



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



National Director's Foreword

As World Vision International Sierra Leone reflects on the 2025 reporting year, we celebrate a period marked by resilience, strengthened partnerships, and transformative impact for the most vulnerable children and families across Sierra Leone. Against the backdrop of economic pressures, climate shocks, and public health vulnerabilities, our commitment to integrated programming, spanning Health and Nutrition; Education and Life Skills; Child Protection and Safeguarding; WASH; Livelihoods; Climate Resilience; GEDSI; and Faith & Development, remained unwavering. Through these combined efforts, we reached more than 951,789 children and adults across eight districts, advancing our vision for every child to experience life in all its fullness.

This year, our partnership with The Global Fund through the GC7 grant further strengthened national malaria prevention and treatment efforts. The grant expanded the reach and capabilities of 484 Community Health Workers, improving early diagnosis, treatment, and malaria prevention practices for thousands of mothers and children. These advancements contributed meaningfully to reduced illness, stronger referral systems, and improved community health outcomes—particularly in remote and underserved areas.

As we celebrate these achievements, we also mark an important leadership

transition. Our Interim National Director, Philippe Guiton, concluded his service after several months of steady and dedicated leadership. We are deeply grateful for his commitment and the stability he provided during this period of transition.

We are equally pleased to welcome Alex Whitney as the new National Director of World Vision Sierra Leone, effective 7 January 2026. Alex is a seasoned humanitarian and development leader with over 25 years of global experience, including senior roles across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. His expertise in strategy development, program quality, change management, and grant acquisition, working with donors such as USAID, UNICEF, World Food Programme, and the Global Fund, positions him strongly to lead our next phase of growth and partnership.

We look forward to Alex's leadership as we deepen our commitment to children, strengthen collaboration with government and partners, and continue building resilient, thriving communities.

Thank you for your continued support and unwavering dedication to our shared mission. Together, we will keep ensuring that the most vulnerable children across Sierra Leone are protected, empowered, and given every opportunity to thrive.

Sagane Thiaw

National Director, World Vision International Sierra Leone.

World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVSL) prioritizes three core programme sectors: Education and Life Skills; Health and Nutrition; and Child Protection, Participation and safeguarding and cross cutting themes such as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Livelihoods, Resilience and Climate Change.

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 reflect its Christian identity and holistic mission. The overarching goal is to empower the most vulnerable children in Sierra Leone to overcome poverty and experience life in all its fullness.

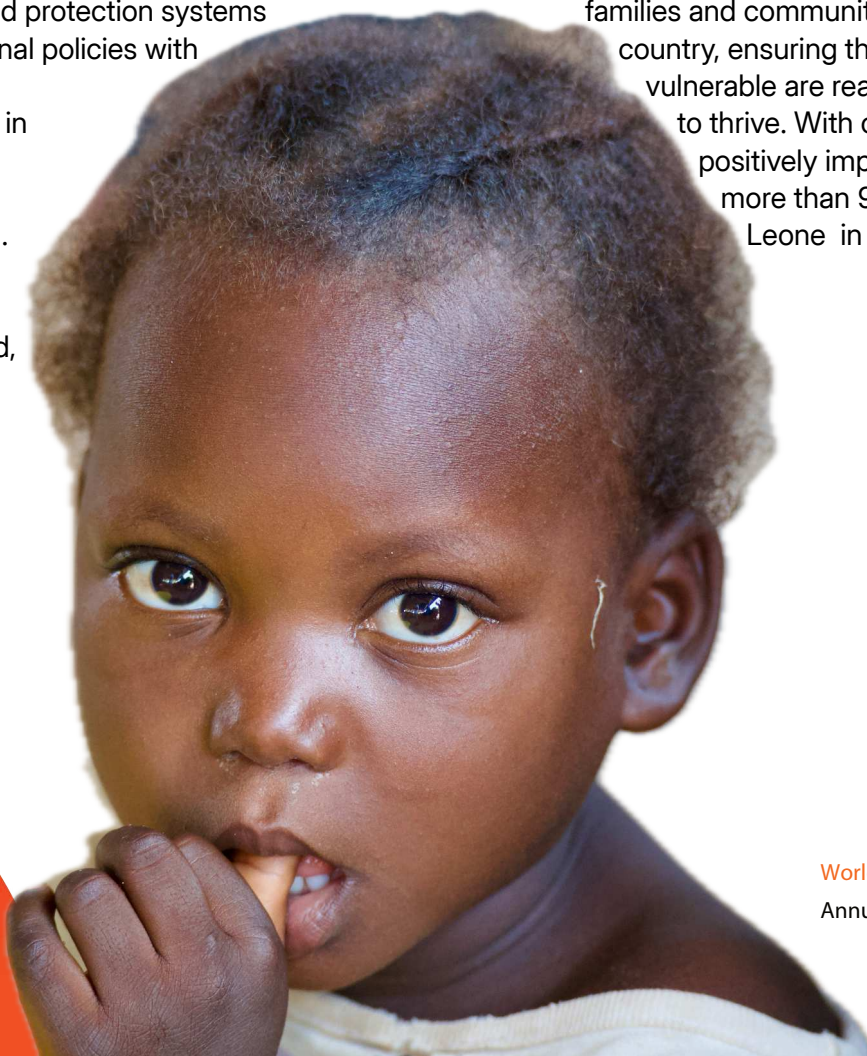
Sierra Leone's development and child protection landscape continues to be shaped by persistent poverty, climate vulnerability, public health risks and socio-economic inequalities. Recurring shocks such as flooding, disease outbreaks and food insecurity have heightened risks of child abuse, neglect, exploitation and harmful practices, particularly in rural and hard-to-reach communities. While the Government of Sierra Leone has made strides in strengthening child protection systems and aligning national policies with global child rights frameworks, gaps in implementation, coordination and resourcing remain. These challenges underscore the need for sustained, coordinated advocacy and

integrated programming to safeguard children's rights and well-being.

