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# WORLD VISION RWANDA

## About us

World Vision is a christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities world-wide to overcome poverty and injustice.

## Our vision

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;  
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

## Our Values

We are christian.  
We are committed to the poor.  
We are responsive.  
We value people.  
We are partners.  
We are stewards.

## Our strategic goal

To contribute to measurable improvement in the well being of 4,000,000 children within their families and communities by 2020.





## FOREWORD



**George Gitau**

National Director  
World Vision Rwanda

I am pleased to present to you the fiscal 2015 World Vision Rwanda annual report, in which some of our key achievements are outlined. These achievements and many others are attributed to our outstanding communities, donors, partners, skilled and dedicated staff, who have worked tirelessly to implement World Vision's key development programs focused on impacting and contributing to the well-being of children, their families and communities in Rwanda.

Without the commitment, generosity and dedication of our communities, donors, supporters and partners, thousands of vulnerable Rwandans especially children would not have the kind of hope for the future and life they have today. During the past 20 years, our commitment has been to work with communities to find long-term solutions to poverty and injustice through community led integrated programs which are: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, Health and Nutrition, Resilience and Livelihoods, plus our crosscutting themes of Child Protection, Christian Commitments, Gender, Disability, Disaster Risk Reduction and Peace Building and Reconciliation from all our areas of operation in Rwanda. Through the support from the government of Rwanda, donors, partners and supporters, we have been able to make a difference in the lives of millions of children and families.

2015 was the final year of the implementation of our 2013-2015 strategy and also the year that World Vision Rwanda joined other World Vision National Offices and Support Offices across the World Vision Partnership in the redesigning process with the aim of implementing and operating in the spirit of LEAP3 which is Learning through Evaluation, Accountability and Planning (LEAP) that calls for doing more activities with less resources.

It is in this regard that World Vision Rwanda adopted a new operational model of clusters and regions moving from Area Development Programs (ADPs) and zones and a new approach in terms of technical programs for the implementation of economic development activities. This is in line with empowering communities to be self-reliant and sustainable thus being able to provide for their children and families even when World Vision is no longer working in those communities.

Among the key achievements worth mentioning this year include the phasing out of one of the oldest Area Development Program in Rebero, in Gicumbi district of the Northern Province of Rwanda for the first time in 20 years of World Vision Rwanda's intervention since 1995. Stories of hope and change were heard and the impact made by World Vision and its commitment towards the wellbeing of children and their communities were witnessed during the phasing out celebrations.

The launching of a multi-million dollar CORE (Creating Off-farm Rwandan Enterprises) project, which is as a result of the partnership between the Swedish Embassy in Kigali and World Vision Rwanda, will benefit children and their communities in Rwanda's

two poorest districts of Rusizi and Nyamasheke in the western part of the country.

World Vision Rwanda in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the government of Rwanda through WASH program was able to provide clean water and other hygiene services to more than 45,337 refugees in Mahama Refugee camp.

World Vision used the water treatment plant that has the capacity to treat water up to 900,000 liters per day and broke the record of meeting the recommended standards of water accessed by every individual in the camp which is between 15-20 liters of water per day among other achievements.

This Annual Report highlights the

most compelling impact stories, most innovative major achievements, and greatest success of this fiscal year 2015 Here you will be able to read about our efforts, commitment and details of our accountability as stewards in the mission to support our children and their communities.

It is my prayer and hope that you will find the information in this report useful, informative and inspiring so that you can join us in taking action to build a better place for children, their families and communities.

Kind regards,

George Gitau  
National Director  
World Vision Rwanda.





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# BRIEF HISTORY

**W**orld Vision, Rwanda a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and the communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice, began working in Rwanda in 1994, after the 1994 genocide against Tutsi's

**W**orld Vision initially provided emergency help to those displaced person's cared for unaccompanied children and also helped affected families resettle as they returned home.

**T**raumatized children were supported to heal, malnourished children were cared for and rehabilitated, and were later on re-connected with their families. World Vision's peace-building and reconciliation programs laid the foundation on which many lives, families, and communities are

being rebuilt today.

In 2000, World Vision started Area Development Programmes (ADPs) that work with communities to find long-term solutions to poverty through community led integrated technical programmes including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, Health and Nutrition, Resilience and Livelihoods.

This also includes the cross cutting themes of Child Protection, Christian Commitments, Gender, Disability, Disaster Risk Reduction and Peace Building and Reconciliation from all our areas of operation in Rwanda.

Since 2012, World Vision Rwanda embraced an innovative programming model that builds on enhancing community empowerment through investing in Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLAs) and Commercial Villages Model, a hybrid model through which typical social administrative villages

are designed and systematically graduated into commercialized competitive market-led agricultural production units.

