

### ANNUAL REPORT FY2019

Deepening Our Commitment to the Most Vulnerable Children



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### **Overview**



#### **Our Organisation**

World Vision is a global community of millions of people working together to change the lives of vulnerable children.

#### **Our Vision**

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

#### **Our Approach**

Faithful messengers of God's love Trusted partners in lasting change Powerful motivators of caring Courageous promoters of justice and peace Inspiring models of co-operation

#### **Our Future**

We look forward to a world where every child experiences life in all its fullness.

- Where they are protected, cared for and given the opportunities to become all that they are meant to be.
- Where they grow strong in communities free of need and full of promise.
- Where families are valued, creation preserved and the most vulnerable live in security and confidence.
- Where they become responsible citizens of well-led nations.
- Where peace and justice reign and all have the right to contribute.

### **Chairman's Message**

Dear friends,

With your help and support, World Vision has been faithful to our mission of reaching out to meet the needs of vulnerable children around the world over the past 69 years.

Thanks to your generosity, 1,462,327 people in 25 countries across Asia, Africa and the Middle East were helped last year. This included 765,096 people in disaster zones. About 84% of funds raised went directly to field programmes.

Today, two billion people live in countries where development outcomes are deeply affected by fragility, conflict, disaster and violence. Many children there face extreme levels of abuse, exploitation, deprivation and violence, often for generations.

This year, we collectively made a significant difference. We reached out to many children struggling in disasters and refugee camps, child brides, child soldiers and poor children in vulnerable communities with no hope for the future. They were enabled, not just to survive, but to adapt and thrive all because you chose to stand by them. Thank you for your gracious heart and generous support.

To sustain efforts to alleviate poverty more widely, we have been progressively phasing out work wherever aid has empowered a community sufficiently to take over and continue the virtuous cycle of development for itself.

For example, last year, we celebrated the maturing of our community development work in Mongolia. This was when poverty levels there dropped to 37% (down from 80% in 2002, the year we began our work in the targeted area). Such promising growth allowed us to phase out such projects and re-direct our funding to help new needy communities. From all of us at World Vision, a big 'thank you' again for your trust in us. Ours is a long journey of love to make a difference to children in need. Together, World Vision offices in 100 countries have through many years of hard work impacted the lives of over 200 million vulnerable children globally.

We would also like to thank church partners, foundations, companies, and so many inspiring individuals who have walked the extra mile with us! Above all, be not weary of doing good. Let us continue to do justice, show mercy and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

May God bless you richly.



**Liew Heng San** Chairman, Advisory Council World Vision Singapore



### **Our Work**

#### Deepening Our Commitment to the Most Vulnerable Children

We live in a world that is constantly threatened by natural disasters, fragility, power displacement, violence and more. By 2030, we expect that a higher percentage of the most vulnerable children will be in fragile contexts. With careful planning, we will continue to realign our geographic presence to channel more resources into these areas.

### **Child Sponsorship**



#### It is our promise to the children we serve.

It is a commitment to tell their story. It is an assurance that they are not forgotten. With the support of our partners across the world, we are in a better position to respond to the pressing and ever-changing needs of children. Together, we shine the light in these places, for the children.

Child sponsorship enables a movement for the sustained well-being of children, through life-enriching experiences for children, communities and supporters. Through the support of the many child sponsors, we are able to journey with a community to ensure the basic needs of the children are met for a promising future. By channelling the funds into 5 sectors such as Nutrition & Healthcare, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Education, Economic Livelihood, and Child Protection we help each area programme to be self-reliant and self-sufficient in a span of 13-15 years.

In FY19, we helped 577, 678 children and their communities in 13 countries across Asia, Africa & Middle East live a fuller and healthier life.



# Nutrition & Healthcare

World Vision's Health and Nutrition approach addresses the leading causes of maternal, newborn children underfive, and adolescent illness and mortality. Interventions focus on behaviour change, strengthening community system and health system, as well as advocacy at individual, family, community and service provider levels.

### **Nutrition & Healthcare**

In FY19, children and their communities in these countries benefitted from our interventions: Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam and West Bank.



#### 8,149 children under five

in Vietnam benefitted from the expansion of nutrition clubs partnering the District Health Centre.



