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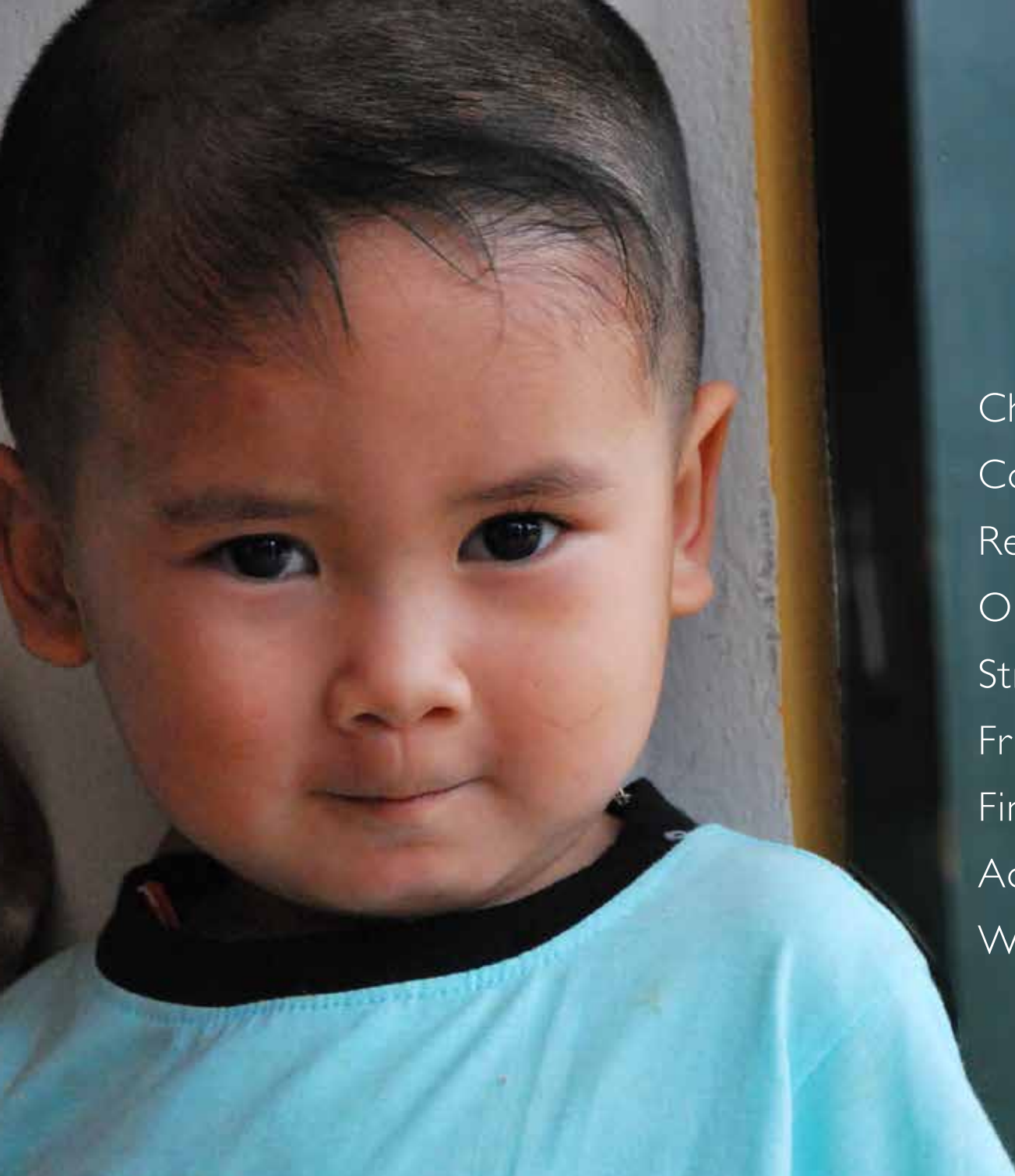
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WORLD VISION is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all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



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I have both good news and bad news to report for the financial year ending September 2013.

First, the good news! Extreme poverty—living below S\$1.55 a day—has halved! Compared to 1990, 700 million fewer people live in extreme poverty today.

But the bad news is that another 1.2 billion people worldwide are still living in extreme poverty. In terms of other measures, such as reducing the under-five child mortality rate by two-thirds, and improving maternal health, we are collectively far from target. Every day, roughly 800 women die from complications during pregnancy and childbirth, and 99% of them hail from developing countries. About 6.6 million children under five die yearly, mostly due to preventable or treatable causes.

Amidst this mixed report, we take comfort that so many of you have chosen to partner with World Vision Singapore in our mission to alleviate poverty and transform the lives of children in need. Let me cite four examples on how your sponsorship has helped to change lives.

- More than 194,591 children benefited from your participation in our Child Sponsorship Programme. Your sponsorship kept many of these children alive to see the next sunrise, and prevented many from going to bed hungry.
- In Kirivong Area Development Programme (ADP), Cambodia, 54% of households are consuming more nutritious food. Close to 60% of them treat their drinking water with appropriate technology.

Chairman's MESSAGE

- In Musosolokwe ADP, Zambia, 71.6% of the population now has access to clean water. Through education, hygiene standards are up. More pregnant women practice malaria prevention, lowering mortality rates.
- We channelled \$472,137 worth of emergency aid to victims affected by crises like Sichuan Earthquake and Typhoon Bopha.

Globally, World Vision is committed to contributing to the well-being of 150 million vulnerable children by 2016. Presently, we are helping 120 million children in need.

This financial year, we will be helping more vulnerable children and families by extending our reach and supporting new programmes in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Our goal is not just to collect donations for

redistribution, but to encourage our children to unlock their potential and stand up for what is just and right.

Our staff remain committed to helping as many children and families as we can. We are focused on being good stewards and setting high standards for our work. This means continuously adapting to the fast-changing environment, and adopting creative strategies to reach the world's most vulnerable children.

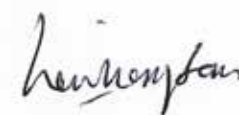
As we extend our support, we also hope to welcome on board new partners and child sponsors, as well as engage our existing supporters to be strong advocates of our work. More than 2,050 new child sponsors joined our World Vision Singapore family, and by the end of FY13, 20,741 children have been sponsored.

We are most grateful to those who have walked alongside us the past year. You have enabled the poor

children to have fullness of life and we look forward to working even more closely with you this year.

May we also be continually reminded by Psalm 84 to “give justice to the poor and the orphans, uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute, and rescue the poor and helpless”.

May you be blessed as you bless the little ones, so that the vision for every child to have life in all its fullness may be realised.



