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Nkone Lifalakane

aged 9

A sponsored child
from
Sefikaneng ADP



Our Vision for every child, Life in all its fullness

Our Prayer For Every Heart, The will to make it so

Chairperson's message



**Chairperson of World Vision Lesotho Advisory Council
Advocate Mary Bosiu**

The year 2012 saw a number of board members vacating their positions because their term of service with World Vision had come to an end. The recruitment process for the new members has been completed. I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of the diligence with which the outgoing members they walked with us as we serve the most vulnerable of this country. I also want to warmly welcome the new members whom I believe bring a lot of intellectual wealth that will see World Vision Lesotho moving forward in the right direction in fulfilling its mandate.

The Advisory Council completed the 2012 fiscal year with a field visit to a World Vision Area Development Programme. This was not only an eye opener to us but also enriching for us. Our engagement with the community gave us a better understanding of what is happening on the ground but most importantly gave us a firsthand experience of the challenges that our staff members face in the remote parts of this country.

Significant strides have been made towards ensuring that Child well being outcomes is realized. Establishment of a secondary school (Lipohong Secondary) in Lenkoane Area Development Programme is but one example of our advocacy efforts beginning to bear fruit. Children who were forced by circumstances to an early marriage at least now have a better option. It is with this example in mind that I take this opportunity to encourage all mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles to put our children's needs and priorities first. We are responsible in ensuring our children can truly experience life in all of its fullness.

I thank God for all He has done and continues to do in the lives of the most vulnerable of this country. We pray for His guidance and protection to the whole World Vision team to excel in their collective effort to serve and walk alongside the communities of Lesotho.

National Director's message

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 marked a period of transition for World Vision Lesotho as it ushered in a new, three year strategy aimed at addressing issues of poverty which negatively impact child well being. In our strategy development process, we committed to addressing Child Protection, which remains a critical area of World Vision business as we work with communities at grass roots as well as local and national level partners and government players to address the plight of the most vulnerable. In our effort to address child well being through a holistic approach, our strategy includes sector programming in HIV and AIDS, Health, Nutrition, Education and Food Security.



**World Vision Lesotho National Director
Mr. Scott Lout**

World Vision Lesotho is well-known for its work in development, disaster management and advocacy, specifically at community level. As an organization committed to true change for the betterment of life for children and most vulnerable, we have made recent efforts to play a larger role as a Voice for Change at the national level. Our Child Health Now (CHN) Campaign and Anti Trafficking in Persons (ATIP) project represent our seriousness in engaging at the highest level of government to address critical areas which threaten the lives of our children. CHN is a World Vision International global campaign raising awareness on Child and Maternal Health. This campaign highlights mortality rates of mothers and children, shedding a spotlight on the need for more targeted investment in these sectors. I will be eager to report more on this exciting advocacy project in coming reports. The ATIP project has been equally exciting as, together with partners in government and non-government space, we are joining hands to develop a plan of action on addressing trafficking in Lesotho. Human Trafficking is a critical issue in Lesotho, one that preys on the vulnerable of our communities. Our work with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Women in Law of Southern Africa, Beautiful Dreams Society and others will drive further awareness of trafficking in Lesotho as well as improve our referral system and law enforcement engagement in dealing with the problem.

In addition to developing new strategy to guide us from FY13-FY15, World Vision experienced growth in programming, thanks to commitment from key partners – both international and local. Our resources (Cash and Gifts in Kind) increased by 40% from fiscal year 2011 totaling \$24,300,000 (USD). This increase was brought about by a combination of new projects funded by World Vision International offices and bilateral and multilateral donors including UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), European Commission and the United States Government. Additional projects in irrigation, food security, anti-trafficking and psycho-social support to orphans and vulnerable communities were integrated into our broader Area Development Programme (ADP) areas. Our ADPs operate in seven districts, mainly in the low-land areas. In our commitment to be responsive, World Vision Lesotho moved beyond the ADP locations into mountain areas impacted by food insecurity, thanks to partnership with UNICEF in Social Protection Project and WFP food security. In addition to strong donor engagement, I am pleased to announce our ongoing commitment to accountability in work and systems. The national office received a high acceptance rating in its audit which took place at the end of FY12.

