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children in nearly
100 countries.



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Chairman's Message

Every three seconds, a child in the developing world dies. Sadly, the causes are largely preventable.

At World Vision Singapore (WVS), we are so blessed that our supporters share our vision for every child: "Life in all its fullness". Indeed, your partnership has enabled us to carry out lasting change in some of the world's poorest places.

This year, we celebrate 65 years of God's faithful provision. With generous support from 2,540 new donors along with our existing child sponsors in FY15, we made greater strides to better child well-being.

One evidence of your support that has borne fruit is in our Lesotho community programme.

- 90% of the children are going to school
- 77% of the population has access to clean water

Because the Lesotho community is confident of continuing this path of development without further help from WVS, we phased out of this area in FY15, assured that the children will continue to thrive in an environment that has been adequately transformed and is now self-reliant.

In other parts of the world, we are also making progress. We will continue to innovate and enhance the multiplier effect of our interventions, so donor contributions will have greater impact in the field.

That said, we need to relentlessly and prayerfully soldier on to address the gaps. Many more children around the world are still struggling to stay alive for another day, some for a chance to go to school, others to grow and contribute to their community.

Just how much is needed globally? In 2015, US\$19.9 billion of funds was needed for aid and community development. But just half was raised globally. Put simply, for every life we have transformed, another is still struggling to meet basic needs.

Whenever difficulties loomed larger than imagination, Bob Pierce, our Word Vision founder, would say, "Don't fail to do something just because you can't do everything".

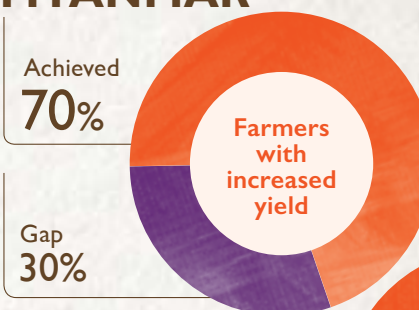
And whenever challenges seem insurmountable, we are rested because the Psalmist reminds us that our help "comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, who neither slumbers nor sleeps".

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in Him to provide hope and help for our journey together to help ease the suffering of God's precious children.

And may God also bless you in this labour of love.

PROGRESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

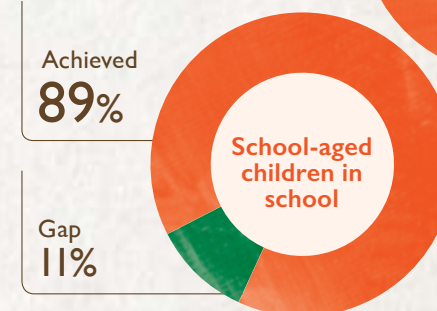
MYANMAR



ZAMBIA



PHILIPPINES



MR LIEW HENG SAN

Chairman,
Advisory Council
World Vision Singapore

From the Perspective of a Donor

Believe

I have been supporting World Vision for 15 years, of which three years have been together with my family.

I chose to support World Vision among many other possible options as they have a history of being trustworthy with the donations and they provide realistic targets to enable villages to become self-sustainable. Their accounts are independently audited and the proportion that goes to administration versus what goes to the communities is transparently communicated. I also support their approach of teaching someone to fish instead of just giving them fish.

In this day and age, many children in Singapore have little interaction with the poor in developing countries and might not experience what it is like to be truly in need of basic amenities. I realised that increasing my children's awareness is crucial for them to understand the realities of life, grow compassion and empathy and learn to give back.

Partner

The first step was to ask my kids to select an item from the World Vision gift catalogue to purchase something using their own pocket money. I matched their donation so they could contribute to an item of higher value. In their first year, they chose a mosquito net and in the second year, they chose a blanket.

The second step was when my son reached an age where he was able to start writing on his own. I encouraged him to take over the correspondence with my sponsored child. He eagerly looks forward to receiving the mails and the communication is beneficial for both children in different ways.

The third step was to embark on a trip to Bo Kluea ADP, Thailand, as a family. Together with other supporters, we visited sponsored children, witnessing first-hand how our contributions made a difference to the communities, for instance, transport being provided to children to travel from the



Ms Audrey Ng (extreme right), with her husband and two children in Bo Kluea ADP, Thailand.

mountain top to their school at the base, proper water filtration systems, rice planting as an occupation and the list goes on.

Change

Over the years, I have seen how my sponsored child has grown up through photos, progress reports and letters. I am glad that she continues to study and has matured well.

My hope is to see more people being aware and willing to contribute to the needy, providing sustainable help for the long term.

Doing the proper research to ensure the organisation is accountable and responsible in its execution to ensure a sustainable future for the community is a good way to start on the journey of giving back.

Poverty is very real, even though it might not be evident to us who stay in a developed country. We are often concerned with first world problems like 'how to earn more money?' and 'can I get an iPad?' when many people in developing countries are wondering 'when is my next meal?' or 'will I get sick drinking this water from the river?'

MS AUDREY NG

mother of two,
sponsor of a child in
Bo Kluea ADP, Thailand

Areas of Social Investment in FY15

AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (ADPs) IN 17 COUNTRIES

In FY15, World Vision Singapore supported 19 ADPs and 19 Projects



COUNTRY

NATURE OF PROJECTS

BANGLADESH	• Sundarban ADP
CAMBODIA	• Kirivong ADP
CHINA	• Yaozhou ADP • Yongsheng ADP
ETHIOPIA	• Yaya Gulele ADP
INDIA	• Dhemaji ADP
INDONESIA	• Ende ADP
JERUSALEM- WEST BANK- GAZA	• South Hebron ADP
LAOS	• Xieng Nguen ADP
LESOTHO	• Lenkoane ADP
MONGOLIA	• Uvurkhangai ADP
MYANMAR	• Hpa-An ADP
NEPAL	• Sindhuli East ADP
PHILIPPINES	• Antique ADP • Bohol ADP
SRI LANKA	• Lindula ADP
THAILAND	• Bo Kluea ADP
VIETNAM	• Tien Lu ADP
ZAMBIA	• Musosolokwe ADP

World Vision's Area Development Programme (ADP) is a distinct geographical location where we partner with local stakeholders to support children, families and their communities through multiple sector projects aimed at improving the well-being of children. Critical issues addressed include food security, clean water, health, education, economic development and child protection.

Areas of Social Investment in FY15

PROJECTS
IN 10 COUNTRIES

In FY15, World Vision
Singapore supported
19 ADPs and 19 Projects



COUNTRY

NATURE
OF PROJECTS

- CAMBODIA**
- Street Children Transformation Project
 - Microfinance Project in Kirivong District
 - Country-Level Microfinance Project

- CHINA**
- Care and Protection for Children with Disabilities
 - Improving Education for Deaf Children
 - Leadership Development

- LESOTHO**
- High School Education Bursary

- MONGOLIA**
- Child Development and Protection Programme

- MYANMAR**
- Early Childhood Care and Development in Dagon Seikkan Township
 - Early Childhood Care and Development in Hlegu Township
 - Building Hope in Myanmar through Microfinance

- NEPAL**
- Rebuilding Nepal Project

- PHILIPPINES**
- School Rebuilding Project
 - Scholarship Fund

- SRI LANKA**
- Microfinance Project

- THAILAND**
- Breakfast Project

- VIETNAM**
- Exiting Exploitation
 - Kindergarten Expansion
 - Breastfeeding Project



A community approach to development is powerful. It allows truly sustainable transformation to take place. When locals partner with us, there is ownership of solutions that address their needs. Children can then grow strong in communities free of need and full of promise.

World Vision is contributing quantifiably to poverty alleviation through these five key pillars:

- Food Security
- Economic Development
- Education
- Clean Water & Sanitation
- Health & Nutrition

Community Development



World Vision partners with communities to **address immediate food needs – and also to grow sustainable food for their future.**

We also empower families to grow their livelihoods so their children can have life in all its fullness.

Food Security & Economic Development

Spotlight on Cambodia

Living in a small house made of wood with his wife and 11 children, Mr Sokhom, who lives in Kirivong ADP, was heavily burdened by insufficient income and a shortage of food.

With sorrow etched on his face, he said, "I let my children eat first because the food is not enough for everyone."

As a result, his children were malnourished and were unable to go to school regularly. "Often, my children used their school time to work in rice fields or find fish and crabs to sell to earn a little money," he added.

Thankfully, his life made a turn for the better when he started participating in World Vision activities where he received training in better agricultural and farming techniques. He also learnt more about savings groups, sanitation and personal hygiene. Five of his children are also sponsored by supporters in Singapore.

After receiving training, Mr Sokhom was able to make a daily profit of S\$3.50 to S\$5.30 per day. "I have never ever attended

such a good training before. It is helpful for my family as well as my entire community," he said.

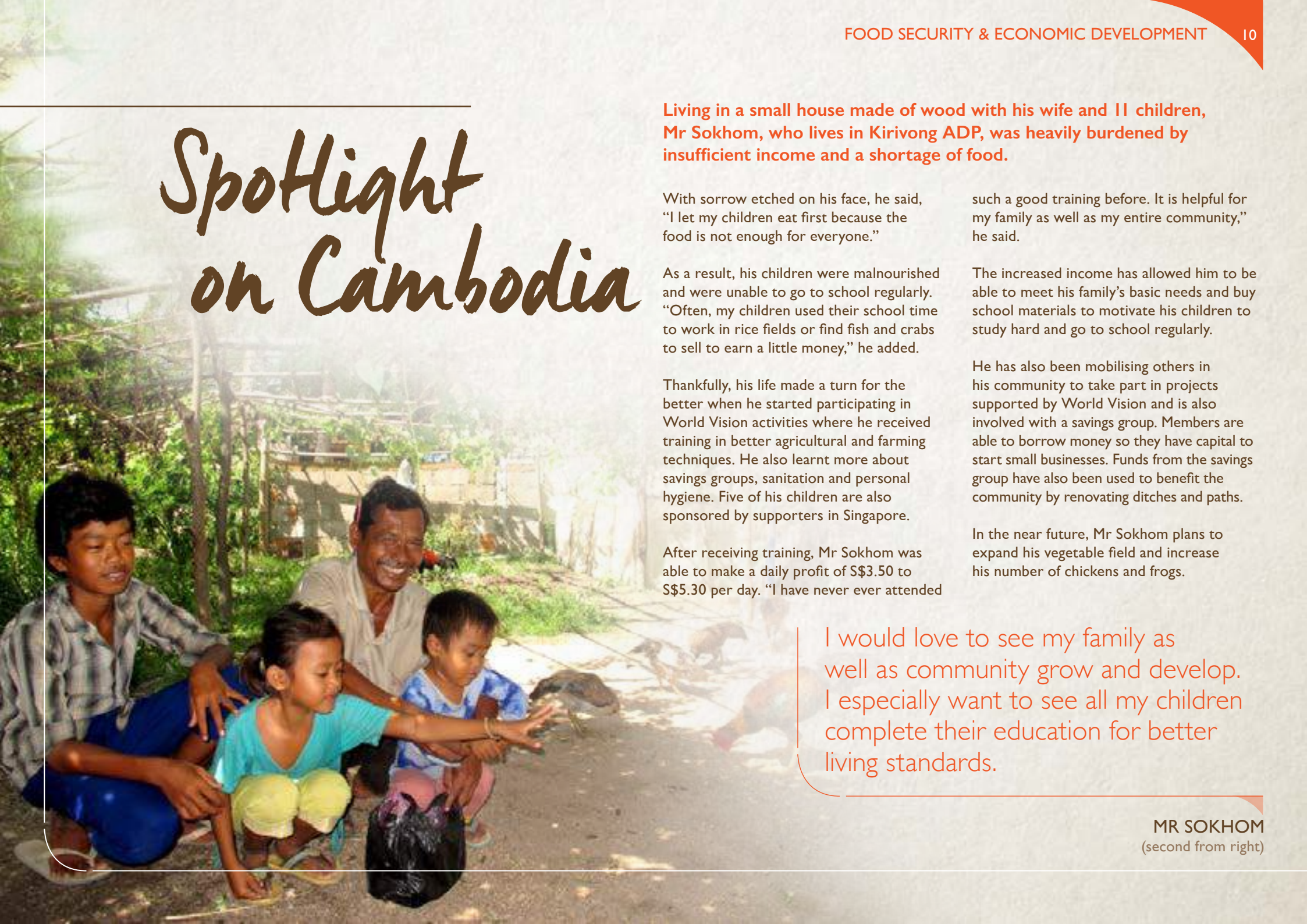
The increased income has allowed him to be able to meet his family's basic needs and buy school materials to motivate his children to study hard and go to school regularly.