In 2015, World Vision Rwanda joined other offices across the partnership to implement LEAP3 model of operation which saw it with 30 Area Programs that are divided into nine clusters and two regions.

The main objective of this model is to do more activities with less resources with the aim of impacting the well being of children and their families.



# TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2000, World Vision started using the Area Development Programmes (ADPs) model that work with communities to find longterm solutions to poverty through community led integrated four main technical programmes including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene(WASH), Education, Health and Nutrition, Resilience and Livelihoods with other crosscutting themes of Child Protection and Advocacy, Christian Commitments, Gender, Disability, Disaster Risk Reduction and Response and Peace Building and Reconciliation.

## MAP SHOWING WORLD VISION RWANDA. AREA PROGRAMS IN RWANDA.

World Vision Rwanda's  
Western  
Region Area of Operation.

World Vision Rwanda's Eastern  
Region Area of Operation.



 Area Programs (APs)

### COVERAGE

Reaching more than **1.5 million** people

Operating in **17** out of **30** Rwandan districts

Implementing **30** large scale Area Programs





# HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Moses is an 11-year-old boy living in southern Rwanda in one of the villages with the highest level of malnutrition in the entire country. Coming from a place where nearly half of the children who constitute 45% of the entire population are stunted, Moses was so hungry that he did the unthinkable: sneaking and secretly trying to suckle the milk from a goat. Weak and frail, Moses

was near death. Then a miracle took place with a wide-brimmed hat and an even wider smile named Noel Nkundimana.

“I was very hungry. I had heard people say that goats have milk that can be consumed by people. I wanted to try it. I felt a lot of pain in my stomach. When Noel saw me, I got afraid. I thought the goats

belonged to him and he was going to punish me. I wanted to run but I realised he sounded friendly. He told me he can get me free milk. I did not believe him. I only realised what he was telling was true when I started drinking milk. I was so happy.”

Noel Nkundimana is a farmer in southern Rwanda. World Vision gave Noel a cow as part of Rwanda’s “One Family Per Cow” program. In working to provide one cow for every family, the government hopes to restore health and prosperity to its people. World Vision is working alongside, giving families cows.

As everyone began to receive cows, there became a glut of milk on the market. Using child sponsorship funds, World Vision built a milk processing plant to buy the surplus



Moses Muhire, 11, with the farmer who saved his life, Noel Nkundimana. At the Tare Milk Collection Center.

**More than a glass of milk,  
it was life to me; Moses  
recounts.**

milk, ensure that it is fresh and disease-free, and then sell it to the market.

Not only that but also, in giving back to the community, the plant started providing free milk to the orphans in the neighbourhood to boost their health.

“I saw Moses by the side of the road. He seemed miserable,” said Noel. Driven by compassion, Noel took Moses to the milk distribution center to begin drinking milk each morning and night.

When he arrived last January, he weighed 30 pounds; distressingly wanting for a 10-year-old.

World Vision Staff worker Letitia Nyiranzabandora, felt certain that he would die. “The first time I saw him, I didn’t have hope that he would be a real child in the future, he was so emaciated for a child of his age,” she says.

Letitia was wrong. Just 12 months later, Moses has gained 20 pounds. His hair has grown back. Now he can run and play with the other children. Moses loves Noel. “I pray a blessing for him. He saved my life,” he says.

The manager of the plant, Jean Marie Vianney, says that the milk distribution centre wanted to do more than create an innovative business opportunity for residents. They wanted to give back.

“Because World Vision’s vision is life in all its fullness,” says Jean Marie, “we thought we should go beyond what we do for a family [economically] and that is when the idea of feeding orphans birthed.”

The milk distribution centre has big plans. They are diversifying, making yoghurt, cheese, butter, and even biscuits from the milk. They are expanding to new markets in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, ferrying milk in brightly colour little red trucks to dairy shops.

Now 11, Moses continues to drink milk from the centre. He’s back in school. Thanks to Noel, a good samaritan and finder of lost sheep, Moses got more than just milk. Moses got life.



“I saw Moses by the side of the road. He was looking so miserable,” said Noel. “He said, ‘I don’t have a parent. I am just so hungry.’” Driven by compassion, Noel took Moses to the milk distribution center to begin drinking milk each morning and night.





# WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



“The distance from home to water would take us 40 minutes, then 40 minutes going back. We would go to fetch water twice in the morning before going to school, we found ourselves late to school, and often we decided to miss class, thus leading to poor performance in my class, my parents used to spend time taking me to the hospital because of different diseases” says 10 years old Dieudonne Iradukunda .

Dieudonne Iradukunda, ten years old, is the second born in his family, currently studying at Groupe School Kiraro Protestant in Primary Four. “My life was hard because I walked for over two hours to fetch water every morning. I missed some classes and my performance was poor. My teachers punished me a lot” he shares.

