



# WORLD VISION ASIA-PACIFIC



## WHO we are

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

For more than 60 years, World Vision has worked with the poorest in the Asia-Pacific. Today, World Vision works in 24 countries across the region supported by nearly 15,000 staff. Close to six hundred long-term development programmes benefit 1.4 million sponsored children and their families.

## OUR VISION *for every child, life in all its fullness, our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.*

From isolated rural villages to big city slums, World Vision works with the most vulnerable children and communities throughout the Asia-Pacific. We deliver a proven community-based approach to tackling the root causes of poverty. We listen to families; understand the issues and empower communities with skills and resources that bring lasting change for children.

## WHY world vision

With our local to global reach, we bring the voices and aspirations of children and communities living in poverty to those in power: World leaders, government donors, corporate partners and individuals all over the globe trust us to help those who are being left behind in a rapidly developing Asia-Pacific.

# Asia-Pacific

## RISING INEQUALITY

The rich get richer; the poor are left behind

## GROWTH OF MEGA-CITIES

Population of the urban poor continues to rise

## WHAT we do

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Involve community members in designing, planning, implementing and evaluating programmes to meet local needs such as clean water, education, health care, agricultural improvements and sanitation.



### ADDRESSING INJUSTICE THROUGH ADVOCACY

Raise the voices of children and communities to influence policymakers and the public at national, regional and global levels, to build awareness around poverty, and to address the unjust systems that perpetuate it.

### DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Prepare communities who are vulnerable to disaster and provide short-term relief, food, shelter and medical care to people when natural or man-made disasters happen.

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Asia is growing fast. In the world's largest and most populated continent, skylines rise as people move from rural areas to the cities. Education and health statistics are improving. Globalisation has brought jobs and wealth. Economic progress has improved the lives of millions of people. Yet the region's prosperity masks some unsettling trends.

## VOLATILE FOOD PRICES

More go hungry and experience poor health

## CLIMATE CHANGE

and overexploitation of resources – disasters are more frequent and recurring

# ISSUES we care about



### MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

Asia-Pacific accounts for 41% of child deaths and 44% of maternal deaths world-wide. To tackle both the causes and symptoms of the problem, World Vision works to influence governments to invest more in healthcare while ensuring mothers and children are well-nourished, protected from disease and have access to essential health services including clean water and basic sanitation.



### EDUCATION

Unequal access to education and lack of competent teachers and resources are why 60% of young people are functionally illiterate across the region. World Vision is working to increase the number of children who can read by age 11 and equip them with essential life skills. We support education capacity building efforts and work with partners to develop locally relevant, contextualised teaching resources to gain other life skills.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic shocks and rapid food price increases have a devastating effect on the poor; as the average household spends nearly half their income on food. World Vision is working with communities to improve household and economic reliance through vocational and agricultural assistance so families can access quality healthcare and education for their children for the long-term.



### NUTRITION

Nearly 60% of the world's malnourished children live in the Asia-Pacific. High malnutrition numbers have long-lasting consequences for the region's social and economic development. World Vision works with families to implement proven, low-cost, preventive nutrition-focused interventions – such as ensuring infants receive good nutrition in the first 1,000 days from conception to the child's second birthday.



### CHILD PROTECTION

Asia-Pacific is home to the largest number of children suffering from neglect, abuse, and exploitation. Child labour, trafficking and forced marriages are still rampant. Communities, governments and law-makers often fail to protect children adequately. Promoting child protection at all levels is a major focus of our development and disaster management work. We listen to children and work with communities to keep children safe in their homes. We partner with others to advocate for laws, policies and services that protect children.



### DISASTER MANAGEMENT

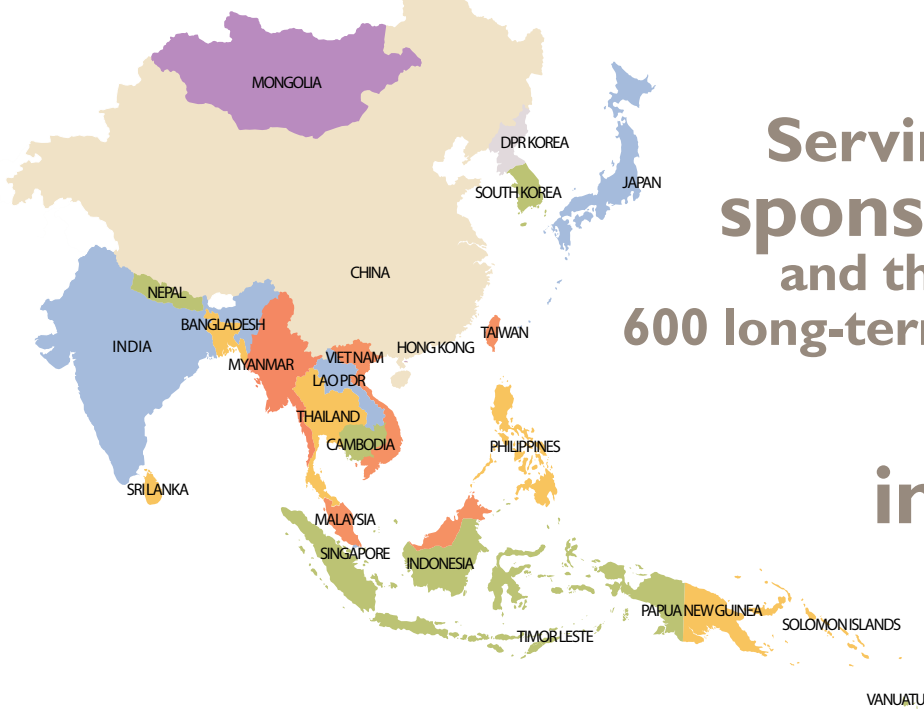
Increased urbanisation and climate change have made Asia-Pacific the most disaster prone region in the world. Children living in poor communities are the most vulnerable. World Vision's trained staff within communities, secure funding, and pre-positioned relief supplies enable a rapid response to local and multi-country disasters. World Vision continues to work with communities to recover and build back better. We also work with communities to manage disaster-related risks and build resilience against effects of future disasters.

# OUR PARTNERS

In Asia-Pacific, World Vision joins hands with like-minded individuals and organisations to achieve the well-being of children.



## WHERE we work



Serving **1.4 million** sponsored children and their families through **600** long-term programmes with **15,000** staff in **23** countries

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