As a Christian organization, World Vision strongly believes in the dignity of all people and God's love for each person. We are honored to walk alongside the poorest of the poor in Lesotho as together, we address issues facing child well being. We are thankful for our donors and partners who entrust us with their money to do what is right. We seek God for wisdom as we improve our work and remain committed to our mission of working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Khotso, Pula, Nala

Acronyms

| | | |
|---------------|---|--|
| ADP | : | Area Development Programme |
| AIDS | : | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| CC | : | Christian Commitments |
| CCC | : | Community Care Coalition |
| CGPU | : | Child and Gender Protection Unit |
| CHN | : | Child Health Now |
| CP | : | Child Protection |
| CPWA | : | Child Protection and Welfare Act |
| CVA | : | Citizen Voices Action |
| CHATs | : | Congregational Hope of Action Teams |
| DOS | : | Department of State |
| DMA | : | Disaster Management Authority |
| ECCD | : | Early Childhood Care and Development |
| EMOP | : | Emergency Operation Program |
| EU | : | European Union |
| FBO | : | Faith Based Organizations |
| GIA | : | Global Internal Audit |
| GIK | : | Gift in Kind |
| HBC | : | Home Based Care |
| HEA | : | Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs |
| ICPALL | : | Integrated Child Protection Advocacy Learning Lab. |
| KOICA | : | Korean International Cooperation Agency |
| NGOs | : | Non-governmental Organisations |
| NO | : | National Office |
| OVC | : | Orphaned and Vulnerable Children |
| PLWA | : | People Living with HIV and AIDS |
| PMTCT | : | Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission |
| QAR | : | Quality Assurance Review |
| SACP | : | System Approach to Child Protection |
| SARO | : | Southern Africa Regional Office |
| UNICEF | : | United Nations International Children Emergency Fund |
| USAID | : | United Nations Agency for International Development |
| WFP | : | World Food Programme |
| WVL | : | World Vision Lesotho |



Mission statement:

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and the oppressed to promote human transformation seek justice and bear witness to the Good news of the Kingdom of God. We pursue this mission through integrated holistic commitment to: Transformational development, Emergency Relief, Promotion of Justice, partnership with churches, Public awareness and witness to Jesus Christ.

Core Values

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

We are child Focused

We prioritize the poorest and the most vulnerable children and empower them together with their families and communities to improve child survival, development, protection and participation. We measure transformation by the impact our interventions bear on the well being and future opportunities of the communities most vulnerable-its children.



History and Background

WorldVision Lesotho was legally established in 1987, even though the ministry dates back as far as 1976 when WV began child sponsorship in 2 primary schools under the auspices of WV South Africa. Between 1987 and 1995 WV's model of development was through Community Development Projects (CDPs). This tended towards service delivery than empowerment. From 1995 to 2006 WV Lesotho espoused the Area Development Approach to enable greater involvement of communities in the transformational development process. The main activities then were focused on health, nutrition and education. In 1987, with the support of the Methodist Church, as a local partner, a small coordination office was established. World Vision Lesotho currently has 17 ADPs. WorldVision Programs are implemented using integrated and holistic approach. This is supported through two funding streams, namely Child Sponsorship and Grants (Non Sponsorship).

WorldVision long term development programs typically fifteen years are implemented in carefully identified geographical areas (Area Development Program) ADPs. Communities within these areas elect grassroots committees and an apex executive committee to help determine the development needs and methods of implementation. Grants are implemented within ADPs and surrounding areas to add value and increase the impact on the work of the programs.

Who we Serve

We serve close to 100 million people in nearly 100 countries around the world. World Vision serves all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. Lesotho World vision works in 17 Area Development programmes. In Lesotho, we work in 8 districts under Humanitarian and emergency Affairs namely; **Botha-Bothe, Leribe, Berea, Maseru, Mafeteng, Mohale's Hoek, Quthing and Qacha's Nek.**