WVSL responds to this context through an integrated programming approach that addresses both immediate needs and the structural drivers of vulnerability. This includes long-term sponsorship programming, community-led development initiatives and humanitarian response interventions. The organisation also prioritises disaster risk reduction, resilience building and anticipatory action to strengthen community preparedness and adaptive capacity in the face of climate and economic shocks.

Through strong partnerships with government ministries, local communities, civil society organisations, faith leaders and international donors, WVSL continues to deliver impactful, evidence-based interventions. The organisation places a strong emphasis on community ownership, empowering local structures to sustain gains beyond project cycles.

Through these combined efforts, World Vision International Sierra Leone continues to drive sustainable and transformative change for children, families and communities across the country, ensuring that the most vulnerable are reached and supported to thrive. With our partners we positively impacted the lives of more than 951,789 in Sierra Leone in 2025.



OUR NATIONAL IMPACT

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951,789

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
BENEFITTED DIRECTLY FROM OUR
DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS IN 8 DISTRICTS.



486,414

CHILDREN REACHED
DIRECTLY



465,375

ADULTS REACHED
DIRECTLY



US\$ 15,692,024

TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED



2,593,764

ADVOCACY (INDIRECT REACH)

1,207,920 CHILDREN & ADULTS 1,385,844

244

STAFF



CHILD PROTECTION



World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVISL) continued to strengthen a safe, caring, and protective environment for children during FY25, building on previous gains through advocacy, child participation, safeguarding, and strategic partnerships. Across its area programs, WVISL worked closely with government institutions, international partners, and community stakeholders to amplify children's voices and advance national child protection reforms.

A major milestone in FY25 was the contribution of 689 Citizens Voice and Action (CVA) supporters who pledged their commitment through a national petition to end sexual violence against children. This collective action played a critical role in advancing advocacy efforts that contributed to the enactment of the Child Rights Act and the subsequent proposal of regulations and rollout of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (2024). These legal and policy developments represent a significant step toward safeguarding children's rights and addressing harmful practices nationwide.

Child participation remained central to WVISL's approach. The organization sustained 352 kids' clubs with a total membership of 9,648 children (4,687 boys and 4,961 girls). Through these platforms, children were equipped with essential life skills, including public speaking, leadership, and communication, enabling them to confidently engage with decision-makers and advocate for their rights. Kids' club

members also took part in intergenerational dialogues, including a high-level engagement with the World Vision UK Board, fostering mutual understanding between children and global leaders.

WVISL further amplified children's voices through media and public engagement. The child-led radio program "Pikin Tok" reached more than 2.6 million people, raising awareness on violence against children, child marriage, and safeguarding. Children also actively participated in key commemorative events such as Day of the African Child, World Children's Day, and the International Day of the Girl Child, using these platforms to call for stronger protection systems and gender equality.

At the global and regional level, WVISL supported meaningful youth advocacy. One young advocate represented Sierra Leone at the Nutrition for Growth Summit, while two young advocates, supported through a partnership with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), participated in Global Charter consultations with children and young people. These engagements ensured that children's perspectives from Sierra Leone informed global policy discussions.

Safeguarding and system strengthening remained a priority. During FY25, 98 incidents of abuse were reported, reflecting increased awareness, reporting, and trust in referral mechanisms. WVISL engaged in

the Safeguarding Community of Practice (COP) and contributed to national processes, including the Alternative Care Policy review. The organization also supported and participated in the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) monitoring mission to Sierra Leone, reinforcing accountability and alignment with regional child protection standards.

Evidence generation and child-led accountability were further advanced through child-led research on school meals, empowering children to assess services that directly affect their well-

being and to share findings with duty bearers to improve programming and policy responses.

In conclusion, FY25 marked a year of strengthened advocacy, expanded child participation, and meaningful policy influence for World Vision International Sierra Leone. By combining grassroots action, national and global partnerships, safeguarding systems, and child-led evidence, WVISL remains firmly committed to ensuring that every child in Sierra Leone is protected, heard, and allowed to thrive.

Summary of key Achievements



689

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352

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Over

2,6000,000

people reached through the "Pikin Tok" child-led radio program.



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young advocate participated in the Nutrition for Growth Summit.



2

young advocates engaged in Global Charter consultations with support from FCDO.



3

children engaged in intergenerational dialogue with the WVUK Board

Child Protection **Success Story:** Child-Led Research Driving Accountability



In FY25, children from World Vision-supported communities took the lead in a groundbreaking child-led research initiative focused on school feeding programmes. The study examined the quality, consistency, and overall impact of school meals on learners' attendance, concentration, and well-being.

Through structured and child-friendly training sessions, the young researchers were equipped with basic research skills. They went on to design questionnaires, conduct interviews, and collect data from peers, teachers, and school administrators. This participatory approach ensured that children were not only informants but active contributors in generating evidence about issues directly affecting their education.