#### 1,002 children under five

in Myanmar were monitored in Quarterly Growth Monitoring activities.



#### 245 pregnant mothers and those with children

under 3 in West Bank benefitted from household visits and group-parenting sessions.



#### 258 pregnant mothers and caregivers

in Cambodia attended awareness sessions to improve understanding of pregnancy and child nutrition.



#### **Bangladesh | Dhaka City Comprehensive Child Nutrition Care Project**

Children under 5 consuming unhealthy and low quality food:



### **Nutrition & Healthcare**

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My husband is a rickshaw puller. His income is not enough to take care of my family properly with nutritious food. My son was not getting proper nutritious food and he was too weak to walk. Through World Vision's project, he is growing up and can walk on his own now.

Afroza Begum, healthy Sohan's mother





Through cooking demonstrations and growth monitoring, mothers like Afroza in slums of Dhaka City, Bangladesh have an increased awareness on child nutrition.

With barely enough wage, Sohan's parents struggled to feed him. A two-year-old should have been bubbling with energy and running about but his legs were too weak and he was severely malnourished.

Through World Vision, his family was chosen to receive food packages containing, rice, lentil and nutritious eggs. His mother also learnt about healthy eating and hygienic food preparation.

With regular health check-ups, Sohan is now a healthy toddler who is recovering, with strength to pick himself up when he falls.

# Clean Water & Sanitation

Lack of clean water and poor hygiene practices are detrimental to the growth of children. In poor communities, children are susceptible to life threatening water-borne diseases. From drilling boreholes for water supply, building latrines for proper sanitation to educating communities on better hygiene practices, World Vision's WASH projects continue to make an impact.

### **Clean Water & Sanitation**

In FY19, children and their communities in these countries benefitted from our interventions: Cambodia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Zambia.





#### 6,110 villagers and children in Sri Lanka

protected from diarrhoea and other water borne related diseases through water projects in schools and health institutions.



in Zambia gained access to

clean drinking water with new boreholes built.



2,076 community members in Cambodia

have access to improved drinking water all around the year.



587 most vulnerable children in Mongolia

have toilet facilities installed in their schools.

Zambia | Musosolokwe Area Programme Households with access to clean water Indonesia | Ende Area Programme

Households using improved sanitation facilities





### **Clean Water & Sanitation**

"I would see how mum walked a long distance to get water. I learnt how to help my mum fetch water so that we could have enough water at home" says Mercy.

She began following her mother to fetch water at the age of 9. They had to walk for miles, twice a day for water. It was still not sufficient to meet all their needs. Eventually, bathing was the lowest priority. Having lost her father, it was also difficult for her single mother to put food on the table.

To counter water scarcity, World Vision drilled a borehole to make water accessible in Mercy's village in Zambia.

The community no longer uses murky brown water. Clean water has also made way for villagers to cultivate vegetables as a source of food and income. More than just quenching thirst, water has strengthened a community with better health and harvests.



Children in Musosolokwe, Zambia have access to clean water near their homes.



Water has given families the opportunity to make a living and provide for their children.

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Today we have a garden near the borehole where my mother grows vegetables. We get to eat them and sell some when we have excess. My mother makes \$2 a day and that helps her to pay for my schooling.

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Mercy, a sponsored child has access to clean water around the clock.

# Education

World Vision works through providing access to learning materials, improving their literacy programmes, capacity-building of teachers and caregivers to better engage the interest of children and provide a conducive learning environment.

### Education

In FY19, children and their communities in these countries benefitted from our interventions: Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, West Bank, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and Zambia



#### 4,000 local language books

were developed and distributed in Ethiopia to community reading camps.



#### 2,051 school children in Cambodia

from 8 primary schools promoted to a higher grade through targeted interventions which improved their literacy skills.



#### l,579 children in Thailand

received educational support such as educational materials, uniforms and school fees grants.



#### 594 parents in Nepal

were coached monthly to care for and nurture children's learning.

#### Ethiopia | Yaya Gulele Area Programme

Enrolment rate in the community



#### Repetition rate among the students



#### Nepal | Sindhuli East Area Programme

#### School attendance among the Dalits

(also known as "Untouchables", members of the lowest social group)



### **Education**

#### The Joy of Learning

Before World Vision introduced the reading programme in her school, Chelsie and her friends spent most of their time playing and running around before school started. Through the programme, all the students were to assemble from Ipm – 1.30pm for remedial reading to improve their reading skills and comprehension.