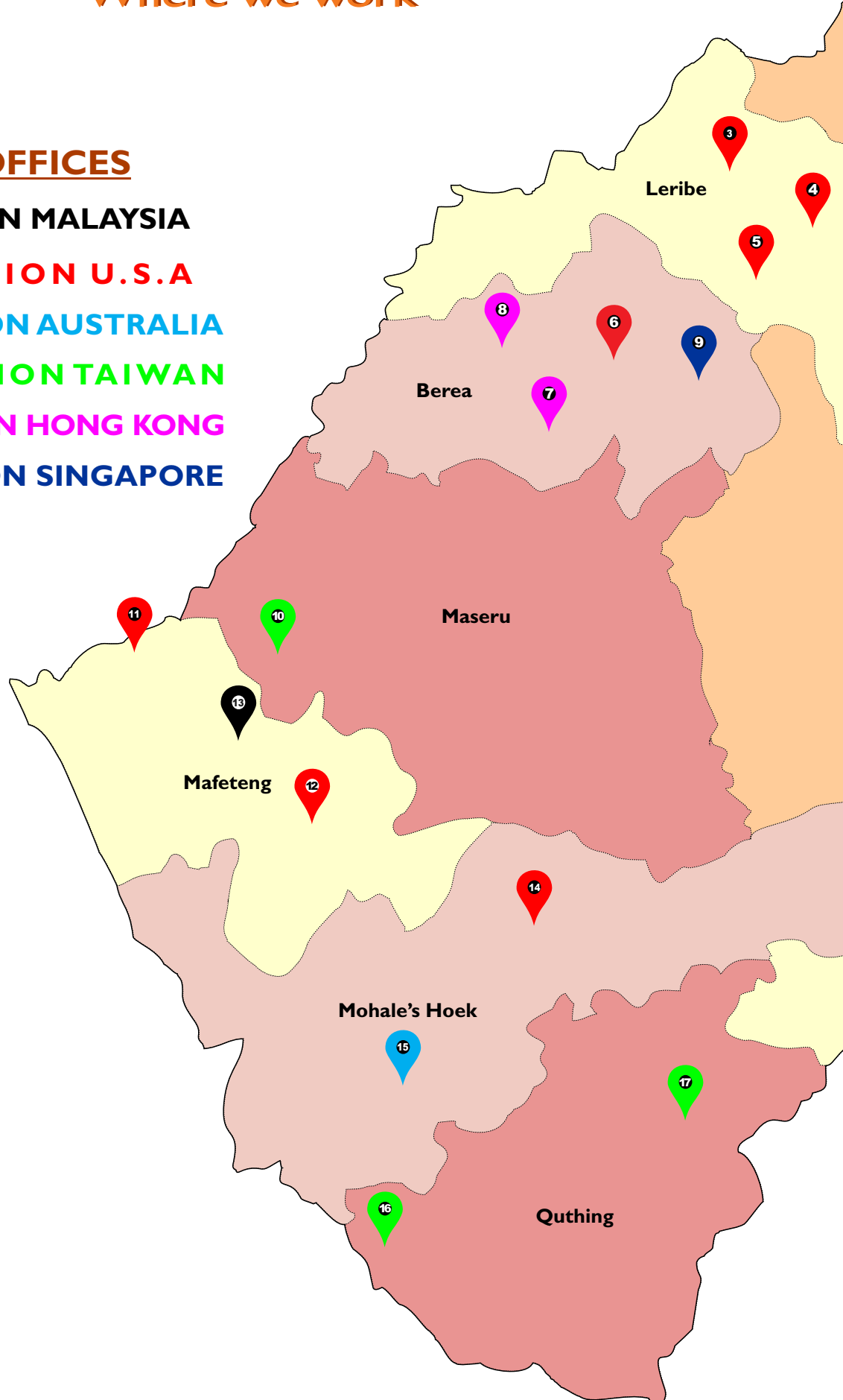


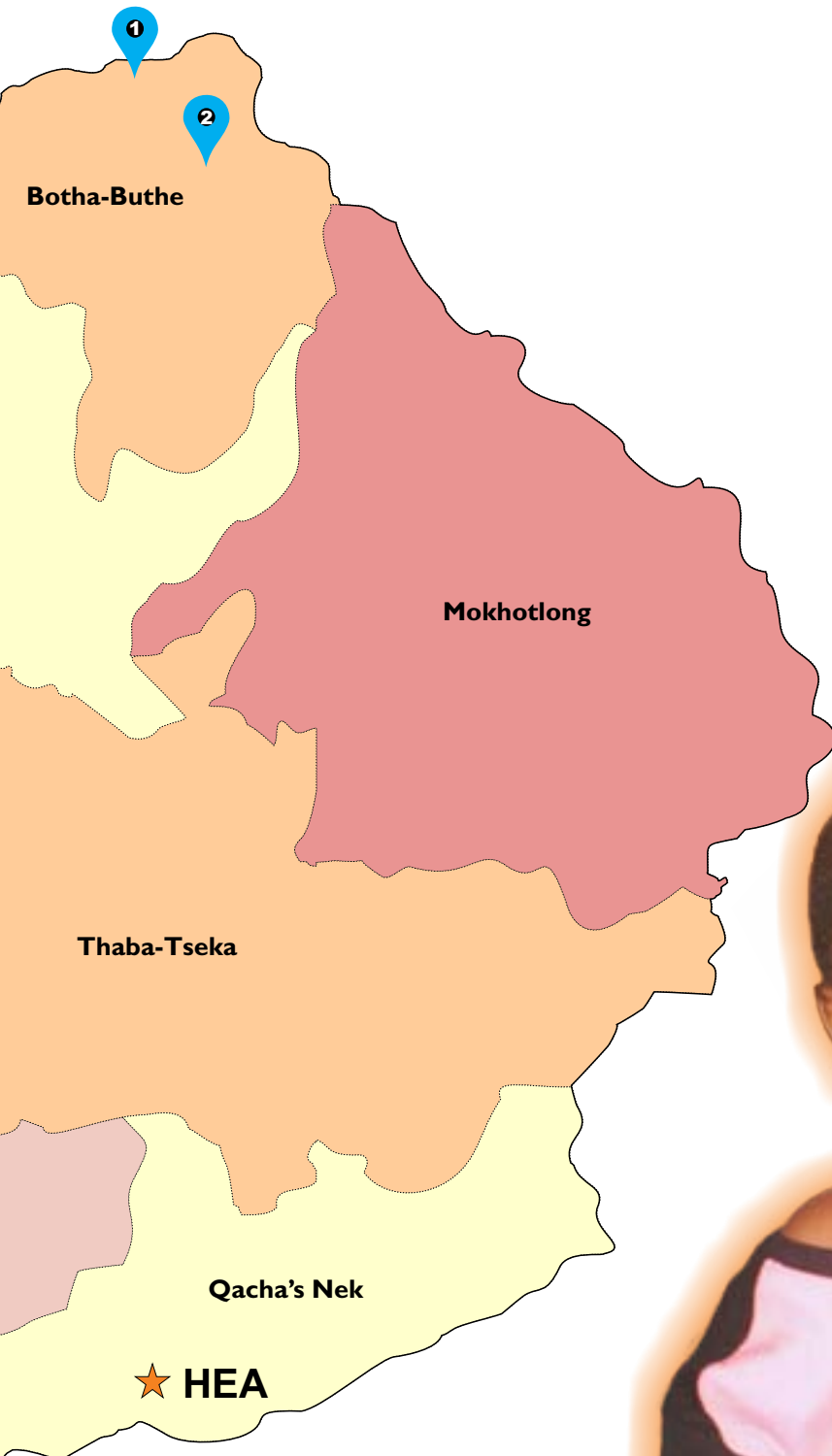
Let them survive up to 5 years and beyond