“The water was really dirty and I had diarrhea and stomach pains. My parents spent a lot of time taking me to the hospital. Once, I spent three days admitted at the hospital,” Dieudonne continues.

At the water site, our team found the water flowing to be dirty, there were cattle drinking, people were washing their clothes and a few clothes had been scattered around to dry. This is the only source of water for the community to use in

cooking, cleaning, washing clothes, bathing etc.

Previously, many children around his age wore dirty clothes and had a lot of skin diseases. The children were only able to rest on the weekends and were too tired to attend church on most Sundays.

“I knew the challenges my son was going through, but he had to assist the family and there were no alternatives.” his father shares.

Dieudonne and his family had no other option for survival. Even dirty flowing water is better than none.

Provision of clean water in that area changed everything, and World Vision Rwanda through “Ubuzima WASH Program and Karaba ADP” installed the water pipeline in Kibilizi Sector, Nyamagabe District. It only takes

## AT A GLANCE

- 92943 direct beneficiaries of water supply systems
- 1140 successful water points from alternative systems (mechanized pumps, springs, large and small scale water systems)
- 8 non-functioning water points rehabilitated



3 minutes to get clean water from installed water points.

The lives of the children like Dieudonne, are changed. School performance has improved and good health, no more diseases and they now have a chance go to Church. Dieudonne is enjoying life.

World Vision in partnership with school management intends to continue training the children about improved sanitation and improved hygiene practices and work with School WASH clubs to increase the knowledge of water to the entire community.



A new water point that was installed by World Vision Rwanda through “Ubuzima WASH Program and Karaba ADP” in Iradukunda’s Village in Nyamagabe district, Southern Province. Access to clean Water is one of the major achievements by World Vision Rwanda under its WASH Program.





# RESILIENCE AND LIVELIHOODS

It's a Friday afternoon. Immanuel Simugomwa, a 28-year-old former orphan that has gone through World Vision support is busy working alongside other members of his cooperative. He is the president of Twitezimbere, a cooperative union of ten former World Vision Rwanda supported Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), through Nyaruguru AP. Twitezimbere produces leather products such as shoes, handbags, sandals, jackets, belts, mobile phone covers and key holders.

Born in 1983 from a small village of Sinayi, Kiboshi sector, Nyaruguru district, Immanuel never thought his life would ever be this good. He was raised in a family of nine children. Four girls and five boys. He is the last born in his family. He pauses, shakes his head as he recalls the poverty his

**From a vulnerable orphan to a millionaire**

family went through during and after the genocide. "We had always been poor but the 1994 genocide made things worse when my father died when I was seven, leaving us with our mother who was an unemployed housewife," he explains. The family entirely depended on subsistence farming, mostly growing sweet potatoes and beans.

They used a small piece of land about one hectare for all their agricultural activities.

"Every day was a hustle for us. I woke up before day break every morning with my brother and sisters to go digging. Some would run to fetch water about 400 metres from home and we would all go to school after settling all daily requirements at home," Immanuel says, His family owned five cows. All the cows were confiscated and taken by the *Interahamwe*, a group

of militia responsible for the 1994 Rwanda genocide. Although they were lucky not to lose other nuclear family members during the genocide, most of their property was taken and others destroyed.

"My mother died one year after the genocide in 1995. Life became harder just like all my brothers and sisters, I dropped out of school in grade six and did not have a chance to go back," he sadly explains.

As a child, Immanuel had a dream of becoming a secondary school teacher. Secondary school teachers were respected people in his community. He however realised he could not achieve his dream in 1994 after he dropped out of school.

After the death of his mother to malaria, life became more difficult.

They ate one meal a day, sometimes only sweet potatoes. He remembers the time they used salty hot water as sauce. They could not afford to buy cooking oil. He was one day persuaded by some of his childhood friends to move with them to the capital of Kigali to survive by begging on streets. He resisted the temptation and stayed in his village. "I tried everything to survive. I could not depend on any of my elder brothers and sister because none of them was doing better financially.

I repaired the old bicycle that belonged to my father and used it to transport bananas from remote parts of our village to the main road,

where buyers from the capital Kigali would find them. The banana owners would then give me little money that helped me to survive. I got about 1,000 Rwanda francs [1.6 US dollars] on my lucky day," he says.

In 1998, Immanuel was enrolled in the Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) programme run by World Vision Rwanda. At that time, he started looking at his future differently. He was one of the first twenty vulnerable children in his area that benefited from World Vision Rwanda's OVC project. World Vision Rwanda worked with local leaders in the area to identify and support OVCs from the most vulnerable

households and Immanuel was one of them. They were trained on leather works, mainly on producing leather materials such as shoes, handbags, sandals and jackets among other leather products. After the training, trainees were encouraged to form cooperative groups so as to start implementing what they had learned. Immanuel was one of the best students and later in 2007 was requested by World Vision Rwanda to be one of the facilitators at another training that enrolled 20 more OVCs from his and neighbouring areas. Immanuel and his group members used the equipment and the raw material given to them by World



"Every day was a struggle for us. I woke up at 5:30 each morning with my brother and sisters. Some would go digging, some would run to fetch water about 400 metres from home and we would all go to school after settling all daily requirements at home," Immanuel says.

