



INSPIRED BY CHILDREN, DRIVEN BY IMPACT.



This special report is written for children, in simple and clear words. Inside, children will find what World Vision Zambia has done together with communities to help children in Zambia stay safe, protected, healthy, and learning.

Real stories from children across the country are shared here, showing how children's voices shape the work World Vision does every day.

A WORD FROM MARC NOSBACH

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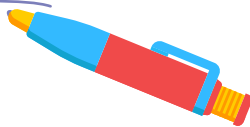
Dear Children,

Welcome to World Vision Zambia's 2025 Impact Report for Children. This report is all about you. It shares some of the amazing things we achieved together with children, families, communities, partners, and leaders across Zambia during a challenging year. Even though many families faced difficulties because of the 2023/2024 drought, we saw courage, kindness, and determination in communities everywhere. Most importantly, we saw children using their voices to help create positive change.

As you read this report, I hope you feel proud of what has been achieved and inspired by the stories of children like you. Your ideas, dreams, and experiences help guide our work every day. At World Vision Zambia, we believe every child deserves to be safe, healthy, learning, and loved. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we can continue building a brighter future where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Enjoy the read!

Marc Nosbach



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ABOUT WORLD VISION ZAMBIA

World Vision Zambia (WVZ) is a Christian relief, development, and advocacy organisation. Since 1981, we have worked alongside children, families, and communities to tackle poverty and injustice, regardless of religion, race, or gender.



995,089

*children across Zambia
were helped in 2025*

1.8 MILLION

*Total People Supported
through all our programmes*

OUR BIG DREAM



*Every child in Zambia is safe,
healthy, learning, and loved.*

OUR HOPE



*When communities work together
and care for one another, amazing
things happen!*



1.1

WHERE WE WORK World Vision Operational Areas 2025

- World Vision Projects
- Province



- **ANEW** - Integrated Agriculture Nutrition Education and WASH
- **THRIVE** - Transforming Household Resilience In Vulnerable Environments
- **European Union** - UPLIFT (Urban & Rural Programme for Learners Inclusion, Foundation & Transformation Through Education Action)
- **ADA Project** - Economic Empowerment for Strengthening Gender Equality in Refugee and Host Communities in Uganda & Zambia
- **EES4P** - Economic Empowerment Support for Progress
- **EPIC Project:** Experimental Prototype Connectivity
- **Catch UP NW** - Support MOE in the Implementation of the Catch-Up Programme in North – Western Province
- **UNICEF** - In all refugee Settlements, WASH and Education
- **UNHCR** - Mantapala Refugee Settlements
- **ZMMS** - Zambia Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation Project
- **SLaR** - Sustainable Land Restoration Project
- **EVE** - Empowering Vulnerable Children with Education Project

1.2 PARTNERS, SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

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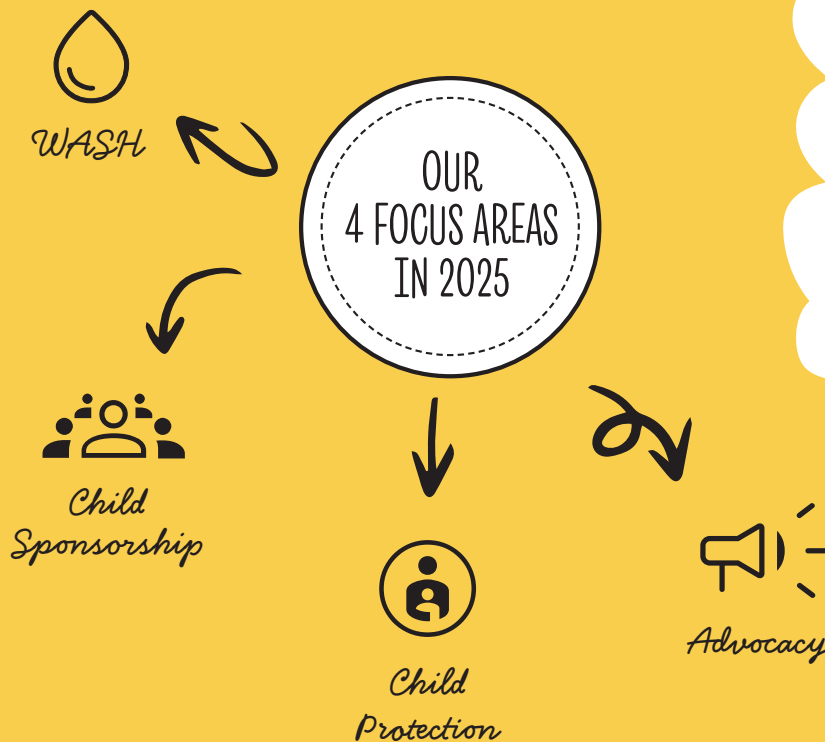


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2 WHAT WE ACHIEVED TOGETHER IN 2025



In 2025, Zambia faced one of the hardest years in a long time. The rains did not come. Our water dried up, and food ran out. But we did not give up. Together, we kept going and made life better for children and families across Zambia.



