

## Appendix D – Contributions to child well-being

**TABLE 5: Citizen Voice and Action and the child well-being outcomes**

Child well-being outcome	How CVA contributes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children protected from infection, disease, and injury</li> <li>Children and their caregivers access essential health services</li> </ul>	Health, like education, is one of the most common issues that CVA addresses. Almost all practitioners use CVA to improve health services, such as access to medication doctors, nurses and midwives, clinic conditions and other key health indicators. CVA is often included as a component of a national office Child Health Now campaign
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children read, write and use numeracy skills.</li> <li>Children access and complete basic education.</li> </ul>	Education is one of the most common issues that CVA addresses. Almost all practitioners use CVA to improve education services. In particular, communities tend to focus on improving teacher-pupil ratios, school building conditions, teacher absenteeism, school supply availability and other key education indicators.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are respected participants in decisions that affect their lives.</li> <li>Children grow in their awareness and experience of God's love in an environment that recognises their freedom.</li> </ul>	CVA practice empowers children to freely participate in governance decisions that ultimately affect them. This process models the value that God places upon the individual and the justice God desires for all children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children enjoy positive relationships with peers, family and community members.</li> <li>Children value and care for others and their environment.</li> <li>Children have hope and vision for the future.</li> </ul>	All CVA practitioners use the CVA process to transform the dialogue between government and community, including children. This transformed dialogue results in positive relationships and a caring environment that ultimately provides hope for the future. In particular, CVA action plans provide an excellent opportunity for children to create a vision of a better community.

CVA also contributes to the goals of several ministries, but can really contribute to any ministry that has some intersection with services provided by local government.

**TABLE 6: Citizen Voice and Action and ministry objectives**

Ministry objectives	How CVA contributes
Education <sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner to assure all children and youth attain functional levels of literacy and numeracy</li> <li>Assure that equitable access includes registered children, as well as other children in the project area.</li> </ul>	CVA contributes significantly to the quality of public schools by monitoring local education standards and advocating for improvement. CVA also helps assure equitable distribution of resources by including the most vulnerable in the community scorecard process.
Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-based maternal child health (MCH), a preventive life cycle approach to comprehensive multi-sectoral MCH, which includes prevention of key communicable diseases (based on context prevalence) with a WV specific emphasis on nutrition and a particular focus on under-five children.</li> </ul>	CVA improves maternal child health by improving access to government health services at the local level. CVA also helps identify patterns of health policy failure so that campaigners can address these failures with regional or national level advocacy.

<sup>1</sup> These objectives form part of the Education and Life Skills DADD framework.

<p>Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated water, sanitation and hygiene, community-based and child-focused hygiene education and promotion, and improved access to safe water and basic sanitation; addressing safe water transport, storage and point of use treatment.</li> </ul>	<p>CVA improves access to safe water and basic sanitation by ensuring that governments fulfil commitments to provide these services.</p>
<p>Rights, equality and protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstream child rights, protection and gender equality.</li> <li>Inclusion of persons with disability in all WV programmes through comprehensive contextual.</li> <li>Analysis to identify violations of human rights that most directly impact child well-being outcomes. DME based on that analysis and supported by tools and processes and appropriate technical expertise.</li> </ul>	<p>CVA mainstreams the most vulnerable by ensuring their participation in the community scorecard process</p>
<p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to the Child Health Now campaign, the Global Advocacy Justice and Children (AJ&amp;C) strategy prioritises the integration of advocacy in World Vision programmes.</li> </ul>	<p>CVA provides an objective-driven methodology around AJ&amp;C that encourages advocacy and programming teams to work together for sustainable change.</p>
<p>Peacebuilding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>Making Sense of Turbulent Contexts</i> (MSTC) tool is World Vision's premier context analysis and peacebuilding tool. All 25 MSTC analyses identified good local governance as key for sustainable peace.</li> </ul>	<p>CVA contributes directly to better governance by facilitating an atmosphere of transparency and accountability. <i>Citizen Voice and Action</i> has been explicitly recognised by WVI Peacebuilding as contributing to the needs identified by MSTC analyses.</p>

Finally, CVA makes a unique, and very practical, contribution to the field of human rights. *Citizen Voice and Action*:

- **Promotes sustainability and reduces dependency** by placing a community's destiny in the hands of citizens and governments. Simply put, as NGOs like World Vision reduce our own service delivery work, we must prepare communities to ensure that governments and other development actors provide those services. *Citizen Voice and Action* prepares communities for transition by facilitating an ongoing dialogue with government about real community needs and priorities.
- **Leverages two of World Vision's most critical strategic added values**, our broad geographic presence and our grassroots connectivity. Possibly no other organisation has comparable reach into communities around the world. By mobilising communities and identifying patterns of government failure, we can transform entire systems of dysfunctional government.
- **Creates a collaborative (not confrontational) advocacy rapport.** CVA encourages active government participation and ownership of the process from the start. By improving their performance, CVA helps local governments become credible, legitimate and effective authorities.

**Attacks the root causes of poverty** by empowering local civil society to pursue good governance. The consensus continues to grow among opinion leaders that good governance is the key to sustainable prosperity.