He has also been mobilising others in his community to take part in projects supported by World Vision and is also involved with a savings group. Members are able to borrow money so they have capital to start small businesses. Funds from the savings group have also been used to benefit the community by renovating ditches and paths.

In the near future, Mr Sokhom plans to expand his vegetable field and increase his number of chickens and frogs.

I would love to see my family as well as community grow and develop. I especially want to see all my children complete their education for better living standards.

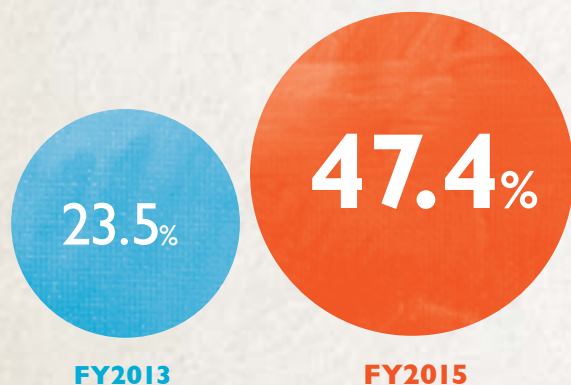
MR SOKHOM
(second from right)



Milestones in Other Communities Include:

ETHIOPIA

% OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH YEAR-ROUND ACCESS TO ADEQUATE AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD

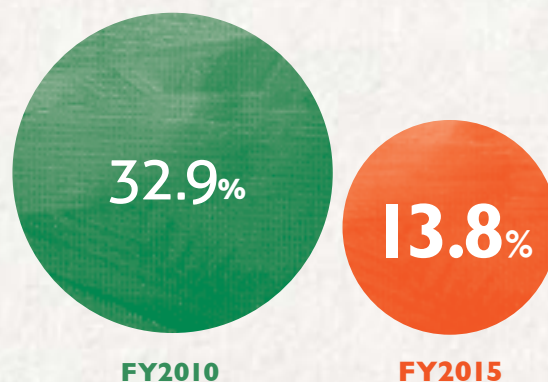


INTERVENTIONS

- More than 8,000 seedlings planted in agroforestry initiative to increase crop productivity
- 200 farmers provided with better seeds and equipment
- 105 households trained in better agricultural practices
- 10 savings groups with a total of 200 members were supported

VIETNAM

% OF POOR HOUSEHOLDS

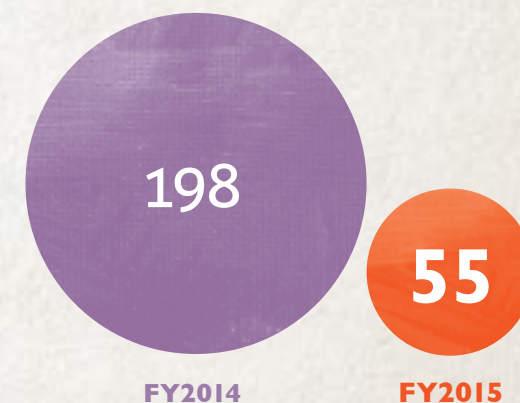


INTERVENTIONS

- 1,000 households helped in making organic fertilisers
- 109 tonnes of raw materials for growing mushrooms produced through farming groups
- 78 farmers trained in better methods in potato cultivation
- 62 households supported through nutrition clubs to raise 5,500 chickens

LAOS

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS CLASSIFIED AS "POOREST"



INTERVENTIONS

- 3,278 livestock such as pigs, poultry and cows distributed to families
- 614 farmers trained in animal husbandry
- 459 vulnerable families accessed the village development fund
- 382 households benefitted from the distribution of rice



Life without education is a life without opportunity.

We help children, especially the most vulnerable, access quality education. When children are educated, they can better advocate for their rights and help provide for their families.

Education

Spotlight on Zambia

For the very first time in Musosolokwe ADP, 12 students have graduated from Grade 7 and all of them have progressed to secondary school.

This was made possible after the school's only modern structure, a new classroom block, was constructed in 2013. Kalila Community School is now also able to teach all the way up to Grade 7, when previously they were only able to teach up to Grade 5.

In the past, their intake of 240 students had to have lessons under trees or under a temporary grass thatched structure divided into three classrooms, which did not have desks. Now, they are able to take in 407 students.

World Vision has also partnered with the local government, and six of the teachers are on their payroll, while community members are contributing to the salaries of the other two teachers.

The Grade 8 students have to travel two hours on foot to reach Chimwala Basic School, which is 13km away, but it does not dampen their enthusiasm for education.

When asked how he felt being in the first batch of Grade 7 students to graduate from Kalila Community School, Howard said, "I am very happy that World Vision built this classroom block. We all made it to Grade 8. I always come back to this school to motivate the current Grade 7 students to also work hard and continue with their basic education."



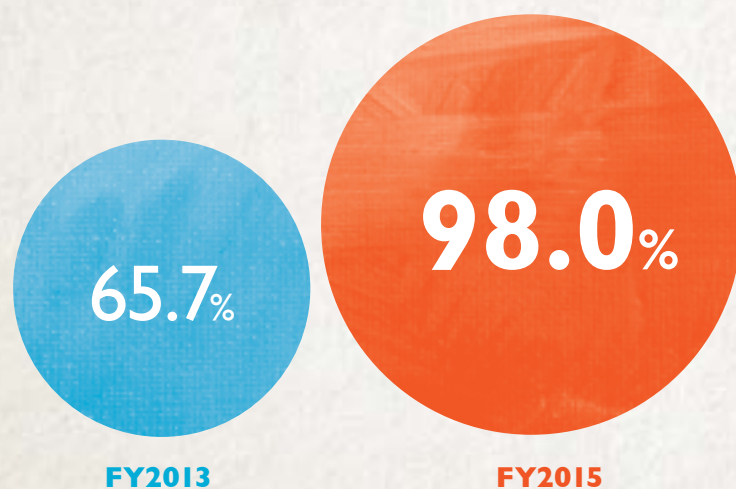
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HOWARD
(centre)

Milestones in Other Communities Include:

MYANMAR

% OF CHILDREN (12-18 YEARS OLD) WHO
COMPLETED 5 YEARS OF SCHOOLING

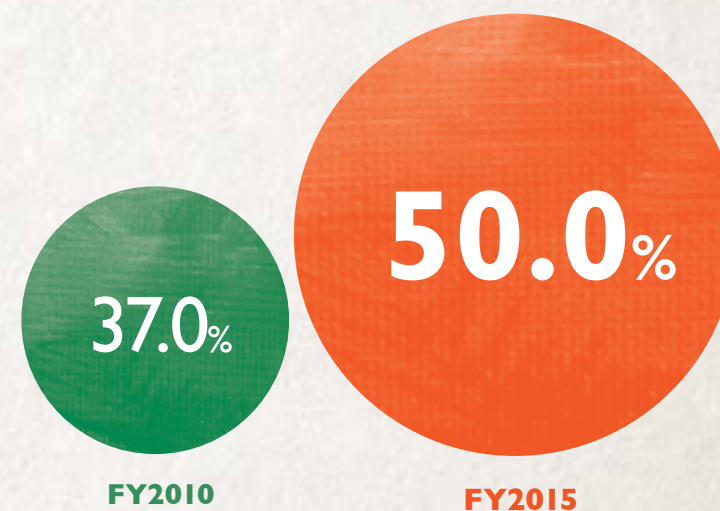


INTERVENTIONS

- More than 430 students in 4 schools benefitted from better learning facilities
- 388 students from 3 schools benefitted from ceramic water filters
- 114 parents improved understanding on the value of education

SRI LANKA

LITERACY RATE OF GRADE 6 STUDENTS



INTERVENTIONS

- 555 children benefitted from "Reading Box" peer groups that received reading materials and white boards
- 145 school development committee members received training
- 10 schools benefitted from furniture repairs



When water is clean and safe, it helps children to be healthy and well nourished.

Children are also freed from the burden of walking miles to collect water, giving them time to go to school and realise their full potential.

Clean Water & Health



Clean Water

At the young age of nine, Febrianto has gone through many difficulties, giving him the maturity of someone years older.

Living in Ende, Indonesia, life was hard for his family of farmers because their crops were always threatened by water scarcity. Facilities such as pipes, faucets, tanks and reservoirs were damaged, making it difficult for families and children to obtain clean water to drink or cook with. Unavoidably, they would consume dirty water that was mixed with groundwater.

Febrianto's life was disheartening. He used to make a 2km journey to the river four times a day to fetch water. Each time, he fetched 10 litres of water. Because he was responsible for his family's water needs, he was never able to properly attend school.

But through the efforts of World Vision and local stakeholders, Febrianto's life has experienced a refreshing change. Now, all 121 households in his village are able to consume clean water.

