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# EDITORIAL

**Dear Colleagues,**

It seems each month is somehow busier than the one previous. March has been no different. This month we welcomed World Vision International President Kevin Jenkins and World Vision Australia's CEO Claire Rogers to World Vision Bangladesh, accompanied by our Senior Leadership Team. This newsletter contains details of the trip and more. I hope you take a moment out of your hectic schedule to check it out.

As always, previous editions of our newsletter can be found on World Vision Bangladesh's website by <http://wvi.org/bangladesh> and social media site in Facebook by <https://www.facebook.com/WVBangladesh/>. If you would like for an event or accomplishment to be considered for inclusion in a future newsletter, please contact at Communications department at national office to Communications Manager, Gloria Das and Communications Officer, Juliet Mondol.

**Sincerely,**

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**Director- Communications**

## World Vision International Chief visits programmes in Dhaka and Cox's Bazar

On March 6-9, World Vision International President Kevin Jenkins made his long-awaited visit to World Vision Bangladesh, along with Regional Leader of World Vision South Asia and Pacific Region Norbert Hsu. Mr. Jenkins's second visit to Bangladesh mainly focused on interaction with community people, including children and adults benefitting from World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) programmes, such as the Myanmar-Bangladesh Refugee Crisis Response (MBRCR), as well as economic and livelihood development, and other humanitarian interventions.

World Vision Australia CEO Claire Rogers also participated in the trip from March 5-9.

National Director Fred Witteveen and other WVB Senior Management Team members joined the visiting team in Dhaka and Cox's Bazar.

Nigel Marsh, responsible for Communications with the President's Office, participated in the trip. Videographer Brianna Piazza, World Vision Australia Emergencies Communication Officer, covered Claire's visit.

This visit was facilitated by WVB staff members in the national office, field offices and grant-funded projects in the Central-Eastern Regional Office in Dhaka and the MBRCR team based in Cox's Bazar.

The trip began on March 7 in Cox's Bazar. The team had an informative meeting with the senior management team leaders who briefed them on the response program in the country and in Cox's Bazar.

“ I came to Bangladesh to see what is now the largest refugee camp in the world, and to get a better understanding of how we can grow our impact in this response. ”

**Kevin Jenkins, President, WVI**





Kevin Jenkins met children in World Vision's Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and Women Adolescents and Young Child Spaces (WAYCS) in Balukhali and Burmapara refugee camps. He spoke with children, women and adolescent

girls, as well as staff members and facilitators who provide service in the centres and learned about health and nutrition programmes for pregnant and lactating women.





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Kevin Jenkins participated in the distribution of hygiene kits to 1,000 refugee families



Kevin Jenkins saw tube wells, latrines and bathing spaces funded by World Vision USA and UNICEF. He also met some refugee children and their families in the camps, who shared stories of their plight passionately.



“ I am very impressed by what we are doing in terms of the quality of our work, and funding is increasing. You should be proud of your colleagues and of yourselves, because many of you are making this happen. I express my thanks to each of you for the work that you do for the children and communities in Bangladesh; for the difference that you are making; for the incredible efforts you have made given the complex context of Bangladesh and the challenging six-month refugee response. This is a very striking increase in our programmes, with benefits not just for the refugees, but also for the host communities. ”

**Kevin Jenkins, President, WVI**



Mr. Jenkins attended a dinner with senior leadership colleagues and shared his future vision for World Vision's MBRCR programme.

Following the visit to Cox's Bazar, on International Women's Day on March 8, the group visited World Vision's urban program and interacted with women's group leaders and community-based organizations. They also attended the celebration program of International Women's Day at World Vision's national office in

Dhaka and greeted staff members, especially women on this special day. In his speech on the occasion, Mr. Jenkins said,

*“World Vision seeks to empower women in the workplace, especially in leadership and in challenging roles in the field. But it cannot happen by itself. It needs this kind of inspirational event to build women’s capacities. It is a continuous process, he said, urging the leadership team to commit to building equality among men and women.”*

“World Vision’s global campaign ‘It Takes A World To End Violence Against Children’ stresses the importance of paying special attention to girls’

needs”, he said. “Our promise 2030 is also a platform for women's equality and empowerment”, he added.



## World Vision Australia's CEO Claire's first look at World Vision's work in Bangladesh



Termining the celebration of International Women's Day (IWD) as a special privilege, National Director Fred Witteveen also said that, "In World Vision, we play a critical role in empowering women in communities. As we say, we value people and to me valuing people always mean having a diverse workforce of men and women with different gifts to achieve the well-being of children". He also hopes to have more women in World Vision, and to see men committed to working with women in improving the well-being of children.

He concluded with saying that, "We are in our journey. We are also learning and growing. Still we have long ways to go, but we are committed to go there. So, I am thrilled to be intentional to celebrate the IWD here, which will be an opportunity to celebrate the progress that we have made, but at the same time challenge us to go to the next stage. We should not be confined at the stage where we are, but rather want to be together improve the well-being of children, the boys and girls alike".



During the trip to Cox's Bazar, World Vision Australia CEO Claire Rogers visited the Women, Adolescent and Young Child Space (WAYCS) and Child Friendly Space (CFS) centres in the refugee camp in Balukhali and Burmapara. She specially talked with children, women and adolescent girls to know about their hardship and sufferings they are facing in the camp.

Claire Rogers joined staff members in celebrating International Women's Day and spoke on the occasion .



On March 8, she saw some of the programme activities of ' Urban Slum Fire Readiness' Project at Korail slum , one of the World Vision's grant -funded programmes in Dhaka. She also met and talked with local government officials, the community volunteers, project's regular staffs and technical partners.

The visiting CEO also ran through a demonstration that uses the heat sensor device 'Lumkani', set up for 30,000 household members living at Korail and Kallyanpur slums, in its working areas in the city for timely alarming of slum fires.