Even though Chelsie did not favour her play time being replaced, she soon began to experience the impact of the program. She could read faster without stumbling over the words and was thrilled to converse fluently.

"With so many interesting books donated to us, my friends and I prefer spending more time in the library hub now", says Chelsie who is in Grade 4.



"Thank you World Vision for our Learning Hub" says 8 year old Yeeshane (left), who lives in Antique, Philippines.

By partnering with the volunteers and training teachers in the community, World Vision develops locally relevant learning materials and school-based learning hubs to enhance the literacy of children.



50 child development workers in Antique, Philippines received training in class management.

# Economic Livelihoods & Microfinance

Better seeds, livestock, agriculture trainings, financial literacy and microloans – these activities go beyond helping individual families' livelihoods. They are also the bedrock for better healthcare, water, food, and education. Moreover, the development of income generating activities stimulate job creation in the community, promoting economic development for all.

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### **Economic Livelihoods & Microfinance**

In FY19, children and their communities in these countries benefitted from our interventions: Ethiopia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.



#### I,79I people in the Philippines

benefitted from community saving groups in which they learned about savings and accessing loans.



#### 300 households in Ethiopia

were supported with improved agricultural technology.



#### 253 vulnerable villagers in Vietnam

were involved in community-based groups and improved their income through various livelihood activities.



#### 173 producers in Nepal

were equipped with improved vegetable farming and livestock rearing skills and techniques.

#### Philippines | Antique Area Programme

Farmers who received agricultural inputs and assets:

#### Nepal | Sindhuli East Area Programme

Agriculture & livestock producers who have access to formal financial services:





### **Economic Livelihoods & Microfinance**



Ko's son is no longer malnourished. With 90,000 kyats in his savings, Ko is confident to give his family a better future.

#### A Promising Future

"It was really difficult for me to provide enough food and support my children's education" says U Win Ko, a 35-year-old sole breadwinner of his family in Myanmar.

His family often had to borrow rice and repay the money at the end of the month. The lack of proper nutrition caused his youngest one and half year-old son to suffer from malnutrition. Fortunately, his family was chosen to be supported by World Vision with rice, cooking oil, chickpea and potato for six months. Ko also received training in basic livestock breeding as well as three piglets to help him increase his income.

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As we have no land ownership papers, we cannot apply for the loan from commercial bank. The micro loan from World Vision provided us with a timely investment in animal husbandry. My three children have received better education. We can now afford better healthcare for my eldest child.



Mrs Pham Thi Ly (right) from Tien Lu, Vietnam.



# Child Protection & Gender Equality

Today, two billion people live in countries where development outcomes are deeply affected by fragility, conflict and violence. Fragile contexts are some of the most dangerous places in the world to be a child due to extreme levels of abuse, exploitation, deprivation and violence.

### **Child Protection & Gender Equality**

In the face of this reality, World Vision is aligning our humanitarian, development, peacebuilding and advocacy efforts with a survive, adapt and thrive approach even in fragile contexts.

#### **Child Refugees**

68.5 million children and families have been forcibly displaced from their homes which has notably resulted in the largest number of refugees since World War II. Uprooted by conflict, many refugee children lack access to nutritious food, healthcare, clean water and education. In response, World Vision is distributing basic baby kits to families with infants, food vouchers to the most vulnerable households, providing access to better healthcare for children, pregnant and lactating mothers.



#### 9,268 internally displaced people and refugees in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan

provided with education, winterization kits, and healthcare.



704 pregnant and lactating women

in Myanmar-Bangladesh refugee camp received fresh food vouchers which allowed them to shop a wider range of food.



#### 300 Rohingya child refugees between 0-23 months

provided with health monitoring in Myanmar-Bangladesh refugee camp.



Child refugees like Jannatul attend World Visions' child-friendly spaces which are a safe place for them to play and learn.

### **Child Protection & Gender Equality**

#### **Child Soldiers**

For many child soldiers in The Central African Republic, it's either to kill or be killed. The country has been ravaged by conflict since independence, leaving its children and youths in a state of fragility. Troubled about the future and in the face of desperate poverty, children are often forced to join armed groups to survive.