Water facilities have been repaired and the two main reservoirs are now able to deliver water to 16 faucets that have been fixed.

"I don't need to drink dirty water anymore. In the past, the water wasn't clear and it did not taste good. Now, I can drink fresh, clean water," Febrianto said happily.

Health

In South Hebron ADP, healthcare services offered at clinics were limited only to vaccinations.

Thankfully, community health workers (CHWs) like Azhar Moghannam have been receiving training and are now equipped to provide pre- and post-natal care.

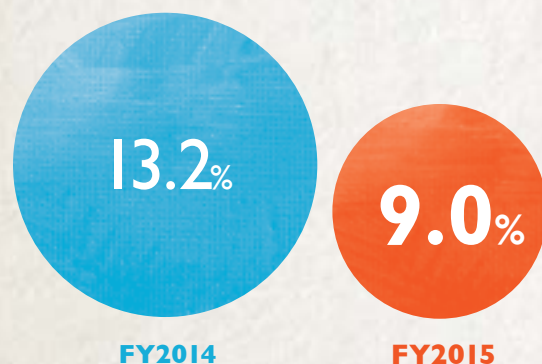
With more staff on hand who have the right skills to help, mothers are starting to visit the clinic more frequently.

"The cooperation between CHWs and nurses has contributed significantly to increasing people's trust. The clinic is becoming a friendly space for mothers to learn and receive appropriate services," said Azhar.

Milestones in Other Communities Include:

BANGLADESH

% OF CHILDREN UNDER 5
WITH MALNUTRITION

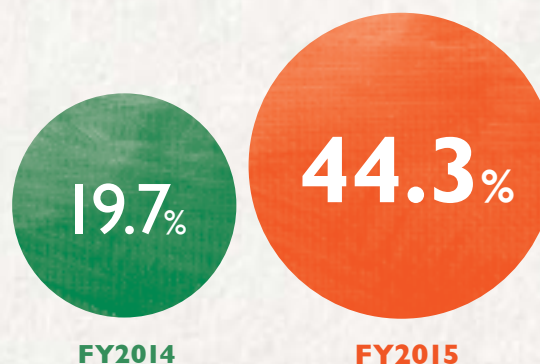


INTERVENTIONS

- 169 children under five were monitored to ensure healthy growth and development
- 139 pregnant and lactating mothers received iron and folic acid supplements
- 107 caregivers received training on primary health care and proper nutrition of young children

MONGOLIA

% OF YOUTHS WITH ACCESS
TO IMPROVED SANITATION
FACILITIES AT SCHOOL

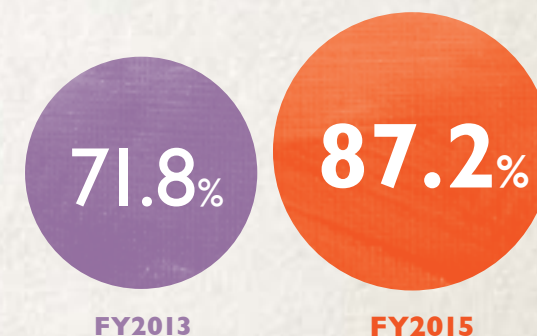


INTERVENTIONS

- 3,500 teachers and students participated in water, sanitation and hygiene education sessions
- 2,673 children benefitted from new toilets
- More than 200 community members received training and renovated their own latrines

THAILAND

% OF TARGET COMMUNITIES
THAT HAVE CLEAN WATER
FOR CONSUMPTION



INTERVENTIONS

- 612 people learnt how to manage household sanitation
- 471 children benefitted from water filters in schools
- 3 entire communities received improved water sources and water management training



FY15 was a bittersweet year as World Vision Singapore phased out of Lenkoane ADP in Lesotho.

ADP SNAPSHOT

Total population : 22,000

Number of children : 11,658

Female : 11,100

Girls : 6,875

Male : 10,900

Boys : 4,783

World Vision registered children: 2,000

ADP start date : October 1999

ADP end date : September 2015

Lenkoane Phase Out

Beginnings of Lasting Impact

Fusi is an orphan, and the last-born of seven siblings. When he was younger, he did very well in school. "I'd always place top five in my class. For my PSLE examinations, I was the only one in my school to get a First Class pass," he said.

But shortly after, he was tasked to concentrate on herding cattle by his aunt (who was also his guardian). He had to do that so that his cousins could attend school. It pained him as he saw his former classmates move on to high school, while he was stuck doing manual labour.

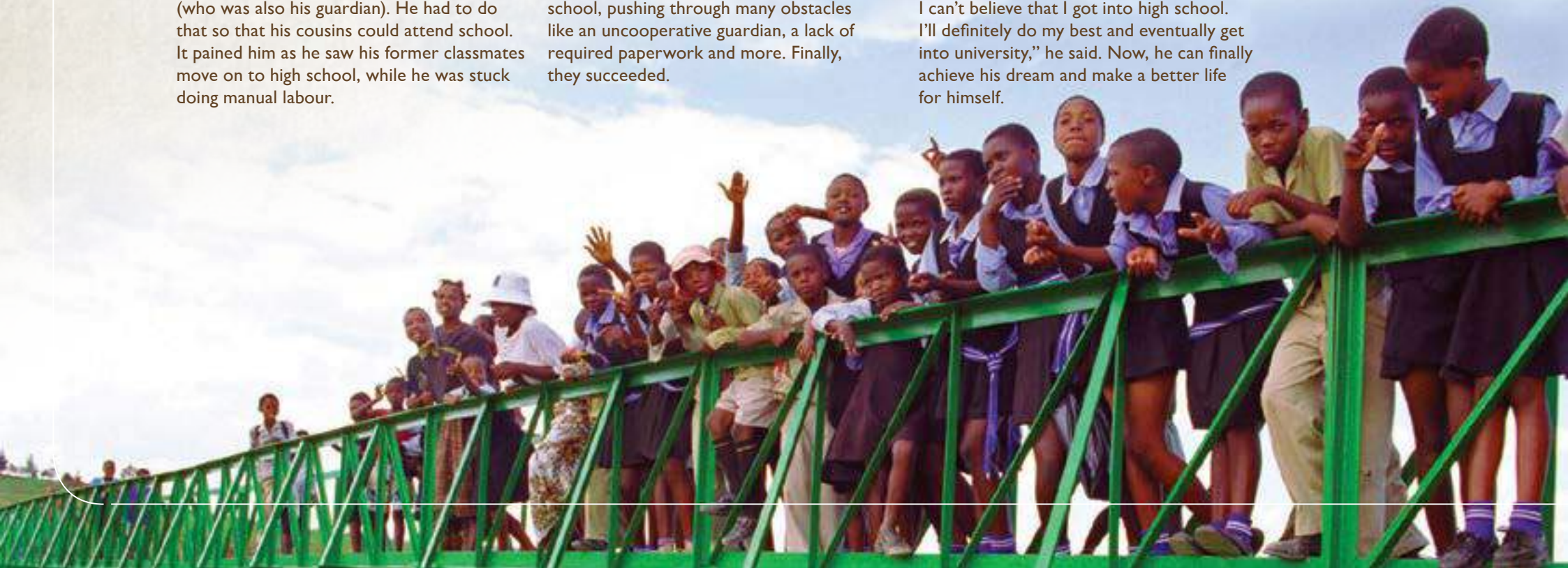
A turning point was when the ADP facilitated a game to test speed thinking and intelligence among school-going children. Fusi was one of the top two finalists. Though he lost the competition, this was significant as he was not enrolled in school, while the winner was.

World Vision's ADP staff strongly advocated for Fusi so he could get a bursary to attend school, pushing through many obstacles like an uncooperative guardian, a lack of required paperwork and more. Finally, they succeeded.

In the past, witnessing children dropping out of school in Lenkoane ADP was common. But no child was as dejected and disheartened as Fusi Leponesa, 17, was.

But then, Fusi was called to enrol into initiation/circumcision school. Many who attend initiation school typically never return to formal school to continue their studies. So it was with much celebration and fanfare that Fusi managed to go back to school after that.

Fusi was overwhelmed. "Even now, I can't believe that I got into high school. I'll definitely do my best and eventually get into university," he said. Now, he can finally achieve his dream and make a better life for himself.



Highlights of World Vision Singapore's Impact

Health

96.8%
of the community
go for HIV/AIDS
counselling and testing
for appropriate
follow up*

Clean
Water

76.8%
of the population
has access to
potable water^

65.3%
of mothers have
given birth at clinics
or hospitals*

Health

90.0%
of children are
enrolled in school^

Education

86.2%
of community
members grew crops
in the last farming
season*

Food
Security

*data from 2014

^data from 2015

HIGHLIGHTS OF WORLD VISION SINGAPORE'S IMPACT



Education

The greatest achievement for education has been the establishment of Lipohong High School, the first high school in the community, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Training.

Previously, more than 70% of pupils who passed primary school were unable to proceed to the next level because high schools were too far from them and staying in boarding schools or hostels was too costly.

With Lipohong High School, children have an opportunity to be educated for life and can positively impact their families' livelihood sources in future.

In addition, 14 new pre-schools have been established in the programme area and a footbridge was constructed so that school-going children can continue to make their way to school in the rainy season. This has helped to boost school attendance and also serves as a disaster-reduction facility when rivers are flooded, thus benefitting the entire community.

Both my parents have died, leaving me and my four siblings to survive on our own. Our lives have completely changed since World Vision assisted us. Thank you for taking care of us, especially for paying for my education.

MAMELLO MONANOE
an orphan whose ambition is to be a nurse when she graduates



Health

In 1999, Lesotho was fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Many children lost family members, resulting in an escalating number of orphans.

A key intervention was the Hope Initiative. It focused on prevention, care and advocacy. The negative stigma associated with HIV/AIDS eventually lessened and more people went for testing. As a result of this knowledge, more are still alive today, having received antiretroviral therapy from the government.

As many children lost their parents to HIV/AIDS, child-headed households received more support such as assistance with government social grants and bursaries to continue schooling.

Village health workers were also better trained and nursing mothers were educated on proper ways of handling food and proper hygiene. Medical equipment and supplies were provided to health centres in Lenkoane ADP too.

Initially, we thought that all those HIV/AIDS-related deaths were due to witchcraft. We did not want to believe the World Vision staff. But with their dedicated coaching and encouragement, more and more people voluntarily tested for the virus; those who tested positive were further counselled and supported with nutritional supplements to boost their immune systems. We really cannot thank God enough for sending World Vision to our community.

MALEBOHANG RAMAQELE
who voluntarily went for HIV-testing

HIGHLIGHTS OF WORLD VISION SINGAPORE'S IMPACT



Food Security

Initially, food production in Lenkoane was limited by factors such as drought and a lack of knowledge on good farming techniques. Traditional ways of farming were unproductive.