Mr Liew Heng San
Chairman, Advisory Council
World Vision Singapore



Community Development



Community Development

While World Vision is committed to helping poor and needy children break out of poverty, it also ensures that each child's family and the entire community benefits. This happens when Area Development Programmes (ADPs), which are managed over a 10- to 15-year period, bring about sustainable change by addressing and eradicating deep-rooted problems for the whole community through five key pillars:

- **FOOD SECURITY**
- **CLEAN WATER & SANITATION**
- **HEALTH & NUTRITION**
- **EDUCATION**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The goal is to ensure that the villagers are involved in the transformation process and empowered to help themselves and their future generations.

World Vision Singapore helps communities in these countries:

Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza, Laos, Lesotho, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Zambia



GIVING REAL HELP, REAL HOPE:
LAOS

Restoring Health & Wholeness

*I*n an ideal world, children and mothers are healthy and well-nourished, children go to school, caregivers provide for children, and children are protected. And in Xieng Ngeun ADP in Laos, these goals are not just illusive dreams. In fact, the ADP is already seeing children and mothers lead better and healthier lives.

Every quarter, a mobile health clinic would visit all 25 villages in the ADP. Regular health checkups and immunisations are provided for all children up to six years old. More than 6,000 children of all ages benefit from this clinic, with many of them receiving polio and tetanus vaccines, vitamins and deworming pills. Both pregnant and new mothers receive pre- and post-natal care respectively.

Together with improved health statistics like the reduction in infant mortality rates, Xieng Ngeun ADP has made significant progress in other areas too. Children now have access to better school facilities and the school enrolment rate has increased. Overall hygiene and sanitation has improved as more households have home latrines. With more access to markets to sell their cash crops and livestock, families have a better source of income. All of these improvements have thus decreased the number of households suffering from extreme poverty.

Livelihood training is also critical as it ensures that villagers achieve self-sufficiency. Farmers were taught animal-raising techniques and teachers were trained in new teaching methodologies. Parents and caregivers learn about family planning, proper nutrition, child protection, first aid and more.

From one to fifteen

Mr Lek started out with one goat, purchased with money borrowed from relatives. However, the income (up to S\$312 a year) was still insufficient to feed his family of five.

Then two years ago, Xieng Ngeun ADP began to provide animal-raising funds for loans. Mr Lek took a loan to purchase five more goats. He also attended training for animal-raising techniques. The ADP staff guided and supported him throughout his efforts.

By 2013, he had 15 goats which yielded him an average of S\$750 per year. Not only is he able to provide his family with basic needs, and send his children to school, he is also trying to educate fellow villagers on proper goat-raising. He hopes to enable them to have a better life too.

Ensuring Holistic Progress for the Child

Located in one of the poorest areas in Zambia, Musosolokwe ADP's main goal was to focus on developing and nurturing every child's well-being. And in the past year, the ADP made significant inroads in areas like health and nutrition, food security, overall economic development, and education.

Rural health centres within the impact area were better-equipped with training and support groups to strengthen the villagers' knowledge of better health practices. A maternity wing was also constructed at one of the health centres in Chapusha, and manned by a trained midwife. This facility will benefit close to 2,800 women within and beyond the ADP.

Farmers were trained and educated on fish pond management and construction, and were given initial supplies to jumpstart their fish farming business. Women were also equipped with skills to run pig and poultry farms. Today, several women's groups are involved in income-generating activities and are capable of passing on their produce to help other groups.

But the most significant progress made in Musosolokwe ADP was in education. With the goal of reaching out to more than 6,500 children in the community, efforts were invested in training teachers and even educating

caregivers. Moreover, the retention rate of girls in all the schools has increased, and recruitment and registration of Grade One students reached a record high in 2013. The quality of education offered in the basic schools has improved tremendously too. The ADP introduced visual tactile learning for subjects like Mathematics, English and Science, and the schools have recorded 100% attendance instead of the previous 66%, as children look forward to the lessons that have come alive.

Education for the little ones

Rajan Maingano always wanted to be a teacher to help the children in his community. After he completed his education, he decided to set up Mwamuka Community School with a friend. However, the school lacked funding, and did not have essential educational materials and qualified teachers.

Then World Vision set up Musosolokwe ADP during this crucial period and the school began to receive support with materials like books, teaching aids, and recreational materials to encourage children to go to school. In addition, World Vision provided Rajan with the opportunity to pursue an intensive teaching course in teaching methodology.



GIVING REAL HELP, REAL HOPE:
ZAMBIA

"I was so delighted when World Vision asked if I'd like to be trained as a teacher. I didn't hesitate and accepted the offer immediately," he said. This helped him further his dream of being a teacher.

"I'm so proud to be giving back to the community by teaching children who used to travel about 20km to the nearest school," he added. Now, Mwamuka Community School is nearer for them, and some will even stay on after lessons to play with one another. "Finally, these children have the hope of getting a decent education."



GIVING REAL HELP, REAL HOPE: PHILIPPINES

It is one thing to be personally independent and self-sufficient. But it is another to be independent, self-sufficient, and able to help one another as a community. At Bohol ADP in the Philippines, World Vision has made great strides in not just ensuring that the vulnerable families were first supported with tools and skills to begin their journey of helping themselves. It is also critical that they are empowered to help others who are still struggling. And this comes in the form of Bohol Concerned Citizens' Action for Progress (BCCAP), a community-based organisation initiated by World Vision.

BCCAP is meant to sustain the development initiatives started by World Vision. One success was the community savings groups which meet weekly to pool their savings together. Apart from just savings, poor families can access the capital for livelihood activities, emergencies and other basic needs. But this has also empowered the community by demonstrating how saving is advantageous to them.

Achieving Self-Sufficiency as a Community

The children in Bohol ADP have also benefited greatly from the various activities conducted to strengthen their capabilities. More than 1,600 children have participated in leadership training programmes that address child protection and child rights. Consequently, they are groomed to be the next generation of leaders and change-makers in the community.

In addition, the ADP has been advocating organic farming and the villagers have successfully adopted natural farming technology. Hundreds of families have reported improved living conditions with the increase of produce that provides both an additional source of income as well as food to meet the nutritional needs of children.

Never too poor to give back

Back in 2000, Victoria Casuyac was a full-time mother to four children, and her husband was a fish vendor. Their household income was insufficient for food, her children's education and other basic necessities. Hence, she left temporarily to become a domestic helper overseas. However, her children were left without a mother, so Victoria decided to come back to the Philippines shortly after.

