



World Vision began assessing the specific needs of families and children in Taikkyi in 2017. Implementation of interventions started in 2019, covering 10 villages within the area. The scale and scope of implementation will expand over time.

BRIEF INFORMATION

IMPACT AREA POPULATION
155,745 people

PROGRAMME LIFESPAN
2018–2032

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Taikkyi is the northernmost township in the Yangon region. It is situated close to the sea and has a tropical monsoon climate.

TAIKKYI MYANMAR

REALITIES

Vulnerability to Disaster and Economic Poverty

Flash floods occur every two years, and landslides happen at least once a year. With a majority of the population depending on agriculture (rice, groundnuts, sesame, sunflowers, legumes, sugarcane, maize, chickens, ducks, pigs) as their main source of livelihood, these disasters render families without food and income. A lack of developed roads affects access to buyers and markets, limiting the ability of farmers to earn an income. Others work as labourers in factories, where daily wages are below \$5. This stretches disaster-prone families to breaking point as they do not have anything to fall back on when shocks occur. There is also wage inequality, where male labourers earn 57% more than females.

Healthcare Concerns

Food insecurity and poor nutrition knowledge are the main causes of malnutrition in children. 1 in 20 children are malnourished, placing them at risk of wasting, stunted growth and impaired development. Pregnant women do not receive the necessary antenatal and postnatal care needed to deliver healthy children. Inadequate access to quality healthcare services as well as proper water and sanitation facilities also means that diseases such as pneumonia, malaria, diarrhoea, dysentery and tuberculosis are common. Children are especially vulnerable to diarrhoea and respiratory tract infections.

Educational Challenges

Most members of the community do not understand or recognise the importance of early childhood education. An insufficient number of schools means that children are forced to travel long distances to receive education. Poor road conditions also hinder them from getting to school. This, coupled with the inability of families to afford books and uniforms makes it difficult for them to continue education. Middle and high school dropout rates are high, where children end up working to supplement the family's income. 1 in 4 children in Taikkyi are not enrolled in middle and high school. Existing schools are also in old, poorly maintained buildings, making them unsuitable learning environments for children.



KEY CHALLENGES AND WORLD VISION'S KEY INITIATIVES



Farmers get support such as loans to invest in seedlings, fertilisers or animal husbandry.

CHALLENGE Families suffer from insufficient food all year round, have limited technical skills in farming and lack of access to markets

INITIATIVE Increase incomes of poor households to ensure they can support their children's well-being

World Vision will equip farmers with vocational skills that will allow them to earn income even during the rainy season. Home gardening, where limited start-up capital is required, will be introduced to allow farmers to grow nutritious food for their children and also sell the excess crops in the local market for income. Improved access to markets will be facilitated and households will be trained to adopt formal saving practices to improve their resilience towards disasters and provide them with capital to start new businesses.

CHALLENGE Lack of understanding on the importance of early childhood care and development (ECCD) and poor access to schools

INITIATIVE Create child-friendly learning environments and foster strong community support for education

World Vision will build kindergartens and support schools with proper learning materials and resources to create child-friendly environments and encourage children to attend school. ECCD management committees will be set up and formed between members of the community to educate parents on the importance of ECCD and foster strong community support for education.



At the nutrition centre, children are weighed and measured monthly.

CHALLENGE Children and mothers are in poor health and do not have enough nutrition knowledge

INITIATIVE Improve access to Maternal Natal Child Health services and access to proper water and sanitation facilities

Mothers and caregivers will be equipped with knowledge on nutrition and proper hygiene practices to prevent and limit the spread of water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea among children. World Vision will also train health workers and support local health centres to ensure greater access to antenatal and postnatal care. New water sources and sanitation systems will also be constructed.

CHALLENGE A child's rights to be protected and educated is not regarded

INITIATIVE Promote a caring and safe environment where children are valued and cared for

Awareness raising and capacity building initiatives are carried out in the community to establish and encourage a positive environment for children. Parents will learn how to better care for their children and make choices that will enrich their lives. Local child protection systems and referral mechanisms for child abuse cases will be strengthened to ensure that children are safe and protected. Child groups will be formed to equip children with knowledge and life skills that help them better protect themselves from abuse and exploitation.

Through all these interventions, World Vision is transforming the lives of children in Taikkyi, 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 Myanmar.

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