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WORLD VISION is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. Our work extends to 120 million children in nearly 100 countries.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

World Vision International (WVI) is committed to raising the well-being of 150 million of the world's most vulnerable children by 2016. Significant progress was made last year. Through direct programming, we now reach about 60 million children. Through advocacy and policy advancements, we cover some 420 million children.

Despite our best efforts, over 3 million children starved to death last year. Indeed, every year:

- 3 million children die of hunger
- 6.3 million children die before their fifth birthday, mainly from preventable causes
- 58 million children of primary school age are deprived of the right to attend school

This is a cycle that needs to be broken. But we cannot succeed unless we first recognise that developmental challenges are inextricably interwoven, not solved in isolation; second, that we need everyone who is able to help; and third, that we need to trust God to provide.

At World Vision Singapore (WVS), we have been heartened by the magnitude of your love and generosity. In FY14, WVS supporters sponsored 23,665 children from 17 countries. 1,877 were new child sponsors. And because child sponsorship enabled community development programmes, we positively impacted some 748,098 children.

Many of you have embraced projects in the 5 key sectors of food security, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, education and economic development. Our relief efforts further provided emergency relief to 911,961 survivors, refugees and internally-displaced people in three major disasters. Your support has helped them to overcome the trauma of loss and destruction, and availed hope to rebuild their lives.

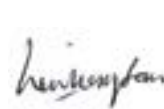
Thank you for joining us on this journey of bringing hope and restoration to those in need. It is our sincere hope that it will be as rewarding for you as it is transformative for the children and communities we serve.

Whenever the difficulties and challenges of helping vulnerable and hungry children worldwide loom large, let us take comfort from the Lord. He has provided, and will continue to provide, so often and so timely through generous givers like you. His Word encourages, exhorting us "not to grow weary of doing good" (Galatians 6:9). His Spirit empowers us to press on so that every child might come to experience life in all its fullness.

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None of this would be possible without your dedication and commitment to our cause and our work. We are grateful for your trust and partnership, and remain committed to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Through careful monitoring and consistent review, we strive to ensure that your donations are used effectively to achieve maximum impact in the areas it is needed most, so as to bring about lasting change.

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Mr Liew Hang San
Chairman,
Advisory Council
World Vision Singapore





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our goal is to ensure that communities are involved in the transformation and are empowered to help themselves and their future generations, in order to bring about sustainable change



World Vision is committed to helping poor and needy children break out of poverty. This happens when our Area Development Programmes (ADPs), which are managed over a 10 to 15 year period, address and eradicate deep-rooted problems for the whole community in 5 key sectors:

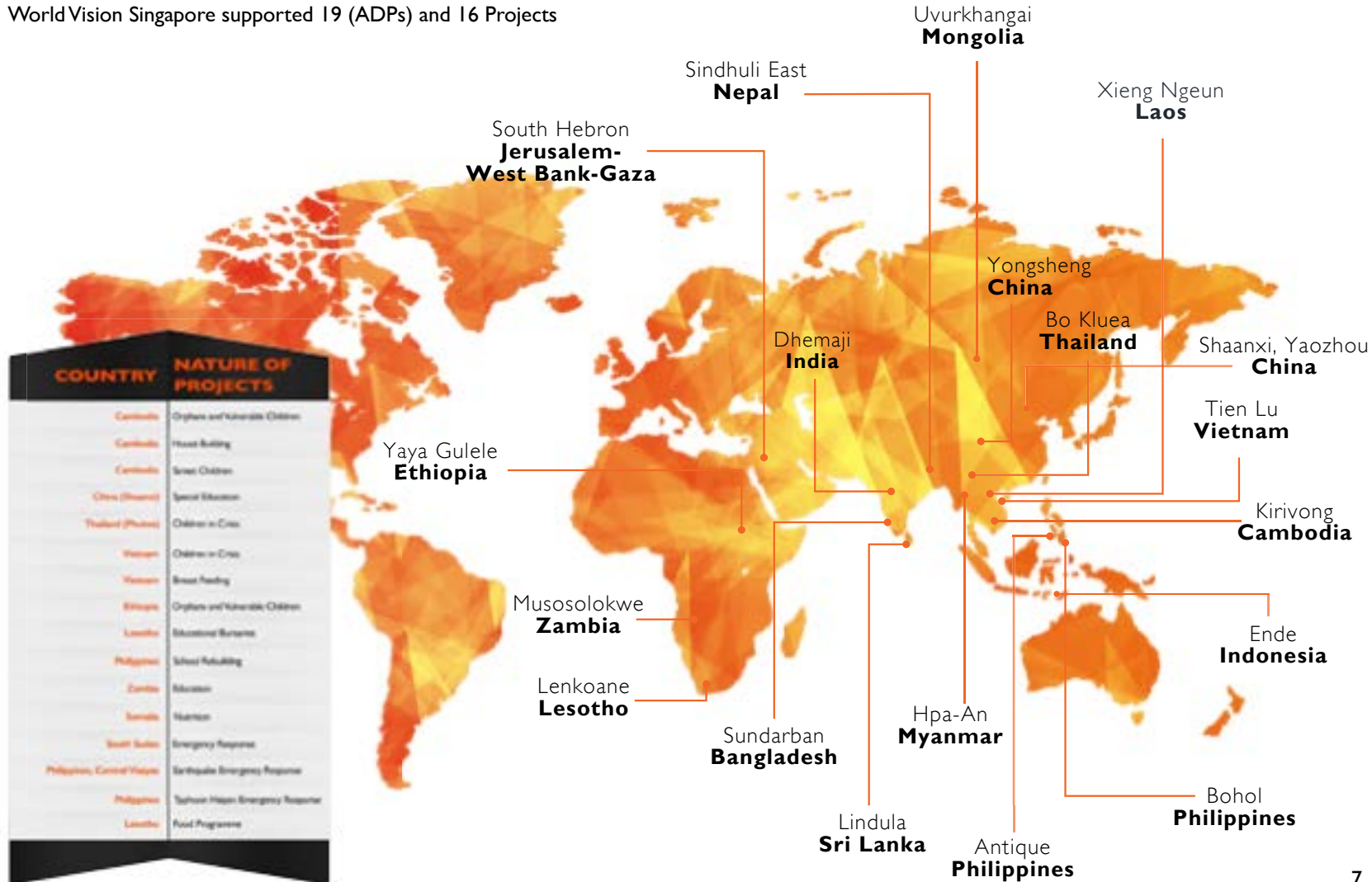
- Food security
- Clean water and sanitation
- Health and nutrition
- Education
- Economic development

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World Vision Singapore helps communities in:
Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia,
Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza, Laos, Lesotho, Mongolia, Myanmar,
Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and Zambia.

Area Development Programmes (ADPs) and Projects in 17 Countries

World Vision Singapore supported 19 (ADPs) and 16 Projects



CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

The truest measure of a child's well-being is not found simply in growth charts or in literacy statistics. It shows when children have a light in their eyes, smiles on their faces, joy in their hearts and spirits overflowing with hope.

As a Christian organisation, World Vision's faith in Jesus Christ motivates us to serve all needy children with unconditional love and respect, regardless of race, language or religion. Our constant prayer is that all the girls and boys we serve are hopeful and joyful, and enjoy gender equality as well as positive relations with their families and communities in non-violent homes. We believe that every child can be nurtured to grow in self-awareness and to possess a sense of purpose in life, so that having been helped, they might also grow up to help others.



HEALTH



Ensuring that children are well-nourished and have access to medical care is critical to their survival. World Vision provides health, nutrition and sanitation programmes that address both the symptoms and causes of the problem. When children are not sick or malnourished, they have the ability to focus and make better sense of what they learn. They are able to lead healthier, more productive lives, paving the way for a brighter future.