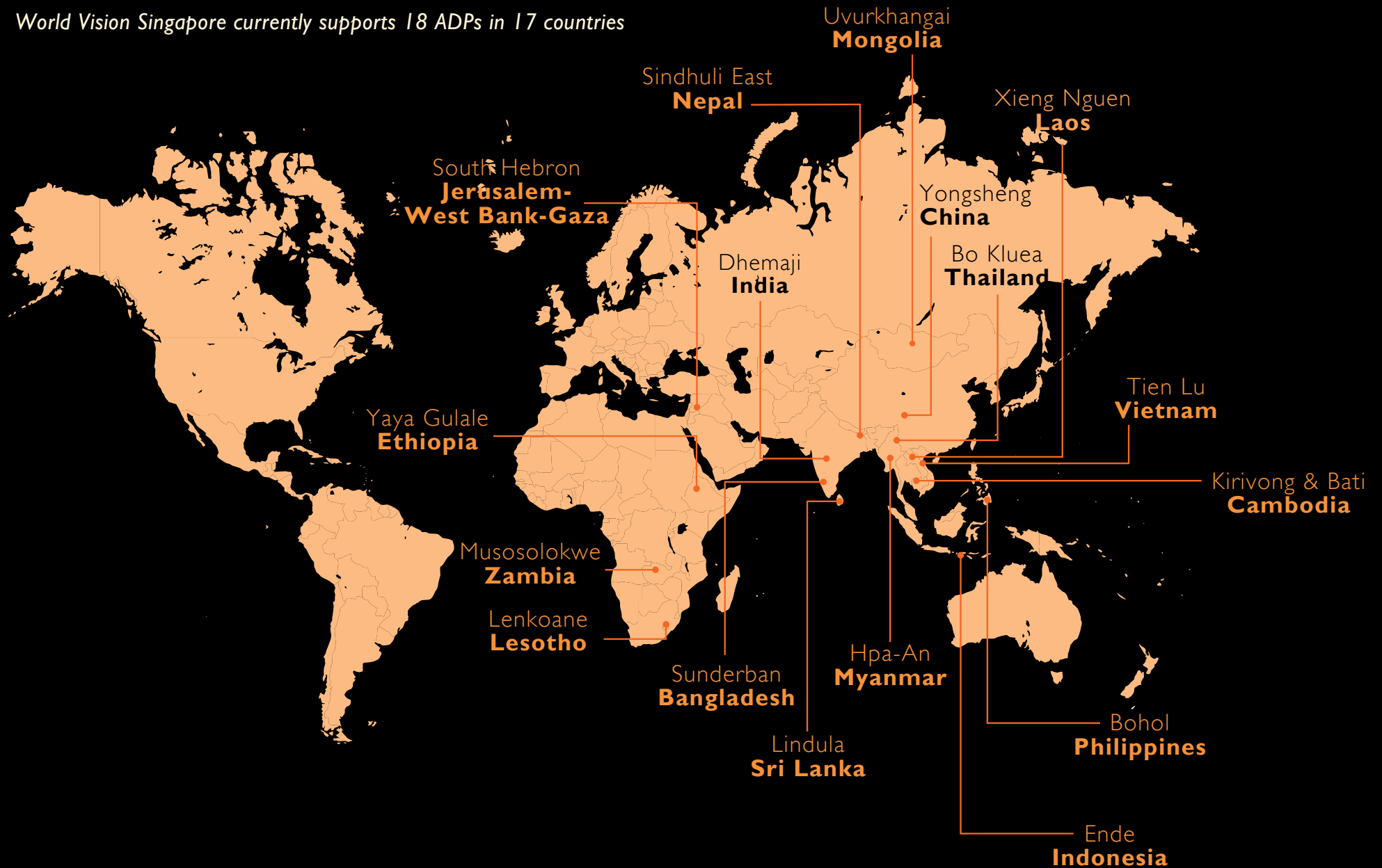
Back in Bohol ADP, World Vision was conducting various capacity-building seminars and livelihood training for the villagers. One of the activities enabled Victoria to raise hogs and this provided additional income to meet the family's basic needs. Moreover, she and her family became actively-involved in the community's organic farming programme, and were able to grow vegetables in their own backyard for personal consumption.

Having benefited greatly from these community initiatives introduced by World Vision, she became a core group leader for the farming programme. She desired to help her fellow villagers improve their economic status, just like how her own family situation changed for the better.

Today, Victoria is a critical member actively participating in Bohol ADP's development. As a volunteer leader, she is the ADP's Core Group Chairperson, President of the Parents, Teachers and Community Association in the village school, and the Cluster Leader in the parish's Basic Ecclesial Community.

Area Development Programmes (ADPs)

World Vision Singapore currently supports 18 ADPs in 17 countries





CHILDREN IN CRISIS:
Cambodia

Street Children Transformation Project

Started in 2009, the Street Children Transformation Project in Cambodia was meant to cater to the immediate survival needs of homeless street children in Phnom Penh. The Centre set up by World Vision provides short-term accommodation, food, clean clothes, first aid assistance, healthcare, counselling, educational support, and more.

In FY13, the Project impacted more than 18,250 children. All the registered children had access to non-formal education and a majority of them were allowed to enrol in public schools. They also had access to life skills training like handicraft, cooking, and household chores.

A key goal of the Project is to reintegrate children into the community, and 184 (an increase from FY12) successfully went back to their families and communities. This outcome turned out to be sustainable as it has proven that our integrated children continue to live happily with their families. The older children were even able to generate additional income for their families.



Putting the nightmare to rest

"The street life was very terrible for me," said Nhim. He relived those days when his parents abandoned him, and he had to beg and scavenge, earning just US\$1 a day for meals. He had to constantly look for shelter, while running away from gangsters. He also suffered poor health due to the lack of hygiene and proper healthcare.

But since he was helped at the Centre, he could study in a public school, and even gained weight and became healthier. He was so inspired by the staff who cared for him and taught him to be a better man. "I want to be a teacher, just like them, so that I can help others in need," he said.



CHILDREN IN CRISIS:
Ethiopia



Orphans & Vulnerable Children Project

World Vision recognised that the community in Yaya Gulale had low awareness of how HIV was transmitted, and many were not educated on prevention and control methods. Moreover, children are often at risk as their parents become infected with HIV or die from AIDS, leaving them orphaned and vulnerable.

The Project has succeeded in increasing the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children, and people living with HIV through quality community-based care, training of community leaders, and strengthening of the villagers' capacity to seek solutions to their problems. Strong engagement with various government units and community care coalitions has led to improved support for those affected. Now, those affected are involved in sharing their stories of prevention and hope so others are more aware and vigilant. They have also begun to help one other by supporting the orphans in their community.

