



A child-friendly version of the 2025 Impact Report

Welcome to the Child-Friendly 2025 Impact Report! This special edition is designed for children, sharing in simple and clear language what matters most to them. Inside, you'll find what children have told us about their hopes and challenges, as well as the achievements we've made together to create safer, healthier, and happier communities. Children also share recommendations for World Vision and partners for shaping a brighter future. We believe children are not just participants: they are key stakeholders and powerful agents of change whose voices guide our mission and inspire action every day.



About World Vision

World Vision is a global Christian, humanitarian and development organisation. We work with children, families and communities to tackle poverty and injustice; regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. In East Africa, we have worked for more than 40 years so as to have children are cared for, protected, educated and feel loved.

Our Hope

When people work together and care for one another, amazing things can happen!

Our Big Dream

Every child is safe, healthy, learning, and loved.



Where we work

Can you spot your country?



Did You Know?



Who leads World Vision in East Africa?

Meet Lilian Dodzo. She is the Regional Leader for World Vision in East Africa and leads teams across the region as they work with children, families, and communities.

How many countries does World Vision East Africa work in?

World Vision East Africa is working in nine countries in East Africa. These are Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Fun Facts About World Vision!

How many staff work for World Vision?

World Vision has over 6,500 staff working across East Africa. They work closely with communities every day to support children and families.

How many children have been reached by World Vision?

World Vision is supporting millions of children every year and 16,482,774 children reached in 2025 through programmes that help them stay healthy, feel safe, and thrive with their families and communities.

What services is World Vision providing?

- Education support:** Partnering with schools, teachers, parents and community groups to help in ensuring all children learn well.
- Health and nutrition:** Working with health workers and families to support children's growth, encourage immunisation and promote healthy eating.
- Clean water, toilets and hand washing:** Supporting communities as they improve access to clean water, create safe places to wash hands and strengthen hygiene practices. Community groups lead and maintain these efforts.
- Child protection:** Working with families, schools and community groups to strengthen the ways children stay safe, including learning their rights and using locally led ways to share concerns.
- Food security and livelihoods:** Working with families and community groups to strengthen farming skills, improve incomes and stay resilient during difficult times.
- Emergency and humanitarian assistance:** Working with local systems and community groups to strengthen how families prepare for, respond to and recover from crises.
- Community participation:** Encouraging children and adults to share ideas and take part in community decisions in ways that strengthen their involvement and voice.
- Helping protect nature and looking after the environment:** Partnering with communities to care for nature, plant trees and adapt to climate changes so children can grow up in a safer environment.
- Faith and development:** Working with faith leaders to promote peace, positive values and spiritual support for children and families.
- Making sure every child is included, including children with disabilities:** Working with families, schools and community groups to strengthen inclusion so all children, including girls and children with disabilities, can learn, play and feel safe.

What We Achieved Together in 2025



Impact Summary

In 2025, World Vision supported **26.1 million** people and over **16.4 million** were children, through programmes totalling **798 million US Dollars**.

Education

640,771 children received school supplies, better classrooms or learning clubs.

Food and Income

3,479,645 families received seeds, tools and training to grow food and earn money.

Child Protection

927,103 children were protected from violence, and **217,922** children received help when reporting problems.

Clean Water

3,330,888 people received clean water, toilets, or hand-washing places.

Health and Nutrition

3,469,617 children received nutrition support and **2,069,225** received health care.

What Is World Vision Doing to Help Millions of Children?



World Vision East Africa also works to make sure important rules and decisions made by leaders actually help children. When rules work well, children can feel safe, learn, stay healthy, and get support when things go wrong.

What do we mean by "Policies"?

Definition: A policy is a big plan made by leaders such as Parliament, ministries and local councils. Think of school rules that help everyone learn and stay safe. A government policy is like a bigger rule that helps services like food and healthcare work well for everyone and must follow the law and respect children's rights.

Characteristics of a good policy:

In a perfect world, every policy says what will be done, who will do it, how much money will be used and how we will check it is working.

In real life, some policies are missing these parts.

World Vision works with children, communities and leaders to add what is missing and turn policies into programmes and services such as school meals, vaccines, clean water and child protection.

Example: a school meals policy can say who buys and cooks the food, when meals should arrive, how much money is used and how children can report a missed lunch. This helps children learn without being hungry.

Good policies include every child: girls and boys, children with disabilities, refugee children and those in hard to reach places. They explain how to report problems and how leaders will fix them.

Policies can change and improve over time, especially when communities give feedback or during emergencies such as floods or drought.

POLICY



We Raised Our Voices for the Planet!