When the findings were analysed and presented to school authorities and community leaders, they revealed important gaps in the regularity, adequacy, and nutritional quality of meals provided. The children also clearly demonstrated the strong connection between reliable school feeding and improved attendance, punctuality, and classroom engagement.

The presentation of evidence sparked constructive dialogue among stakeholders, leading to renewed commitments to strengthen coordination, monitoring, and accountability mechanisms for school feeding programmes at community level.

This initiative has gone beyond data collection. It has strengthened local accountability systems and, more importantly, showcased the transformative power of meaningful child participation. By placing children at the centre of inquiry and decision-making, the project reinforced more responsive, inclusive, and child-sensitive programming within the broader child protection and development agenda.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION



The deployment and active engagement of 484 trained Community Health Workers (321 males and 161 females) significantly enhanced access to essential Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (MNCH) services in hard-to-reach communities. Through structured household visits, outreach activities, and community health campaigns, the CHWs reached 60,723 women of reproductive age, including 9,128 adolescents, and 113,360 children aged 0–59 months.



This intervention contributed to increased completion of antenatal care (ANC) visits, improved knowledge of sexual and reproductive health, higher immunisation coverage, and greater uptake of intermittent preventive treatment (IPT), deworming, iron supplementation, and consistent use of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs). Consequently, the incidence of preventable maternal and childhood illnesses was reduced, and early health-seeking behaviour among caregivers was significantly strengthened. (CHWs database)

Through Gift In Kind (GIK) supported Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) provision to health facilities, 2,179 children (1,094 boys and 1,085 girls) were admitted for treatment of acute malnutrition. The intervention achieved 1,249 successful recoveries, demonstrating strong effectiveness in restoring child health and nutritional status. Low defaulter (28) and non-recovery (3) rates indicate improved caregiver compliance and follow-up systems. Overall, the nutrition intervention contributed to reduced child mortality risk, improved

growth outcomes, and strengthened trust in facility-based nutrition services. CMAM Database

The engagement of 275 grandmothers as community nutrition champions significantly strengthened household-level behaviour change. Through intensified nutrition counselling, 17,129 individuals, including 2,277 pregnant women, 2,277 lactating mothers, and 12,665 (2,783 Male and 9,882 Female) caregivers, received improved Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) messages. This culturally trusted approach improved caregiver knowledge, reinforced positive feeding practices, and promoted sustained behaviour change, particularly around breastfeeding, complementary feeding, and maternal nutrition. Data sources AP AMR reports

Food demonstration sessions reached 2,277 caregivers, providing hands-on training on preparing nutritious, locally available complementary foods, such as benny mix, for children over six months. These practical demonstrations translated knowledge into action, improving dietary diversity and meal frequency at household level. As a result, caregivers adopted healthier feeding practices, contributing to improved child growth, reduced malnutrition, and better long-term nutrition outcomes. Data sources AP AMR reports





"My name is Isata, I am 12 years old and live in Falaba community with my grandmother and my three siblings two boys and two girls. We live in a small clay house roofed with zinc sheets. My grandmother grows vegetables in our backyard and sells them in the market so we can eat.

I used to fall sick often with malaria and felt very weak because of anemia. My grandmother did not have money to take me to the health center. She would give me traditional medicine and use fire to warm my body when I had a fever. Sometimes I missed school for many days because I was too sick to go. I was worried that I would not finish my class."

"One day, a Community Health Worker (CHW) trained by World Vision visited our home and found

me very sick. She quickly took me to the nearest health facility where I received malaria treatment and iron tablets. Later, the CHW taught my grandmother how to prevent malaria by using mosquito nets and keeping our home clean. World Vision also supported the CHWs with medicine, training, and equipment so they could visit families like ours regularly."

"Now, I rarely fall sick and I go to school every day. I feel strong and happy. My grandmother joined a caregivers' group started by World Vision that teaches families how to keep children healthy. We always sleep under mosquito nets, and my grandmother now takes me to the health center when I am not well."



Because of World Vision, I sleep well without mosquito bites, and I can go to school every day! Thank you, World Vision Sierra Leone."



WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION

Across implementation areas, WVISL, through its WASH intervention, facilitated the construction of twenty-four (24) solar-mechanized boreholes with elevated towers and rehabilitated 330 water collection points in five-area programmes, benefiting 23,863 community members.



Additionally, 485 individuals gained direct yard-level access to safely managed drinking water. These systems provided a consistent water supply for clinical use, hand hygiene, cleaning, patient care and has significantly improved the learning environment for students and teachers in schools

SANITATION

World Vision Sierra Leone continued to strengthen community-led efforts to improve access to household sanitation and hygiene infrastructure through a holistic approach that combines community engagement, capacity building, sanitation marketing, and faith-based advocacy. The interventions implemented during the reporting period were designed to encourage households to adopt improved sanitation practices, construct durable latrines, and sustain hygienic behaviours that promote child and family well-being.

As a result of these combined interventions, 1,581 household latrines were constructed, benefiting

2,253 people (596 men, 608 women, 515 boys, and 534 girls) with access to basic household latrines

while 1,522 people (485 men, 702 women, 115 boys, and 220 girls) with access to safely managed sanitation services.