To help the community produce more food, World Vision introduced a sharecropping initiative. Farmers were provided with the initial capital of seeds and fertilisers. After harvest, farmers kept 80% of the produce and the remaining amount was distributed to vulnerable members of the ADP, orphans and at-risk children.

Other interventions included improving irrigation systems, training on cash crop farming and providing koekoe, a highly productive chicken breed to households.

With a greater availability of food, families are able to earn more income from farming and children are having nutritious meals to grow up healthy and strong!

Four trees
will surely
produce
more than
enough
for our
household
use. I will sell
the extra
peaches to
get some
money for
my children's
school fees.

mother of sponsored child, **NTHATI**,
whose family received peach tree seedlings



Water Sanitation

Water from mountain sources is highly abundant in Lenkoane ADP. But at the beginning of the ADP, 55.2% of the population did not have access to potable water.

In some villages, water was drawn from unprotected wells, resulting in waterborne diseases. Some children who had to walk far to draw water were abducted too. Long travel times also compromised the women and girls' time for household chores and homework respectively.

By working in partnership with the government and community members, public taps and new protected wells were constructed much closer to villagers' homes. To ensure that these stand the test of time, each village has a committee that has been trained on routine maintenance of the water systems.

Children in my school used to get drinking water that was collected from roofs during rainy seasons. In dry seasons, we would walk to unsafe and unprotected wells. Diarrhoea was very common in our school and community then. But with World Vision's support, we are now able to get potable water from the taps in our school and in many places in our village. Because we're drinking safe and clean water now, we don't get diarrhoea anymore.

MOTSÉLISI
Grade 6 student



Our faith is central to our identity and is inspiration for our work alongside the poor and oppressed. World Vision works in diverse contexts and **we serve every needy child regardless of race, language or religion.** We partner with churches throughout the world, equipping them to meet the needs of their communities.

Faith-Based Commitment

IN FY15, OUR INTERVENTIONS INCLUDED:

- Providing discipleship and servant leadership training to our staff
- Conducting a children's camp in partnership with a church in Indonesia on child protection, resilience and life skills
- Increasing local ownership of community projects in Cambodia by partnering with church members to build capacity in child monitoring and reporting of abuse cases
- Equipping Cambodian church members and youths to be able to use reading tool kits to help younger children improve reading skills
- Working with youth groups in Cambodia, including those from churches, to set up savings groups so they can raise frogs and chickens
- Conducting disaster risk management training for church youths in India
- Engaging churches, local leaders and community role models in Zambia to raise awareness on the prevention of HIV/AIDS





Children in Crisis

Cambodia

Sam Nang is an orphan who, from the age of three, lived with his foster family in Koh Kong province, Cambodia. As the family was poor, Sam Nang often lacked basic necessities like food and clothing. In 2010, he fled to Phnom Penh to escape domestic violence and a life of poverty, with no clear idea of what he would do there.

Having arrived in Phnom Penh, Sam Nang lived on the streets for the next five years in parks and along the river, exposed to the elements and with only two sets of ragged clothes to his name. He survived by eating scraps scavenged from a restaurant and begging for money on the streets. "Sometimes, I was hit by gangsters and they forced me to use drugs and to sell them too," he recalled.

In 2015, Sam Nang met with World Vision staff who encouraged him to participate in the Street Children Transformation Project's outreach activities. These included a career guidance workshop where Sam Nang was counselled by World Vision staff on his plans for his future and the risks of street life. With the support of the staff, Sam Nang eventually got off the streets and received assistance to enrol in vocational training.

Today, the 17-year-old lives in a dormitory with his peers and is supported by World Vision to acquire skills in motorbike repairs. He also spends his evenings learning computer skills. He continues to improve day by day, and dreams of owning a motorbike repair business of his own in the future.

32%

of at-risk and street children surveyed obtained improved reading, writing and numeracy test scores

65%

of street children surveyed report living free of violence and exploitation

85%

of at-risk and street children surveyed were able to name more than three ways of self-protection

I will never forget my life on the streets, but I have a new life now. In the past, I never dreamt that I could have as much as I do today. Thank you, World Vision, for that.

SAM NANG
17 years old

Milestones of the Street Children Transformation Project in Cambodia

24

districts in Phnom Penh reached through advocacy on issuance of birth registration

More than

500

villagers educated through community outreach and forums on dangers of unsafe migration

269

children formed into 8 Street Children Support Groups along with 12 Street Parent Support Groups for street families to care for, educate and protect one another

866

at-risk and street children educated on life skills and self-protection



IN FY15, WORLD VISION SINGAPORE ALSO SUPPORTED STREET CHILDREN PROJECTS IN VIETNAM AND MONGOLIA.

Mongolia

Nearly half of the children in Mongolia are considered at-risk – poor, disabled, unsupervised, abused, or in orphanages. An estimated 4,000 live on the streets and another 70,000 are at risk of becoming street children.

At the Light House Centre run by World Vision, former street children are rehabilitated and given the chance to get their life back on track. The help they receive includes nutritious food, warm clothes, assistance in obtaining birth certificates, support to stay in school and psychological rehabilitation. They are also holistically developed through activities in music, sports and art.



Here are some children who have made great progress in FY15:

- Erchim and Altun topped their respective classes in Mathematics
- Baavgai is on a high school scholarship and won a gold medal for basketball
- Nachin, who is studying social work in university, was selected as the best student in the faculty
- A team from the Light House Centre won third place in a city-level poetry competition

*names have been changed to protect their identity

Vietnam

• **1,038**

children received support to remain in school

• **310**

children benefitted from the provision of legal services

• **147**

trafficked persons, including 86 children, were rescued

• **41**

street children from the countryside reunited with their guardians



Chinh, 15, returning to school after being forced into child labour at a sweatshop.



Thi, 7, was kidnapped. Thankfully, she was rescued and reunited with her father.

*names have been changed to protect their identity



World Vision's disaster relief work seeks to protect lives, restore dignity and renew hope, especially in the world's toughest places where children need us most.

In FY2015, World Vision Singapore directly aided those hit by:

- Typhoon Hagupit
- Nepal Earthquake
- Syria Crisis

Responding to Disasters

When calamity hits, World Vision adopts a “first-in, last-out” approach: Our Global Rapid Response Team first responds with life-saving emergency aid. We then stay for the long term to help families recover and rebuild.

Through the Area Development Programme model, we often have an established presence in affected countries before disaster strikes, helping them build up their resilience.

Our holistic approach means that we work with families by providing assistance with **shelter, water, sanitation, hygiene, child protection, healthcare and economic opportunities.**



Child
Protection



Education



WASH



Health



Nutrition



Food Aid



Shelter &
Non-Food
Items

Nepal Earthquake

On 25 April 2015, Nepal's deadliest disaster, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, hit. Just 17 days later, the country was slammed by a 6.3-magnitude earthquake. Over 8 million people were affected, more than 8,000 people died and at least 950,000 children were in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

In response to their needs, World Vision declared a Global Response on 26 April. As at the end of FY15, 211,586 people have received life-saving help.

We were having a tough time with health and hygiene until World Vision delivered hygiene kits.

ARUN
16 years old

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE INTERVENTIONS



Shelter

602,257 houses were reported to be fully destroyed and 285,099 houses were partially destroyed.

An estimated 150,000 people resided in areas where the average January temperature is five degrees Celsius or below.

INTERVENTIONS

Children and families lived in constant fear of buildings collapsing and homes being destroyed. Safe shelter was a top priority for them, in order to be protected from the elements during the harsh winter.

88,576

Steel Roofing Sheets

30,067

Tarpaulins

27,303

Blankets

26,018

Sleeping Mats

14,312

Solar Lamps

12,517

Buckets

277

Tents



Health

446 public health facilities were completely damaged, including five hospitals. 765 health facilities were also partially damaged.

An estimated 185,000 pregnant and lactating women were at risk of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies.

INTERVENTIONS

The spread of infectious diseases like cholera and malaria was a major concern, especially during the monsoon season. To minimise the occurrence of outbreaks, basic health items were distributed to vulnerable families.

21,295

Mosquito Nets

14,037

Hygiene Kits

500

Baby Hygiene Kits

400

Clean Delivery Kits



Food Security & Economic Livelihood

1.4 million people needed food assistance and 500,000 people required continued support to protect and restore their livelihoods.

Up to 2,500 children under five were projected to suffer from severe to acute malnutrition and around 14,500 children under five were at risk of moderate to acute malnutrition.

INTERVENTIONS

To help children and families cope with a sudden loss of food sources and income, food rations and basic cooking equipment were distributed. People were also empowered to make a living through the cash for work programmes.

13,198
PEOPLE

Cash for Work

1,607

FAMILIES
Food Items

1,505

FAMILIES
Conditional
Cash Transfer

1,087

SETS
Kitchen Kits

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE INTERVENTIONS



Water & Sanitation

1,570 water systems sustained major damage, 3,663 were partially damaged and 220,000 toilets were either fully or partially damaged.

Around 1.1 million people were left without access to protected water sources. Children were especially vulnerable to waterborne diseases.

INTERVENTIONS

Ensuring the availability of clean water was urgent. This helped prevent children from drinking from unclean sources of water in the face of a disrupted water supply. Providing sanitary toilets was also important to minimise the spread of disease.

7,462,350
TABS

Aqua Tabs

21,351
CANS

Jerry Cans

1,663
BAGS

Water
Purifier Bags

MORE THAN
300
HOUSEHOLDS

Water
Systems



Education

34,500 classrooms were declared unsafe and over 20,000 classrooms were in buildings that needed to be demolished and rebuilt.

In total, 80% of schools were damaged. Nearly 1 million children went without a school facility to attend for months after the quake.

INTERVENTIONS

Temporary learning centres were set up so children could continue education while schools were being rebuilt. Learning tools were also distributed and teachers were educated in child friendly teaching methods appropriate for the wake of a disaster.

8,214
CHILDREN
educated

Temporary
Learning
Centres



Child Protection

Long after the physical danger passes, trauma still deeply affected children. There have been more than 100 quakes with a magnitude greater than four since April 2015, and emotionally vulnerable children have to relive the horror over and over again.

Child Friendly Spaces are protected places for children, helping them find calm amid the chaos.

INTERVENTIONS

Children needed a safe place to start coming to terms with their loss. Their immediate emotional and practical needs were addressed as they started expressing their thoughts through art or play, helping them to make sense of the devastation around them.

3,535
CHILDREN
supported

Child Friendly
Spaces

Syria Crisis

Since the start of the crisis in 2011 to the end of 2015, World Vision has reached approximately 2.37 million people with child-focused interventions. We are also scaling up government-level advocacy to strengthen the impact of relief and rehabilitation initiatives.