Where we work

FUNDING OFFICES

- 📍 **WORLD VISION MALAYSIA**
- 📍 **WORLD VISION U.S.A**
- 📍 **WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA**
- 📍 **WORLD VISION TAIWAN**
- 📍 **WORLD VISION HONG KONG**
- 📍 **WORLD VISION SINGAPORE**





ADPS

- 1=Makhunoane
- 2=Nthabiseng
- 3=Kota
- 4=Matlameng
- 5=Pitseng
- 6=Mapoteng
- 7=Sefikaneng
- 8=Koeneng
- 9=Lenkoane
- 10=Rothe (green field)
- 11=Sekameng
- 12=Malumeng
- 13=Matelile
- 14=Mpharane
- 15=Maphutšeng
- 16=Mokanametsong
- 17=Mokotjomela



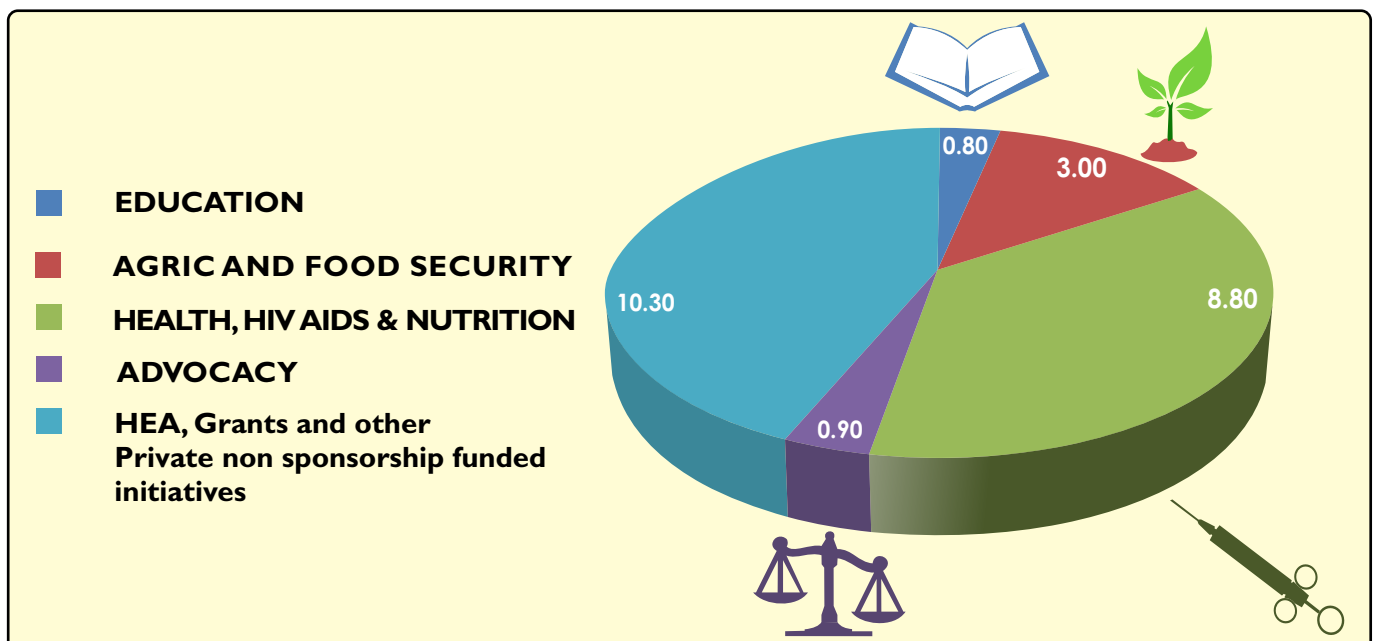
2012 Financial Highlights

World Vision Lesotho's operating budget in Financial Year 2012 was approximately 24 MILLION US Dollars. It came in the form of cash and GIK to the value of \$15.20 and \$8.70 million respectively, The budget supported the following sectors: Education, Agriculture & Food Security, Health, HIV/AIDS and Nutrition and Advocacy. The budget was further divided to support other essentials geared towards improved child well being. Those include, sponsorship management, Water and sanitation, Shelter, disaster mitigation and emergency response, Christian Commitments, monitoring and evaluation Funding came from sponsorship, grants from government, multilateral and private organisations.

| FUNDING TYPE MIX | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| CASH | \$ 15.20 | 64% |
| GIFTS IN KIND (GIK) | \$ 8.70 | 36% |
| Total | \$ 23.90 | 100% |

| SECTOR | BUDGET | % |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| EDUCATION | \$ 0.80 | 3% |
| AGRIC AND FOOD SECURITY | \$ 3.00 | 13% |
| HEALTH, HIV AIDS & NUTRITION | \$ 8.80 | 37% |
| ADVOCACY | \$ 0.90 | 4% |
| HEA, Grants and other Private non sponsorship funded initiatives | \$ 10.30 | 43% |
| TOTAL | \$ 23.90 | 100% |

INTERVENTION BY SECTOR





Internal Audit Function

Internal auditing Department is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve WV Lesotho's operations. It helps WV Lesotho accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. The Internal Auditors are guided by the Institute of Internal Auditors' Standards for the Professional Practice in Internal Auditing as well as the Institute's Code of Ethics which seeks to promote an ethical culture in the profession of internal auditing.

As a Department, we will continue to apply and seek to uphold the key principles of integrity, objectivity, confidentiality, engagement and competency.

Major audit highlights in FY12 included the following:

- 100% Achievement of the FY12 annual audit plan,
- One Special investigation was done.
- WV Lesotho Internal Audit Department is Quality Assurance Review (QAR) certified. This is an audit of the Internal Audit operations that is done by WVI Global Internal Audit (GIA) and because of this status, GIA can rely on audits done by the local Internal Audit function without GIA coming to perform same audits. The follow up done in September 2012 showed a 90% implementation of the issues raised in the prior QAR report. Next QAR review is tentatively scheduled for Fy14.
- The office's implementation rate for the last National Office audit performed by GC in 2008, showed a 94% implementation across the areas covered by the Finance audit.