## AT A GLANCE

- 662,224 tree seedling facilitated
- 71 farmer field schools
- 5 storage facilities facilitated
- 2 milk collection centers constructed

- 14,611 farmers supported with improved seeds
- 3 seedbanks provided to farmers
- 6,860 farm inputs such as fertilisers, watering canes and irrigation equipments distributed to farmers
- 360 cows distributed to farmers
- 1,900 goats distributed to farmers
- 2,325 pigs distributed to farmers
- 32 rabbits distributed to farmers
- 1,337 chickens distributed to farmers
- 25 tiller power machines
- 156 wheelbarrows
- 2,434 VSLAs groups facilitated
- 71,764 members VSLAs members
- 981,975,834 Rwf of VSLA savings
- 2 Green house provided
- 291 Biogas stoves facilitated

Vision Rwanda to produce their first products in 2007. “We were all eager to see our first work. We started by making leather sandals and handbags. They were not perfect but seeing what we could produce at our first trial gave us courage to go on,” he explains.

Through income from their sale of products, Immanuel managed to buy himself one cow. He also bought a used motorcycle and hired someone to use it as a taxi. Since there are very few vehicles and taxis in his village, motorcycles are the main means of transport and they get many customers. The motorcycle earns him

4,000 Rwandan francs [7 US dollars] daily. According to Emanuel, all group members work hard each day to produce various leather products. They sell, put the money on the cooperative’s bank account and then share the profit at the end of each month. On average, each member gets 100,000 Rwandan francs [170 US dollars] per month, more than a month salary of a primary school teacher in rural schools of Rwanda. “We each buy quality cowhide at 7000 Rwf. [9.3085 US dollars] We do the processing and produce 10 to 11 pairs of shoes out of one cowhide. Each finished shoe is then sold at 25,000 Rwf [33.2447 US dollars] His





Friesian cow gave birth four times. He sold two of the cows, added the money on what he had saved from the motorcycles contribution, and from his monthly share, bought a plot at Kiboshi trading Centre, Nyaruguru district and built a nice four-roomed and iron sheet roofed house. He says his house, according to Nyaruguru district authority, is worth 14million Rwanda francs [250,00US dollars.] “The district authority wants to use the land on which my house is build. They are trying to re-allocate us to another piece of land 500 metres from our current location and they will give me 14 million Rwandan francs. Sometimes it is hard for me to believe I have property worth

millions. I’m grateful to God for using World Vision to make me who I’m today.” he explains Immanuel dropped out of school before he even completed primary school. His current success and hard work however, has got him an educated wife, a primary school teacher. He is a happily married man with one child. He says he wants two more children and is sure that he will be able give them good medical care and to take them to good schools. According to Immanuel, the demand for their quality products is more than what they can supply. “Customers love our products, they book before we even finish working on them. They like the products because they

know are original and made out of pure leather,” he explains.

Their potential customers include government officials like the district mayor, sector leaders, church leaders, teachers, medical staff in the area and residents of Nyaruguru district. “We were recently recognised by the Rwandan Ministry of Trade and Industries as the best small scale producers of leather products in Nyaruguru district. We have participated in a number of trade fairs in the capital Kigali, and ministry has given us a place in the expo-ground in Kigali, where small scale manufacturers exhibit and sell their products,” he explains. Although Twitezimbere cooperative union members have not yet succeeded in meeting the high demand from their customers, they are optimistic they will get one more shoe sewing machine in the future to help them increase production. Immanuel proudly says “The future is bright and the sky is the limit for me and the rest of Twitezimbere cooperative.





# EDUCATION

## When Florence got a new and better school in her village.



Students in one of the classrooms constructed by World Vision at Kayita Primary School in Kiramuruzi AP. Florence says the new facilities have provided better and conducive learning environment.

Florence is a 12 year old girl, a resident of Kayita village, Kiramuruzi, sector Gakenke cell, who is naturally calm especially around people she is not used to. She however answers every question directed to her with confidence in a soft but clear voice.

A smile lights her face especially whenever she talks about Kayita, a primary school that was constructed by World Vision about half a kilometer from her home. She now goes to the new facility and is in primary four.