A Mother's Joy

Tien Lu ADP, Vietnam

My daughter Ha weighed only 2.5kg when she was born. I was sad that my first child was underweight and thought perhaps it was my fault.

Tran Thi Mui,
24 Year Old Mother
Cuong Chinh Commune



A health volunteer visited Ms. Mui at her home after the birth of her daughter and explained to her how important it was to know how to care for her infant. The volunteer suggested she attend World Vision's nutrition clubs, which she did. Set up in 2010, the nutrition club is conducted twice a month and educates mothers and caregivers on appropriate child nutrition, disease prevention and breastfeeding practices.

Since it began, 850 mothers and caregivers have participated in these nutrition clubs, and 3,753 home consultation visits to mothers with children at risk have been conducted. In 2010, 31% of children under five in the community were malnourished. Today, this number has fallen to 17%.

"I've learnt a lot from the teachings and demonstrations at the nutrition club, and by talking with other mothers. I try to eat enough healthy food now and will breastfeed Ha until she's six months old. I've also planted vegetable seeds and obtained chickens for eggs and meat, which will help provide a varied diet for my daughter when she's older," said Ms. Mui.

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Ha is nine months old now, weighs 7.8kg and has six small teeth. I don't think she could have grown so much if I hadn't joined the nutrition club! ”

IMMUNISATION



With the health post constructed and equipped, immunisation increased from 60.0% to 77.0%.

FOOD ACCESSIBILITY



Proportion of households with year-round access to sufficient food increased from 23.5% to 57.9%.

EDUCATION

A group of approximately ten young children, mostly boys, are running along a dirt path in a rural, tropical setting. They are dressed in school uniforms, including yellow and green shirts and shorts. Some are carrying books or bags. The background features lush greenery, including large banana leaves, and a small building with a thatched roof. The overall atmosphere is bright and positive.

Education is critical to poverty eradication. It opens doors of the mind, debunks limiting beliefs and unlocks each child's potential. It impacts human well-being, from better health to increased wealth. That's why World Vision is working relentlessly to help children gain access to quality education. The impact for children is life-changing. Educate children and you equip them with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to shape a brighter future.

New Classrooms, New Motivation

Musosolokwe ADP, Zambia

“ Since the new classrooms have been completed, there has been a more than 25% increase in Grades 3 and 4 children returning to school, especially girls. ”

Rachel, Teacher, Chapusha

For the 286 students at Chapusha Community School, going to school was a daily struggle. Besides having to walk approximately 10km to get there, children were exposed to harsh winds and extreme cold in the rainy seasons due to the open thatched classroom.

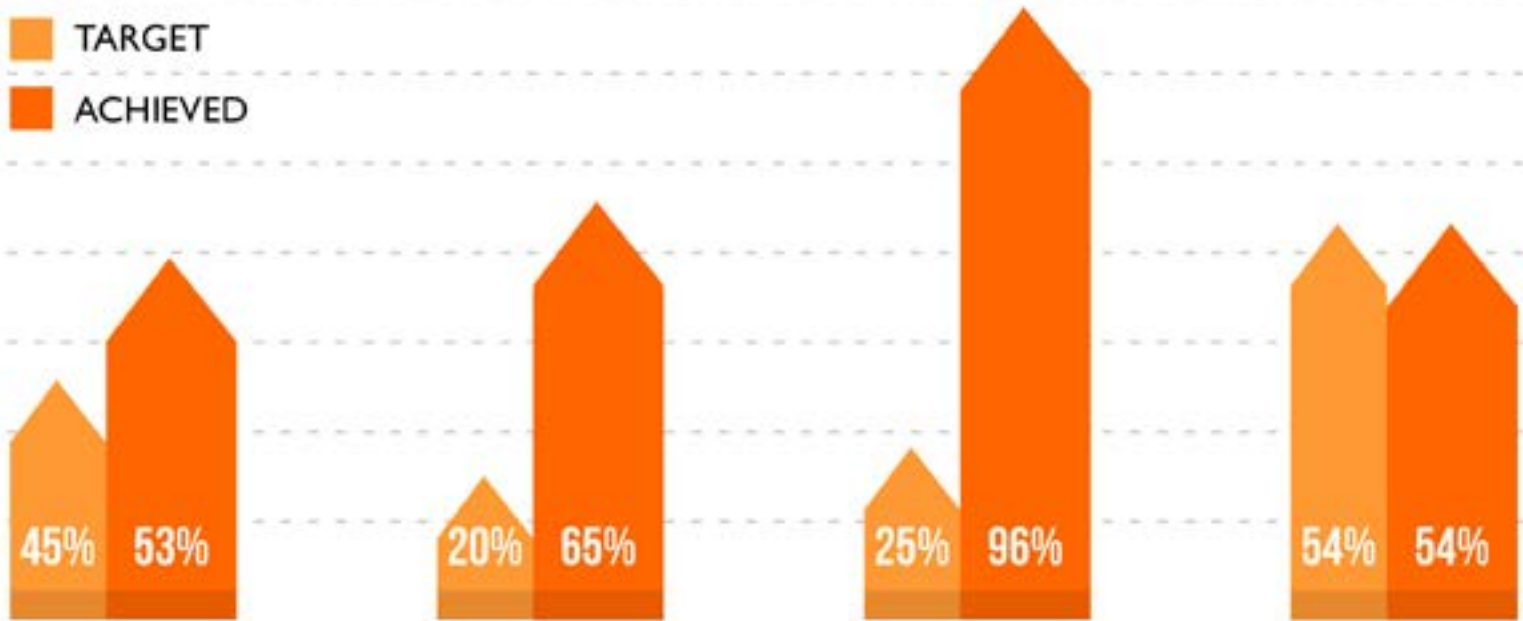
Unsurprisingly, enrolment and retention of students was very low. To address this, World Vision mobilised community members to build 2 new classrooms in 2014. To improve the quality of education provided, World Vision also trained community teachers in basic teaching methodology, including lesson planning and execution.

Thanks to these interventions, children now have a conducive environment in which to learn. Since the new classrooms have been completed, there has been a more than 25% increase in Grades 3 and 4 children returning to school, especially girls. Seeing students returning to school, teachers are also motivated to give their best efforts.

“I never thought I would be in a school where I can sit at a proper desk and have a proper roof over my head,” said Kapandula, a Grade 4 student at Chapusha. “I now enjoy being in school thanks to World Vision!”



TARGET
ACHIEVED



Preschool children
enrolled in kindergarten

Grade 5 students
achieving good learning
performance or better

Teachers applying
knowledge and skills in
early childhood care
and development

Primary school teachers
applying active learning
methodology

LITERACY



Functional literacy increased from 27% to 47%.

FAMILY PLANNING



96% of the community was educated against genital mutilation and early marriage.

A close-up photograph of a man with dark, curly hair and a warm smile, holding a large ear of yellow corn. He is wearing a light-colored shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and palm trees under a clear blue sky. An orange semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Helping families gain access to economic resources changes lives in the long run. Hence, World Vision is working to accelerate our efforts in economic development. The impact on children is dramatic. When parents achieve sustainable income, they are better able to meet their children's needs, including nutritious food, education and basic healthcare, and build a future free from poverty for generations to come.

Breaking the Cycle

Kirivong ADP, Cambodia

35 year old Chhum Pring is an illiterate farmer living in the Ping Pong village of Saom commune. He and his wife have 4 children whom they struggled to provide for. Chhum Pring's breakthrough came when he attended economic development programmes organised by World Vision, including savings groups and agricultural workshops.

As he began to apply what he learnt, things began to turn around for him and his family. He began to implement his newfound knowledge by growing vegetables like corn and cucumbers at home, supplementing his income by US\$100-125 every month. Seeing the success, he even galvanised his neighbours to join him in growing vegetables. He also participated in his community's savings group, and began saving up to support his children's education.