- Implementation of prior audit recommendations for audits done by the National Office Audit function showed a 90% implementation.
- 100% of the audits done in FY12 were rated 'Acceptable risk', however, 2 project audits were Cautionary risk i.e. Low Acceptable Risk.
- A new Audit Manager was engaged in FY12 and one of the Internal Auditor's was promoted to Senior Internal Auditor and an additional Internal Auditor was engaged internally.
- In line with the Internal Audit strategy, the Department raised the bar to enhance the Auditor's advisory role to management and the Advisory Council.
- The Internal Audit Charter as well as the Terms of Reference for the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee were revised and adopted.
- The Operations audit done by GIA was rated Cautionary and no follow-up was done in Fy12.
- During the year under review, we experienced good support from the Regional Audit Associate Director, National Office Management and the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee.

Preamble

World vision aspires to a Lesotho where children are protected, educated, food secure and healthy. It is these focus areas that have seen ADPs engaging in number of activities aimed at generally improving the well being of children. These activities are directly linked to the strategic pillars of the organization namely **Development, Advocacy , Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs.(HEA)**

Development Focus Areas

Agric, Food Security and livelihoods.

All the ADPs working together with the government of Lesotho Ministry of Agric and food security trained families in modern conservation farming methods. Most families now specialize in keyhole and trench gardens that help them produce vegetables all the year round. The projects have proved viable to turning into income generation activities because they were topped with training in finance management and book keeping.

Agric Special Projects.

KOICA- Korean International Cooperation Agency

The project operated in Sekameng and Malumeng ADPs. Its main focus was food production and security to orphaned and Vulnerable households. The project has distributed seeds , garden tools as well as Koekoe chickens to such households. The Community members have been trained in monitoring to ensure sustainability.

Livestock Restocking

Though the project phased out in March 2012, more than 300 households were assisted with chickens and piggery production. Community members were sensitized on range management activities and that has assisted herders to continue taking care of the environment.

Farmer-Centered Community Based Natural Resource Management Project

The project was introduced after the natural resources degradation was seen to e a problem. The main purpose was to capacitate community leaders on the importance of abiding by the laws that protect natural resources. It also emphasized the importance of conservation farming practices



Sebokane(8) from Mokanametsong ADP also takes part in caring for the key hole Garden.