Before World Vision constructed a school in her village, Florence walked to Rubona primary school in a located in another sector about 6kms from her home. She had to walk 12 kms each day to and from Rubona primary school. She recalls the hardship she went through that made her hate and sometimes dodged school. “It was very tiresome. I woke up very early

in the morning every day. At around 4:00am. It was always difficult for me to wake up at that time but I had no choice. I had to do household work before going to school,” she said.

Florence had to fetch water every morning, sweep the house and the compound before she got ready for school. She is a second child in a family of three children. Her elder sister Jane is now 16 and her young brother Fred is seven years ago.

“I always got late to school because of the distance and was punished many times,” she said.

Sometimes, she was forced to walk in the rain “There was a time it rained while I was at school. Given the distance I had to walk back home, I would not wait for the rain to stop. I was afraid it would get dark before I got home. I was rained on all the way home,” she recalls.

According to her mother Amelia, she was always worried about her daughter's safety. "Sometimes her friends from the neighborhood had to leave her as she had to first help me with fetching water. Her going alone all that far left me worried. She is now 12 and in primary four. She is supposed to be in primary six but she did not start school on time due to the long distance," she said.

As a way of solving the hardships that faced children and parents in this community, World Vision constructed a new primary school in the area.



According to Florence, having a school near her home has made her studies more interesting. "I'm no longer punished for coming to school late. The classrooms are much better and we sit comfortably on new desks," she said. Florence has a dream. Her favorite subject is science and she wants to be a doctor. Kayita Primary School head teacher, Bwana Canisius, said that the school has greatly helped children in the community. "Even children from

Kayonza, the neighboring district have joined this school because it is near compared to those they went to," he said.

"It was very tiresome. I woke up very early in the morning every day at around 4:00am. It was always difficult for me to wake up at that time but I had no choice. I had to do household work before going to school," she said.

He also thanked World Vision for providing the school with three big water tanks that provided children with clean and safe water to wash their hands, thus improving and promoting hygiene practices at the school.

So far 200 pupils have already been registered at the school in the nursery section.

- 53 school classrooms constructed
- 78 school latrines constructed (doors)
- 3 water tanks provided to schools
- 8 school playgrounds constructed
- 153 computers provided to public schools
- 308 solar energy provided to public schools
- 1,730 desks provided
- 21 TVET/youth and vocation centers constructed
- 496 vocational start-up kits





# CHILD PROTECTION

On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, World Vision Rwanda handed over anti-Gender Based Violence equipments and Child Help Line to Rwanda National Police. During the handover ceremony, World Vision Rwanda National Director Mr. George Gitau said that World Vision as a christian and child focused organization continues to

struggle to end abuse and violence against children in Rwanda.

“As an international child focused organization, our goal is to make sure that children enjoy good health and life in all its fullness. this not possible when children continue to face abuse and violence and that is why we worked with

Rwanda National Police in order to put in place a system which would help in fighting against gender based violence as well as child abuse”, he noted.

The Deputy Inspector General Rwanda National Police, Mr. Juvenal Malizamunda commended World Vision Rwanda for its struggle to ensure the wellbeing of children in Rwanda and pledged their support in providing a conducive environment free from any kind of abuse and violence against children.



**World Vision Rwanda continues to work towards eliminating abuse and violent environments for children in Rwanda.**

“With this support from our partners especially World Vision Rwanda as a child focused international organization, Rwanda National Police remain committed to the protection of and assistance to the children when and where ever they are”, he pointed out.

The Child Help Line and equipment that was handed over to Rwanda National Police worth 162 Million Rwanda Francs [215,426 US dollars] are made up of the development of the system, laptop computers and projectors, office desks and other materials which are needed in order to setup a center which will cover the whole country. In addition to



this, World Vision Rwanda will also provide trainings to the officers who will be managing these centers since the Child Help-Lines shall be installed and operational in all 30 Districts of Rwanda with the center hosted in Kigali.

The Child Help Line will provide assistance, access to other services and plans for the long-term rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection. It will also help in providing confidentiality to its callers while at the same time ensuring instant access to support and care. The Child Help Line is an outreach service for children which is easy to access, toll-free, nationally accessible, and easy to remember “166”. It also focuses on child rights, abuse issues and links children to resources and emergency assistance.



## AT A GLANCE

- 6326 children registered in civil status books
- 3 churches trained on child protection and now participating in child protection activities
- 6 children forums got office to operate
- 47 children recognized by their fathers through mediation
- 36 Child protection Clubs setup in the schools. 8226 people trained on child protection
- 44 Children Forums Committees strengthened and operational
- 600 Children from all churches countrywide participated in Children for Christ Summit 2nd Edition





# ADVOCACY

Alphonse is a nine year old boy. He is quiet and reserved. He is the last person you would think of as a trouble maker. His personality however does not stop him from having lots of friends.

