



CHILD SPONSORSHIP RESEARCH

# World Vision Child Sponsorship

How World Vision sponsorship programmes contribute to improvements in child well-being

## About the research

World Vision evaluated eight development programmes around the world as part of Phase 2 of its Child Sponsorship Research programme. The evaluated programmes were: Colomi (Bolivia), Arani (Bolivia), Nabiswera (Uganda), Kaswa (Uganda), Weeraketiya (Sri Lanka), Pottuvil (Sri Lanka), Samaki Meanchey (Cambodia), Vardenis (Armenia).

## Child well-being outcomes

Findings show notable improvements in child well-being in all evaluated programmes. Some examples:

- ✓ **Education:** Pottuvil. 86% secondary school completion. Up from 59% in 2011
- ✓ **Health:** Samaki Meanchey. 84% of guardians agreed their children were healthier than five years ago.
- ✓ **Clean water access:** Weeraketiya. 94% access to safe drinking water. Up from 35% in the broader district in 1998
- ✓ **Child protection:** Colomi. 72% of surveyed youth reported benefit from a youth network - through developing a positive sense of self, improved social competencies, improved peer relationships or experiencing spiritual growth

Several correlations were found between participation in World Vision programmes and positive child well-being outcomes.

“We have been trained on how to improve the breeding of ducks and rabbits. That’s why our families are eating healthy now ... We have improved our lifestyles very much ...”  
– *Community member, Arani, Bolivia*

## Community-based approach

Findings indicate that World Vision’s contribution to child well-being hinges on its community-based approach. Community-based approaches were adopted in all programmes with success.

- ✓ **Wide reach:** Programmes benefitted sponsored and non-sponsored children
- ✓ **Multi-sectoral:** Programmes addressed multiple aspects of a child’s environment
- ✓ **Community participation:** Evaluations highlight participation supported positive change
- ✓ **Local partnering:** Partnering with local organisations supported positive change

## Christian identity

World Vision staff often live with the poor and vulnerable and bear Christian witness in the way they live their lives. Moreover, World Vision believes poverty is a result of broken relationships. Programmes successfully restored relationships through partnerships with other faith-based organisations (Christian, Muslim and Buddhist) to address community problems.



“When doing their work, they never discriminate. They serve everybody in the community regardless of belief and ethnicity, although their staff members continue to practice and exhibit their Christian values in their services.”  
– *Agriculture official, Kaswa, Uganda*

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