Nursing Mothers from Sefikaneng ADP are trained in food preparation and preservation.



In many ADPs community members have been trained in piggery as food security measure as well as income generation activity.

Education

Boys and Girls are educated for life

Access to quality education forms part of activities that World Vision engages in. This is done through advocacy with relevant stakeholders such as government through the Ministry of Education and Training to ensure that children enjoy this basic right. In Many ADPs World Vision has however gone further to engage in construction of completely new schools in some instances because such were nonexistent. In other cases world vision engaged in maintenance of existing schools because structures were either collapsing thus putting children in danger or were not there at all. In Lesotho about 70 % of children of school going age, attend schools where there is no facility. In other instances the organization went further to buying school Uniforms to the orphaned and vulnerable children and even provided food for those who nearly dropped out because there was no food to eat at home. World vision is currently working hard towards mobilizing government to take up its responsibility in ensuring that children access quality education. This include ensuring that proper school facilities are in place.



In some areas such as Mphosong primary in Matlameng WV had to renovate , because children were exposed to harsh weather conditions.

In new school Uniform Masolo(6) from Mpharane ADP can now smile

Health ,HIV/AIDS & Nutrition

Boys and girls enjoy good health

Lesotho has the third highest HIV prevalence in the world - just under one in four people in the country are living with HIV. There were around 23,000 new HIV infections and approximately 14,000 people died from AIDS. Over half of the 260,000 adults living with HIV in Lesotho are women. The number of safe houses and orphanages that take care of orphans too young or unable to fend for themselves, has increased dramatically, and have tended to be unregulated. This exposes already vulnerable children to further trauma, abuse and neglect. In Lesotho the number of orphaned and vulnerable children stands at approximately 180,000. Life expectancy stands at 35 .This is because prevalence is found in people of 15-49 of age. World vision through its interventions has introduced community led care for the OVCs and the chronically ill. The thematic areas which form the corner stones of HIV/ AIDS programming are : prevention , Care and Support. and life skills training. The ADPs are maintaining their community based groups which after training are mandated to care and support OVCs and the chronically ill. The groups include Community Care Coalitions (CCCs) where community members take responsibility in caring for those infected and affected and Congregational Hope for Action Teams (CHATs) .They are aimed at empowering the church to take a leadership role in fighting the pandemic. Other groups include : Peer educators, home visitors, children clubs, Village Health Workers, Local chiefs .

Prevention: Focus is on pregnant and breast feeding mothers where emphasis is put on Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PCMTC)

Care and Support: Activities focus on the needs of OVCS by Community Care Coalitions (CCC) and Channels of Hope models.

Life Skills : The target is the youth to equip them with skills that will help them prevent the spread of the pandemic.



A trained support group member in Sekameng ADP attends to an injured child using the care kits provided by World vision.



Breast feeding mothers await child immunization during an outreach programme organized by Makhunoane ADP in collaboration with Seboche Hospital. They were also trained in the importance of breast feeding as part of child nutrition.

Water and Sanitation

The goal of the sector is to ensure that children and their communities have access to portable water and proper sanitation facilities. This is done to ensure that cases of water borne diseases are reduced. ADPs provided clean water to communities through partnership with the Rural Water Supply, under the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation. In other instances the ADPs also purchased water harvesting tanks with the capacity of 5000 litres per tank for school. In others Springs were either constructed afresh or protected for children to access portable water and training on prevention of water borne diseases were also conducted. In some areas pit latrines were constructed and communities were trained in good hygiene habits. These training helped reduce incidents of water-borne diseases.



In some areas children found themselves playing with dirty water such as the one below. In Mphosong Matlameng ADP protected source of water for the benefit of both the children and the community.

Humanitarian And Emergency Affairs (HEA)

Boys and girls are cared for, protected and participate

World vision Lesotho provides emergency relief , humanitarian assistance in the event of natural and other forms disaster. It also provides community disasters awareness and preparedness trainings to educate people on how to prepare and prevent disasters. Such trainings were mostly done in Nthabiseng, Makhunoane and Matlameng ADPs.

OVC housing in Mapoteng and Matlameng.

World vision has built houses for the needy children who were living in damaged houses that were putting their lives in danger. In some instances the organization partnered with Habitat for Humanity to built children save homes. The houses were mostly built in Mapoteng ADP where houses were destroyed by torrential rains that were experienced two years ago and Matlameng. In total more than 70 houses were built in the two ADPs.

(Below) One of the houses built for OVCs in Mapoteng ADP where many were destroyed by torrential rains experienced two years ago.



Food Distribution

World Vision Lesotho Emergency Operation Program (EMOP) partnered with World Food Program and the Lesotho government Disaster Management Authority (DMA) to distribute food to vulnerable households in the district of Qacha'snek, Quthing and Qacha's nek that were affected by the torrential rains. Taiwan rice also complemented the efforts. The project, targeted child headed households, widowed and the disabled who were hit hard by the impact of the 2011/2012 food insecurity. Other beneficiaries included families who worked under food for work programmes.