A safe haven for youths in Yaya Gulale

Social problems among youths were rampant in the past as they had nowhere conducive to spend their extra time or for recreation. Hence, they were exposed to alcohol, drugs, and other vices.

World Vision then worked with the government and local community to build a recreational centre for youths to channel their energies—a safe place to play, share their experiences, and actively contribute to building social capital and community bonds. Rebira, 16, said: “Previously, my friends and I had nowhere to go during our free time. But now, we come here and spend our time wisely, no longer exposed to bad influences.”



HOPE
for every Child



Highlight:

Mongolian Children's Choir

Serenades Singapore

The sound of sweet music descended upon our shores in July 2013 when the *Children of the Blue Sky Choir* from Mongolia performed for our child sponsors and supporters over two weeks. The highlight was singing to a 1000-strong audience at the “Hope for Every Child” concert, held at the Trinity Christian Centre.

But it was no ordinary choir. The *Children of the Blue Sky Choir* was started by World Vision Mongolia to help former street children develop and rebuild their confidence through music and singing. Each child in the 20-strong group that came to Singapore had their own stories of tragedy and redemption to tell.

Batbaatar, 17, the oldest Choir member, was frequently abused by his stepfather, until he ran away and lived on the streets. He recounted:

“One day, when I was collecting water bottles (to sell), a policeman came. He took me to the Light House Centre managed and supported by World Vision Mongolia. This was the beginning of happy years in my life!”

The hope and joy the children found through World Vision took centre stage during their performances. The children sang at churches, schools and even corporate meetings, shedding light on the plight of vulnerable children around the world. The *Children of the Blue Sky Choir* reminded all that there was truly hope for every child.



Responding to Disasters



Helping Communities in their Darkest Hours

*I*n FY13, World Vision Singapore provided assistance for these disasters:

- Syrian Crisis
- Philippines - Typhoon Bopha
- China - Sichuan Earthquake
- Myanmar - Internally-Displaced Persons Support Project

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 a 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 World Vision plans for the long-term rehabilitation of those affected.

Our disaster teams in specific countries work with local communities on disaster preparedness, including risk recognition, 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 a large-scale response, World Vision will collaborate 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.

The goal is to ensure that the villagers are involved in the transformation process and empowered to help themselves and their future generations.

The Philippines Typhoon Bopha

Typhoon Bopha made landfall on the island of Mindanao on 4 December 2012. Hundreds of people, including children were killed. More than six million people were adversely affected by this disaster.

World Vision Singapore channelled S\$62,500 to this crisis, and provided aid to about 84,300 people in the provinces of Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental and Agusan Sur in Mindanao, by distributing food and non-food items (e.g. blankets, mosquito nets) to the survivors. Water purification sachets were also distributed to ensure the availability of clean drinking water. In addition, child-friendly spaces were established in partnership with UNICEF to provide children with physical safe havens and psychosocial support activities.

Myanmar Fleeing from Wars: Internally-Displaced Persons (IDP) Support Project

Kachin state is the northernmost state of Myanmar, and the Kachin conflict is one of multiple conflicts collectively referred to as the Burmese Civil War. Fighting between the Kachin Independence Army and Myanmar Army restarted in June 2011 after a 17-year-old ceasefire broke down. The recent conflict has resulted in thousands of deaths, and displacement of over 100,000 civilians. Most IDPs are reluctant to return to their homes due to continuing military tensions, lack of livelihood opportunities, and a preponderance of buried landmines in the area.

World Vision Singapore gave S\$62,500, and supported to 6,833 people in Waingmaw and Chipwe Townships in Kachin State. We minimised the vulnerability of children and families by distributing warm clothing for the winter season, providing access to water and sanitation facilities, and handing out essential non-food items. All the camps were eventually equipped with shallow wells and latrines to ensure that the IDPs and host communities have access to water for drinking, washing and sanitation purposes.

China Sichuan Earthquake

A devastating 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck the Sichuan province on 20 April 2013. The Ya'an earthquake killed 196, injured 13,484, displaced more than 233,000, and affected 2.31 million people. There was extensive damage to infrastructure, with over 99% of houses in the epicentre of Longmen Township in Lushan County destroyed.

With S\$159,637 channelled to this disaster, World Vision Singapore distributed food and non-food items to the victims, with the aim of restoring families' hygiene practices, thereby reducing health risks. Education and child-protection materials (e.g. back-to-school kits, school fire-safety equipment) have also been given to needy children and schools. Child-friendly spaces have been set up to provide a safe place for children to receive treatment, and address their trauma-induced emotional and psychological needs. To date, World Vision has provided aid for more than 40,000 people, and will continue to help communities rebuild their lives till 2015.

Spotlight on the Syria Crisis

*I*n its fourth year, the Syria civil war is estimated to have claimed over 110,000 lives. An estimated 7.6 million civilians desperately need humanitarian assistance inside the country. And about four million are children, vulnerable to emotional and physical trauma, with limited access to healthcare, clean water and sanitation facilities, and education. Around 6.5 million Syrians have been internally-displaced, with many forced to move multiple times.

World Vision Singapore channelled S\$187,500 to relief efforts for this crisis.

Efforts within Syria

Infrastructure within Syria has been severely damaged. Many schools and buildings now house internally-displaced people (IDP). Electricity lasts only a few hours each day, and sanitation facilities are limited or in disrepair, further increasing IDPs' vulnerability to sickness and disease.

As the conflict shows no signs of abating, affected children and families' humanitarian needs are still unmet. Children are especially vulnerable, as a whole generation has been lost to displacement, poverty and labour. Hence, World Vision emphasises continued education, child protection and health, in an effort to give the Syrian children a semblance of normalcy in the midst of war and displacement.

To address health, and water and sanitation issues, World Vision has implemented various programmes:

- Setting up primary healthcare and mobile clinics
- Polio vaccinations for children
- Promotion of good hygiene practices
- Establishment of Women and Young Children Spaces
- Construction of water supply and sanitation facilities
- Distribution of winterisation kits and other essential items like water purification tablets

World Vision has been providing aid to 281,878 Syrians, both within and outside Syria. Over 2.3 million Syrians have sought refuge in impoverished areas of neighbouring countries like Lebanon and Jordan. This exerts immense pressure on already overstretched infrastructure and services.

Neighbouring refugee camps

The key needs and relief response focus in these areas are water and sanitation, food, education, health, shelter and child protection. Some of World Vision's initiatives include:

- Distribution of essential food vouchers and non-food items like hygiene kits
- Provision of cash assistance to offset rental costs
- Establishment of child-friendly spaces
- Launch of an immunisation campaign to stop the polio outbreak
- Maintenance of old drainage systems to mitigate flooding during the winter season

DISASTER RESPONSE:
Syria

ONE LIFE FUND

Singapore

*I*t is the first programme in Singapore to provide educational bursaries to children infected with HIV/AIDS or whose parents are afflicted with the disease. Since 2009, the One Life Fund has brought relief to many struggling families.