Today, Chhum Pring is equipped to plan and provide for his family. He is convinced of the importance of education not just for his children, but for his community as well. As a community leader, he even mobilised members of his savings group to take action to protect and educate children.

"I don't want my children to be illiterate like me," he said. "Our vision is to see our children supported in their learning so that they can have a bright future."



A photograph of three children in a dark environment. The child in the foreground is a young girl with dark hair, wearing a maroon tank top, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. Behind her, two other children are visible, slightly out of focus. The child in the middle is a girl with dark hair, wearing an orange and white striped shirt, looking slightly to the right. The child on the right is a girl with dark hair, wearing a light blue shirt, looking further to the right. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the children's faces against the dark background.

CHILDREN IN CRISIS



STARTING OVER

Exiting Exploitation, Vietnam

Hien was born in rural Vietnam, an illegitimate child from an impoverished family. Her living conditions were extremely poor as her mother did not have the means to support her. Their home lacked secure doors or sanitation facilities, and even exposed them to the elements.

When she was 13, Hien quit school and travelled to Hanoi for work. She was raped soon after her arrival in the city and fled to Hoan Kiem district, but was again beaten and sexually abused by a street gang there. In despair and unable to escape, Hien was forced to sell drinks to earn money for the gang.

Finally, Hien received assistance to find help at a World Vision shelter. Since coming under the Exiting Exploitation programme, Hien has received food, medical care, and counselling, and has joined in various skills training activities. Staff at the shelter also encouraged Hien to make a police statement, and with her help, police were able to prosecute the gang members who had exploited her.

The shelter also found Hien a safe place to live with her mother, who was trained by the staff in positive parenting. Today, Hien is back in school and studying to be a hairdresser and make-up artist. She is more confident and open, and is able to hope again.

Find out how you can make a difference by [sponsoring a child](#) or by [giving a life-changing gift](#) in the 5 key sectors.

We are the one world
We are the one generation (x2)

Бид нэгэн тивийнхээ
Бид нар нэгэн үеийнхээ (x2)

From Children With Disabilities

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

From Children, With Love

Last July, World Vision's award-winning choir, Children of the Blue Sky, returned to Singapore for a series of heartwarming and inspiring performances. Back by popular demand, the Mongolian choir joined hands with World Vision sponsored children Fedrienne from the Philippines and Gizework from Ethiopia in what was truly an international showcase of talent and heart.

The Children of the Blue Sky choir was born out of the need to help children living on the streets of Mongolia. Established by World Vision in 2004, the choir serves to rehabilitate, develop and nurture these children through stage music and singing. It has provided these children with an opportunity not just to discover their talent and potential but to rise above their difficult circumstances.

The concert was a powerful reminder that when children are enabled to fulfil their potential and live life to the fullest, they are also empowered to pay it forward by standing up for other vulnerable children.



Our sponsored children, Fedrianne and Gizework, are themselves no strangers to difficult circumstances.

Hailing from disaster-prone Bohol, Fedrianne, 16, has always lived with the threat of disaster close by. Despite never having had formal vocal training, he has defied the odds by winning numerous singing competitions in his community, and gives the prize money he wins to his mother to support the family.



Gizework, 17, comes from a community where songs are a big part of their culture. Thanks to child sponsorship, Gizework and countless others now have access to medical care, food, clothing and education. Today, Gizework is an advocate in and for her community.

Through song, drama, and poetry, she educates her peers on health issues, and also shares poignant stories from personal experience on gender inequality, sexual abuse and respect for human dignity.

RIDE FOR CHANGE

In April 2014, World Vision Singapore embarked on our first ever charity bike ride, Ride for Change. A total of 15 participants, including a World Vision Singapore staff, rode a total of 265km each in support of the poor in our ADP in Yongsheng, China.

The ride kicked off in the historic town of Dali and ended in Yongsheng village, covering varying terrains from open plains to steep hills. Along the way, participants interacted with local tribes, the Bai people of Dali and the Na Xi people of Li Jiang. The ride also included visits to community buildings within the ADP such as schools, where the cyclists spent time with local children.

For many of the poor in Yongsheng, the scenic beauty of the mountains and lakes belie the poverty that is their daily reality. Without access to clean drinking water, children face a high risk of contracting waterborne diseases. In these rural areas, children have to trek for miles around mountains just to attend school, making do with only dilapidated and insect-infested school furniture that they crowd around in their desperation to learn.

Through the ride, the cyclists were moved to improve the lives of these children by tackling some of the root causes of poverty in the villages of Yongsheng. These included infrastructure projects to refurbish learning spaces and to build new drinking water systems, as well as interventions to address the livelihood needs of the community so that they could better provide for their children.



FAMINE CAMP 2014

Experience More than Hunger

The 30-Hour Famine Camp is held annually to educate youths in Singapore on the realities of extreme poverty in developing countries. In 2014, the 30th edition of the Camp was centred on the theme of “Experience More Than Hunger”, encouraging youths to not simply starve themselves, but to share the mental state of those who do.

Camp participants walked in the shoes of farmers, refugees, child slaves and humanitarian aid workers, drawing lessons from the recreated experiences of each group. This included organising and running refugee camps, toiling under the sweltering heat like farmers, spreading awareness about diseases common in unhygienic camps, running around in search of shelter like refugees, and carrying out different laborious tasks that child slaves have to do.

“It really made me think about how our daily problems seemed so miniscule compared to theirs,” camper Subramanian Sanjana reflected. “Today, we are alive, able to breathe clean air and drink fresh water and eat food that is cooked properly and not fished out of a dumpster. All in all, it was a memorable experience, and I can say that I have contributed to a greater good. Maybe one starving girl may not make a difference but a thousand others like me will. Together, we can all take a stand against poverty, and together we can all bring in a change. All it takes is a little bit of determination and sheer willpower to decide to make a difference.”





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RESPONDING TO DISASTERS



In the past year, World Vision Singapore has provided assistance to victims of the Central Visayas Earthquake, South Sudan Crisis, and Typhoon Haiyan.

World Vision strives to maintain operational readiness at all times, in preparation for the onset of emergency situations where communities are affected by disasters. Once disaster strikes, World Vision's Global Rapid Response Team arrives at the scene within 72 hours, bringing pre-stocked emergency supplies and communication equipment. Short-term needs are quickly met, even as our disaster teams in specific countries work with local communities on disaster preparedness, including risk reduction, evacuations and early warning systems. World Vision teams also monitor signals from both natural and man-made threats, to anticipate and reduce the impact of a humanitarian emergency.

World Vision's Disaster Response Fund makes short-term funding available for emergency responses until other funds from government grants and public appeals become available. For large-scale responses, World Vision collaborates with other international and local aid agencies. This helps to avoid duplication, maximise efficiencies, ensure that all areas of need are met, and that there are no gaps in the overall humanitarian response.

Find out how you can contribute to World Vision's disaster response efforts [here](#).

Typhoon Haiyan: One Year On

On November 8, 2013, one of the strongest typhoons to ever make landfall devastated the Central Visayas region of the Philippines. Over 6,000 fatalities have been recorded, with close to 2,000 missing. The disaster affected an estimated 14.1 million people and left 4.1 million displaced.



World Vision declared a global response, deploying local and international staff. In the first phase of relief efforts, which concluded in February 2014, World Vision provided assistance with emergency food and shelter, hygiene kits and child protection measures to meet the immediate needs of the community in the aftermath of the typhoon. The recovery phase, concluded in November 2014, saw World Vision implementing projects such as livelihood assistance, provision of learning kits for students and teachers, disaster risk reduction and temporary shelter assistance. The ongoing rehabilitation phase will now focus on equipping the community for the long-term.

