

# *Echos of Success*

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Dodoma - Central Tanzania





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**W**orld Vision in Tanzania partners with communities to improve the prospects of vulnerable children for around 15 years. Our development interventions are not only focused on community development in general, but also motivated by the outcome they have on children's wellbeing.

We therefore aspire to not only produce tangible and visible our impact but also build the resilience and sustainability of the work among communities. For 21 years, World Vision Tanzania has therefore been collaborating with Farkwa Community to implement child-focused programmes and interventions in health, education, agriculture and food security, leadership and sponsorship. The programme was supported by World Vision Australia since 1996 with the goal of contributing towards improved quality of life of children, their families and communities.

As the programme comes to an end, we look back and celebrate the successes we have achieved in the 17 villages in ensuring:

- Children enjoy good health
- Children are educated for life
- Children experience love of God and their neighbours
- Children are cared for, protected and participating

We have witnessed commitment and sacrificial support among the community, local governments, community based organisations and all other stakeholders who were always eager to join our efforts towards a better life for every child in this community.

We are grateful of World Vision Australia and sponsors for their tireless support to this very level. In a special way, I would also like to commend the commitment of World Vision Staff who have been working to bring this achievement to reality. Your work and love for children has been stellar and is legendary.

Last but not least, I express my gratitude to the government of Tanzania at different levels especially for their cooperation and encouragement which led to the successful completion of this programme.

Join us in celebrating these achievements!

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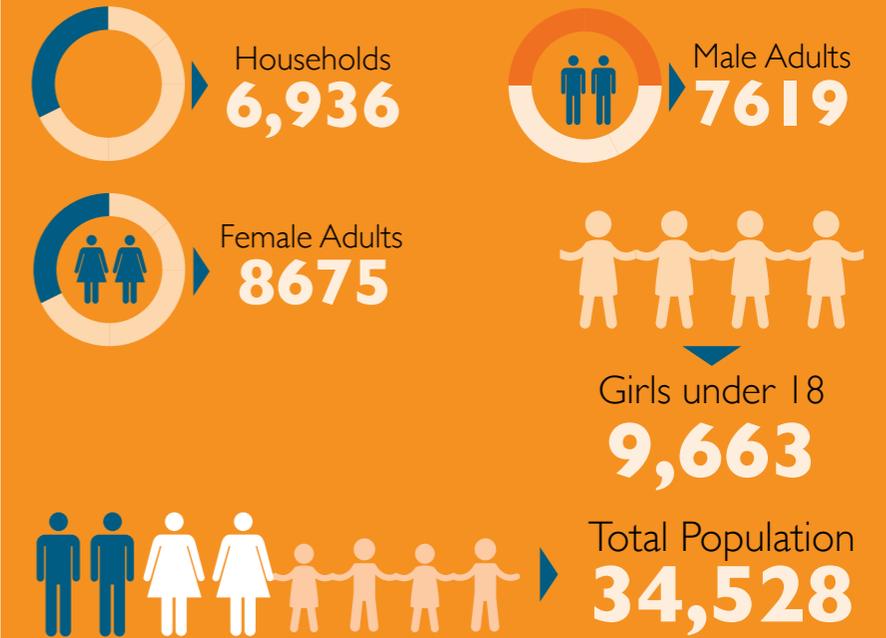
## Project Overview and Major Achievements

The Livelihood of most people in Farkwa community is largely depended on economic activities such as hunting and gathering wild food, small-scale crop and domestic animal farming.

World vision Tanzania entrance in Farkwa division was a smooth process since it was a result of close collaboration with government and other partners on the ground. After intensive assessments, it was realised that the community was suffering from poverty contributed by low level of household's income, high level of illiteracy, communicable diseases outbreak and unpredicted climatic changes.

After realizing those challenges World Vision Tanzania in collaboration with World Vision Australia started to engage Farkwa local community to address such development challenges. This was an effort from 1996 to 2017. Tremendous achievements have been made in areas of education, health, water, leadership and sponsorship.

## Population



## Achievements

School Enrolment	Baseline (1996)	Evaluation (2016)
<b>AGE</b>		
7-13	10.2	81.9 %
14-18	5%	105%
<b>Functional Literacy</b>	60.7%	93%
<b>Attendance</b>	30%	80.2%
<b>Agriculture Food Security</b>		
3 or more meals per day	30.5%	61.2%
Family ability to provide basic needs for children	52.7%	74.4%
<b>Health</b>		
<b>Basic vaccine coverage</b>	45%	90.4%

**18** saving groups with more than **540** members established  
**98%** of the community feel that their children are safe



**Kids livelihood**



**Child health**

## Education as a reality of life

### Improving School performance to excellence

Farkwa secondary school is one among the schools in Nchemba District, Central Tanzania that have benefited from World Vision interventions in education. Through a holistic approach, World Vision Tanzania along with its partners, World Vision Australia and New Castle Grammar School in Australia with the Government of Tanzania and Farkwa community, have worked together to witness improved education environment in this community particularly at Farkwa Secondary School.

“We are grateful to WorldVision for supporting the establishment of income generating projects including cows and 200 bee hives in our school. These projects have been very useful to us, we learn entrepreneurial skills, but also get milk and honey which help in improving our health,” says Fatuma Arzan a Form five student.

Given the dry conditions in this community, the school's water infrastructure was improved supplying water to the school for both students and teachers. Through New Castle Grammar School support, two dormitories were built

which in turn made the school qualify to be a high school.

“If it wasn't for the dormitories most of us could not be coming to school regularly considering how far our homes are. And also the solar panels have helped us with evening studies,” says Gema Suka a student at Farkwa

“Due to all these interventions, the government of Tanzania promoted the school to become a high school. This is a major achievement on our side,” says Patrick Sospeter a Deputy Headmaster.