This year, something amazing happened! Children from across Africa, including Burundi, Ethiopia and Kenya joined the African Children's Summit (ACS) to speak up for our world. We shared ideas on how to protect the earth and fight climate change; and guess what? Some of our recommendations were included in the official summit document!

That means leaders listened to children and agreed to take action for climate justice. 🌍❤️

Do you want to see what we said?
Check out our recommendations here!



All of this is part of our **ENOUGH Campaign**, which says: "No child should go hungry!"

Sometimes disasters or bad things, like floods, droughts, or conflict happen, and that's called a humanitarian **emergency**. When this happens, World Vision works superfast to help children and families. We bring **food to eat**, **clean water to drink**, and **safe spaces** where children can play and feel protected.



This year, World Vision helped over **26 million** people!



58.6M people severely food-insecure



8.7M children under five acutely malnourished



5.9M refugees and asylum seekers

Every child deserves safety, care, and hope; even in the hardest times.



"World Vision built schools to reduce overcrowding, supported menstrual hygiene rooms, and improved access to clean water and health services in communities."

Denise, Rwanda



"World Vision provided scholastic materials, responded quickly to prevent violence against children, and supported families with seeds and guidance to grow crops for food security."

Nabukenya, Uganda

Children's voices

Hopes and Aspirations - What Children Dream of

Children shared their hopes for the future. Their dreams remind us why we must keep going, together:



"We are requesting school items and free education. We also need the school fenced and a school feeding programme, because some children drop out when there is no food at home."

Salman, Somalia



"I hope next year World Vision will continue building schools and water points, support vulnerable children with school materials, and reduce hunger and poverty so school dropouts go down."

Holy, Burundi

"The Children's Advisory Group gave me courage to raise children's voices. I am appealing for children from different countries to meet face-to-face, and for support to our child rights club with learning materials."

Beyonce, South Sudan



Children Voices: Challenges and Recommendations



We spoke with children across East Africa. They shared with us the challenges they face at home, at school and in their communities:

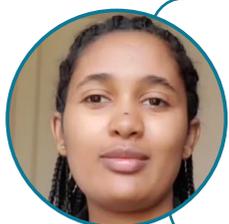
- Not enough food in families and rising food prices.
- School fees and lack of learning materials.
- Children dropping out of school.
- Violence against children and harmful practices (including early marriage).
- Conflict, displacement and safety concerns.
- Not enough clean water and safe toilets.



"I was displaced from Belil Camp. There is no school for me to go to here."

Akol, Sudan

Children's Voices (Challenges):



"Many families struggled with inflation and food shortage, making it hard to cover school fees. I hope next year will be peaceful so every child can continue their education and grow up safely."

Ehitemedhin, Ethiopia



Poverty is the root cause of early marriages, early pregnancies and boys joining banditry. I recommend we meet physically because some children cannot join online due to power and internet issues."

Othniel, Kenya

Children's Recommendations and Call to Action

Children shared clear recommendations for what should happen next. These ideas come from children across the region.

Recommendations

Education & Inclusion



- Give school materials to children who need them.
- Make sure children with disabilities are included.
- Help older learners join college, training schools or places to learn practical skills.

Child Protection



- End early marriage, Female Genital Mutilation and all forms of violence.
- Provide safe places where children can report problems and receive help.

Nutrition, Food and Health



- Expand school feeding programmes and nutrition support.
- Support school gardens and families with seeds and tools.
- Provide health insurance for children so they can get medicine and care when they become sick.

Child Participation and Accountability



- Create simple materials designed for children.
- Train children in advocacy, speaking and writing.
- Make child friendly tools to help them monitor services.
- Hold at least one face-to-face meeting for children to share ideas.

Children's voices (Recommendations)

"My recommendation is to give school materials to all poor children, feed all children at school, and encourage parents to support children to attend school."

Kim, Burundi



"World Vision should support transitioning after Form Four ~ help students join campus or technical schools so they can get skills."

Koki, Kenya

"Please provide health insurance for children, because we are more vulnerable to illnesses. Also provide health insurance for the elderly."

Gregory, Tanzania



Call to action

Together, let's keep working so every child can grow up safe, healthy and happy. Here is how you can help:

- **Children:** Speak up kindly and safely, join child clubs, and share what you learn with friends and family.
- **Parents and caregivers:** Encourage children to stay in school and protect them from harm.
- **Leaders and partners:** Invest in education, clean water, nutrition and child protection: especially for the most vulnerable children.



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CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO

Thank You

Thank you for listening to the children's voices.

Children are not just the future; they are leaders today. World Vision will keep working with children, communities, and partners to create a safer, healthier, and happier world for every child.

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