He would be home alone if it wasn't for his four friends from the neighborhood who come to give him company when his elder sister Jeanne

d'Arc 12 is at school. They play games such as skipping ropes. Alphonse also goes to school in the afternoon shift as soon as her sister comes back home because they don't want to leave the home alone.

Alphonse and Jeanne d'Arc were abandoned by their father John in January 2014. Before the death of their mother in 2010, life was

different. "Our father worked hard to get us food, clothes and we went to school.

When our mother died, things changed," explains Jeanne d'Arc 12 who is currently the head of the family. They both live in a 3 roomed house that was built by their father. The walls are old but firm. They are made of stick/wood and mud. The house is roofed with silver iron-sheets.

After the death of their mother, their father married another wife, Glorious 32. "My father's second marriage caused lots of problems in our home.

They always fought over almost everything. Sometimes Dad would run away for days, and then came back," she said. "Their constant fights and the hostility of our step-mother

**Marital conflict: a grave danger to child well-being**



## AT A GLANCE

- 11,156 children were registered during the campaign and policy on Child Birth Registration.
- 410 participants were trained by World Vision Rwanda on Child Rights and protection, drug abuse and early pregnancies country wide.
- 40 teachers were trained on Peace Road Curriculum.
- 40 health worker, and 40 Faith Based Organization representatives They were also trained on Peace Road
- Curriculum as well through the CPA
- project.



*Nine years old Alphonse playing with friends in front of his home after school where together with his 12 years old sister Jeanne d'Arc had been abandoned by their parents. Thanks to World Vision, they now live a happy life.*

forced our elder brother Albert to leave home. He became a street child. "One day, their father John could not take it any longer. This time, he left for good. "We thought he was coming back as he always did. We waited for two weeks but he did not," she said. Their step-mother also abandoned them two weeks after the disappearance of her husband. Jeanne d'Arc and Alphonse were left alone. They still remember the first night they spent alone in the house, scared and hungry. "I can never forget that day because it was on New Year's Day.

We were at Church when she left. She never said goodbye. We came back home and she was gone. She hadn't even cooked, we starved on a festive day," she recalls.

At only 12 years, Jeanne d'Arc had to become the head of the family.

She dropped out of school. She had to cook, clean the house every morning, but the most difficult task was keeping food at the table. "Sometimes we spend a whole day with nothing to eat. When our elder

brother, who lived on streets, heard that we were living alone, he started visiting us once in a while," she said.

Albert was a street boy. Although the government of Rwanda is working hard to get all children off the streets, AIDS and poverty continue to force many children back onto the streets. These vulnerable children live on food from garbage cans and the occasional generosity of passersby. They also do difficult jobs like helping people to carry heavy luggage to and from market places for as little money as 200Rwf (0.2USD).

"Albert came once a week.

He mostly bought beans and sweet potatoes that were enough for at least two days. We ate once a day, usually at night to ensure that the little food that he brought took us through the week," explains Jeanne d'Arc.

The situation worsened when their only provider Albert was arrested by police and put in a guarded rehabilitation center. The government

of Rwanda has designed a program that aims at getting all children off the streets to facilities, where they get counseling and psychotherapy help before they are reunited with their families.

Albert was to spend at least three months in that facility. “We waited for him the whole week. He did not come. God however did not let us to die. He helped us in a different way. A group of children came to visit us with food, soap, clothes,” she said.

They were members of the children’s forum from Gasaka sector. World Vision through Lawyers of Hope has trained and equipped village based child protection committees and children’s forum members in various sectors of Nyamagabe district located in southern Rwanda.

These children were trained on child rights and are working to ensure that their fellow children are protected from any form of abuse.

“We were so happy; it felt like God had sent us angels to help us. They gave us a lot of food, oil and washing

soap. They asked any other way they wanted us helped. I told them we wanted to go back to school,” she explains.

According to Christine 17, the president of the children’s forum in the area, the team went to Jeanne d’Arc’s former school and explained what these children were going through.

“They did not have school uniform. We needed the school to allow them study without uniform. We advocated for them to get books and the village leader in charge of social affairs provided some books and pens. Lucky enough, the school was very much willing to help.” she said.

According to Jeanne d’Arc’s class teacher Claver Mudacumura, he was sad when he had what these children were going through. “I knew their elder brother who dropped out of school to become a street child. I taught him and he performed well in class. When I heard what these children were going through, I encouraged my fellow teachers to visit them, which we did.”

According to Claver, teachers have once in a while contributed money to buy food for Alphonse and Jeanne d’Arc including rice, cooking oil, beans, sugar and salt.

“I thank the children’s forum members that are discovering and are speaking out for abused children like Jeanne d’Arc and Alphonse. I did not know children can make a difference in the community. I don’t know what would happen to them if their case wasn’t brought to light, they would probably die of hunger he said.