*this report covers what was done in 2015



SYRIA CRISIS INTERVENTIONS



Emergency Relief Items

Out of over 4.6 million registered refugees, over half are children. Displaced from their homes, these children lack basic items for survival and face freezing winter conditions in makeshift shelters.

INTERVENTIONS

34,885 people, including 23,334 children reached

Interventions included distribution of:

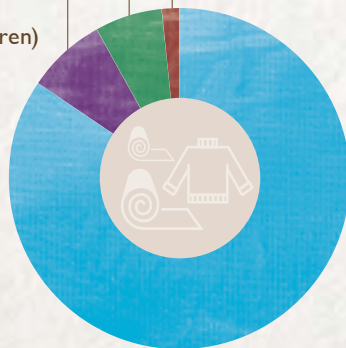
- Winter clothes
- Warm blankets
- Heaters
- Mattresses
- Carpets for warmth
- Tarpaulins and ropes

Syria
2,256
(including 1,420 children)

Lebanon
2,587
(including 2,427 children)

Iraq
492
(including 268 children)

Jordan
29,550
(including 19,219 children)



Food Security

Around 8.7 million people in Syria are food insecure. Families affected by the crisis often have limited income and are not able to buy enough food. This can lead to serious problems for children like stunting and wasting.

INTERVENTIONS

557,549 people, including 304,573 children reached

Interventions included:

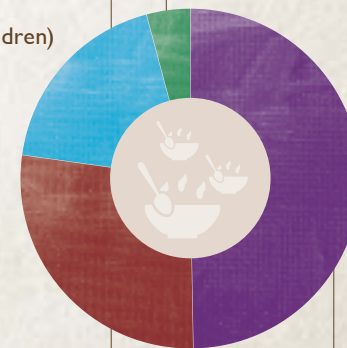
- Food vouchers in partnership with the World Food Programme
- Rice and food parcel distributions to households
- Nutritious snacks for children in refugee camps

Syria
23,032
(including 13,723 children)

Jordan
102,848
(including 71,751 children)

Iraq
154,194
(including 77,699 children)

Lebanon
277,475
(including 141,400 children)



SYRIA CRISIS INTERVENTIONS



Child Protection & Education

Syrian children have lost loved ones, missed years of schooling and witnessed violence and brutality. More than 100,000 children are involved in child labour and between 2 to 3 million Syrian children are not in school. The UN children's agency says the war has reversed 10 years of progress in education.

INTERVENTIONS

12,054 children reached

Interventions included:

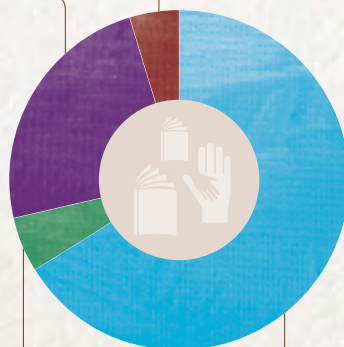
- Psychosocial support
- Learning Spaces
- Child Friendly Spaces
- Remedial classes for those who missed school
- Assistance with returning to or staying in school

Iraq
540
children

Lebanon
2,877
children

Syria
662
children

Jordan
7,975
children



Health

As at September 2015, 58% of Syria's public hospitals had been destroyed or were only partly functional. The cold weather also put children at risk of pneumonia and other respiratory infections.

INTERVENTIONS

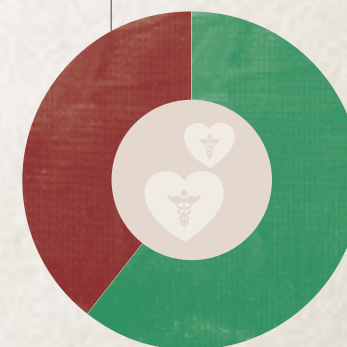
27,840 people, including 14,545 children reached

Interventions included:

- Mobile clinics
- Medical kits for hospitals
- Women and Young Children Spaces to promote breastfeeding and quality childcare practices
- Restoration of essential medical equipment

Iraq
10,958
(including
5,389 children)

Syria
16,882
(including 9,156 children)



SYRIA CRISIS INTERVENTIONS



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Water availability has decreased by about 50% since the conflict started and desperate families turn to unclean sources for water. There is also a lack of proper sanitation, increasing children's vulnerability to diseases like cholera and diarrhoea.

INTERVENTIONS

468,984 people, including 261,288 children reached

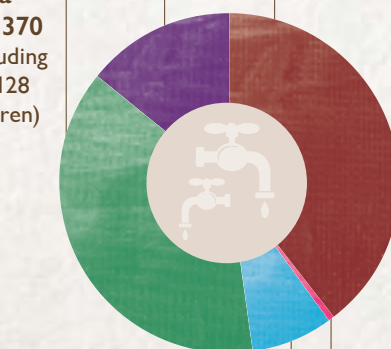
Interventions included providing:

- Infrastructure and services for drainage, sewage, waste disposal, water treatment and borehole drilling
- Water filter kits, water storage tanks, waste bins and vouchers for plumbing services
- Family hygiene kits, baby kits and dignity kits for women and adolescent girls
- Hygiene promotion in schools and creating community-led sanitation campaigns

Lebanon
65,850
(including 37,449 children)

Syria
178,370
(including 102,128 children)

Iraq
185,678
(including 98,409 children)



Jordan
36,084
(including 20,300 children)

Turkey
3,002
children



Financial Support

Syria's unemployment rate has surged from 14.9% in 2011 to 57.7% at the end of 2014. This major loss of jobs has thrown an estimated 30% of the population into extreme poverty. To help their families stay afloat, many children are forced to work and there is an increasing share of Syrian youths engaging in conflict-related enterprises and illegal activities.

INTERVENTIONS

31,276 people, including 17,670 children reached

In more than 90% of cases, cash transfers were used for their intended purposes:

- Rent or repairs to existing shelter
- Food
- Household supplies like warm clothes or fuel for winter
- Education expenses
- Health care equipment

Jordan
3,033
(including 2,062 children)

Iraq
3,010
(including 1,411 children)



Lebanon
25,233
(including 14,197 children)

Typhoon Hagupit

In December 2014, barely a year after Typhoon Haiyan swept across the Philippines, Typhoon Hagupit struck. It triggered winds of up to 100km/h. About 1 million people were affected and moved to evacuation centres, while the storm claimed the lives of more than 20 people and destroyed around 80% of homes along some coastal areas (UN, 2014).

Immediately after the typhoon hit, the most urgent needs were in the areas of water and hygiene. At evacuation camps, queues for drinking water were long and there were insufficient toilet and bathroom facilities to accommodate thousands of people.

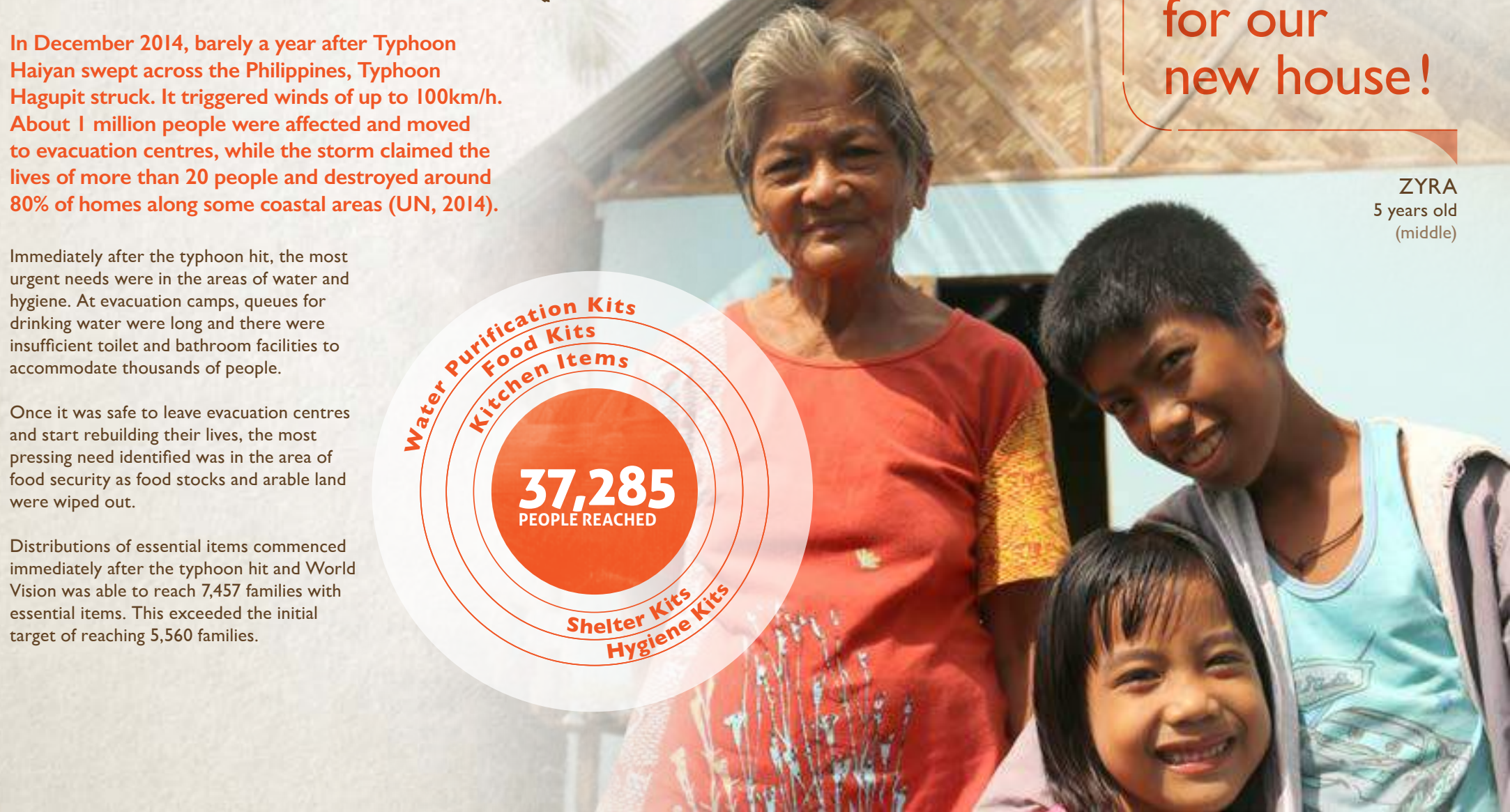
Once it was safe to leave evacuation centres and start rebuilding their lives, the most pressing need identified was in the area of food security as food stocks and arable land were wiped out.