World Vision Singapore channelled US\$636,573 towards relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. This allowed for World Vision's interventions to impact the lives of 766,000 individuals.

Beginning Again



Two months after Typhoon Haiyan left its trail of destruction, thousands of students in Leyte attended the official reopening of classes. The typhoon had destroyed classrooms and swept away all books and materials, but the children were excited to be back.

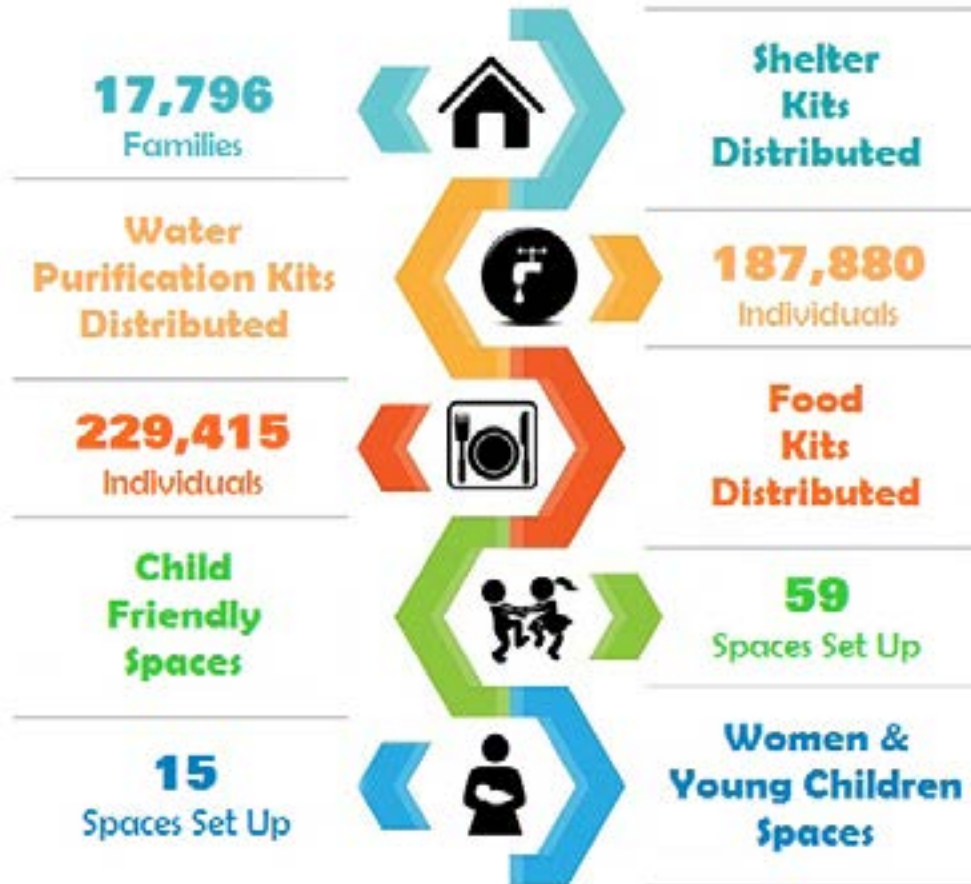
“Some of them wore oversized clothes and others wore clothes that were too tight. But they didn’t mind. They had nothing with them, yet their faces were beaming with smiles,” Asela Refuerzo, principal of Panalaron Central School in Tacloban City, Leyte described. “I felt mixed emotions I can’t describe when I saw our pupils. I asked if they could still smile and not only did they smile, they all laughed. It amazed me how children can find joy even in dire circumstances.”

The principal attributed the children’s resilience and enthusiasm to be back in school to the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) set up by World Vision just weeks after Haiyan. Inside the tents, children sing, dance, draw, play and do many activities facilitated by World Vision staff and trained community volunteers. These are safe places for children to continue learning, playing and coming to terms with the disaster’s effects.

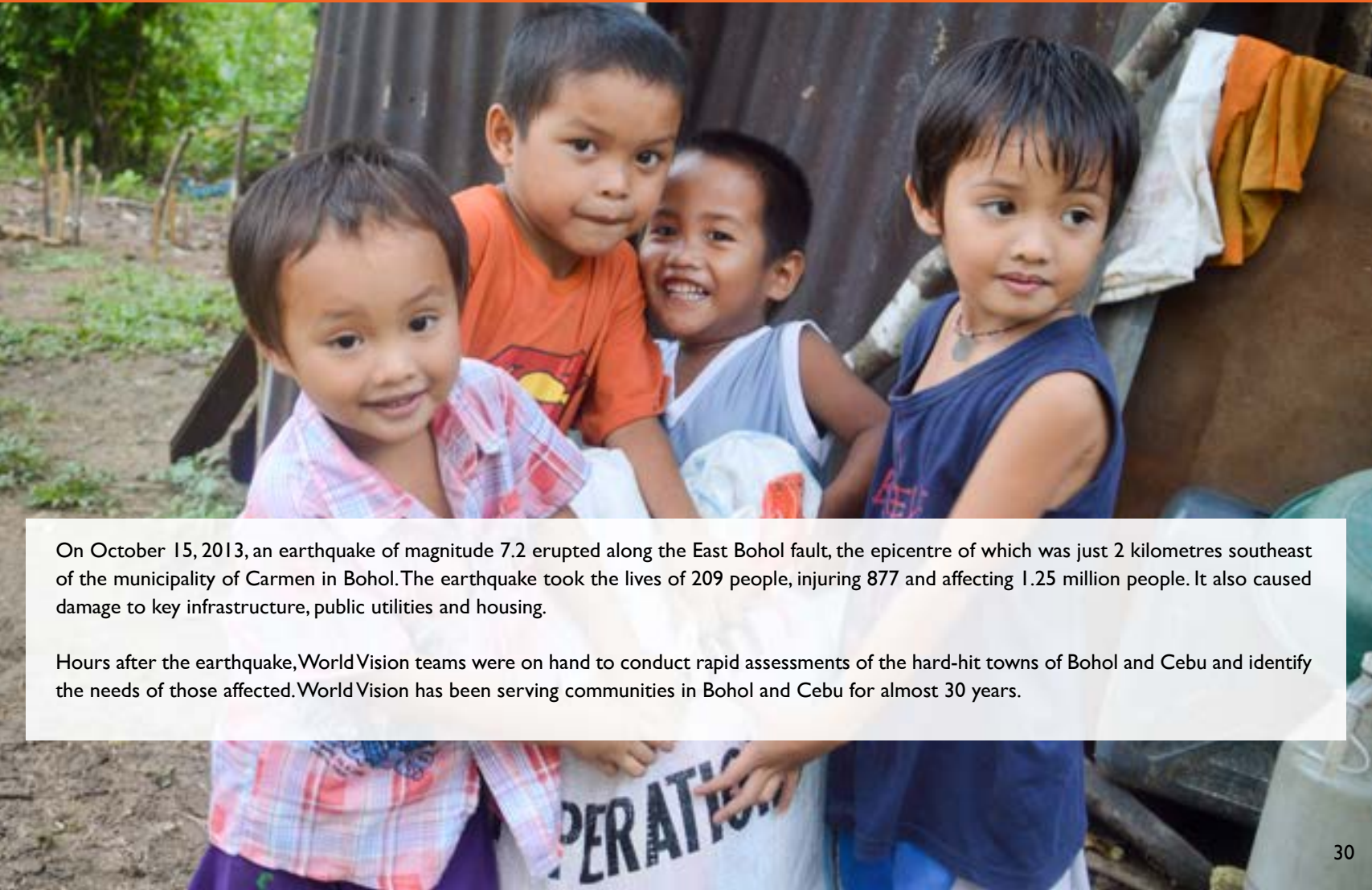
Schools in the area have since also integrated CFS into students’ learning. A transition plan is in place to ensure that all educational supplies and assets are turned over to community volunteers who are equipped to ensure that children continue to be protected and educated.