These achievements reflect meaningful progress in reducing open defecation, scaling up improved sanitation, and enhancing community resilience. Through continued collaboration with government, faith-based partners, and local structures, World Vision remains committed to ensuring that every child and family enjoys the right to live in a clean, safe, and healthy environment.



SAFE DRINKING WATER PRACTICES

To promote the use of safe drinking water at the household level, World Vision Sierra Leone strengthened community capacity through partnerships, training, and behavior change initiatives. In collaboration with 4LIFE Solution, the producer of SAWA water treatment bags, World Vision facilitated hands-on training sessions for WASH and Programme Officers on the proper use of these innovative household water purification technologies.

The trained staff subsequently cascaded the knowledge to community members, particularly in areas without access to protected water sources, providing a temporary but effective solution for safe drinking water.



SUSTAINABLE

To ensure sustainability and accountability, World Vision conducted joint quality assurance monitoring and verification exercises with relevant government ministries. These efforts have strengthened coordination, ensured compliance with national standards, and enhanced community ownership and management of water facilities within schools

STRENGTHENING WATER MANAGEMENT

Community empowerment remained central to the project's success, with 14 Citizen Voice and Action groups trained on local advocacy, governance, and facility maintenance. These community structures enhanced accountability, promoted ownership, and ensured sustainability of WASH facilities, thereby contributing to improved health, dignity, and child well-being.

FAITH INTEGRATION AND HYGIENE PROMOTION

World Vision recognizes the powerful influence of faith leaders in shaping community attitudes and behaviors. During this reporting period, 225 faith leaders (158 men and 67 women, including 5 persons with disabilities) were engaged to

promote sanitation and hygiene messages through sermons, prayer sessions, and community dialogues. By integrating WASH education into their religious teachings, faith leaders have effectively challenged harmful cultural norms and taboos around sanitation, reinforcing the importance of dignity,



cleanliness, and stewardship of God's creation.

Their active involvement has been instrumental in mobilizing communities for sanitation improvements and maintaining a collective sense of responsibility for WASH facilities.

PARTNERSHIP

To address deforestation affecting major water catchment areas, World Vision partnered with

the Liberals Foundation during the National Tree Planting Day, mobilizing youth groups, government representatives, and the Mayor of Freetown to plant over 1,000 trees around the Guma Dam — the main water source for Freetown city.

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

During this reporting period, one staff member was sponsored to an international WASH

course at Nevada's Desert Research Institute. He has completed his classroom lectures and is working on the dissertation report.

WASH **Success Story:** Aminata's ordeal

Before World Vision intervention at Sierra Leone Youth Muslim Movement Junior and Senior secondary school Gohn, there was a high rate of absenteeism among pupils of the school, courtesy of the frequent attack of diarrheal and flu outbreaks on the pupils. Though a handwashing facility was installed, it was rarely used due to pupils' lack of knowledge in sanitation and hygiene practices. The unavailability of soap and inadequate water supply prevented proper hygiene practices among staff and pupils.

When a school WASH program was introduced by World Vision in collaboration with the Ministry of Resources and Sanitation and the Ministry of Education, everything began to change. World Vision, in its capacity, trained teachers and pupils on proper handwashing techniques, especially after using the toilet, before eating, and after play. A School Health Club was formed, led by pupils, to promote hygiene and sanitation practices through songs, dramas, role plays and weekly demonstrations. This has contributed to the installation of handwashing stations with soap and clean water near toilets and eating areas. Teachers integrated hygiene lessons into science and life skills classes. Consequently, pupils became hygiene champions both in school and at home.

Among the pupils was Aminata a 10-year-old female in class 6. Before the program, she frequently fell sick and missed classes due to stomach problems. After learning about proper handwashing, Aminata started washing her hands regularly and noticed a big change.

"Now I don't get sick often. I told my mother that we should wash our hands before cooking and eating," says Aminata proudly.

Aminata's enthusiasm spread beyond the classroom. She and other School Health Club members began teaching their families and neighbours about the importance of handwashing. With support from community stakeholders and able-bodied men in the community, Aminata and her friends build tippy taps (these are handwashing devices made from jerrycans) in their homes using locally available materials. Improved

hygiene practices in homes and community events began to take precedence as parents appreciated their children as "teachers of hygiene".

Aminata became very proud of herself, "I never imagined that we, the pupils, could influence the whole community. It started with a simple habit at school — now the entire village practices it."



FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

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World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVISL), in its holistic approach to development, continues its faith integration trajectory in its programming, thereby catering for the physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of the children it serves. This is clearly expressed in its National Office Strategy development, wherein findings from Spiritual Landscape Assessments (SLAs) were filtered into the strategy development process, thereby helping WVISL have a holistic picture of child well-being issues in the operational areas.

The report on malaria vaccine uptake was finalised, and the child-friendly guide on handwashing and other positive hygiene behaviours, for use by Sunday School teachers and Kids Club facilitators, has been produced. WVISL is trusting God for the availability of funds to produce more copies and train Kids Club facilitators and Sunday School

teachers on how to use it in teaching children. WVISL was able to conduct a survey on 'Life in all its fullness,' and also documented impacts in its faith integration programming, with reports currently under review. When finalised, it will shed light on some key impacts of WVISL's faith integration programming.