Distributions of essential items commenced immediately after the typhoon hit and World Vision was able to reach 7,457 families with essential items. This exceeded the initial target of reaching 5,560 families.



Thank you
for our
new house!

ZYRA
5 years old
(middle)





One Life Fund

The One Life Fund is Singapore's first educational bursary scheme that provides **support for children from lower income families who are infected with HIV/AIDS**, or whose parents are afflicted with the disease.

Making an Impact Locally

Jack, 9, and his three older brothers, have burdens that children their age shouldn't have to bear. Their parents are both infected with HIV/AIDS.

FY2015

\$54,200

DISBURSED

69

**BURSARIES
OFFERED**

Every month, more than \$400 is spent on medication alone, putting a strain on their already limited finances.

Jack's father used to be the sole breadwinner until last year when he lost his job after sustaining injuries from a fall. Now, he and his wife, Lisa, take up whatever part-time work they can, such as doing office cleaning on weekends.

Lisa, 43, says, "We are in debt every month and have to borrow money from our relatives and friends."

These financial difficulties make it hard for Jack to reach his potential in school as his family cannot afford to buy new spectacles, dictionaries and other study materials for him.

Thankfully, with support from the One Life Fund, Jack can finally get the items he needs to do better in school. His parents are also now able to buy a new set of uniform and school shoes for him.

In partnership with Tan Tock Seng Hospital's Patient Care Centre, World Vision has helped 69 children in FY2015 complete their current level of education. The One Life Fund helps needy students afford school fees, textbooks and uniforms, as well as personal expenses like transportation and meals.

We are in debt every month and have to borrow money from our relatives and friends.

LISA
43 years old

*names have been changed to protect their identity



To conduct our life-changing ministry in the field, donor support is paramount.

Transformational change is boosted when people who share our passion give of their time, creativity and talents to help children flourish.

Partnerships for Change

Youth & School Engagement

30 Hour Famine Camp



Hunger. Poverty. These are major global issues that most avoid discussing, simply because the scale of the problem seems too overwhelming to do anything about. But the 30 Hour Famine Camp proves that youths in Singapore can make a tangible difference.

This year, almost 1,000 brave youths took up the challenge. They were not only placed in situations that simulated experiences of living in dire conditions, but also helped to raise awareness of the plight of such children.

2015 marks the 30th anniversary of the Famine Camp in Singapore and the camp theme was Hungry to Help. According to Christopher Leow, a Famine leader for the 7th year running, "This year's camp brought out different aspects of the past 30 years. By journeying through hardships, campers' experiences of difficulties in each route gave them a new, in-depth understanding of poverty."

To add an enriching dimension to the camp, a refugee storyline was incorporated and participants had to flee their homeland. Along the way, campers went through various simulated scenarios. The stations included

a black market, stocking up on water and a minefield. Campers learnt the struggles of those living in failed states and the issues affecting street children, child brides and displaced people.

On the second day of the camp, hunger pangs became a real deal, but there was still another eight hours before breaking fast, and we had more important things at hand like trying to assimilate into our new community.

Participants went to Yishun, Chong Pang and Khatib to interact with residents and accomplish tasks that allowed them to earn a living or contribute meaningfully to the community. This allowed youths to further empathise with children living in poverty, and enabled us to grow a deeper appreciation for what we have in Singapore.

Article contributed by Sofina Ng, World Vision Intern & Famine Leader 2015



Each aspect of the experience is a valuable part of the mix, where campers get to experience the crisis, take action to fight hunger and work to influence our community through advocacy efforts.



ALEXANDER CRAGGS
Famine Leader 2015

Street Theatre



Street Theatre in Dunearn Secondary School.

In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the Famine Camp in Singapore, World Vision curated an interactive Street Theatre performance that reached about 1,650 youths and was held in nine schools including Temasek Junior College, Dunearn Secondary School and St Joseph's Institution International.

Students were brought through the journey of Sotha, a Cambodian child living in poverty. What made the Street Theatre unique was that the audience had a part to play in deciding whether Sotha stayed in his village or moved to the city, thus affecting how the story developed.

By staying in his village, Sotha continued to face a lack of food, limited job opportunities and hazardous work environments.

If he chose to move to the city in search of a better life, he had to come to terms with vulnerabilities associated with urban poverty – alienation, lack of guidance, exploitation and child labour.

The Street Theatre gave youths insights into the multifaceted causes of poverty, holistic solutions and inspired them to take a stance against poverty by joining the Famine Camp.

Youth Summit

On 17 January 2015, World Vision Singapore held our inaugural Youth Summit titled “Vision Youth: Making Our Mark”. Centred on the theme of “Defining the Humanitarian Leader”, this event provided youths with an exciting opportunity to hear from distinguished humanitarian leaders and uncover the ground level challenges and opportunities in humanitarian and development work.



THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS EVENT WERE TO:

- Educate youths on issues related to poverty in order to further their understanding and practice of global citizenship
- Encourage them to step up as humanitarian leaders of the future
- Be a platform for youths to find out how they can be further engaged in humanitarian work in order to make their mark

The speaker line up included leaders in the humanitarian sphere such as Dr Tan Lai Yong, Director for Outreach & Community Engagement at NUS College of Alice & Peter Tan, Mr Michael Klemm (third from right), Associate Director at NUS International Relations Office, Mr Suresh Bartlett (second from right), National Director of World Vision Sri Lanka and Dr Tan Chi Chiu (extreme right), Chairman at the SMU Lien Centre for Social Innovation.

More than 250 youths registered for this event, which was held in the National University of Singapore.

Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School

After watching a World Vision video on clean water in Zambia for their science lesson, a class of students from Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School developed ideas on how to help those in need in tangible ways.

Their self-initiated idea led to \$4,152 being collected to build deep tube wells in villages there. The compassionate youths learnt more about challenges and sustainable solutions in the area of clean water in developing countries through a “Beyond the Books” session. The class then made a presentation to the entire school about their initiative to raise awareness and take action on clean water in Zambia.



Hwa Chong Institution

During the course of Famine Camp 2015, participants had the opportunity to brainstorm on actions they can take as youths in Singapore to raise awareness about the plight of children in poverty. 30 of the most outstanding ideas were shortlisted and these formed the basis of the “Hungry to Help Challenge”, where youths could take any of the 30 ideas to implement in their school, church or sphere of influence.

A group of students from Hwa Chong Institution's Interact Club came together to plan “Project Life Extension”, where they raised awareness about poverty.

As part of their campaign, they made school-wide announcements, placed eye-catching posters around the school and set up a photo booth with poverty-themed props. These efforts reached about 1,200 people in the school!

Faith Communities

Night of Hope

In FY2015, World Vision Singapore launched a Night of Hope series, where different faith leaders were invited to share their insights on what it means for Christians to embrace the call to minister to the poor and oppressed.



MS MARILEE PIERCE DUNKER

At the launch of the inaugural Night of Hope, guest speaker Ms Marilee Pierce Dunker, daughter of World Vision's founder and senior advisor to the Women of Vision volunteer ministry spoke on "The Audacity of Faith" and challenged the audience to be the difference to plug the gaps for needy children around the world. An impassioned speaker, she covered the roots of her father's work as well as the brokenness that each of us can address one child at a time.



DR ANDREW GOH

"Beyond the Walls" was delivered by Dr Andrew Goh, who recently ended his term on World Vision Singapore's Advisory Council. The honorary editor of Impact magazine and elder at Riverlife Church shared about ministering beyond the walls of the church and its relevance to our daily lives. He also challenged attendees to deepen their understanding on the walls that should be removed in our Christian walk in order to capture the heartbeat of God.



FATHER EUGENE VAZ

In June, Father Eugene Vaz shared on "Healing for a Hurting World", where he gave clarity to the purpose of witnessing through deeds. As the former Vice Chairman of Catholic Welfare Services, he was eminently qualified to speak on how our service can bring about healing from hunger and hurt, and from this healing, transformation for all.



REVEREND MALCOLM TAN

To round up the series for the year, we had Reverend Malcolm Tan, Pastor-in-Charge of Covenant Community Methodist Church and Brigade Chaplain to The Boys' Brigade in Singapore and Chaplain-in-Charge of the Methodist Girls' School to speak at "Witnessing in a Diverse World". Reverend Tan reminded attendees of the social conscience dimension to the Great Commission by pointing us to Galatians 2:9-10. He also spoke about the Biblical mandate to work towards a better future for children, while being sensitive to different contexts when sharing the Word.

Wesley Methodist Church

The most powerful advocates are children who have been through hardship, but who have managed to soar with help from the child sponsorship and area development programmes.

In June 2015, Fedrianne, one of our beneficiaries from Bohol ADP, Philippines, came to Singapore to share his music and story of brokenness and healing.

Wesley Methodist Church provided World Vision with a platform at their Saturday service to hold a programme, “Broken by Poverty, Healed by Love”. During the service, Fedrianne took to the stage to perform a duet “On Eagle’s Wings” with his Singaporean sponsor, Ms Susana Ling, who is a music teacher. Our World Vision Goodwill Ambassador, Belinda Lee, then joined Fedrianne in a dialogue about moving beyond brokenness.

Living in disaster-prone Bohol, Fedrianne comes from a poor community that recently experienced a major earthquake and typhoon. Blessed with a natural singing ability, he has been winning singing competitions in the Philippines and the prize money allows him to help supplement family income.

He has also benefitted from World Vision’s community interventions in the areas of disaster risk reduction, education, food security, healthcare, child protection and economic development. These have given him cause to give thanks for everything in his life, and spurs him on to raise awareness of the plight of other poor children around the world.



BROKEN BY POVERTY, HEALED BY LOVE

Corporate Engagement



BRAND'S® Hope in a Bottle

As part of their 180th anniversary, BRAND'S® partnered with World Vision in the “Hope in a Bottle” campaign. As part of this global campaign, celebrations in Singapore were held from 28 – 30 August August at The Star Vista.

Members of the public were encouraged to join the cause to help provide nutritious meals to malnourished children in Thailand. Additionally, funds raised were channelled to youth leadership programmes like the 30 Hour Famine Camp. This is a testament to BRAND'S® commitment to create a positive impact in society.

Visitors were able to participate in creative art workshops that transformed BRAND'S® iconic glass bottles into delightful ornaments such as terrariums or snow globes. They could also customise BRAND'S® bottles with a special message as a keepsake or as a meaningful gift for someone special.

Other event highlights included an exhibition of BRAND'S® heritage, a photo wall and a 180th Anniversary Drink & Win Grand Draw.

The event was graced by talented artists from The New Paper's creative department who guided and mentored youths from the Global Youth Network in designing their very own BRAND'S® bottles. These artists also contributed to the cause by painting 20 BRAND'S® bottles, which were auctioned. Proceeds went towards the campaign's beneficiaries.