“I am very happy to be back in school with my classmates,” 7 year old Breanna said. “We will read and write again.”

TYPHOON HAIYAN



Central Visayas Earthquake



On October 15, 2013, an earthquake of magnitude 7.2 erupted along the East Bohol fault, the epicentre of which was just 2 kilometres southeast of the municipality of Carmen in Bohol. The earthquake took the lives of 209 people, injuring 877 and affecting 1.25 million people. It also caused damage to key infrastructure, public utilities and housing.

Hours after the earthquake, WorldVision teams were on hand to conduct rapid assessments of the hard-hit towns of Bohol and Cebu and identify the needs of those affected. WorldVision has been serving communities in Bohol and Cebu for almost 30 years.



In response, World Vision Singapore channelled US\$39,468 in support of relief efforts which included supplies, shelter and psychosocial services for families affected by the earthquake. Emergency shelter was provided to 115 families within Bohol ADP, a total of 575 individuals.

South Sudan Crisis

With the outbreak of conflict across South Sudan in December 2013, thousands were killed and more than 1.5 million were displaced from their homes, including about 385,000 who fled to neighbouring countries. Many crowded into United Nations compounds, where they live under the protection of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan. Twic County in Warrap State is host to more than 10,000 of these internally displaced persons (IDPs).

The arrival of these IDPs placed a severe strain on the water and sanitation infrastructure in Twic. The lack of access to clean water and sanitation facilities meant that response teams were racing against the clock to prevent famine and outbreaks of disease in the country.

World Vision Singapore channelled US\$50,000 towards food, health, sanitation and child-related interventions. These interventions, which included improving access to clean drinking water and sanitation facilities by drilling wells and constructing latrines, benefited 145,386 individuals affected by the crisis.



Syria Crisis



March 2015 marks the beginning of the fifth year of the crisis in Syria. To date, more than 200,000 people have been killed, including more than 9,000 children. World Vision began responding to the needs of Syrian refugees in May 2011, and has reached nearly 1.8 million of those affected in Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon since.

World Vision's goal has been to alleviate suffering and improve the quality of life for refugees, IDPs and vulnerable host communities, with an emphasis on the needs of children. To this end, large-scale water and sanitation programmes that combined both infrastructure-building and hygiene promotion have been implemented. Other urgent priorities included community health programmes following the breakdown of government services, and food assistance to address critical shortages.

Nevertheless, approximately 1.5 million Syrian children still have no access to education, while millions more still lack access to adequate healthcare and sanitation facilities. World Vision continues to provide support to Syrian refugees to address their physical, psychological and sociocultural needs. In FY14, World Vision Singapore raised \$45,645 in response to the crisis.



ONE LIFE FUND

World Vision's One Life Fund is the first educational bursary scheme in Singapore to provide bursaries that specifically address the educational needs of children who are infected with HIV/AIDS, or whose parents are afflicted with the disease.

World Vision partners with Tan Tock Seng Hospital's Patient Care Centre to support these children and see them through their current level of education. The bursary typically goes towards helping the child with his or her school fees, textbooks and uniforms, as well as personal expenses like transportation and meals.

Since 2009, World Vision has offered 612 bursaries to support the education of children across primary, secondary and tertiary levels. In FY14, One Life Fund provided bursaries for 15 new beneficiaries, supporting a total of 94 children and disbursing a total of \$80,300.

STANDING UP STRONG

“I’ve had many people ask me, ‘Why are you so positive?’” said Ms. Cam*. At 45 years of age, Ms. Cam has been through more than most at her age, yet her positivity still shines through.”

After her husband, the sole breadwinner in the family, passed away in 2013, Ms. Cam was left to fend for herself and her 17 year old daughter Amy*, while also living with HIV. Staying in a 3-room flat left behind by her husband, Ms. Cam struggles to find work to enable her to cover her family expenses. “I have two hands and two legs, I am able to work. After all, I must think for the future, it’s not for me but for my daughter.”

Ms. Cam knows that she is unable to provide a comfortable life for her daughter by her own means. Thankfully, Amy is very responsible, and chooses to take up a part time job during her holidays to help out with the expenses.

With support from the One Life Fund bursary, Amy is able to pursue her diploma in Business Administration at a local polytechnic. Ms. Cam feels very relieved as the bursary goes a long way towards helping to pay for Amy’s education.

“I want my daughter to have a life,” she said. “I told her to focus on studying. Once you finish studying, you have a diploma and you can work hard.”

Find out how you can support the education of affected children [here](#).

** Names have been changed to protect clients’ identities*



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Developing relationships and engaging with our donors are top priorities for World Vision Singapore. Our goal is to cultivate, strengthen and re-establish ties with major institutional donors and supporters who share World Vision's passion for helping the poor and needy, and are willing to work with us to make our vision a reality. Over the past year, World Vision has increased engagement with long-time corporate partners and organisations, while also reaching out to many new supporters who have come onboard to be involved in World Vision's projects and events. We hope to keep up the momentum and continue forging strong relationships, with the shared aim of creating a better world for children.

World Vision Singapore partners with other non-profit organisations, companies, schools and churches for different activities, including youth education and events, child sponsorship talks, awareness drives and more. Some have even made World Vision an integral part of their corporate social responsibility.

PARTNERING WITH ORGANISATIONS



World Food Programme

In 2013, a dire combination of two successive crop failures and a litany of socio-economic woes left Lesotho on the brink of a food crisis. The situation was declared an emergency, and the international community stepped in to lend support. Since then, World Vision has collaborated with the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) to distribute food to the most vulnerable groups within the affected communities, particularly pregnant or lactating women and children under two. A total of 87,900 individuals benefited from these timely interventions.

World Vision also worked with UNWFP to combat the widespread malnutrition problem in Lesotho. Under this project, nutrition education activities were undertaken with the aim of training and equipping caregivers as well as community health workers with the necessary knowledge and tools to care for their children. This ensured that the communities were not just assisted with their immediate needs, but also empowered to ensure long-term transformation for them and their children. These interventions reached 34,120 individuals, including malnourished children under 5, pregnant and lactating women, as well as HIV/AIDS and TB patients.



PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES



World Vision Singapore is thankful for the many churches that have joined in our mission to be salt and light of the world and have come alongside in doing good works to help poor communities in developing countries. Christians have rallied together in support of World Vision during humanitarian emergencies, answered the call to rescue children in crisis, or simply contributed to the urgent needs of the vulnerable children we protect.

World Vision Singapore also partners with churches to reach out to young people. Through our youth education programmes, World Vision works with churches to empower youths to shine the light of God in a suffering world. Our programmes seek to nurture compassion, empathy and gratefulness through real-world studies of poverty-related needs, and to issue the call for the next generation to rise up and take action.

One of the churches that partnered with World Vision Singapore in youth education this past year was Covenant Evangelical Free Church.

Youth Pastor Matthew Lo explained,



“ In Singapore, youths receive quality education, three decent meals a day, and clean running water. They live in a comfortable bubble. Poverty, war and famine are distant realities from their affluent lifestyle. The great irony of affluence is the next generation being starved of a God-given gift – the gift to exercise compassion with knowledge, skills and generosity. Covenant Evangelical Free Church believes in equipping and empowering youth to bring hope and life to others through passing on the Gospel through social action and discipling communities.