Many parents worry that their children would have to stop going to school due to the financial toll resulting from the disease. Hence, World Vision partnered with Tan Tock Seng Hospital's Patient Care Centre to address this gap by supporting a child's entire level of education. The bursary typically goes to helping the child with his or her school fees, textbooks and uniforms, and personal expenses like transportation and meals.

A blurry future secured with education

It was bad enough that he was diagnosed with HIV four years ago. But Mr Long, 48, had to deal with a failing vision in 2012 and eventually, had to quit his job. Today, his left eye is completely blind and his right eye's condition is deteriorating fast.

His three children, aged from 10 to 17 years old, rely on the bursaries dispensed by the One Life Fund for their educational needs. His monthly financial assistance of \$600 is insufficient to provide for and feed the family of five, including his wife.

"When I was working as an outdoor salesman, I could afford to bring my family for holidays every year. But now, we struggle to make ends meet," said Mr Long. The bursaries, which amount to \$1,800 yearly, have been extremely useful for supplementing the family's meagre income. And it certainly helps that Mr Long's children are very obedient and mature too.

He said: "They've been coping well with the drastic change in their family income. My eldest son is studying really hard for his 'O' levels so that he can enter a polytechnic."

Despite his ailing sight, Mr Long is hopeful that their lives will change for the better as his children now have the opportunity to continue their education.

LOCAL MINISTRY:

OneLifeFund

Strategic Partnerships

Building Strong & Strategic Partnerships

Developing relationships and engaging more with our donors are one of World Vision Singapore's top priorities. Hence, a Strategic Partnerships team was formed in FY13. The team's main goal is to cultivate, strengthen and re-establish ties with major institutional donors and supporters, who are willing to work with World Vision to help the poor and needy. And over the past year, through increased engagement with long-time corporate partners and organisations, we have reached out to many supporters who have expressed a keen interest in being involved in World Vision's projects and events. We hope to keep up the momentum and continue forging strong relationships, in an effort to create a better world for children.

In FY13, World Vision Singapore partnered with various non-profit organisations, companies, schools and churches for different activities like youth events, child sponsorship education talks, awareness drives, and more. Some have even made World Vision an integral part of their corporate social responsibility.



Partnering with Organisations

World Vision has been working closely with the **United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP)** in Africa. In FY13, we continued our partnership with UNWFP to provide food assistance and improve the children's nutrition in these countries:

- Lesotho
- South Sudan
- Somalia
- Kenya
- Mali

A large population in Lesotho is faced with food insecurity and the government has formally requested support from development partners and the international community. Hence, World Vision collaborated with UNWFP on two projects. One is to improve food security of the vulnerable through general food distribution and issuance of food assistance to create food assets that enhance productivity. More than 122,000 people will benefit from this project with cereals, pulses and vegetable oils.

The second project addresses malnutrition among children. In Lesotho, 39 percent of the children are stunted and there is a high prevalence of micronutrient deficiencies. Besides distribution of food, the project also provided training on food handling and proper food distribution procedures. More than 34,000 people will benefit by receiving pulses, vegetable oils, super cereal and super cereal+.

OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:
Organisations



OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:
Churches

Partnering with Churches & Christians

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as you ever can."
– John Wesley

Many churches have joined World Vision's mission to be the salt and light of the world, in doing good works to help the poor communities in developing countries. Christians have rallied together in support of World Vision during humanitarian emergencies, answered the call to support our causes for children in crisis, or simply contributed to the urgent needs of the vulnerable children we help.

After the Sichuan Earthquake that took place in April 2013, the Methodist Church in Singapore rallied its various churches throughout Singapore and raised funds collectively in support of World Vision's relief efforts for the victims of the disaster.

Other organisations, like Council for World Mission, have supported events that share hope for every child and the beauty of child sponsorship, and spread awareness on World Vision's work to both the public and supporters.

World Vision Singapore is also committed to not just equipping staff with leadership capabilities and skills, but also nurturing them spiritually. It has jointly developed

leadership development programmes for World Vision Christian staff from the field. The programmes aim to help staff foster closer relationships with God, and become better stewards of their work and relationships.

Since these programme started in 2011, participants who have completed the three-month theology course have gained a better understanding of World Vision's work, and have also experienced personal spiritual transformation.

In FY13, World Vision Singapore had the opportunity to partner with many churches, including:

- The Methodist Church in Singapore
- International Baptist Church
- Council for World Mission
- Faith Methodist Church
- Brighton Community Church
- Hope Centre (Singapore)
- Trinity Christian Centre
- Barker Road Methodist Church
- Adam Road Presbyterian Centre
- Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School
- Saint Andrew's Church

Partnering with Companies

Over the past year, World Vision has been blessed to be able to partner with committed companies and corporations that share a similar vision of fighting poverty and injustice in developing communities. Some have taken on Child Sponsorship as a collective, some have invited us to share about our work to their employees, and some have even travelled to our Area Development Programmes (ADPs) to visit our beneficiaries, and participated in infrastructure-building projects. Many leaders have even become our strong advocates within their social circle and spheres of influence.



In FY13, companies that supported World Vision included:

- Riway International (Singapore) Pte Ltd
- Asia Genesis Asset Management
- Jebson & Jessen (SEA) Pte Ltd
- Procter & Gamble
- Estee Lauder Cosmetics Pte Ltd
- UBS
- Alliance Land Pte Ltd
- Pedro Group Pte Ltd
- International Association for Scholastic Excellence
- Crystal Jade Culinary Concepts Holding
- Pracmatic Practices Consultants Pte Ltd
- Tan Chin Tuan Foundation
- VRV Pte Ltd
- Silicon Connection Pte Ltd
- Rasa Sentosa Resort
- Asia Wisdom

OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:
Companies



Sharing Love through Thousands of Miles

Riway International partnered with World Vision in the Sharing Love through Thousands of Miles programme to raise funds for African communities in need. Riway's generous contribution was able to impact communities by providing assistance to various health, food security, education, and HIV/AIDS education projects.

One health project that has been made possible was the construction of a health post in Ethiopia. It was furnished with medical equipment and furniture, and has aided communities with increased access to healthcare in their local vicinity.

In Zambia, women in Musosolokwe were able to breed fish as Riway's contribution enabled the construction of fish ponds. This in turn benefited other groups as the women pass on fingerlings to generate income and improve food security. Work has also started in Chapusha School, to give 6,597 students access to classrooms. Previously, the only facility available was a hut that could hold 80 children, and 500 or so had to learn outdoors without any proper facilities.