The Faith Integration Project complemented the WVISL Sponsorship budget, which F&D had solely relied on over the years. The grant has also helped WVISL focus on addressing key program gaps. For instance, it helped WVISL carry out SLAs in 9 Area Programmes and findings on the faith-based perspective of child vulnerability issues were included in the FY26 NO Strategy refresh process. And in specifically working with one of its faith-based organisations (Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone), in engaging children living with disabilities in Spiritual Nurture of Children activities.



Faith & Development **Success Story:** "Breaking Traditional Methods to Create more Income"

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"World Vision trained me and other faith leaders in Bonthe District on Empowered Worldview (EWV), in July

"In 2021, when we needed loans, we took credits from the bank and local finance institutions whose interest were very high and conditions for their loans were very harsh. Such high interest rate intensified poverty," stated Pastor Josiah Williams. Pastor Josiah was part of the faith leaders trained in 2024. He pastors the United Brethren in Christ (UBC) Church in Semabu, in Bonthe District and he is a father of three children.

2024. This training came on the background of another training we had received on Savings for Transformation (S4T) with a functional S4T group. Empowered Worldview gave me a broader perspective of maximising opportunities. The EWV intervention offered him the tool to venture out for more gains." A group discussion pastor Josiah had during the training made the biggest impact on his life. "Leveraging transformational relationships, connecting effectively with others for maximum growth, not giving up in life and exploring new ways of doing things were among the issues that stood strongly from the group discussion which propelled my mind to act in a more positive way after the training" said Pastor Josiah.

"I went home with positive thoughts that day and started thinking how to improve my various income generating programmes. Semabu and the surrounding communities heavily rely on palm oil plantations. How to improve income in that space occupied my daily thoughts. Our



family palm oil plantation is among the many old ones around. I thought to myself that how to discontinue the traditional method of processing palm oil would be the way to go. I shared with my family and we went for a processing plant. I didn't have the money I needed to get the processing plant. The processing plant cost \$350. I had \$150 as my personal savings. I

with ease. For example, extra school expenditure and medical bills.

Pastor has begun some savings for the first time to replant palm fruits in the old plantation. That is a sure way to continue to leverage much income in the future.



went for a loan of \$200 from the S4T group" Pastor Josiah noted. The processing machine was revolutionary, stated Pastor Josiah. "Foremost, it reduced labour time in oil production and with increased productivity. It also reduced wastage and increased profit than I ever imagined."

Impact on Community: The community members using the machine have experienced high production which has resulted to more income, with households having improved livelihood. Parents can now support domestic expenditures without going into unnecessary loans.

The machine is currently been used to process oil. He also now loans out the machine for use by community members for minimal fees, thereby bringing in additional income. Oil production has increased from 1,000 litres of palm oil to 2,150 litres. "This same experience of high production is happening for all those using my machine" Pastor Josiah pointed out.

Pastor has provided Special Fund to support the most vulnerable children (MVC) like Orphans and children with special needs, in terms of their schooling, clothing and care in the village. As such, his family and community members accord him high respect.

The machine has reduced labour hence children are exempt from long hours of supporting family members through the process.

Impact on Pastor Josiah: Pastor Josiah has doubled his income by more than 100%. This has given him the capacity to handle most of the domestic issues

Faith & Development **Success Story:** "The Block Maker's Story: A Testament to Empowerment"

Peter Ansu Daramy, a proud resident of Sierra Leone, holds a Diploma in Social Work from Njala University. He is married and has two children, and his family has been significantly impacted by his journey to transformation. Before starting his block-making factory, Peter was a former employee, earning a meagre two hundred Sierra Leone leones (200)—less than (\$9) per month. He supervised building constructions and felt frustrated because of his poor financial situation. "Things were very difficult with me," Peter stated. "I was not contributing anything to the well-being of my family." His wife had to do petty trading to support the home, and his elder brother in the US would, once a while, send money to cover his bills.



Peter's life took a dramatic turn when he was invited to attend the Empowered Worldview training in Bo, facilitated by World Vision International Sierra Leone. During the training, he realised that poverty is a mindset thing and that he needed to act to change his circumstances. "I left that training determined for change," Peter said. "I couldn't continue working hard but receiving peanuts."

With his newfound mindset, Peter decided to start making blocks for sale. He convinced his brother to support him with \$500 to get started. Peter bought block moulds and materials, and his first blocks were sold to the same building sites he provided supervision for. As his business grew, Peter convinced his brother to support him in setting up a factory, Yorpoi Construction and Manufacturing Company, in Kebbie Town, Bo. His brother invested \$50,000, and the factory was equipped with machines.



Today, Peter's factory employs nine youths who are adequately paid. One of his staff members, who struggled with addiction, has been helped through counselling and has become a responsible member of society. The factory makes a profit of \$1,000 monthly, and Peter plans to expand to Kenema, the Eastern District of Sierra Leone. Peter's family life has also improved drastically, and he is able to support his children's educational needs. Peter attributes his success to the Empowered Worldview training he received, which changed his mindset and approach to business and life. He advises others to act and not wait for handouts. "The training taught me to value everyone and recognise that people are the most valuable assets," Peter said. Looking back, Peter is proud of what he has accomplished through his block-making factory. He sees his business evolving and growing, with plans to expand to new areas. Peter's story is a testament to the power of empowerment and mindset shift, and he hopes to inspire others to take control of their lives and create positive change in their communities.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP



Engage with sponsored children, Practical session on Child Portal Learning with Registered Children (RCs).