For Granny Mathiase from Mokanametsong ADP, it is a break from grinding maize given to her by good Samaritans, thanks to Taiwan rice

Advocacy

Advocacy is a programmatic approach that works at two levels, citizen empowerment and policy influencing. Under citizen empowerment we seek change in norms and beliefs that harm or marginalize people. On the policy level we seek change in structures, policies and systems to ensure that children's rights are indeed. WV in 2012 preparing itself to pilot the Citizen Voice and Action methodology to advocacy. This methodology speaks to both citizen empowerment and policy influence as citizens drive the advocacy process. CVA aims at ensuring that people are educated and informed on laws and policies on education, health and other sectors affecting them; and that they are able to hold to account service providers to deliver quality services on the basis of those laws and policies.

Child Health Now (CHN)

The Child Health Now (CHN) campaign is the result of a decision to use World Vision's big voice to shout for change because it was realized that one out of nine children die before reaching the age of five in Lesotho. CHN is therefore a campaign to eliminate deaths of children under five - the ones we know are easily preventable - by getting governments do more, so children have enough nutritious food and clean water, and access to community-based health services.

In 2012 World Vision Lesotho office, joint the rest of the World to commemorate Global week of action on 13-20 November. Among dignitaries mobilised to join child survival to 5 years campaign are members of Lesotho parliament including the Prime Minister himself, the Speaker of Parliament and His Majesty King Letsie III and Queen Masenate Bereng Seeiso.



The Royal family joined the Child Health Now global action week

Proven, cost-effective interventions that could save children's lives.



CHN Lesotho has officially been launched and is operating in Mokanametsoeng (Quthing), Mpharane (M. Hoek), Sefikaneng (Berea) and Makhunoane (B. Buthe)

Trafficking- In -Persons Project

This is a two- year US funded programme aimed at protecting children and their communities against Trafficking in persons. This is to make them aware of false promises of employment, being relocated against their will and that a victim of trafficking will become somebody else 's property and will be forced into sex work or slave labour. Up to this far all stakeholders in fighting this crime have been trained in being aware and the steps they should take when such a crime takes place. They include government departments responsible for child and community protection. Such as Social Development, Local Government, Labour , Education and district administration.



WV creates awareness on the need for a concerted effort to fight this inhumane practice.

Child Protection and Participation

For the year 2012, the focus of the Child Protection Unit has been on the three components of the Child Protection and Advocacy Model (CPA) Known as 1. **Awareness Raising and Conscientization**, 2. **Strengthening referral and reporting mechanisms** and 3. **Children resilience building, Life skills and Child Participation**.

Awareness raising and conscientization on Child Protection.

Prevention and Protection as domains of Child Protection : Community sensitization on CP issues for children, community members, community based structures such as CCC's, Para-legal teams, ADP executive Committee through community dialogues, workshops, meetings in the following ADP's Nthabiseng, Matlameng, Lenkoane, Mapoteng, Malumeng, Maphutseng Sekameng, Makhunoane, Sefikaneng, Mokanametsong, Mpharane, Mokotjomela and Koeneng ADP's.

Resilience Building and Life Skills Training:

Children's committees were established and trained successfully Makhunoane, Maphutseng, Mpharane, Mokotjomela and Mapoteng, Lenkoane and Sefikaneng ADP's .

District Children's Parliament was held for about 50 members of children's committees from Lenkoane, Mapoteng and Sefikaneng ADP's in Berea district, on systems Approach and Children's Protection and Welfare. The main objective was to sensitize different stakeholders on systems approach to child protection advocate for enforcement of the CPWA 2011.

Restoration: Abused children have been provided with Psycho-social support within and outside WV. Some have been referred to relevant children's homes. Strengthening referral and reporting mechanisms: (Networking)



Child participation is at the core of WV activities.
The "minister" says her views during children's Mock Parliament .
They were drawn from Mapoteng, Lenkoane, Sefikaneng, Matlameng, Kota and Nthabiseng ADPs

Systems Approach to Child Protection Integrated Child Protection and Advocacy Learning Lab(ICPALL)

The Child Protection Learning Centre hosted a 3-day Integrated Child Protection and Advocacy Learning Lab (LL) themed “Listening to Children as we Adopt Systems Approach to Child Protection”. The LL was held at Matlameng ADP from 9th to 13th July, 2012. About 200 participants, including the Matlameng community, children from other Lesotho ADPs, UNICEF representatives from 8 National Offices in Southern Africa and West Africa, 1 representative each from SARO and WVUS attended the Lab.

The children facilitators used different ADAPT tools to lead community dialogues with children, men, women and government officials including the Deputy Minister of Education and Training around the 7 elements of SACP. For each of the issues identified, the participants were led to match the rightful appropriate actors at community and higher levels.

