust, and create safer environments where children can thrive.



A Story of Transformation: "Peace Returned to Our Village"



"Before the peacebuilding project, our community lived in fear. Conflict divided families and destroyed livelihoods," recalls Abebe, a father from Oromia. "Through dialogue sessions led by faith leaders, we learned forgiveness and reconciliation. Today, neighbors who were once enemies share meals together. My children can go to school without fear."

Abebe's story reflects the power of faith-driven peacebuilding to restore hope and rebuild communities.

Empowering Families, Building Resilient Communities

World Vision continued to strengthen household and community resilience across the region through targeted economic empowerment and livelihoods programming. These efforts positively impacted over **3.4 million children** living in households where a parent or caregiver participated in World Vision supported initiatives.

A deliberate focus was placed on **women's empowerment**, recognising their pivotal role in transforming households and driving sustainable community resilience. By equipping women with resources, skills, and opportunities, we are not only improving family well-being but also fostering inclusive growth that benefits entire communities.

Key outcomes for FY25:

- Established 13,112 Savings for Transformation groups with links to Microfinance Institutions like VisionFund for credit, insurance and investment.
- **3,839 participants** adopted climate-smart agriculture, strengthening resilience to climate shocks.
- **Income diversification increased by 36%, while WV-supported household income rose by 56%**, reflecting stronger enterprise and market engagement.

These results demonstrate tangible progress toward resilient households and thriving children. By empowering communities through savings, financial services, market access, and climate-smart innovations, World Vision is creating sustainable pathways out of poverty, ensuring families can adapt and thrive amid growing challenges.



"I have been able to afford basic needs and paying school fees compare to previous years."

Male, 44, Tanzania



"I built a good house and renovated it and bought a motorcycle."

Female, 36, Rwanda

Microfinance: Unlocking Opportunities for Families and Communities



"Financial inclusion that transforms lives and futures."

Microfinance, delivered through VisionFund, underpins World Vision's economic empowerment strategy by integrating financial services with health, education, WASH, and protection programmes. Enabling vulnerable families to grow income, access essential services, strengthen local economies, and break cycles of poverty for their children's futures, helping them experience life in all its fullness.

VisionFund's footprint extends to:



471,000+

Active Clients
59% Female
- expanding financial inclusion



\$148M+

Gross Loan Portfolio
- increasing access to credit



5.1M+

Children Impacted
- improving their wellbeing



9070

FAST Savings Groups with Access to Credit
- fostering collective financial empowerment



296,000+

Jobs created and sustained

- improving incomes for clients' households



1,305,915

people covered with Insurance
- strengthening the resilience to shocks



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Income

Driving Growth Through Strategic Resource Mobilisation



"Expanding partnerships, leveraging innovation, and fuelling impact for the most vulnerable."

In FY25, World Vision East Africa surpassed its resource mobilisation target, securing US\$ 798.7 million against a goal of US\$ 554 million, as of September 2025.

Innovation and Competitiveness: The launch of an AI-driven business development platform marked a major milestone, enhancing proposal design and strengthening competitiveness across the region. This digital innovation is positioning World Vision as a leader in data-driven, agile resource development.

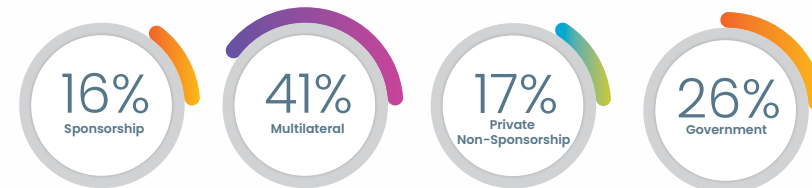
Strategic Partnerships for Greater Impact: New funding achieved from AfDB - African development Bank, CIFF - Children's Investment Fund Foundation, UNDRR - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, VISA Group among others.

Looking Ahead: Guided by the Humanitarian Reset, World Vision is realigning its focus to address growing fragility and vulnerability across East Africa. In FY26, with a grant target of US\$488.7 million, priorities include:

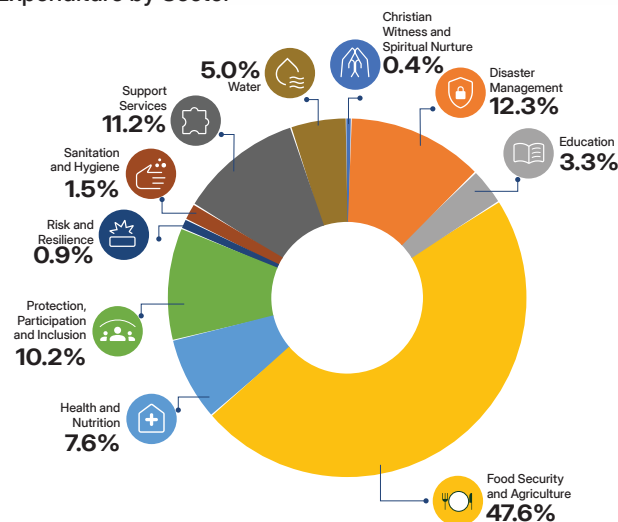
- Advancing data-driven decision-making
- Promoting localisation through enhanced partnering.
- Deepening donor diversification for sustainable impact

The following chart provides insights to the financial investment in the East Africa Region for FY25. A sum of US\$ 790 million was invested during this financial year.

FY25 Income Contribution by Funding Type



FY25 Expenditure by Sector





We are World Vision

Our People: Driving Impact Across East Africa

At the heart of our mission is a workforce of over 6,500 dedicated professionals serving across nine field offices. Their diversity, expertise, and unwavering commitment make them our most valuable asset in delivering hope and transformation to children and communities.

Throughout the year, our teams have navigated complex and challenging contexts with resilience and purpose. From frontline staff responding to emergencies, to volunteers, interns, and partners amplifying innovation, every role has been pivotal in advancing our shared vision: building brighter futures for children.

When emergencies strike, our teams respond fast providing food, clean water, and safe spaces for children. Through collaboration, we turn challenges into opportunities for lasting change.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every member of our workforce and to you, our donors and partners for making this possible. Together, we are creating a region where every child can thrive.

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