Sierra Leone faces a major challenge in promoting children's digital literacy due to limited internet access, with only 30.4% of the population connected according to data portal. This has left many children without the necessary tools and exposure to develop critical digital skills.

To address this, the Sulima Area Program (AP) launched the Child Portal Action Learning initiative, aimed at boosting digital literacy and empowering communities with digital tools to enhance child well-being and engagement.

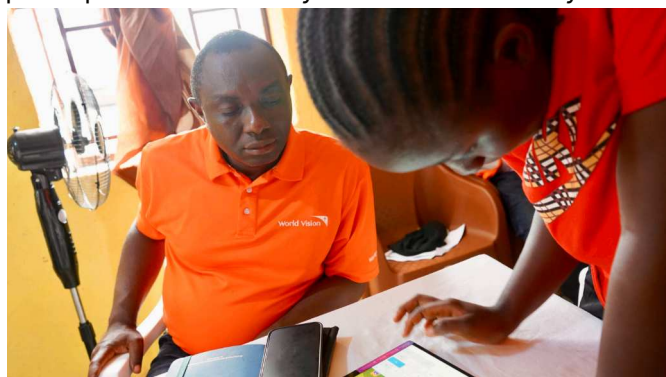
Through this initiative, 198 children (93 boys and 105 girls) were engaged, with 75% able to confidently navigate digital learning modules. The program not only improved digital skills but also contributed to school retention and increased participation in sponsorship activities.

Impact of Birthday Bounce Back FY25

The US Area Programmes organized the FY25 Birthday Bounce Back celebrations and Christmas parties to recognize the importance of celebrating



children as a key moment in their lives, bringing together 18,400 Registered and non-Registered Children across all APs to show love, care, and recognition. The events were planned and coordinated by a broad community committee including traditional leaders, faith leaders, parents, teachers, CCMs, and children, with children actively leading sessions to build confidence and participation. Guided by the theme "Healthy Habits



for Healthy Kids, WASH and Nutrition: Twin Forces for Change," the celebrations combined fun with learning, promoting hygiene, nutrition, child protection, and faith integration through prayers led by children. As a result, many children adopted positive hygiene and protection behaviors, and 209 children with disabilities were identified, strengthening their inclusion and participation in programme activities.



Learning materials, including exercise books, school uniforms, pens, and pencils, were distributed to children in rural communities across the Area Programmes (APs) to support access to quality education. In total, 6,558 Registered Children (RCs) benefited from the distribution, comprising 3,127 boys and 3,431 girls. This intervention contributed to improved school attendance, enhanced learning

experiences, and reduced the burden on vulnerable households in accessing basic educational supplies.

To support effective and high-quality delivery of sponsorship business processes, two local institutions were piloted in two Area Programmes and now roll out to support community-driven sponsorship initiatives.

These institutions collectively engage 12 community volunteers who support the APs in collecting sponsorship products, and community engagement. This approach has significantly enhanced quality, timeliness, and accuracy of sponsorship documentation, while also contributing to the resolution of longstanding sponsorship-related issues at community level.

Child Protection **Success Story:** "How Education support changed Kadie's life"



Kadie is a 12-year-old girl registered child from Hundowah community. She lives with her mother and two siblings in a dilapidated mud house, plastered with cement with a leaking zinc roof. She is in class six, attending RC primary school hundowah. Her mother, a single parent, struggles daily to provide for the family through petty trading at the local luma (weekly market). With limited income and increasing family needs, Kadie mother found it hard to afford even the most basic school materials.

"I used to go to school in torn clothes that weren't even a proper uniform," Kadie recalls quietly. "I didn't have exercise books or pens. Sometimes, I would just sit in class and listen without writing because I had nothing to write with. "Her situation began to affect her confidence. "Other children would laugh at me, and I started missing school. I felt embarrassed. I thought maybe school wasn't meant for people like

Everything changed when World Vision Sierra Leone, through the Area Programme (AP), stepped in to support vulnerable children like Kadie. She was identified by community volunteers and registered into the programme. Through this support, Kadie received exercise books, pens, Uniform and plastic files. "When they gave me the books, Uniform, Plastic file and pens, I was so happy. For the first time, I could write my notes just like the others," Kadie says, her face brightening. "Now I go to school every day, and I'm not ashamed anymore."

Kadie now attends school regularly, participates confidently in class, and dreams of becoming a teacher one day. "I want to help other children like me learn and feel proud."

Thanks to the support from World Vision, Kadie's story is changing from exclusion and shame to confidence and opportunity



ADVOCACY

Influencing Systems. Empowering Communities. Transforming Lives.

Building a More Resilient Future for Every Child

Throughout FY25, World Vision Sierra Leone strengthened national advocacy, advanced nutrition policy reforms, promoted child protection, elevated children's voices on climate action, and improved livelihoods through strategic partnerships and the ENOUGH Campaign. These achievements contributed to stronger systems that support



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Child Climate

Champions engaged in shaping national climate advocacy priorities.



923,000

Children reached through the National School Feeding Programme operating across 15 districts and 3,774 schools nationwide.



137

Beneficiaries supported through livestock livelihood initiatives aimed at improving household resilience and food security.



127

Households received livestock, seeds, and farming tools through sustainable livelihood interventions in Pujehun District.



1st

Nutrition Responsive National Budget adopted in Sierra Leone's history, strengthening investments in nutrition and human capital development.