Last year, 100 of Covenant's youth who were on a five-week discipleship training and were preparing for mission trips had the privilege of hearing a talk from World Vision Singapore on water shortage and sanitation. We partner with World Vision because this incredible global organisation has not only brought relief and empowerment to thousands of impoverished children and communities since 1950, but also educates the fortunate on how to tackle poverty and injustice. Together with World Vision, we desire to inspire the idea that youth can help disadvantaged communities. We want the youth to burst their comfort bubbles, and let the love, resources, education and health they have received overflow into a world of pain so that hope and healing can be experienced!

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PARTNERING WITH COMPANIES

Over the past year, World Vision has been blessed to be able to partner with committed companies and corporations that share our vision of fighting poverty and injustice in developing communities. Some have taken on child sponsorship corporately, some have invited us to share about our work with their employees, and some have even travelled to our ADPs to visit our beneficiaries and participate in volunteer projects. Many corporate leaders have also become strong advocates within their social circles and spheres of influence.

Spotlight: Procter & Gamble

Procter & Gamble (P&G) and World Vision have a long history of collaboration as part of a global partnership in many countries. In Singapore, the launch of the Beyond Borders project in 2006 marked the birth of a long-term partnership between P&G Asia and World Vision Singapore that continues even to the present.

For P&G, the partnership has been a natural fit. P&G's CSR priorities, including education, health and sanitation, as well as safe drinking water in disaster situations, align closely to World Vision's areas of focus for community development. Like P&G, World Vision has a local, regional and global footprint, which enables the scaling and transfer of many programmes.

With World Vision Singapore, P&G has often partnered in disaster relief efforts through the provision of Purifier of Water sachets, such as in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Regular CSR programmes involve fundraising activities such as charity auctions, as well as hands-on volunteering projects to support the construction of schools, health facilities and homes in impoverished communities.

For P&G employees, it is these volunteering opportunities to countries like Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar that have had the greatest impact. These trips give employees firsthand experience of and interaction with the communities World Vision works with, and every one returns with a renewed passion and energy to improve the lives of those in need.

With this common ground and shared vision of making a difference, P&G envisages that this partnership will continue to grow. World Vision Singapore is honoured to be working alongside P&G to achieve our mutual goal of transforming the lives of the needy in Southeast Asia and beyond.



Spotlight: Cerebos



In celebration of BRAND'S® 180th anniversary in 2015, Cerebos and BRAND'S® partnered World Vision to give back to the community and support needy children in the region. The partnership will target the countries with BRAND'S® operations, and involves employees in offices across these countries.

As a firm believer of long-term development solutions that are both child-focused and sustainable, Cerebos supports World Vision's model of community development through ADPs. Our vision for our communities to escape poverty and achieve self-sufficiency is one that resonates strongly with Cerebos.

2014 saw the beginning of this partnership with a staff familiarisation trip to Bo Kluea ADP in Thailand, where they had the opportunity to walk in the shoes of the children living in that community. This was followed by an internal launch event where World Vision's child beneficiaries performed and shared their stories of sponsorship.

Through these activities, Cerebos employees gained insight into the plight of these children by experiencing for themselves the difficulties the children faced even in making their way to school, hindered by rugged terrain and rickety bridges. Employees were impressed both by the resilience of these children, and by the hopes and dreams they had for their future.

With this foundation of a good working relationship, Cerebos and World Vision Singapore are looking ahead to further collaborate in 2015. The funds raised by Cerebos' BRAND'S® Generations of Wellness campaign, along with their sponsorship of 180 children across the region, will certainly go a long way in transforming the lives of children and their communities.



WorldVision Singapore firmly believes in the need to groom the next generation of humanitarian-minded individuals. For this reason, public education remains a big part of what we do. WorldVision is committed to partnering with schools and educators to raise awareness on the issues surrounding global poverty, so that our young people will keep working for a better world for children.

PARTNERING WITH YOUTHS & SCHOOLS

Rosyth Primary School

As part of Rosyth Primary School Student Care Centre's yearly charity initiative, students made handicrafts in school over a period of three days to support the children in the community we serve.



NUS – ActivAID 2014

Hosted by the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, ActivAID is an annual conference that encourages students to participate in Overseas Community Involvement Projects (OCIPs) and to provide an opportunity for students of all backgrounds to learn from and collaborate with one another. In 2014, World Vision Singapore was invited to share our perspective on Holistic Approaches to Alleviating Poverty. Together with World Vision supporter and public healthcare professional Dr. Allen Wang, World Vision shared our approach to poverty alleviation and community transformation that is implementable, measurable and sustainable.

Hwa Chong International School

World Vision Singapore partnered with Hwa Chong International School to engage students from Year 4 and above in a dialogue session on “invisible” children in the world today, children who are marginalised and forgotten. Through the session, students learnt about the complexities of poverty and the difference they could make to bring about meaningful change. Nine classes embarked on World Vision’s World Buddies programme, through which students embraced the responsibility of helping nine needy children and writing to them.





FRIENDS OF WORLD VISION

World Vision Singapore is grateful for the many child sponsors, volunteers and celebrity ambassadors who have advocated for needy children within their respective spheres of influence. Having been impacted by World Vision's work through child sponsor trips or even local events and platforms, they now take up the mantle of spreading the word.

World Vision wants to recognise these individuals who have given more than just their money. They have given their time to champion our cause and lent their voices to speak up for the vulnerable.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

Belinda Lee



World Vision Singapore is honoured to welcome Belinda Lee as our newest Goodwill Ambassador. A multi-talented artiste, Belinda has hosted travelogues and documentaries that focus on understanding the plight of people living overseas, discovering Singaporeans giving back in foreign lands, or just experiencing tough living conditions in exotic parts of the world.

It was Belinda's great compassion for the poor and needy that took her on a 5-day journey to one of World Vision's newest ADPs in Sindhuli, Nepal to meet her sponsored child and understand firsthand their everyday struggles and needs. Even for a seasoned globetrotter like Belinda, this was a truly eye-opening experience.

What Belinda saw in Sindhuli was that even at the top of the world, many are still living at the bottom of the pyramid. In Nepal, one in 19 children die before their fifth birthday. Only 29.3% of girls finish secondary school. World Vision works to improve the quality and conditions of education by providing support for infrastructure, materials and training for teachers. In the area of healthcare, World Vision focuses on improving the nutritional status of children through the education of mothers on safe delivery, appropriate ante- and post-natal care, as well as good feeding practices.

For Belinda, seeing and experiencing the community for herself truly put things in perspective. Inspired by her trip, Belinda now hopes to do more for Pramila to empower her to help her family and her community. She hopes to use her influence and reach to spread the word about the tremendous needs in the communities World Vision works in, and to encourage others to join her in the sponsorship journey.

“ You know, I always thought I was this travel host who has done and seen it all. I didn't think anything could faze me. But meeting Pramila and her family for the first time really left an impact on me. I found myself tearing up while listening to their stories. Suddenly, my monthly monetary contributions didn't seem enough. I felt a close connection to her and I wanted to do more and contribute more – this was my sponsored child and I felt responsible. ”

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Josiah Kek



My name is Josiah Kek and I am an 18 year old student at Raffles Institution (JC). As Youth Ambassador of World Vision, I promote World Vision's causes and events among youths in Singapore.

I first heard about World Vision five years ago through some friends. In 2013, I took up an internship at the World Vision Singapore Office. It was during this internship that my eyes were opened to the harsh realities of poverty, and I felt that I had to do something about it. This spurred me to organise Walk for Water at MacRitchie Reservoir to raise funds for World Vision's Yaya Gulele ADP in Ethiopia.

I joined the Youth Ambassador programme in 2014 because I wanted to embark on a different path. As Youth Ambassador I would be able to take my interest in advocacy to the next level – beyond my school and beyond our shores. Furthermore, being Youth Ambassador has also enabled me to network with and lead other likeminded youths.