Jebsen & Jessen (SEA) Corporate Trip to Thailand

As part of Jebsen & Jessen (SEA)'s Meet a Need programme, a diverse team of 20 staff across ASEAN made a trip in May 2015 to Tien Lu ADP in Vietnam to help in the construction of a new pre-school that would benefit 600 children.

The staff were first introduced to the key personnel involved in the well-being of the community and given a greater understanding of the challenges and needs of Tien Lu ADP, as well as how the construction would help.

A briefing on personal safety followed, and real work began later that afternoon. Joining the locals who were already hard at work under the hot afternoon sun, the team from Jebsen & Jessen (SEA) started work levelling the ground, mixing cement and carrying bricks and sand. In all, they contributed to the building of classrooms, an outdoor play area and a drainage system.

Before the expansion of the school, many of the children were attending classes in dirty and unsafe rooms. The rooms were dark, walls were cracked, and the roof was leaking. There were no proper toilets either.

Many children headed home during lunch and would not return for the afternoon session as parents were reluctant to send their children to an uncondusive learning environment.

With a better school building, the children in Tien Lu ADP can receive a better quality of education. Parents have a greater peace of mind knowing that their children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment.

Though the work that involved lifting bricks and sand under the scorching sun was back-breaking, the Jebsen & Jessen (SEA) team were rewarded when they realised that children who were studying in the dilapidated classrooms can now learn in a hygienic and safe environment.

*The Meet a Need programme combines corporate volunteering with funding for projects that meet a specific social or environmental need in the region.



It was great to be part of the Meet a Need programme and help the Cuong Chinh commune. With the extension of their kindergarten, I think we made a valuable contribution to provide the kids with **improved infrastructure for a better childhood.**

Overall it's just a small step to sustainable empowerment of their community of course, but these kids deserve a brighter future.

CHRISTIAN-ANDRÉ SCHULTZ
Regional Marketing Manager

Individuals

Belinda Lee

**MEDIACORP ARTISTE
WORLD VISION GOODWILL AMBASSADOR**

World Vision has always been in my heart because they don't only talk about child sponsorship, but also about standing up for women and other issues that are very dear to me. I have always wanted to make a difference in people's lives, especially after all my years of travelling as a television host.

People often wonder how sponsorship can impact the lives of children. But the truth is, child sponsors are the ones whose lives are transformed.

It has now been a year into my sponsorship journey and a definite highlight would be my trip to Nepal to meet one of my sponsored children, Pramila, at the end of 2014.

It was a gruelling four hour drive, which gave me motion sickness, and another four hour hike up a mountain to meet her.

When I finally met Pramila at the top of the mountain, my exhaustion and tiredness just melted away. She looked so beautiful and was dressed in the cutest pink princess dress. I can't explain it but I got so emotional meeting her. I really felt a connection but I didn't really know what to do or how I could show her how happy I was.

It's one thing to read about the needs of these communities, but to see it and experience it for yourself really puts things into perspective.

While there are great needs, I have also been privileged to witness the tangible help that support from Singapore can bring about. This spurs me on, knowing that our contribution is indispensable and life-changing. To be able to be part of this vision is a great honour for me.



Child Sponsorship Influencers

Our avid child sponsors share on what makes them excited about our cause.



MIRIAM

sponsor for more than 10 years

“I had exposure to World Vision through a friend’s sister when I was a teenager. Somehow or other it never got out of my mind until about 10 years later when I had my first child. That was when I was pretty resolute that I would sponsor a child. All in view of the education of my children and their upbringing because I thought Singaporean children are too pampered, sheltered and don’t really know what’s out there.

When I checked World Vision out and saw they have been around for so long, since my student days, I thought why not go into it. So that’s how I got started with the vision where I want my two children to eventually pick child sponsorship up. It’s like leaving a legacy. Hopefully my kids will continue sponsorship when they are much older and have their own financial standing and their own families so it can go on for generations.”



DANNY YEO

World Vision Goodwill Ambassador,
sponsor for more than 8 years

“I started with World Vision when I first went on a child sponsorship trip with Elim Chew as a photojournalist. It really changed the way I looked at charity work and child sponsorship. I got to see for myself how children in other countries are living their lives in very harsh conditions and it really got me thinking. There are so many people in need of help. Where do we start? Just start one at a time.

I was very lucky to have been able to visit my two Mongolian sponsored children. It’s not until you get to meet your sponsored children physically that you realise you are changing real lives. You realise how tall they are and how big they’ve become. And you see that eagerness, that enthusiasm and the shine on their faces.”



ZANN

sponsor since 2013

“To be truthful, I initially didn’t realise the importance of \$45. \$45 in Singapore might mean a meal or a gathering. It was only after going on a trip to visit my sponsored child that I realised how widely \$45 can be used locally in the field to help construct a better environment. Instead of me giving and being a blessing, the \$45 a month taught me things I could never have learnt or come across in Singapore.”

*Members
of the
Public*



The Forgotten Children

The Forgotten Children, held from 19 – 20 September, portrayed the unheeded stories and unheard voices of a lost generation of children in Syria.



The multimedia exhibition and panel discussion featured the challenges, interventions and gaps in our South Hebron ADP and the Syria Crisis.



Panellist Ms Patricia Mouamar, Communications Manager from World Vision Lebanon, shared her first-hand experience with Syrian children in refugee camps. “It’s not about the war anymore. It is about the millions of people who are suffering,” she said.

The panel was moderated by Mr Lau Peet Meng, Advisory Council member of World Vision Singapore, and included Ms Elizabeth Ragen, Psychologist at the Centre of Effective Living and Dr Jonathan Cheng, Medical Doctor with Singapore Health Services, who volunteered on paediatric humanitarian missions in the West Bank.

From the long-lasting effects of malnutrition and psychological trauma, to the threat of an entire generation being unable to go to school normally, each panellist brought a different perspective to the discussion with insights from their respective professional fields.

They concluded the session by sharing that in spite of the scale of the problem, we should not feel daunted and should not be passive bystanders. We cannot help all the children but we can change the world for some of them.

Christmas Outreach

Our Christmas outreach “Every Child a Smile”, in partnership with VivoCity and Tangs, provided opportunities for shoppers to bring hope and smiles to the faces of children who struggle for survival on a daily basis.

There was an interactive exhibition at VivoCity inviting the public to “Step into Our World” to better understand the plight of the poor. By lifting a 10kg jerry can filled with water, curious passers-by had a taste of what it is like for children who have to make a daily trek of 5km in search of water in rural communities.





Vision Fest & Film Screening

Vision Fest – an afternoon of tea, film and inspirational speakers – was held in July at the YWCA Lodge. Our special guests were Xuan Anh, a sponsored child from Vietnam, and Ms Liz Satow, National Director of World Vision Nepal.

Xuan Anh kicked off the programme by sharing her moving story of breaking boundaries despite having experienced poverty. Though she had to care for her sickly parents and younger sister, she won multiple academic awards at local and provincial levels and took on various student leadership roles. A child inspired by hope, she believes in fighting for a better life through education and advocating for other children in similar circumstances.

Vision Fest also featured the award-winning film, “On the Way to School”, a poignant film about how children in different parts of the world brave arduous journeys to school, despite the daily obstacles in their way. From having to traverse the rough terrain in a wheelchair, to escaping from life-threatening situations in unprotected wilderness, the resilience displayed by the children from Kenya, Patagonia, Morocco and India touched the hearts of many.

Ms Satow provided insights into the challenges faced by children in obtaining basic education in Nepal, especially in light of the recent earthquakes. While collapsed buildings and remaining psychological trauma still affect children, Ms Satow shared the strategies of rebuilding efforts and education to empower children to get back on track and thrive after a disaster.

To cater to the demand for the film, World Vision Singapore organised two additional film screenings at Alliance Française that were sold out.



Women of Vision

Vision Trip to Cambodia

In November 2014, the Women of Vision travelled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where they witnessed up close the devastating effects of urban poverty and the concrete interventions that help street children.

While the group has advocated for needy children all over the world, the trip brought home the reality of poverty that was previously experienced only from a distance, through stories, facts or statistics.

By visiting poor rural communities, they better understood the circumstances that drove the children to the city to work. They also stepped into the world of street children by visiting Steung Meanchey, the largest dump site in Cambodia and took to the streets at night, to see how World Vision was reaching out to kids and providing basic care and protection.

Meeting a former street child who was rescued and successfully reintegrated with his extended family was another memorable part of the trip. "I realised the need for continued advocacy on a growing problem. We are making a lasting impact but we need to continue to bring real and lasting change to these needy children," said Ms Choo Cheh Hoon, who went on the trip.

If you would like to find out more about our existing programmes or sign up as a Woman of Vision, please contact wov@worldvision.org.sg



WOV members out at night with children who roam the streets.



Visiting a former street child (front, left), who was rescued and reunited with his extended family.



Steung Meanchey is Cambodia's largest dump site, where many street children reside and scavenge for a living.

Being a part of WOV has further reinforced the belief that when a group of women gather around a common purpose, ready to put to good use their various skills and talents, we can change the world. We cannot save everybody, but everybody can save somebody.

MICHELLE CHEO
WOV member

It has been so heartening to see the tangible and positive change both in the field and among supporters in Singapore. The combined effort of members of WOV has made such a difference. I hope that many more will come forward to join us.

CHOO CHEH HOON
WOV member

Hope for Children

On 11 April 2015, the Women of Vision gathered at the YWCA for an afternoon of inspiration and insights into the work for street children in Cambodia. Over 180 people attended the high tea event to hear from Ms Aimylen Gabriel, Programme Manager for Child Protection at World Vision Cambodia. The event also provided a uniquely Cambodian flavour with cultural dances, games and musical numbers.



Art & Diversity

Art & Diversity, an SG50 art exhibition, ran from 13 – 18 June 2015, and featured the creative and visual interpretations of talented artists ranging from educator and social artist Chi Pin Lay, to the visually impaired from Dialogue in the Dark. Net proceeds collected from the auction of paintings were channelled to World Vision's Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund, to help needy children and families rebuild a better home.

In conjunction with Art & Diversity, the Women of Vision also organised A Brush with Hope, a series of calligraphy workshops led by Pin Lay. This brought together both young and old for a fun and educational evening of calligraphy for a cause.