Claver said that Jeanne d’Arc was always sad and too reserved the time she reported at school but through counseling and continuous interaction with other children, she has fully recovered from the physiological trauma. She feels loved by teacher and by the children’s forum members who come to visit her regularly.

According to Jeanne d’Arc, spending time with her friends at school makes her very happy. Her hope has been restored. “I want to be a doctor when I grow up,” she said.



# HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY AFFAIRS

Rwanda is prone to a number of natural hazards, the major ones being heavy rains, floods, landslides and droughts.

The proximity to the conflict ridden Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi makes Rwanda vulnerable to the influx of refugees fleeing the conflict and violence in DRC and Burundi. According to UNHCR, 144,649 refugees were hosted in Rwanda as of 31st August 2015. Of these, 50 % were from

DRC, 49% were from Burundi and 1% of other nationalities.

The continued political and security instability in DRC and Burundi is hampering the prospect of repatriating refugees back to their countries of origin, which entrenches their condition as refugees and necessitates their protracted stay in camps within Rwanda.

World Vision Rwanda responds to humanitarian needs within its operational areas, and as appropriate in non-operational areas by closely collaborating with other partners including the Government Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR), UN agencies, INGOs, churches and other community structures.

In the last fiscal year, World Vision Rwanda implemented two major

humanitarian interventions namely; WASH project in Mugombwa and Mahama refugee camps providing water, sanitation and hygiene to refugees and host communities in partnership with UNHCR, UNICEF and MIDIMAR, then Cash Transfer project in Gihembe and Nyabiheke refugee camps replacing the monthly general in-kind food distribution to refugees by cash transfer in partnership with WFP, MIDIMAR, UNHCR, Visa Company, I&M Bank and Airtel.

It's been ten months now since the political unrest broke out in the small east African country of Burundi. These political unrests and violence in Burundi forced many people to seek for refugee in the neighboring countries including Rwanda.

The situation became worse in mid-April, 2015, when a big influx of Burundian populations, women and



children accounting for majority in the camp, were crossing its borders to Rwanda for rescue of their lives.

Burundian refugees were received for two to three weeks from different refugee transit camps across the country especially in the south and eastern parts that neighbors Burundi as plans for relocating them to a better, far and big place were in progress. Finally all the refugees were settled in Rwanda in Mahama Refugee Camp located in Kirehe district in the eastern part of the Rwanda.

On April 22nd, 2015, World Vision Rwanda in partnership with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) intervened in the Camp to offer Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services to the refugees in the camp striving for the well-being of the children there. World Vision intervened by providing different hygiene related equipment and facilities like latrine and shower stances, hand washing facilities, baby pots, mobile toilets installations and construction and above all disinfecting testing and providing clean and quality water suitable for use by all

the refugees in the camp. It was not easy to access clean and safe water in the camp before the intervention of World Vision Rwanda during the first days of the establishment of the camp.

Women and children from the camp could go to fetch muddy and dirty water from Akagera river which is located near the camp where they faced many challenges including, queuing for scarce clean water in the camp for many hours where some of them could opt to go to fetch dirty water from Akagera river and ended up being attacked, killed and eaten by the crocodiles in the river.

World Vision Rwanda through its WASH program installed and operates a water treatment plant located near Akagera River. Muddy and dirty water is collected from Akagera River by machines and are sent into many tanks near the river by pipes connected to the river. Water undergoes different process including chlorination, disinfection and testing and then sent into a big tank located in the camp where it is accessed by all the refugees from different water points across the camp.

The treatment plant has the capacity to treat water up to 900,000 liters per day. It treats all the water that is accessed and used by more than 45,337 refugees in the camp. World Vision has also put in place different hygiene promotion measures in the camp in order to ensure the wellbeing of more than 45,337 children and their families hosted in Mahama camp.

The installation of stance toilets and showers, provision of baby pots, mobilizing and training hygiene promoters in the camp are among the many measures that were put in place by World Vision Rwanda in order to keep the camp in good hygiene conditions.

- 43,103 refugees from Burundi hosted in Mahama camp were provided with clean water and sanitation facilities in partnership with UNHCR and UNICEF
- 14,319 DRC refugees hosted in Gihembe camp and 13,912 refugees in Nyabiheke camp were supported with Cash Transfer partnership project.
- 75 vulnerable families affected by heavy rain and wind in Bugesera District were supported with 1095 iron sheets.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## BY FUNDING OFFICE

COUNTRY	ANNUAL BUDGET	
Australia	5,194,002.03	
Canada	6,302,392.00	
Japan	1,114,510.50	
Korea	3,331,935.00	
New Zealand	1,536,202.75	
Rwanda	3,384,621.00	
Switzerland	5,032,085.00	
Taiwan	1,039,377.00	
United States	12,325,202.05	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39,260,327.33</b>	