Looking ahead, I hope to mould the Global Youth Network into a chapter that is by youths and for youths. I envision the Network being a breeding ground for youth-led advocacy campaigns. Other exciting activities in the works also include workshops, overseas service projects, as well as initiatives supporting the 30th Anniversary of Famine Camp in 2015.

Every day, children die for reasons too often and too easily ignored by the developed world. As youths, we inherit a world of suffering and injustice, but also of opportunity and hope. Serving with World Vision has opened my eyes to the possibilities, and has shown me that the answers to today's challenges could very well be found in the people of tomorrow.

WOMEN OF VISION

Women of Vision (WOV) is a volunteer ministry of World Vision, a partnership of women who are called to invest their time, intellect, compassion, creativity and finances to meet the needs of impoverished women and children.

2014 marked the start of the three-year cycle of *LEARN*, *ACT*, *SHARE* for WOV. Under the *LEARN* phase, our women learnt more about World Vision's ministry through presentations, films and even visits to World Vision projects overseas. The *ACT* phase will encourage them to work as a team to come up with creative projects to raise awareness, and finally, *SHARE* their time, talent and treasure to encourage others to do the same.



This past year, WOV has been involved in a variety of engaging events, including *Strong Women, Strong World*, an educational tea and sharing session that shed light on the plight of women and children living in extreme poverty. Last July, a special dialogue session, *Saving Our Girls*, was hosted by Mediacorp artiste and World Vision Goodwill Ambassador Belinda Lee that addressed ongoing issues of gender inequality and sexual exploitation.

Having witnessed up close the devastating effects of poverty in a trip to World Vision's projects in Cambodia, WOV is inspired to do their part to bring real and lasting change to the lives of needy children. Ms Choo Cheh Hoon, who spearheads the volunteer ministry, said, "This year, we have ignited the passion of many women who feel for the suffering women and children in the countries that we help. We are committed to empowering them and aim to move from inspiration to action, taking bold steps to translate their vision into reality."



Spotlight: Children Helping Children

This year, WorldVision would like to make special mention of a particular group of our supporters. These passionate individuals are proof that age is no barrier when it comes to making a difference. Seeing these children helping children, we are convinced that the only size that matters is the size of our hearts.

Brandon Phua

10 year old Brandon Phua travelled with his parents to World Vision's Bo Kluea ADP in Thailand to meet his sponsored brother. Upon returning, Brandon decided to share what he had seen and learnt. He performed *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* at an end-of-year corporate event with the Workforce Development Agency, dedicating his song to his sponsored brother and other children living overseas who need hope.

"It is important for the next generation to be nurtured to help other children using their talent and their voice," said Grace Phua, Brandon's mother. "They'll grow up as better kids when they learn how to care and share through WorldVision's work."



“ In Singapore, we never need to worry about food, clean water, going to school and so on,” he explained. “We must share, let less fortunate kids also get what we get. Right? ”

Dr. Jia Jia

Chua Jin Sen, better known locally by the moniker Dr. Jia Jia, is a YouTube sensation with a following of over 50,000 subscribers on his channel. Beyond just a child sensation, however, Dr. Jia Jia is an inspiration to both young and old for his desire and willingness to help others.

To lend his support to WorldVision's relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, Dr. Jia Jia and his siblings produced a video that successfully raised awareness for victims of the disaster. He also lent his voice at the *From Children, With Love* concert in July.

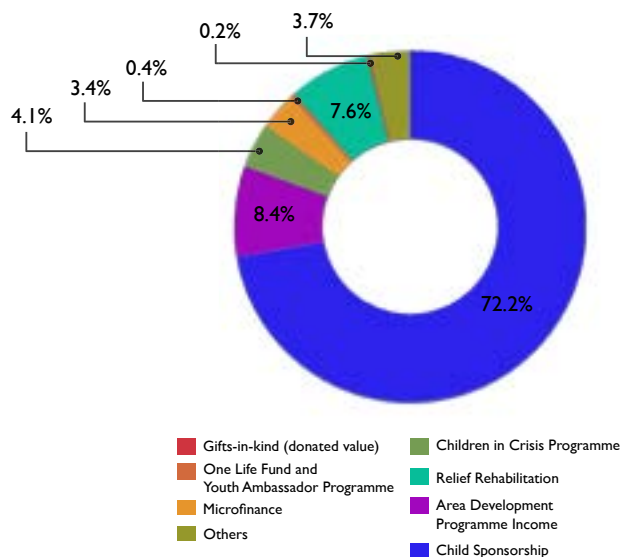


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

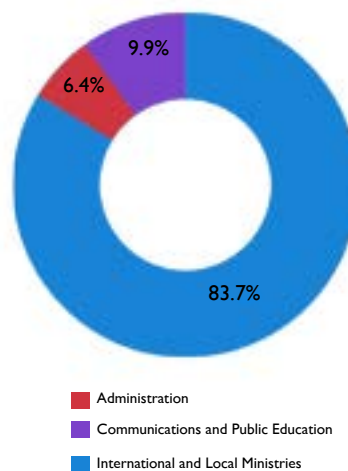
OUR INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

We thank God for increasing World Vision Singapore's total income from \$15.8 million in FY13 to \$16.4 million in FY14. This growth in income has transformed the lives of 748,098 people through our projects all over the world.

Analysis of Total Income in 2014



How Your Donations Were Used



Disaster Relief

US\$726,041

In FY14, your donations enabled World Vision Singapore to send US\$726,041 in aid to three disasters and emergencies around the world

911,961

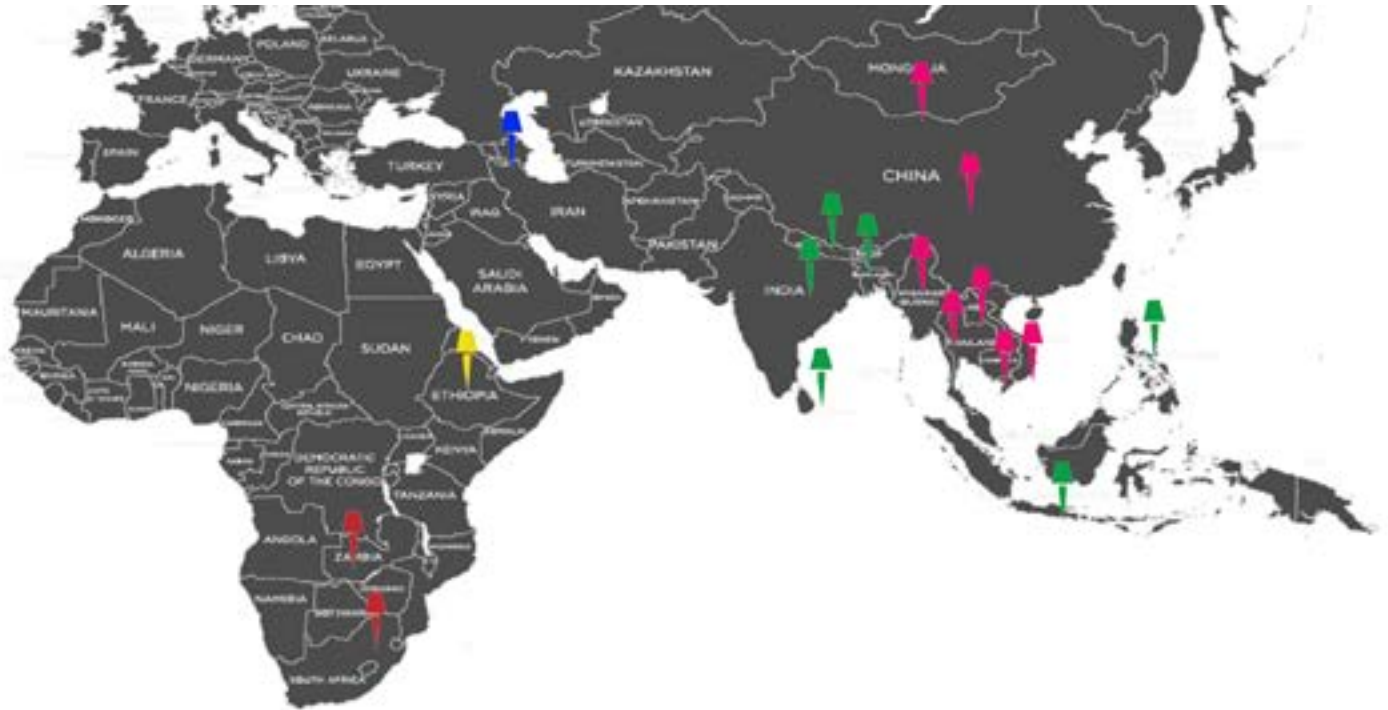
Survivors, refugees and internally-displaced people overcome the trauma of loss and destruction were assisted.