2.1 WASH Clean Water, Safe Toilets & Healthy Habits



Access to clean water and safe toilets is one of the most important things for children's health. Without it, children get sick, walk long distances and get abused along the way, miss school, and families struggle. In 2025, we worked hard to make sure more people had clean water to drink, safe places to use the toilet, and knew how to wash their hands properly.



216,943

people got safe, clean water to drink. Dirty water makes children sick. Clean water keeps them healthy and in school.

273,980

people got better, safer toilets. Without a toilet, children miss school. With one, they stay and learn.

28,878

children got clean water and safe toilets at their schools. Dirty schools spread sickness. Clean schools keep you in class.



DID YOU KNOW?

When children have clean water at school, they spend more time learning instead of being sick. And 277,186 people got new handwashing places in their communities, which means fewer diarrhoea diseases and more time for fun and learning!

“My name is Esther. I live in Manyinga District. Before, we had no clean water. Now we have a borehole that gives us safe water every day. It has changed everything!”

ESTHER, 13 YEARS OLD



“My name is Mapalo. I live in Southern Province. Water is now right outside our house. My mother and I no longer walk far to fetch water. That time is ours now.”

MAPALO, 9 YEARS OLD

2.2 CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Learning, Growing & Staying Healthy

Child Sponsorship is our biggest programme for supporting children.

Through your sponsors' love and support, children in Zambia get help with education, health, and livelihoods. Here is what we did this year:



2.2.1

EDUCATION

Learning to Read and Write

Every child deserves to learn. In 2025, we helped children in Grades 1 to 4 become better readers. We trained teachers, ran reading camps, and worked with parents to create a community of learning at school and at home.

129,045

children in Grades 1 to 4 got help to read better. When we could not read, school felt hard. Now we pick up a book, and the words make sense.

41% → 54%

More children in Grades 1 to 4 can now read. In 2024, only 41 out of every 100 could read well. By 2025, that number grew to 54. That means more children like you are picking up books and understanding every word.

1,823

teachers learned better ways to teach. When your teacher knows more, you learn more. Better teachers mean happy learning in class and better days.

2.2.2

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Growing Strong

Healthy children can learn, play, and dream big. We worked with mothers, caregivers, and health workers to make sure children and babies got the care they needed.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CHILDREN?

More children are now reading with confidence and understanding what they read. This gives them a stronger start for all their years at school and for life!



During the drought, school meals kept children fed and in school. A hungry child cannot concentrate. A fed child can learn!

"My name is Mercy. I live in Southern Province. I love going to school because I learn and I eat. When my stomach is full, I pay attention. When I pay attention, I learn. Food makes all the difference."

MERCY, 10 YEARS OLD



1,061

community reading groups were held, with 7,405 parents and caregivers joining in. When the grown-ups in your life read with you, you learn faster. Learning does not stop when school closes.

219,931

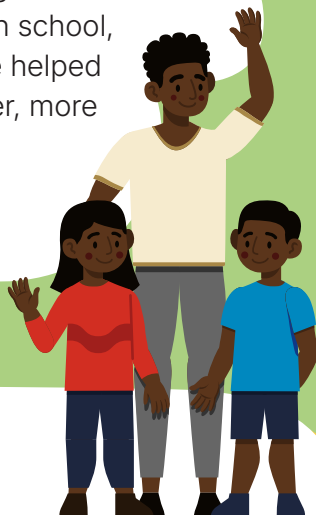
children received food and health care. When you are healthy and well-fed, you grow strong. When you grow strong, you show up, you focus, and you learn.

2.2.3

LIVELIHOODS

Helping Families Earn and Grow

When families have enough food and income, children stay in school, eat well, and stay safe. We helped communities build stronger, more self-reliant lives.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

74% of households said they now feel strong enough to face challenges together as a community. That means families are not giving up, they are growing, planning, and helping each other!

698

children recovered from malnutrition. Being too thin makes you weak and tired. Getting the right food gave these children their strength back and put them back on their feet.

94%

out of every 100 babies were delivered by a trained health worker. A safe birth gives every child the best start at life.

28,813

people joined groups to grow and sell more food together. When farmers work as a team, they grow more. More food means your family has enough to eat and money to spare.

2.3 CHILD PROTECTION

Every Child Has the Right to Be Safe

Every child deserves to learn. In 2025, we helped children in Grades 1 to 4 become much better readers. We trained teachers how to teach effectively, ran reading camps, and worked with parents to create learning corners at home.



