

WORLD VISION COMMUNITY PROFILE



World Vision implemented a project in Ende after a thorough assessment in 2012. Measured against standard indicators of economic development needs, Ende emerged as an area where the vulnerability of children needed to be urgently addressed. Our interventions focus on helping children who are neglected by parents, physically and sexually abused, exploited and who lack access to good sanitation and clean water. There is a good working relationship with local communities, district authorities and churches as these interventions directly address existing concerns for children.

BRIEF INFORMATION

IMPACT AREA POPULATION
18,884 people

PROGRAMME LIFESPAN
2014–2028

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Ende district is in the centre of the island of Flores, or “flowers” in Portuguese. It is not easy to live off the land as 40% of the landscape is hilly. The climate is generally hot and dry and the dry season lasts for eight months.

PROGRAMME GOAL

The overall goal in Ende is for children, who are the most vulnerable, to be cared for in a loving and safe family and community environment with safe places to play.

ENDE INDONESIA

REALITIES

Child Protection and Education Challenges

Traditional attitudes towards children are harsh and unsympathetic. They are viewed as free labour and are often denied their right to study, so that they can work to supplement family income. Cases of physical and sexual abuse are not taken seriously and are unreported or left unsolved, affecting and scarring children emotionally and mentally. 99% of parents and caregivers use physical violence in disciplining their children.

Healthcare Challenges

The main issues that compromise the health of children in Ende are the lack of access to clean water, the prevalence of unhygienic behaviours and poor sanitation systems. Approximately 40% of the community practices open defecation as there are no proper toilets. 77% of villagers do not practice hand-washing as there are few clean water sources. These behaviours promote the spread of diseases like malaria, dengue and diarrhoea, which can be life-threatening in a place with limited healthcare services. Lack of nutrition knowledge and improper feeding practices also result in malnutrition in children.

Economic Poverty

Ende’s economic development falls behind national statistics, in a country that is making rapid strides in improving the everyday lives of its people. The national percentage of poor people is 9.8%, while in Ende district it is 21.7%. The main source of income for the people of Ende is agriculture, including coconut, cocoa and cashew, but current practices are unsustainable. Productivity of existing farming methods is low due to a lack of understanding, poor management, pests and diseases. Traditional methods of fishing bring poor catches and the widespread practice of using explosives to bring in fish depletes fish stocks in the long run. On top of productivity issues, selling agricultural commodities is challenging due to the hilly landscape as travelling times are long and transport costs are high.



KEY CHALLENGES AND WORLD VISION'S KEY INITIATIVES

CHALLENGE Children are neglected and often abused physically, psychologically and sexually



INITIATIVE Empower parents, caregivers and communities to protect children in a safe and nurturing environment

To equip caregivers like parents and teachers with the right skills and knowledge to provide for and protect children, four basic strategic components of child protection are being implemented. These consist of increasing the community's awareness, strengthening the mechanism of reporting incidents, increasing the quality of support to vulnerable families and educating children on life skills to build their resilience. These strategies are carried out through advocacy and ensuring access to legal help and justice.



Children in child clubs are empowered on child rights and learn ways to identify and respond to abuse.

CHALLENGE Children are especially prone to disease due to poor environmental sanitation, lack of clean water and poor hygiene



INITIATIVE Provide children access to clean water, and protect them from infection, disease and injury

World Vision seeks to increase healthcare standards of the community through education on hygienic practices, increased access to sanitation, sustainable community-based management and institutional support for the community. Your support will enable health and water facilities to be constructed and equip school leaders to be advocates of good hygiene. Community members can thus be protected from infections and diseases on all levels, from self, family, community and district government.



World Vision provides water facilities, such as taps, and educates the community on proper maintenance.



Families are taught to grow vegetable gardens in their backyard for more nutritious meals and can generate additional income from the sale of surplus.

CHALLENGE Children are not receiving the nutrition necessary for healthy growth



INITIATIVE Improve nutritional status of children to strengthen immunity against illnesses

To ensure children grow up healthy, they need to be fed the right nutrition. Parents and caregivers are trained on improved feeding practices and taught organic farming for food security.

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

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Sponsor a child 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 Indonesia.

Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more benefit too!