National Building Resilience Campaign Officially Launched

In 2025, Sierra Leone launched the three-year National Building Resilience Campaign in partnership with the Organisation of African First Ladies for Development (OAFLAD). The launch brought together First Ladies from Liberia, Burundi, Senegal, Cape Verde, and Gabon to champion child resilience, gender equality, protection, and empowerment.



Under the theme **"We Are Equal,"** the campaign promotes collective action to strengthen protection systems for women and children, prevent gender-based violence, and build resilient communities capable of responding to future challenges. The initiative seeks to bridge the gap between policy commitments and community realities while ensuring women and children receive support before crises emerge.

World Vision, Joining Forces members, and civil society organizations actively supported the launch, reinforcing shared commitments to safeguarding, child protection, advocacy, and community empowerment.



Sierra Leone's First Nutrition Responsive Budget

FY25 marked a historic breakthrough with the adoption of Sierra Leone's first Nutrition Responsive National Budget for FY2026. This achievement reflects a major policy shift toward prioritizing nutrition, food security, and human capital development within national planning and budgeting processes.

The milestone was achieved through extensive collaboration between the SUN Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, government ministries and agencies, UNICEF, World Vision Sierra Leone, civil society organizations, and development partners.

Aligned with the ENOUGH Campaign and Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan, the budget supports the Feed Salone flagship programme, strengthening food production, improving nutrition outcomes, and advancing sustainable agriculture.

The achievement demonstrates a long-term national commitment to reducing malnutrition and strengthening food systems for children, women, and vulnerable populations.

STRENGTHENING SCHOOL FEEDING AND CHILD NUTRITION

As part of the ENOUGH Campaign, World Vision held its first coordination meeting with the National School Feeding Secretariat under the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education to strengthen collaboration and enhance the quality and reach of school feeding interventions.

The programme currently operates in 15 districts, covering 143 chiefdoms and 3,774 schools while reaching approximately 923,000 pupils nationwide. Discussions focused on meal quality, locally sourced food production, stronger collaboration across ministries, and sustainable nutrition solutions.



Children Leading the Climate Agenda

Ahead of the Africa Climate Summit, World Vision Sierra Leone convened a National Consultation on Climate Change that brought together 40 child climate champions—20 girls and 20 boys—from the Children's Forum Network.

Children highlighted pressing challenges affecting their lives, including food insecurity, displacement, and access to clean water. The consultation created a platform for meaningful child participation and reinforced children's rights to influence decisions affecting their future.

The recommendations generated during the consultation will help inform climate advocacy efforts, policy dialogue, and child-focused engagement at national and regional levels.

Protecting Children and Advancing Girls' Rights

Throughout FY25, World Vision strengthened advocacy efforts to protect children, promote disability inclusion, and advance girls' rights through strategic partnerships with government, civil society organizations, and regional institutions.

Significant achievements included:

- Supporting advocacy initiatives to protect children with disabilities from violence and harmful practices.
- Collaborating on the development of a child-friendly version of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act to improve awareness and understanding among children.
- Leading nationwide advocacy activities during the International Day of the Girl Child under the theme **"The Girl I Am, the Change I Lead: Girls on the Frontline of Crisis."**

These initiatives elevated girls' voices, strengthened child protection systems, and encouraged greater participation in leadership, peacebuilding, education, and climate action.

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Building Resilient Livelihoods

World Vision Sierra Leone partnered with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to implement sustainable livelihood initiatives aligned with the ENOUGH Campaign and the Feed Salone agenda.

Livestock Holding Centres were established in five communities within the Galikrim Cluster to improve animal health services and strengthen agricultural productivity. The initiative directly benefited 137 participants from 100 households, helping improve food security and household resilience.

Additionally, 127 households received livestock, seeds, and farming tools through the Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement through Farming and Livestock Project. The intervention supports increased food production, improved nutrition, and stronger household incomes.

World Vision also contributed to the development of Sierra Leone's first Food System Coordination Strategy, ensuring nutrition-sensitive and child-focused priorities remain central to national food systems planning.



Together, We Are Creating a Future Where Every Child Has Enough

Through policy influence, strategic partnerships, community engagement, and child-centered advocacy, World Vision Sierra Leone continues to advance sustainable solutions that address hunger, improve nutrition, strengthen resilience, and protect the rights and wellbeing of children.

The ENOUGH Campaign remains a powerful platform for ensuring that every child has access to nutritious food, protection, opportunity, and the chance to thrive.

World Vision International Sierra Leone Delivers Life-Saving Health Services Through the Global Fund GC7 Program



In 2025, World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVISL), serving as the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund Grant Cycle 7 (GC7), made significant strides in advancing Sierra Leone's response to HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria while strengthening resilient and sustainable health systems. The GC7 grant, part of a national investment of **US\$136.2 million**, supports the country's efforts to accelerate progress toward Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Working closely with the Ministry of Health, District Health Management Teams, civil society organizations, and community structures, WVISL expanded access to essential healthcare services for vulnerable populations across the country. As the lead implementer of the GC7 program from **July 2024 to June 2027**, WVISL has focused on ensuring that communities have reliable access to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care services for the three diseases.

One of FY25's most notable achievements was the successful execution of a nationwide last-mile distribution campaign that delivered HIV, TB, and malaria medicines and medical supplies to **more than 1,000 health facilities across Sierra Leone**. This effort strengthened the national supply

chain, reduced the risk of stockouts, and ensured that critical commodities reached even the most remote communities.