12,708

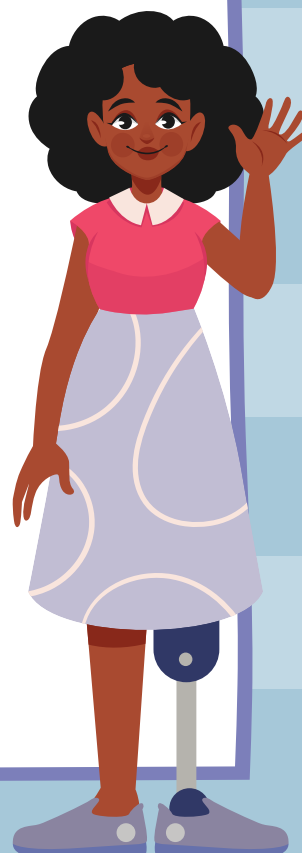
farmers learned to grow food in ways that are good for the land

47,588

people joined programmes that taught them to take charge of their own lives and not always wait for help.

WHAT DID WE DO TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE?

- ✓ Strengthened protection systems at the school, community, district, and national levels
- ✓ Partnered with UNICEF under the Joining Forces Alliance so more children could speak up in governance
- ✓ Ran Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) groups, including children, to end violence against children
- ✓ Helped children get birth certificates in Chongwe, Kafue, and Mungwi districts (a birth certificate proves WHO A CHILD IS and helps with access to school and services)
- ✓ Supported children to participate in the ENOUGH Campaign and speak directly to decision-makers



The ENOUGH Campaign

Under the ENOUGH Campaign, which says NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY, 650 children met with leaders to talk about school meals, inclusive policies, and school farming projects.

*Children were not just listened to,
they helped change things!*

“My name is Patience, I am 10 years old, from Isoka District. For me, NO CHILD should sleep on an empty stomach; leaders must prioritise the well-being of a child, regardless of the location.”

PATIENCE, 10 YEARS OLD



2.4 ADVOCACY

Your Voice Changes Things!



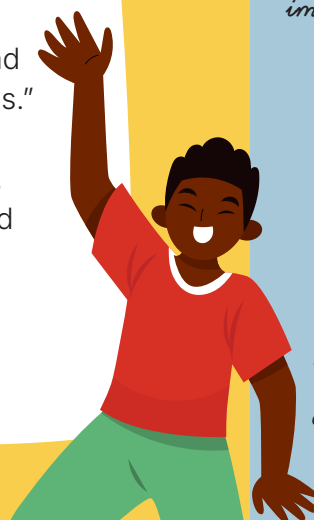
"At World Vision Zambia, we speak up with you. When big decisions are being made, like new rules or laws that affect your life, we make sure your voice is heard. We create safe spaces where you get to speak, share your views, and tell leaders what you need.

We take your words to the people in charge and say: "Listen to the children and their experiences."

Because when you are heard, things change, you get to go to school, stay healthy, protected and grow up safe.



You are not just a child.
You are a changemaker.



K48 MILLION

in government money was directed to community needs. When communities speak up, leaders listen. That money built better services for you and your family.

25+

More than 25 health and community facilities were improved across 18 districts. Better facilities mean you get help closer to home, faster.

1,656

volunteers were trained to help communities speak up. When people know their rights, they ask for better schools, better clinics, and better lives for you.



WHAT IS THE CVA MODEL?

CVA stands for Citizen Voice and Action. It is a way for ordinary people, including children, to check if the government is doing what it promised, and to ask for improvements. Think of it like a school prefect system, but for your whole community and district!



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CHILDREN'S VOICES: WHAT CHILDREN TOLD US

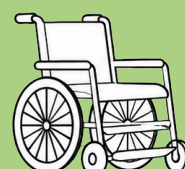


We asked children like you across Zambia to tell us what they need and what they dream about. Their words guide everything we do. Here is what they said:



CHALLENGES CHILDREN FACE

- Not having enough food at home, especially during the drought
- Not having enough classrooms, books or learning materials
- Dropping out of school because of hunger, or early marriage
- Violence against children and harmful traditional practices
- Not having clean water or safe toilets close to home
- Feeling like their voice does not count in decisions about their lives



WHAT CHILDREN WANT TO SEE



Learning materials like books, pens, and exercise books for all children



More opportunities for children to meet and share ideas face-to-face



Clean water and proper toilets at every school



Safe spaces where children can report problems without fear



More school meals, so no child learns on an empty stomach



Support for children with disabilities so they are included in everything



An end to early marriage and all forms of violence against children



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A CALL TO ACTION



Together, let us keep working so every child in Zambia grows up safe, healthy, and happy.



CHILDREN

Speak up safely. Share what you learn.

Talk to a teacher or a parent about what you read here. If your school has a child club, join it. If it does not, ask your teacher how to start one.

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Encourage children to stay in school and protect them from abuse.

LEADERS & PARTNERS

Invest in education, clean water, nutrition, and child protection for ALL children.





This is the future.



*World Vision Zambia will keep working with children,
communities, and partners to create a safer, healthier,
and happier Zambia for every child.*

THANK YOU!

Children are not just the future,
they are leaders today.



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