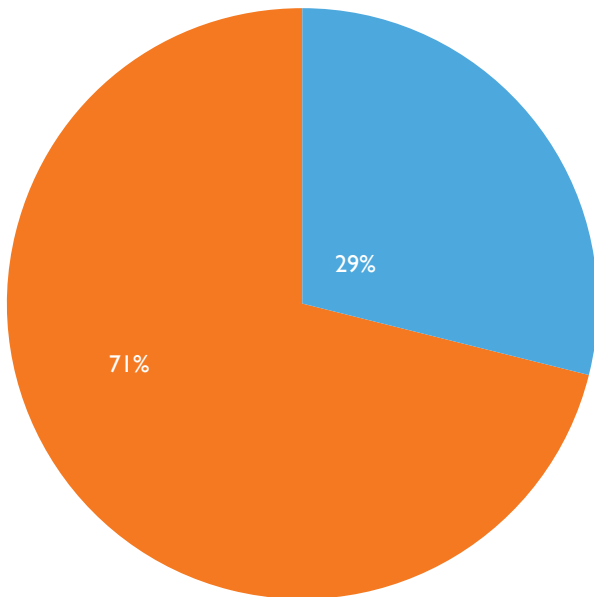
BY SECTOR	BUDGET	%
Advocacy	272,101.50	1%
Agriculture	20,698.00	<1%
Christian commitments	262,703.00	1%
Civil society	22,153.94	<1%
Disability	1,248.00	<1%
Disaster mitigation	226,841.57	1%
Economic development	5,015,224.11	13%
Education	3,586,983.05	9%
Emergency response	14,025,888.76	36%

Natural Environment & Climate	181,944.00	<1%
Food security	1,107,239.00	3%
Gender	2,000.00	<1%
Health	2,664,577.76	7%
HIV and AIDS	52,939.00	<1%
Nutrition	1,776,403.03	5%
Peace building and conflict resolution	247,684.00	1%
Programme and project management	5,402,039.94	14%
Child protection	1,057,878.87	3%
Sponsorship management	1,020,794.30	3%
Water and sanitation	2,022,490.00	5%
Monitoring and evaluation	290,495.50	1%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39,260,327.33</b>	<b>100%</b>



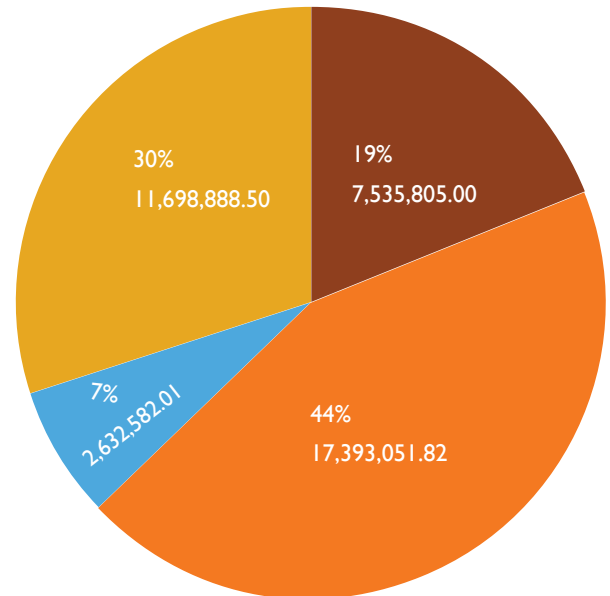
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## SOURCES OF FUNDING



- Gift in kind
- Cash

## FY2015 BUDGET BY FUNDING TYPE



- Sponsorship
- Multilateral
- Private non-sponsorship
- Government grants

# LOOKING FORWARD

World Vision Rwanda has been in the front lines aiming at improving and transforming the lives of children in Rwanda despite the challenges of disaster, violence, poverty, and struggle. As Rwanda heals and works towards becoming a middle income country, World Vision will continue working with and supporting children and families especially the most vulnerable through projects in Education, Health and Nutrition, Peace-building, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Resilience

and Livelihoods, Disaster Response, and Child Protection, among others. As WVR moves into the first year of the 2016-2020 National Office Strategy, a few key projects will be at the forefront of all activities. The Economic Empowerment Model will support the Government of Rwanda's efforts to make Rwanda an economic hub in the East Africa Region. WVR will continue to act as a responsible and accountable agent for change and transformation through effective

monitoring and evaluation, rapid response to crisis, transparent business practices, and other value based interventions. Thank you to the Government of Rwanda and our international and local strategic partners, sponsors and stakeholders for their efforts in this good work. It is on this journey that we ask for the continued support from of your as we strive for the well being of children and their families in Rwanda and worldwide.



Our commitment to the CHILDREN of Rwanda compels us to strive for the WELL BEING and PROTECTION of every child and this is just a beginning!







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