



# World Vision Project Profile



## Bohol Area Development Programme Philippines

Bohol ADP is in its second phase, which will now end in 2018. World Vision extended the period of support as the community was affected by the 7.2-magnitude Bohol earthquake in 2013. The ADP seeks to alleviate the poverty of around 24 barangays (villages) through a community-based system of management. It will implement strategies to increase household incomes, provide better schools and health facilities, help the vulnerable own their own homes and build economic independence among people.

### Brief Information

Impact Area Population: 54,142 people  
Programme Lifespan: 2001 – 2018  
Children available for sponsorship  
(as of Nov 2015): 50

### Geographical Location

Bohol is an island province in Central Visayas. There is no pronounced change to climate throughout the year, being typically warm and dry along the coast and cool and humid in the interior; but Bohol is vulnerable to natural disasters like tsunamis, earthquakes and cyclones. The ADP work is carried out among Tagbilaran, the capital city in the south western part of Bohol, and three municipalities (Loboc, Sikatuna and Sevilla).

### Realities

#### *Economic Poverty*

In this mainly rural part of the Philippines, agriculture is the main economic activity but the work is hard and returns are poor. In the city, the employment situation is also poor as jobs are low paying and scarce. On average, almost half the population in the area live below the poverty line, and some are without land of their own so they cannot build their own homes. Many squat on empty land in dangerous areas such as flood-prone riversides. Some 3,800 families live in sub-standard housing without strong roofs and walls. Almost half of all families do not have a regular source of income.

#### *Child Protection, Education and Health Challenges*

Because of the impoverished conditions in the community, 31% of families are unable to provide for the basic needs of all their children, including food, education, health and medical needs. This has direct consequences on a range of areas. Children are undernourished, with 19% of children under five underweight to severely underweight. When families struggle to make ends meet, children are deprived of opportunities for education and are encouraged instead to work to support their families. 41% of children aged 11 to 13 are not functionally literate. In this community, children are also often unprotected against physical and sexual abuse.

### Program Goal


To improve the quality of life of children, families and communities in the target areas.





## Key Challenges and World Vision's Key Initiatives

### **Challenge: Limited employment opportunities and low agriculture productivity due to lack of knowledge**

 *Initiative: Empower families to increase their level of income to meet their basic needs*


World Vision trains farmers in sustainable agriculture, diversified farming, organic farming and soil conservation. Farmers are also provided with appropriate tools and equipment. To increase their engagement with markets and service providers, producer groups are formed and are equipped with business and market skills. Savings groups are also established to increase economic resilience.

### **Challenge: Lack of capacity of local institutions to address critical issues**

 *Initiative: Build the capacity of local leaders to ensure sustainability of development programmes*

Training is provided to local stakeholders like the Bohol Concerned Citizen's Action for Progress (BCCAP) in the areas of financial, technical, managerial expertise and governance to ensure their capacity in conducting development activities. A human resource development plan is also established with the help of World Vision to facilitate the effective execution of development plans and strategies, and to ensure systematic leadership succession.

### **Challenge: Families live in informal settlements and face a constant threat of eviction**

 *Initiative: Allow families to experience the security of land tenure and shelter*

World Vision helps to construct house units. This includes helping to acquire necessary permits from the local government and establishing site development plans. Strong partnerships with local authorities are established to support implementation of the Land and Housing Project.

### **Challenge: Limited protection services for children, and a lack of skilled service providers and facilities for abused children**

 *Initiative: Improve capacity of caregivers to protect children from risks that hamper their development*

World Vision forms and trains Community Watch Groups to monitor and report incidences of child abuse within their areas of responsibility. Parents, service providers and the community are given training to build their knowledge on protection and rights of children with emphasis on the legal framework in supporting abused children. Moreover, advocacy is conducted through children's theatre arts, as well as through public awareness campaigns.

### **Challenge: Health centres have insufficient facilities, poor access to clean water and sanitation facilities**

 *Initiative: Improve community's access to health and sanitation facilities*

World Vision provides training to health practitioners to enhance the quality of health services. Awareness is also raised in the community about nutrition and infectious diseases such as tuberculosis. To facilitate access to sanitary toilets and potable water sources, communities are provided with financial and technical support for construction of the facilities. Reservoirs and water treatment facilities are also provided.

### **Challenge: Poor quality of education, limited school facilities and learning materials**

 *Initiative: Improve quality of education and learning facilities*

Teachers are provided with opportunities to enhance their skills in using alternative teaching methods. School facilities are also improved to enhance the quality of education and motivate and sustain children's interest to perform well and stay in school. Learning facilities provided by World Vision include classrooms, laboratory equipment, books and other school materials.



Children enjoy reading supplementary books that World Vision provided.

Through all these interventions, World Vision is transforming the lives of children in Bohol, making a change today as well as giving them hope for the future!

### How You Can Help

**Sponsor a child in Bohol** or give towards a **Gift Catalogue** item, which benefits the community!

Thank you for your heart for the poor, and for making a difference in the lives of children and families in the Philippines.