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Honiara Area Programme

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Who We Are

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

Inspired by our Christian values, World Vision is dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

World Vision has had 30 years experience in community development in Solomon Islands (SI). World Vision partners with children, families, government, communities and other partners to improve lives and combat poverty.



Burns Creek Honiara, Photo by Jae Frew © WWSI

Honiara

Honiara City, located in Guadalcanal Province, is the capital city of the Solomon Islands and home to nearly 12.5% of the nation's total population. It has a diverse cultural make-up with ethnic groups from all of the provinces in the Solomon's.

Honiara is located on the northern coast of the island of Guadalcanal and includes a sea port at Point Cruz. The town is bisected by 1 major road, Kukum Highway, which connects Honiara International Airport in the east with the settlement of White River in the west. Most of the city's infrastructure, such as the National Referral Hospital, and commercial activity are located on this one long road.

Honiara is steadily growing due to migration from rural areas, a high birth rate and improved medical facilities. Urbanization has contributed to many social issues as Solomon Islanders transition from traditional systems to more modern lifestyles. Issues such as the weakening of community bonds and traditional community structures, unemployment, limited access to educational opportunities, adapting to a monetary system and a loss of traditional culture have contributed to various problems within Honiara city.

World Visions Honiara Area Programme hopes to mitigate some of these issues and the products of these issues by addressing the need for relevant education and job training as well as campaigning against gender based violence and gender discrimination.

The Honiara Area Programme currently has two projects:

-Honiara Community Vision for Change

-Youth Development, Employment and Small Enterprise Project

Funding Resources

World Vision is a global partnership based on a federated model, with country offices in both the developed and developing world.

Contributions come from private donors, businesses, foundations and government grants. Gifts-in-kind have also been donated by corporations or government agencies to assist resource projects. Supported by various donors, World Vision has channelled more than \$1.9 million USD in 2008, \$2.8million USD in 2009, \$3.4 million USD in 2010 and \$3.7 million in 2011 into the Solomon Islands.



Channels of Hope Workshop August 2012 © WWSI

Key Partners and Stakeholders

World Vision's Honiara Area Programme partners with a variety of government agencies, NGOs, community groups and churches.

- ◆ Honiara City Council- Youth Division
- ◆ Communities in Solomon Islands
- ◆ Solo Environment Beautification Project
- ◆ Small Medium Enterprises Centre (SMEC)
- ◆ Solomon Islands Small Businesses Centre (SISBEC)
- ◆ Pasifiki Services
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Solomon Islands Parenthood Planning Association (SIPPA)
- ◆ MASE
- ◆ RAPID Employment Project
- ◆ IT Solutions

HONIARA AREA PROJECTS

Honiara Youth Development, Employment & Small Enterprise Project (HYDESEP)

Duration of the Project: 4 years, 2010-2014

This project aims to assist 300 young people (aged 14-29) in Honiara to be empowered to make better life and career choices, with funding support from WV Australia and ANCP. The project is aimed at unemployed or underemployed men and women aged 18-24 and unemployed/school leavers between 14-18 years.

The Project has three key outcomes; Life Skills, Sustainable Employment and Sustainable Business.

Outcome #1: Life Skills- involves mobilizing and developing life skills.

Outcome #2: Sustainable Employment- aims to ensure youth in Honiara are equipped with employment and technical skills to better access sustainable employment opportunities.

Outcome #3: Sustainable Business- aims to develop relevant livelihood skills and receive support to generate income and operate sustainable small businesses.

The project began in October 2010 and since this time we have held 11 successful trainings in the three project areas; Life Skills, Sustainable Employment and Sustainable Business, as well as holding many recreational and awareness events. 156 youth have received life skills training and 19 formal youth groups have been formed as a result of this project. Self Initiatives with facilitation from World Vision HYDESEP Project include 4 new businesses and the increased success of 17 pre-existing businesses. These businesses include piggeries, poultry farms, canteens, shell money making and fabric dying enterprises. Over 50 more business proposals have been submitted to our project for funding and technical assistance.

Honiara Community Vision for Change- Gender Project

Duration: 3 years, 2011-2014

This project is aimed at reducing gender-base violence in five communities by 2015. The project which started in May 2011 will end in September 2014, with funding support from WV Australia (WVA) and Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). The anticipated outcomes of this project are;

Outcome #1: Improved support from police and health services for survivors of violence

Outcome #2: People who have exposure to Community Channels of Hope (CCOH) demonstrate changed behaviours in relation to the value of men and women, girls and boys.

Outcome #3: Communities demonstrate improved ways of addressing conflict and substance abuse.

Outcome #4: The project takes an active learning approach.

The Community Channels of Hope (CCOH) for Gender is an innovative approach to Gender Violence. It focuses on Churches as catalysts of change through a re-exploration of Biblical messages – a model particularly well suited to the Solomon Islands context where Churches are respected and influential.

Other components of the project include support to survivors of violence, strengthening of conflict resolution mechanisms, and awareness about alcohol abuse.

This project will be complemented by an economic development project in the same communities, which is expected to support youth.