ASIA WISDOM: Spreading the Word



Led by David Poh, Asia Wisdom Group is a boutique real estate services provider, specialising in the commercial and industrial markets. A prolific speaker and CEO, David has influenced many to join him in this niche segment.

But more importantly, he has influenced many to join him in his cause to support World Vision's work.

Partnering with World Vision

Discovering our Tree of Life booth with child profiles 10 years ago, David then wanted to know more about World Vision and how he could help the children. This seed that was planted in him grew as he continued to sponsor more children. Currently, he sponsors four children and another four under his company.

Time has certainly not diminished his belief in the work of World Vision as he continues to be a fervent believer of eradicating global poverty. For the past

year, Asia Wisdom has regularly invited World Vision to speak at its property seminars and classes, and introduce child sponsorship to his trainees. "I believe that raising awareness is the first step to fostering a giving spirit amongst people. World Vision is a great platform for charitable giving," said David.

Beyond the boundaries of the classroom, David also shares about the beauty of child sponsorship to his staff. Even his brother became a child sponsor after his enthusiastic sharing.

David recounted a text message from one of his trainees. He said: "He thanked me for introducing World Vision in the property seminar and was grateful that he could now play a part in helping a child too." These positive responses reaffirmed David's conviction that awareness is the key to giving and Asia Wisdom is a great platform for impacting others to contribute in the same way.

Beyond just Child Sponsorship

Besides just sponsoring children and inviting World Vision to speak at the seminars, this year, Asia Wisdom is committed to building 10 houses for the most vulnerable families in Cambodia. David is personally encouraging his students to contribute towards the construction of these houses. "It's important for companies to give back to society since they actually earn money from society. After all, you don't need to be rich to help others."

As a company and as an individual, David simply believes that "we can all do more".

Silicon Connection:

A Decade and Counting...

Many companies believe in corporate social responsibility (CSR), one way or another. Some take on specific projects as a collective, especially during disasters, and some support social causes close to their hearts. Silicon Connection belongs to the latter and it has been supporting World Vision for 10 years!

One child for each employee

Silicon Connection is a locally-founded distribution company serving the semi-conductor industry. Since 2003, it has been committed to sponsoring a child for every full-time employee. And today, the company is sponsoring 20 children from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, the Philippines, Zambia, Vietnam and Mongolia.

It all started when the founder, K C Tan, got his team to research on humanitarian organisations, and eventually decided on World Vision because of its overall credibility and visibility.

“World Vision is very organised. The last thing we want is a lack of system to see through long-term

projects like transforming communities. World Vision has a good balance between hot-headed passion and cool-headed execution,” said K C.

Staff are also actively involved in the sponsorship process and journey. A big board with a huge globe features pictures of the sponsored children from around the world, and includes letters from the children. Respective staff would then correspond with “their child”, thereby building relationships with them. Some of them have even taken time off to visit the Bohol Area Development Programme in the Philippines back in 2012.

Beyond child sponsorship, Silicon Connection has also contributed to other World Vision initiatives like the year-end Life-Changing Gifts Catalogue. More recently, the company also contributed to relief efforts for the Philippines earthquake affecting Bohol.

Giving can be addictive

As a growing small and medium enterprise (SME), Silicon Connection is ready to sponsor more children

if and when the staff strength increases. K C added: “We have budgeted a fixed percentage of our net profit for CSR purposes, and we make sure that there is minimal impact on our own cost competitiveness in the marketplace.”

Moreover, the constant and transparent engagement with World Vision has further cemented Silicon Connection’s trust in the organisation. K C is committed to supporting World Vision for the long haul and encourages other SMEs to do the same too.

“I believe there are SMEs that will respond to genuine initiatives without hidden motives like tax deductions. In that case, World Vision actually provides great value by stretching their dollar contribution to alleviate one of the greatest evils present today—extreme poverty.”



“It was an enriching experience as the video clips shared gave us great insight to the lifestyle of those living in abject poverty. This further empowered me to take concrete action to reach out and help them.”

— Beatrice Lee-Chong
World Vision Singapore Youth Ambassador

Partnering with Youths & Schools

“Hunger Revolution: Are You Game?”

This was the theme for the 28th edition of the 30-Hour Famine Camp, held annually to educate youths in Singapore on extreme poverty in developing countries. From 14 to 15 June 2013, close to 1,000 youths went on a 30-hour journey of enlightenment and empowerment. They fasted from food and strived to make a stand for the global poor.

The Camp began with a series of simulation activities, which placed them in the shoes of someone living below the poverty line. Each had a role to play in the ‘family’, which was grouped accordingly. The decisions they made also had an impact on their survival. Through the games, the youths learnt about leadership and problem-solving. They also gained a deeper understanding of the issues the poor face daily.

Bryan, a camper from Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road), felt that the simulation game was an eye-opening activity as it highlighted the fact that the rich were getting richer while the poor were getting poorer. “This activity made me realise that I wasn’t doing enough as a youth living in Singapore,” he said.

Singaporean youths also got the opportunity to hear from Cambodian and Mongolian youths, who shared about their journey of transformation through World Vision. Amongst them was Batbaatar, a 17-year-old former impoverished street kid from Mongolia. Having overcome different crises with World Vision’s help, he is now a student leader who counsels and protects other children.

The Camp ended with a bang as several musicians performed to encourage the youths on the final leg of their fast. It also saw the launch of the Youth Network, which is meant to gather passionate youths who are willing to advocate for the poor. Through this Camp, many young lives were impacted and inspired to contribute to World Vision’s cause. The touching testimonies, insightful sharing and thought-provoking sessions encouraged many youths to embrace their role as global citizens championing social justice and equality.

Youths who took part in the 30-Hour Famine Camp came from over 60 schools including:

- Anderson Junior College
- Anderson Secondary School
- Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road)
- Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
- Anglo-Chinese School (International)
- Anglo-Chinese Junior College
- Catholic High School
- CHIJ Secondary School
- CHIJ St Joseph's Convent
- CHIJ St Theresa's Convent
- Dunearn Secondary School
- Dunman Secondary School
- Hwa Chong International School
- ITE College West
- Methodist Girls' School
- Nanyang Polytechnic
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
- Pei Hwa Secondary School
- Raffles Institution
- Serangoon Garden Secondary School
- St Andrew's Junior College
- St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School
- Swiss Cottage Secondary School
- Victoria Junior College

In FY13, to further groom young humanitarian-minded individuals, World Vision Singapore partnered with many schools, including:

Shaws Preschool (Braddell Heights Campus)

Eighteen children from the K2 class of 2013 decided to raise funds for their less-fortunate friends around the world to get access to clean water through World Vision Singapore. They painted portraits of Picasso during an Art lesson and their parents made their drawings into postcards. The children then sold the postcards to their relatives and friends, and eventually raised \$4,000.