Expenditure

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. At World Vision Singapore, the total expenditure was 16.3% of total funds raised in FY14.

OUR FUNDING COMMITMENT

WorldVision Singapore is committed to supporting the transformational development of communities in 17 countries in the regions of East Asia, South Asia, East Africa, Southern Africa and the Middle East.



19%

Southern Africa

Zambia
Lesotho

10%

East Africa

Ethiopia

19%

South Asia

India
Sri Lanka
Bangladesh
Philippines
Nepal

9%

Middle East

Jerusalem-West-Bank-Gaza

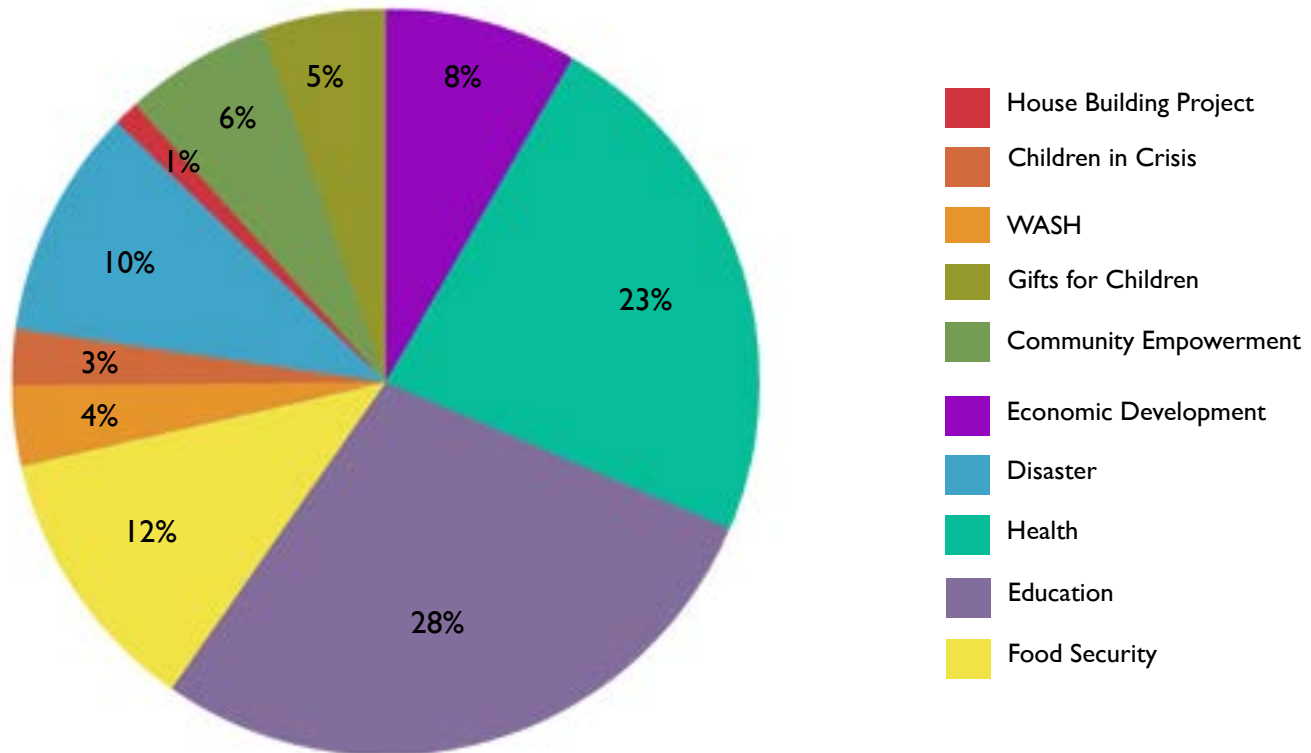
47%

East Asia

Cambodia
China
Laos
Mongolia
Vietnam
Myanmar
Thailand

OUR FUNDING COMMITMENT

WorldVision Singapore is committed to working through the five key sectors of food security, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, education and economic development, in order to develop integrated programmes that address the root causes of poverty.





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ADVISORY COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT

ADVISORY COUNCIL



Du Ming-Han (Hank)
WVI President's Representative

As WVI President's Representative, Hank has many years of experience under his belt. Before his involvement with 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, the Casino Regulatory Authority, and AIA Singapore. Additionally, he is a Senior Fellow at the Civil Service College and Advisor to the Far East Organization. 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 organisations such as United Engineers Ltd., LMA International NV, the Casino Regulatory Authority and the Energy Market Company.



Andrew Goh
Member

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.

ADVISORY COUNCIL



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

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 Hingwa 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.



Soon Sze Meng
Member

Sze Meng is currently a senior director in Visa Inc., focusing on the Asia Pacific markets, having worked in strategy, business development and marketing. Previously, he worked with McKinsey & Co. in Chicago, US, and Monitor Group in Singapore as a management consultant. He is married with three young children.

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 and Communications

Chng Eu Lee
Head, Donor Experience and International Ministries

Laura Ho
Head, Finance



WHO WE ARE & HOW YOU CAN HELP

WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

OUR CORE VALUES

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



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

Website



Facebook



Instagram



Twitter



HOW YOU CAN HELP

As an Individual

SPONSOR

Sponsor a child from any of our 17 Area Development Programmes (ADPs) or visit the projects that World Vision implements around the world. Email us at child_sponsorship@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.

YOUTH

As a youth, there are many programmes you can be involved in, such as the 30-Hour Famine Camp, Youth Ambassador Programme, Global Youth Network and World Buddies Programme.

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

VOLUNTEER

A) 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 how you can utilise and maximise your time, skills, and experience to contribute to World Vision's cause.

B) Join Women of Vision and volunteer with other like-minded Christian women to use your God-given resources and abilities to serve impoverished and oppressed women and children both locally and globally. Email us at church@worldvision.org.sg to find out more.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

As a Community



AS A CORPORATION

You can encourage your organisation to sponsor children from any of our 17 ADPs or organise a company work trip with us to visit the projects that World Vision is implementing across the world. You can also invite us to share at Brown Bag Lunches in your office.

Email us at corporate@worldvision.org.sg for more information.

AS A CHURCH LEADER/MEMBER

You can encourage your congregation to sponsor children from any of our 18 ADPs or visit our projects across the world.

Email us at church@worldvision.org.sg for more information.

AS A SCHOOL

You can invite World Vision to share about the global issues affecting the poor and encourage your students to participate in the annual 30-Hour Famine Camp, the largest global youth movement to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Email us at youth@worldvision.org.sg for more information.

AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESS/MEDIA

Email us at media@worldvision.org.sg for the latest updates on disasters, emergencies and stories on issues related to children, women, poverty, and development work.