

Attachment to Cover Note on World Vision International's report

Please find below the Secretariat's email to World Vision and on this page World Vision's reply, which they asked the Secretariat to forward to the Panel.

Hi Asa

Our 2009 Report does in fact include some reporting on environmental indicators (see pages 31 and 32). The information we provided responds to indicator **EN18 [Initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reductions achieved](#)**. While we do not currently have capacity to measure emissions accurately we are taking steps in this area and this is what we have included in the report. In my view this meets the spirit of the indicator.

When assessing the reports it is important to take into account the governance structures e.g. federated governance structure and WVI's role within it (as a quasi secretariat body) makes it more difficult for us to obtain this information than an entity such as Oxfam GB as differentiated from Oxfam International. While we do not have complete data we did provide a sample set from World Vision Australia. We decided not to include data from WVI's Los Angeles headquarters because it had not been independently audited.

If it is the case that a strict approach to reporting of complete emissions figures is required to obtain a Level C rating then my guess is that there are not likely to be many INGOs able to achieve this in the medium term. I do not believe this is the intent of the indicator. This is an important issue for GRI and the INGO Charter Company to consider. In my view the framework is intended to accommodate the reporting of steps being taken by an organisation on its journey towards achieving an indicator e.g. measurement and ultimately reduction of emissions.

We omitted the environmental indicators from the compliance table, partly because we are still feeling our way in this area. If I was to change anything in the 09 report it would be to add the environmental indicator EN18 into the table referencing pages 31 and 32 of the report. However I am not sure that we will be able to have that change made before Thursday.

In the 2010 report we will also focus more on the mitigation work we are doing in our programmes (EN26).

Asa, I would be happy to discuss further on the phone if you would like.

Kind regards

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From: "Asa Mansson" <amansson@berlin-civil-society-center.org>
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Date: 02/21/2011 06:00 PM
Subject: World Vision Accountability Report FY2009 - Question from the Secretariat

Dear Beris,

Again, many thanks for sending through World Vision International's accountability report earlier this year. As you will know, our job here at the Secretariat with regards to the reporting process is to support the work of the "Independent Review Panel" and to help prepare their first meeting. As a part of these preparations, we have been asked to go through all reports before we forward them to the Panel and list the number of indicators reported on, make sure that all information referred to in the report is accessible etc. For each report we will produce a Cover Note giving the number of indicators reported on, pointing out where we see gaps and shortages with regards to the requirements GRI have set up etc. However, the Panel will of course receive the reports in their entirety and look into them without any restrictions.

While going through World Vision's report we found that **you have reported on indicators NGO1-9, EC1, LA2, LA8, LA10, LA11, LA13, LA14, SO2, SO3, and SO4**. You have also stated that you are reporting on level C according to GRI (p. 33). However, GRI states an organization needs to report on "a minimum of 10 Performance Indicators, including at least one from each of: Economic, Social and Environmental" (see: <http://www.globalreporting.org/ReportingFramework/ApplicationLevels/>). As you in the report that we have received do not report on any Environmental Indicator, **we will unfortunately not be able to see this report as a C-level report**. However, before we pass the report and our accompanying comments on to the Panel, we wanted to give you the possibility to comment on this and/or submit additional information so that the necessary requirements for the reporting level is met.

Although it is very soon, I would very much appreciate if you could get back to us with a comment on this by Wednesday 23 February at the latest, since we are on a very tight time schedule in going through all reports and sending them, including potential comments, to the Panel by Thursday 24 February.

I look forward to hearing back from you!

Many thanks and best regards,
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