FY25 Results at a Glance

- Principal Recipient for the Global Fund GC7 grant covering **July 2024–June 2027**.
- Contributing to the implementation of a **US\$136.2 million Global Fund investment** in Sierra Leone.
- Life-saving HIV, TB, and malaria commodities delivered to **1,000+ health facilities nationwide**.
- Strengthened partnerships with the Ministry of Health, National Malaria Control Programme, National Disease Control Programme, and District Health Management Teams.

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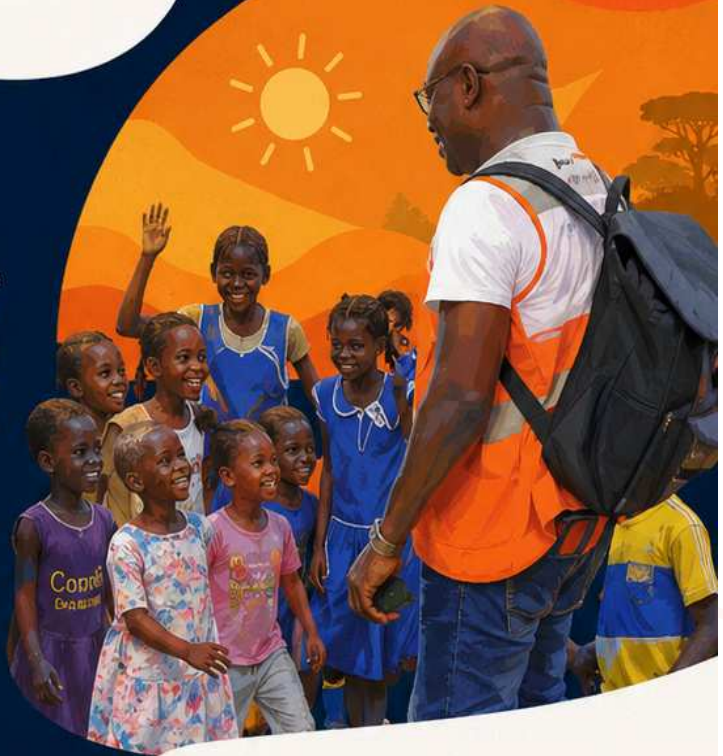


OUR PROMISE
For Children.
For Change.

Investing in Today, Transforming Tomorrow.

World Vision International Sierra Leone remains steadfast in fulfilling Our Promise to donors, sponsors, and the children, families, and communities we serve. Guided by the principles of wise stewardship, transparency, and accountability, we ensure that the resources entrusted to us are managed with the highest integrity.

In FY2025, we mobilized a total of \$21,257,191 in both cash and in-kind contributions. These investments significantly advanced our strategic objectives and delivered sustainable impact in the lives of children and adult program participants across Sierra Leone.



YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION



EDUCATION

Equipping children with knowledge for a brighter future



HEALTH & NUTRITION

Promoting healthier lives and stronger communities



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

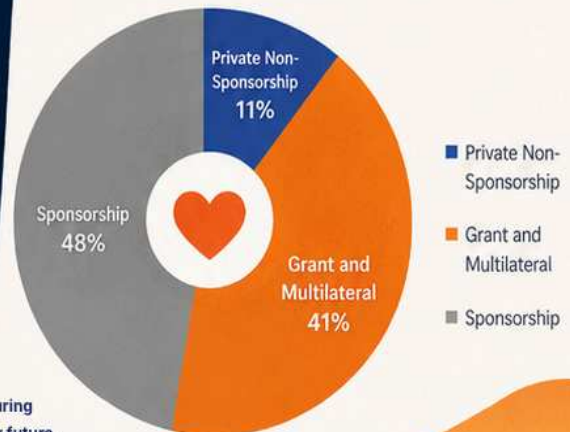
Improving access to clean water and hygiene facilities



CHILD PROTECTION & EMPOWERMENT

Creating safe spaces and empowering children to thrive

ACTUAL SPEND PER FUND TYPE FY25 (Excluding GIK)



STRONG STEWARDSHIP LASTING IMPACT.

81% of resources were directly invested in life-changing programs, ensuring children and communities receive the support they need to build a better future.

FUNDING TYPE	ACTUAL SPEND(US\$)	APPROVED BUDGET	BUDGET EXECUTION
Private Non-Sponsorship	1,786,771.85	2,586,689.00	70%
Grant and Multilateral	6,477,787.55	6,903,287.00	87%
Sponsorship	7,893,489.10	10,766,297.00	73%
Grand Total	16,158,048.50	20,256,273.00	81%
SP for BMD (GR)	1,034,937.00	1,034,937.00	100%

Thank you for being part of this journey!



EVERY CHILD.
EVERY CHANCE.



Compassion



Accountability



Integrity



Empowerment

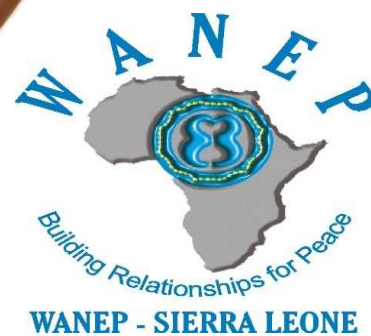


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