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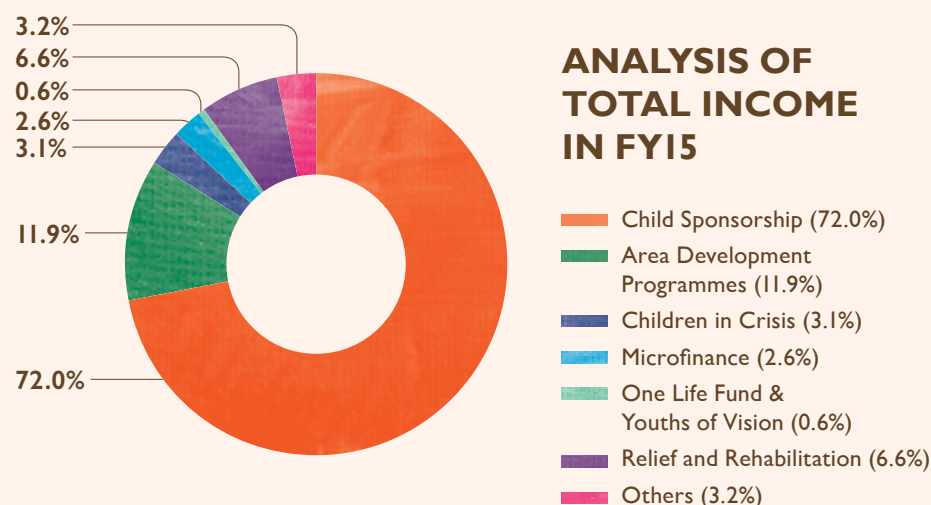
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Our Income and Expenditure

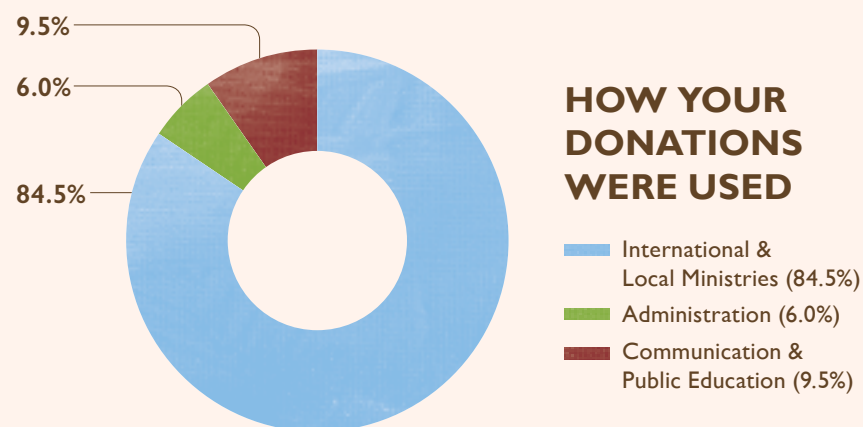
We thank God for increasing World Vision Singapore's total income from \$16.4 million in FY14 to \$17.7 million in FY15.

This growth in income has enabled us to impact **791,013 children and beneficiaries** in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

In addition, your timely donations to our disaster relief efforts have enabled us to provide life-saving aid to more than **1.3 million people** affected by the Nepal Earthquake, Syria Crisis and Typhoon Hagupit in FY15.



According to Singapore's charity regulations, the total expenses incurred due to public fundraising appeals in a financial year must not exceed 30% of total donations collected through the public appeals in that year. World Vision International's stewardship mandate is that administrative and public awareness costs should not exceed 20% of all donations received.



At World Vision Singapore, the total expenditure based on externally audited figures was 15.5% of total funds raised in FY2015, with 9.5% being spent on communication and public education expenses.

*Advisory Council
&
Management
Team*

Advisory Council



DU MING-HAN (HANK)

WVI President's Representative

As WVI President's Representative, Hank Du has many years of experience under his belt. Before his involvement in World Vision, Hank was an expert in the IT industry. He started out as a software engineer in Mitac Inc. in 1982, and quickly rose through the ranks until he was appointed as Vice General Manager of the Marketing Department in Microsoft, Taiwan, in 1995. In 2001, Hank left his stable job as he felt called to minister in the Chinese Christian Evangelistic Association, eventually volunteering two years of his time there. In 2003, Hank was appointed CEO of World Vision Taiwan, and served close to 11 years as a World Vision leader and visionary. More recently, in 2013, he was selected both as the Regional Leader for Asian Markets, and also as the Leader of the Global Chinese Engagement Programme. Hank is married with two grown sons, 30 and 24 years old respectively. His family worships at Shih-Lin Grace Presbyterian Local Church.



LIEW HENG SAN

Chairman

Heng San headed Singapore's Central Provident Fund as CEO before retiring in Jan 2011. He is currently on the Boards of the Singapore Bible College and AIA Singapore, and serves as Advisor to the Far East Organization and TJ Novo. He worships at the Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.



DAVID WONG

Vice-Chairman

David is currently the Chairman of the Local Church Executive Committee at Wesley Methodist Church and the Chairman of the Methodist Welfare Services. He is a Chartered Accountant by training, and is on the boards of several companies/organisations such as United Engineers Ltd, LMA International NV, the Casino Regulatory Authority and the Energy Market Company.

Advisory Council



ANDREW GOH

Member
(retired 29 January 2016)

Andrew is an international platform speaker known for being insightful and witty. He has written seven books including "Management by Humour" and "Headstart: A Month of Motivation". He is also a motivational trainer and management consultant working with renowned organisations like Singapore Airlines, the Ascott Group and the Millennium & Copthorne Hotel chain. He earned his MBA in Australia, and his PhD from Nanyang Technological University in HR Personnel Selection in 1999. He was awarded the Asian Management Fellowship by the Australian Government in 1985.



CHOO CHEH HOON

Member

Cheh Hoon is a Senior Director at Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP). She is also concurrently the Managing Director of Social Lab Ltd which runs Dialogue-in-the-Dark, an innovative learning facility and social enterprise at NP which specifically employs the visually-impaired as guides and workshop facilitators. Cheh Hoon is also actively involved in several professional and community committees. She worships at Covenant Presbyterian Church with her family.



TAN CHEE KOON

Member
(retired 15 June 2015)

Chee Koon retired as the CEO of the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Center in 2008 when she became a first-time grandmother. She continued to serve on its board until 2011, and in that capacity, chaired the Organising Committee of the 21st World Volunteer Conference held in Singapore that year. She is also on the Board of another Christian charity, Focus on the Family Singapore. Worshipping at Hinghwa Methodist Church, she considers her two granddaughters as her primary ministry.



LAU PEET MENG

Member

Peet Meng is a Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police, and currently the Director of Operations of the Singapore Police Force. He was previously the Chief Executive of the Casino Regulatory Authority, and has worked in various Government jobs in the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Married with three young children, he also serves as a Deacon in the Adam Road Presbyterian Church.

Advisory Council



SOON SZE MENG

Member

Sze Meng is a Vice President in Visa and is currently Head of Marketing Strategy, Planning and Operations for the Asia-Pacific region. He was previously the Head of Marketing for China, and took on previous roles in strategy and business development. Before Visa, he worked with McKinsey & Co. in Chicago, US, and Monitor Group in Singapore as a management consultant. He is married with three young children.



NICHOLAS KHOO

Member

Nicholas is the Director of Managed Risk Services, Asia Pacific, at CYBS Singapore Pte Ltd. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Amdon Consulting Pte Ltd and Agilemeister Asia Pte Ltd. Nicholas is currently the Honorary Secretary of Graduates' Christian Fellowship and holds positions in government and professional organisations, including the National Youth Council and the National Council for Problem Gambling.



MICHELLE CHEO

Member

Michelle is the Chief Executive Officer of Mewah International Inc. She joined its Group in 2003 in the trading department and has been its Executive Director since 2010. Prior to that, Michelle worked with Exxon Mobil from 1997 to 2003 in Louisiana, United States of America, and Jurong Island, Singapore. Michelle holds a Chemical Engineering degree from Imperial College, University of London. She also obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from INSEAD. Married with 3 children, she worships at Barker Road Methodist Church.

Management Team

FOO PEK HONG

Chief Executive Officer

Pek Hong worked in the financial sector for about 30 years, with the last eight years as Managing Director of HSBC Asset Management Singapore. Upon retirement, she took up the responsibility of heading Singapore Children Society's fundraising department from 2003 to 2006, raising funds for disadvantaged and needy children in Singapore. She is also a trained teacher, and taught children before she joined the financial sector. Pek Hong was CEO of the Kidney Dialysis Foundation before she resigned in 2012. Married with two grown children, she worships at Zion BP Church.

FIONA SOH

Director, Resource Development
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Director, Resource Development,
Child Sponsorship & Projects

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Admin and Donor Support

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IN ALL ITS FULLNESS;
OUR PRAYER FOR
EVERY HEART, THE
WILL TO MAKE IT SO.

Our Vision

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

Our Core Values



Who We Are



How You Can Help

Sponsor

AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION

Make a tangible difference in any of the countries that World Vision Singapore helps, through child sponsorship. Embark on a journey that changes children's lives, as well as yours.

Email us at child_sponsorship@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

AS A YOUTH

World Buddies Programme is an affordable micro-child sponsorship initiative that allows students to sponsor as a class/group. For a class size of 30, sponsoring a child for an entire year can amount to just 5-cents a day each.

Email us at youth@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

Advocate

AS A CORPORATION

Share the vision with your organisation. Arrange a lunch-time talk or plan a company trip to an ADP to create a positive impact in the lives of needy children.

Email us at corporate@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

AS A CHURCH LEADER/MEMBER

Live out the values of Proverbs 31:8-9 to speak up for the rights of all who are destitute and defend the rights of the poor and needy. Invite World Vision to speak to your congregation or small group or inspire them to sponsor a child.

Email us at church@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA

Keep your audiences up to speed with the latest updates on disasters, emergencies and stories related to children, women, poverty and development work.

Email us at media@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

Take Action

AS A WOMAN OF VISION

Join Women of Vision and volunteer with other like-minded women to use your God-given resources and abilities to serve impoverished and oppressed women and children both locally and globally.

Email us at wov@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

AS A SCHOOL/YOUTH OF VISION

Make your life count for something greater. For a start, join the international youth movement against poverty by taking part in the 30 Hour Famine Camp, World Buddies Programme or Global Youth Network. Invite World Vision to your school to give an eye-opening talk on poverty or initiate a project to fight poverty as a leader.

Email us at youth@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Utilise and maximise your time, skills and experiences to help needy children. Help out with administrative work, design websites, facilitate camps and more – these are just some of the many platforms from which you can showcase your talents.

Email us at volunteer@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

Growth of a Vision

1947

Beginnings of the child sponsorship model

1955

Sponsorship of orphans takes off

Late 1960s

Shift of emphasis to help children in poverty, not only orphans

Early 1970s

Transition to a holistic community development approach

Early 1980s

Work expands to include urban poverty



World Vision is continually improving to make greater impact in the communities we serve. Thank you for your partnership around our shared belief.
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