St Nicholas Girls' School (Primary)

When the *Children of the Blue Sky Choir* visited Singapore in July 2013, the Primary Four girls hosted one choir member in each class for a period. The students even bought gifts for their Mongolian friends and shared about how the Singapore education system works. They also taught their Mongolian friends simple English greetings. After the Choir's performance, the school donated generously to World Vision, in support of various street children projects.



Friends

of World Vision



*I*n the past year, World Vision Singapore has been blessed with no lack of child sponsors, volunteers, and celebrity ambassadors, who advocated for the poor children in public within their respective spheres of influence. They have been impacted by World Vision's work, be it through child sponsor trips, or locally-organised events or other platforms, and in turn, they are helping to spread the word.

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

The Health Advocate

Within a short span of several months since becoming a child sponsor in July 2013, Dr Allen Wang has been closely involved with World Vision Singapore and its various events and initiatives. He has travelled to faraway lands, spoken out about healthcare gaps, and even made recommendations to struggling communities about implementing effective healthcare initiatives.

With a day job as a public healthcare professional, he has certainly committed a lot of his precious time to World Vision.

Venturing to Earth's last frontier

Dr Wang has travelled to Israel, Ethiopia and Cambodia with World Vision and the trips have exposed him to the unique beauty and traits of each country while allowing him to witness the largely similar circumstances of the poor and needy.

"Each Area Development Programme (ADP) faces different challenges. Successful implementation of programmes is also dependent on many variables like government participation and the country's socio-economic status," he said.

But the trip to Ethiopia stood out as he was able to see the poverty and suffering juxtaposed against gorgeous and breathtaking scenery. Dr Wang added: "We also wanted to walk a mile in their shoes through the rough terrain, which allowed us to better understand what they were going through."

Moreover, meeting families directly affected by HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia and learning how having access to anti-retroviral drugs has changed their lives, was testament to World Vision's work in these communities. "If possible, I'd want to share this good news with Singaporeans, and highlight the importance of prevention, active advocacy against discrimination, and proper healthcare interventions that have saved lives," said Dr Wang.

Speaking up for the voiceless

As a healthcare professional, naturally, health issues in developing countries are Dr Wang's priority. "Increasing access to nutritious food and getting children vaccinated are just some of the issues I'm passionate about," he said.



Dr Wang has travelled to Cambodia to visit one of World Vision's ADPs, analysed their maternal and child health programmes, and offered recommendations to the field staff. He has also shared his medical knowledge and expertise at a couple of World Vision's events, and is committed to continue doing so in future. Sometimes, he would also talk about World Vision's work on his personal Facebook page to raise awareness amongst his friends.

"I think that World Vision is doing significant work on a global scale. The organisation has been effective in communicating the success of its programmes and how populations have benefited. It's really great to see sponsored children grow up doing well and paying it forward," Dr Wang concluded.

It All Began

With A Trip



She started her child sponsorship journey with World Vision back in 1998 by sponsoring a child from Lesotho. But it was only in 2007 that Pansy Lian fully understood the positive and lasting impact of the Programme when she visited one of her sponsored children in Mongolia.

“When you simply sponsor children by paying a certain amount every month, you don’t think too much about it. But once you visit the community, it changes your entire perspective. Visiting Mongolia was such a life-changing event for me that I decided to sponsor another child there,” said Pansy.

Her fellow Mongolian trippers were equally impacted; they became friends and even formed a group to collectively support World Vision’s work in Mongolia, and fundraise on an ad-hoc basis. Since then, she has gone on two more trips with World Vision to Thailand and Israel.

Passing on the benefits

Little did Pansy know that a simple World Vision brochure she picked up at a clinic 16 years ago would become a huge stepping stone to her being an avid advocate of World Vision’s programmes today. She often shares about the beauty of child sponsorship, be it with her friends, churchmates, colleagues or even her boss.

She added: “My husband and I really love children. Aside from sponsoring six children currently, I’m also a mother to three adopted kids. There’s lots of love to go around and I hope with my sharing, more people will come forward to sponsor a child and transform a life, one at a time.”

Transforming oneself too

While Pansy’s goal is to ensure that poor children’s lives are transformed through child sponsorship, her own life has changed for the better as well.

“I’ve become more prudent in my spending. I encourage my family to eat in more often, instead of spending on expensive meals outside,” she said.

She also makes sure that her own children are involved in her social work. For example, she brought her daughter to Mongolia. Her sponsored children from Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza and Zambia also love football, just like her son.

Her involvement with WV has resulted in her finding greater meaning in her professional work now. Pansy oversees professional and clinical education in her company, and is responsible for ensuring physicians in poor and emerging communities have access to training and skill development. That is similar to World Vision’s commitment to equipping the poor with skills to be self-sustainable.

“Having been involved in World Vision’s work has definitely contributed to my decision to take up this new role in my company,” said Pansy.

But she will always remember what the mother of one of her sponsored children told her when they met:

“You don’t know how much you’ve made a difference to my family.”



Great Packages

Come in Twos

Typical of busy Singaporeans, taking time out for personal interests and enjoyment is already a challenge. So what more for volunteering purposes? Both Hui Shan and Vivien defied time limitations, and have been juggling their work to volunteer with World Vision for the past several years.

Their ardent support for World Vision started when Hui Shan stumbled upon a video four years ago, when a couple of Chinese celebrities visited Africa to raise awareness about poverty on behalf of World Vision. She then decided to find out more, and shared about World Vision and its 30-Hour Famine Camp with Vivien.

“I encouraged Vivien to take up the challenge of going without food for 30 hours and experiencing a little of what a hungry child goes through daily,” said Hui Shan.

Experiencing hunger—just the beginning

The duo who volunteered at the locally-organised annual Camp in 2012, felt that it was a really meaningful event, and went on to participate in a similar camp in Malaysia.

And they did not keep their growing passion for World Vision's work under wraps. Hui Shan said: “Everyone around me knows about World Vision! I share about child sponsorship and forward e-mailers to them too.”

She recounted an incident when she wore World Vision's volunteer t-shirt to work one day, and an intern saw it and eventually sponsored a child.

These positive outcomes further encouraged them to advocate for World Vision. “I think it's really important to be involved in humanitarian work as it gives one insight to another person's world, which might be vastly different from your own,” added Hui Shan.