Patrick adds that before the projects interventions, the number of dropouts and absentees was threatening. “However, these interventions have been helpful to keep our students busy after classes, all livestock's and beehives are managed by the students. We are happy that our students are increasingly developing the interest to learn entrepreneurship and livestock keeping” Explains Patrick

As Farkwa Area Program phases out the students in this school promise to cherish all the memories they shared with World Vision staff and they have a desire to develop further by sustaining the built infrastructure and income generating projects.



## Education

**82**  
classrooms and  
**62**  
teachers' offices built



**3000**  
books distributed to 17  
primary schools



2 student hostels  
and 65 teachers'  
houses constructed in  
collaboration with the  
community.



**10**  
water  
tanks built





**Water for Schools**



**Milk**

## Struggles for livelihoods

### The old challenging the young

Gregory Duka (67) is a father of ten children. Despite his age, he is a model farmer who is admired by his community- both old and young. He is one of the best farmers in Farkwa community cultivating tomatoes, onions and other vegetables; he also keeps 80 goats, 45 sheep and 45 cattle. The old man has a story to tell.

“ It was not always like this. Many years back, I used to walk about 100km to go and sell my harvest and I would return after three weeks. Mind you, at that time I was married and I had to leave my wife behind with our children. Their safety was comprised, because we lived within a forest, and me - as the man of the house, not being there, even from my farming, I could never make ends meet. The farming practices were of old and not very productive. Life was really hard.

I am however thankful that after attending a series of World Vision trainings and after I bought a power tiller and water pump for reasonable prices, I am enjoying farming and its abundant income.

During the training, farmers were taught how to prepare seedlings, the spacing required when planting and how to reduce the number of our livestock to a number we can profitably manage. I decided to put what I learned into practice on quarter acre land and I saw a big difference. In just a small piece of land with tomatoes, I made more than TZS600,000 (US\$300). From there, I have been expanding my farm through irrigation. I live comfortable, I have been able to put my children and some of my grandchildren to school and provide for all their needs.”



### Agriculture and food security



**1500**

improved breeds of cocks provided to farmers



Farm implements provided including **280** ploughs, and **4** power tillers



**500**

improved beehives provided



**10**

horticulture groups supported with water pumps and improved vegetable seeds.



32

income generating groups trained



# Sponsorship

## for the most vulnerable Children

### Making Dreams Come true

It is not easy to reach your dream just on your own when all odds are against you. During desperate times, one might need to be supported or encouraged by a friend, parent or anyone to attain your dream. Restituta life needed that push to the next level. She is a 17 year old High School Graduate living with her mother in Farkwa. Restituta aspires to be a Medical Clinical Officer. She represent thousands of children sponsored through Farkwa Area program. She lives with her mother in Farkwa.



“ I have benefited from the child sponsorship programme since I was in grade one. I vividly remember my sponsor's name - Chelsea.

I can say am lucky because from a young age I attended World Vision seminars and I have been moulded to be the person that I am. In the seminars we were taught of our rights and duties as children, how to abstain from being cheated into early marriages among others. When I returned to school I relayed what I was taught to my fellow pupils, they always appreciated the knowledge.

I did not only benefit from the seminars but also I received books, uniforms that have been useful for my studies. I have just graduated from high school and my lifetime dream is to serve people my community after completing my college studies in clinical medicine. My journey is still long and I thank Chelsea and others for bringing me this far. I look forward to reaching my destination.”

# Maternal and Child Health

## Securing a healthy future for children and women

World Vision Tanzania has been working with Farkwa on a variety of health interventions. The strategic focus was on improving access to quality health services to reduce mortality rate for mothers, infants and the community as a whole. Community Health Workers have been instrumental in realising this aspiration.

Makorongo is a Village in Farkwa ward. Maria a Community Health Worker at the village says, "Before World Vision built the health centre in collaboration with the community, there were many death and malnutrition cases. We used to walk for about 50km to seek health services. Many pregnant women had miscarriages and in worst cases both new-borns and mothers would die on the way to hospital."

"It was hard at the beginning for people to trust me because I am not a professional health practitioner but with time and recognised training from World Vision they have learned to accept my role. I visit pregnant women teaching them on better nutrition practices for both them and their children. I have seen more pregnant women attending their regular clinic check ups. Most women now ensure that they give birth in medical facilities hence reducing the number of death caused by unprofessional delivery services," explains Maria.

## Health

Village Health Workers provided with



29 bicycles to facilitate mobilisation



12 staff houses and 12 pit latrines built



One Health Centre and two dispensaries constructed during the project.

5000

Insecticide Treated Nets distributed



Reduced proportional of children (under five) suffering diarrhea from 38% to 18%.

Reduced stunting among children (0-59 months) from 44% to 30.9%.



Antenatal Clinic attendance improved from 43.3% to 74.3%.



## Joining hands for partnership

'We are partners', is one of World Vision core values. In interventions, World Vision Tanzania engaged with partners across all sectors including the community itself, community based organisations, faith leaders and the government. Through community dialogues, community members participate in development activities, learn their rights and responsibilities.

"The seminars from World Vision have had a great impact on my life. Being a councillor itself is because I was made self-aware and motivated to be a leader by the trainings we received from World Vision. ." Says Paulo Mollel- Farkwa Ward Councillor

The trainings have also exposed him to where he can access loans that have helped him beef up his agricultural activities that are now yielding bountiful income.

"I believe the far we have come as a community, there is no looking back. We have enough education to start other development initiatives and also maintain those started by World Vision," adds Paulo.





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