Key child protection issues identified by the community include, child sexual abuse, early and forced marriage, ineffectiveness of structures such as Child and Gender Protection Unit (CGPU) and the church in addressing child protection incidents, children rendered orphans due to death of parents as a result of AIDS-related illnesses, poor nutrition and others.

The lessons learnt from the interaction with the community include: Children are capable of becoming advocates for theirs and their families’ protection – they need guidance and platforms to channel their advocacy. The church should be capacitated to effectively address child protection and advocacy issues. SACP should be adopted by government, community-based organisations, NGOs in order to provide a holistic approach to child protection and advocacy issues. Two key recommendations from the Participants were that community structures, children and government departments should be trained in SACP in order to strengthen CP systems at community and national levels. Also, a follow-up children-led Learning Lab was proposed for Matlameng in order to gauge the impact one year later.



child protection learning lab concentrated on systems approach.

Sponsorship

Communication between a child and Sponsor is Vital

It is aimed at contributing in total to the transformational development of children and their communities. Under sponsorship, people, families, churches and organizations give children an opportunity to experience life in all its fullness. They make monthly contributions for development activities in areas where their sponsored children live so that they enjoy good health, are educated for life, are protected and participating and their spiritual being is nurtured, so that they develop totally. In Lesotho there are in total (36,882) sponsored children and close to 50,000 registered children.

Below is a story of a child trained in the use of drawing to communicate

“Drawing helps me communicate better with my Sponsor. I used to receive mail and GN from my sponsor, but could not thank him. English is a bid of a challenge to some of us. I used to rely on WV employee to translate my message. Thanks to the training I have received from World vision in drawing. I can now use my drawing skills to express my feelings about what my sponsor has done for me. I can also show him my home and the distance I travel to school, my brothers and sisters and my friends.”
(Setente from Mapoteng ADP.)



For Setente(10) from Mapoteng ADP drawing is the best way he can communicate with his sponsor.

For Ts'epang Ramafikeng(7), getting a sponsor is the beginning of a new life.



Gifts In Kind (GIK)

This program has been ongoing for couple a of years with the aim to balance Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs as well as Transformational Development schemes. Due to high global increase of prices on every commodity like food, clothes and other basics, it is difficult to most families to buy such basics because of being struck by an increasing unemployment rate in the country.

This condition has led to a situation of finding most adults and children walking bare-footed and wearing torn clothing. Donation of any kind of clothing and shoes really brings a big smile to such people and retrieves hope in their lives. Since most of the people were retrenched from the neighbouring country mining industry, and number of local Chinese factories where a large number of women were engaged, have closed down, most families really struggled and are still battling for a better life .

This dignified response by the gracious International Agencies and noble International Communities are a show of charity and faithfulness to bring hope to the vulnerable communities of Lesotho by gearing towards economic, health, education development and emergency response with more attention to children. The generous friends of Lesotho include World Vision US and World Vision Taiwan Various schools and church ministries and institutions benefited following their requests which were assessed and recommended for approval of National Director by WVL GIK committee.



Playing is learning, Malumeng ADP GIK balls help enhance both teaching and learning for the pre-scholars.(left)

The smile on Mpateli (7) from Nthabiseng ADP says he is happy to receive a wheel chair, thanks to the US wheel chair mission which distributed close to 1000 wheel chairs in Lesotho.



Christian Commitments(CC)

Boys and girls love God and their neighbours.

The goal of CC is to implement initiatives that nurture staff, children and communities spiritual development, sustainable church partnerships and relationships with other NGOs. It complements WVLI initiatives at both national office and ADP levels in order that there is increased integration of Christian values in the work we do in our communities. The past year concentrated on building church partnerships.

The Project has also contributed towards Child well-being by training children on Gender and Child Protection with more emphasis on how to respond to abuse, children were also trained on Life Skills, and a special training was provided on Biblical life skills for on 'Experiencing the love of God and neighbors', skills to participate meaningfully, taking responsibility for one's care and protection.



Youth spiritual nurture is at the heart of CC initiatives. This is because they are a window of hope for this country's transformed leaders. Mokotjomela ADP commenced with building church partnerships as a way to see its activities through.

Other important partners

Our local partners include Government Ministries such as;

- **The Ministry of Health**
- **The Ministry of Social Welfare**
- **The Ministry of Agric and Food Security**
- **The Ministry of Social Development**
- **The Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services**
- **The Ministry of Law, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs**
- **The Ministry of Energy, Meteorology and Water Affairs (DRWS)**
- **The Ministry of Education and Training**
- **The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (DRR)**
- **The Ministry of Forestry and Land Reclamation**
- **The Ministry of Home Affairs(CGPU)**

International NGOs, local NGOs, FBO and other stakeholders that have an interest in child welfare, HIV/AIDS & Disability.

Other Development partners include;

UNICEF

WFP

KOICA

US Government

EU

Habitat for Humanity Lesotho

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