Beyond just starving

But these two ladies were not content to just volunteer for the Camp. They decided to sign up to help out at World Vision Singapore's year-end Christmas roadshow, Tree of Life, as well.

“It's really inspiring and meaningful to spread the word that there are many children living in poverty, while encouraging giving so that these children can lead better lives,” said Vivien.

Moreover, they managed to secure seven child sponsorships within just four hours. Hui Shan shared: “I feel that there are many people out there who're interested in helping but don't know the avenues available to do so.”

And Hui Shan and Vivien have not just given of their time and effort; they have received in return too. “My involvement with World Vision has widened my perspective in life. When dealing with issues, I'm now more concerned about the impact my actions will have on others, and have become less narrow-minded,” said Vivien.

One thing is for sure: We will be seeing more of them soon!



Our Goodwill Ambassadors

Jack & Rai

This locally-based acoustic duo has successfully built a strong following for over a decade with their easy-to-listen music. They have transcended beyond performing covers to writing and producing their own music, and have released their own album. Still, Jack & Rai have not stopped catering to the needs of their fans, and are still performing at popular hangouts.

When they are not performing, they are managing their recently-opened Japanese bars. At the same time, they make time to support World Vision through various special appearances at events. In the past year, they have performed at the 30-Hour Famine Camp and the Child Sponsorship Celebration, together with the Mongolian Children's Choir.

Other Goodwill Artists:

- Josh & Band
- The Sam Willows



Josh & Band with Batbaatar

Danny Yeo

An accomplished and sought-after deejay, host, emcee, voice talent, author and communications trainer, multi-talented Danny Yeo has been an ardent supporter and advocate for World Vision. It all began with a trip to Malawi, when he took on the role of photojournalist for World Vision Singapore. He was touched by what he witnessed and then became a child sponsor, and was eventually appointed as Goodwill Ambassador in 2009.

Today, he sponsors children from Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza and the Philippines, and often hosts World Vision events that encourage youth involvement and child sponsorship. In his own capacity, he would also write about his visits to World Vision-supported communities, and share his insights on public media like newspapers.



The Sam Willows

2013 Financial

Highlights



We thank God for increasing World Vision Singapore's total income from \$13.7 million in FY2012 to \$15.8 million in FY2013. This growth in income has transformed the lives of 947,049 children and beneficiaries of our projects all over the world.



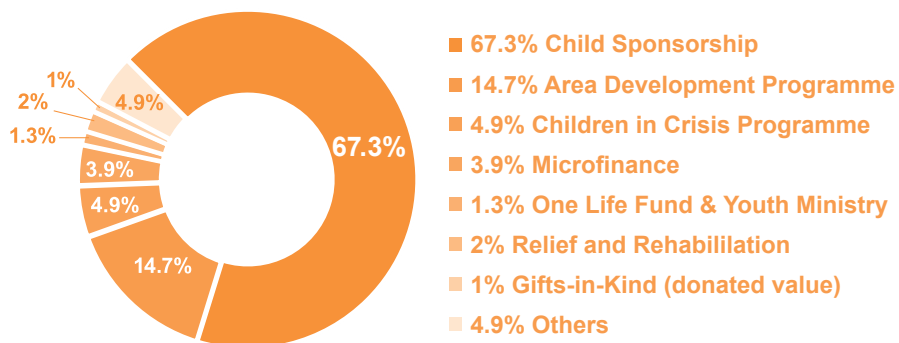
Disaster Relief

In FY2013, your donations enabled World Vision Singapore to send timely aid to four disasters and emergencies around the world, helping 413,620 survivors, refugees and internally-displaced people overcome the trauma of loss and destruction.

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 17.7% of total funds raised in FY2013.

Analysis of total income in FY2013:



How your donations were used:



Advisory Council



**Wattanapong
"Watt" Santatiwat**

WVI President's Representative

Before joining World Vision in 1976, Watt worked as a landscape architect for a U.S. firm. Throughout his time in World Vision, he has served in various appointments, such as Field Director, Regional Director, Regional Vice President, Senior Vice President at WVI and Regional Leader for East Asia Region. He was appointed as Partnership Senior Advisor in 2012. In this role, Watt represents the WVI President on all Asian Support Office Boards. In addition, Watt provides advisory support to the Partnership Leader - Global Field Operations and other Asian Regional Leaders.



Liew Heng San

Chairman

Heng San headed Singapore's Central Provident Fund as CEO before retiring in 2011. He currently sits on the Boards of the Singapore Bible College, the Casino Regulatory Authority, AIA Singapore, and is a Senior Fellow at the Civil Service College and Advisor to Far East Organisation. He worships at Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.



David Wong

Vice-Chairman

David is the Chairman of both the Local Church Executive Committee at Wesley Methodist Church and Methodist Welfare Services. A Chartered Accountant by training, he also sits on the Boards of several companies/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, a motivational trainer, and management consultant, having consulted for over 150 companies. He earned his PhD in HR Personnel Selection, from the Nanyang Technological University, and his MBA from Australia. His specialisation is in Attitudinal Change & Development. He has served on the board of Halogen Young Leaders Foundation and was also 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

Chee Koon retired as the CEO of the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Center in 2008. She continued to serve on its Board till 2011. She is on the board of Focus on the Family Singapore, a Christian organisation that helps families thrive. Worshipping at Hinghwa Methodist Church, she considers her two granddaughters 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 LISTING



Foo Pek Hong

CEO

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 her retirement, from 2003 to 2006, she headed Singapore Children Society's fundraising department, raising funds for the disadvantaged and needy children. Pek Hong then became the CEO of the Kidney Dialysis Foundation before she resigned in 2012. Married with two grown children, she serves at Zion BP Church as a Treasurer and a Committee Member in her church's kindergarten.

Fiona Soh


Director, Resource Development,
Marketing & Communications

Chng Eu Lee

Head, Donor Experience & International Ministries

Laura Ho

Head, Finance

A photograph of two young children, a girl on the left and a boy on the right, both smiling warmly. They are holding a light brown goat with a white face and dark markings around its eyes. The girl is wearing a bright blue t-shirt with a graphic and a purple skirt. The boy is wearing a blue and white patterned shirt. The background is a dark, textured wall.

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

Who We Are

Our Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Our Core Values

We are Christians

We are committed to the poor

We value people

We are stewards

We are partners

We are responsive

How You Can Help

As an Individual

Sponsor: Sponsor a child from any of our 18 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 which 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) Helping out with administrative work, designing websites, facilitating camps and more. These are just some of the many platforms in 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.

As a Community

- As a corporation: You can encourage your organisation to sponsor children from any of our 18 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 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 fundraiser movement. Email us at school@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.
- 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.

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