World Vision works with former child soldiers to support their recovery and reintegration. By working alongside their communities, we empower families to protect their children from being recruited into armed groups.



### 1,799 community members

sensitised on child protection and the dangers of recruitment into armed forces and armed groups.



#### 206 children enrolled into formal education

with back-to-school kits and their school fees paid for.



Sartourne joined the World Vision Peace Club – a safe space for adolescents to tell their stories, learn about peace building skills and conflict resolution. Sartourne is now a mechanic, earning an honest living without violence.

#### Child Brides

Afghanistan is one of the world's poorest and most fragile states. Being a patriarchal society, economic value is placed on the sons who are given an education. A daughter's value is found in her marriageability. Battling the effects of climate change and driven by poverty, families resort to marrying off their daughters.

In response, World Vision is educating and economically empowering adolescent girls as well as their families to prevent child marriages.



Girls as young as 11 years are married off by families to escape poverty in Afghanistan. To combat this, World Vision educates on the harmful effects of child marriage and provide girls with a chance at literacy and numeracy for the first time in their lives.



## 235 community members

attended the meetings to learn more about the importance of girls' education and the harmful effects of child marriages.



#### 150 girls

who were previously out of school and at risk of early marriage are enrolled in accelerated learning centres.



# Faith & Development

Our work is infused and motivated by our faith as we ignite hope and self-worth, empowering vulnerable families to change their own future. Children are protected and empowered so that they live with each other in harmony, treating others with respect and influencing their environment to make it safe for children like them.

### Faith & Development



# 2,490 children in the Philippines

participated in spiritual nurture activities such as Vacation Bible School that allowed them to experience the love of God and deepened their faith through sessions facilitated by trained volunteers from churches and schools.



#### 422 parents in Zambia

were taught about the the importance of providing a protective and loving environment and how best to counter harmful practices, child abuse, violence and neglect.



#### I40 children in Cambodia

were trained in partnership with churches on nurturing good relationships with their families, neighbours and the environment. This was part of the holistic approach to empower communities towards increased peace, kindness, harmony for child well-being.



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In the past, my father was often drinking alcohol, using violence; he would ignore my mother's suggestions to give up his addiction. Now my father has reduced his drinking; he doesn't use violence when he is upset, and can discuss issues even when he is unhappy. He respects my mother. Thanks to World Vision, my family is more at peace.

Choeurng Cathoeurn (left), from Kirivong, Cambodia.

# Self-Reliant Communities

In our journey with a vulnerable community, we get to the root of their challenges and work with them to improve their standard of living. Over a span of 15 years, we focus on meeting their needs and eventually transition out of the area after they are able to stand on their own feet.

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### **Self-reliant Communities**

#### 14, 227 families are out of poverty in Uvurkhangai, Mongolia.

#### The harsh beginning

When work in Uvurkhangai started in 2002:

- 8 out of 10 people were living under the poverty line
- Unemployment rate was as low as 67%
- 70% of the community were herders who faced harsh winters that threatened their sole means of livelihood
- 80% of the community struggled to provide for their children on under S\$20 a month



Above (left to right): Ger kept the families safe and warm during the harsh winter, vocational training in tailoring empowered women to bring in additional income for their families and end the poverty cycle.

#### Leaving the Community Stronger



#### 1,620 children and their families

from savings groups learnt how to manage their finances to be more economically resilient against disasters and economic shocks.



#### 900 families benefitted

from a gardening project, enabling them to grow vegetables in the summer which became a source of food supply as well as income.



# 550 homeless families

were provided with housing which kept the children and their families safe and well-protected from the harsh winter.



# Disaster Response

Through the support of various partners and international donors in FY19, The Survival Fund was able to assist a total of 765,096 people by journeying with them before, during, and after disasters.

### **Disaster Response**

#### Providing Relief and Recovery



#### 683,068 people

affected by South Africa's Cyclone Idai and Floodings benefitted from child friendly spaces, shelter building kits, emergency latrines, water points, hygiene kits, food and non food essentials like blankets, diapers and etc.



#### 16,134 people

affected by Venezuela's migrant crisis benefitted from child friendly spaces, hygiene and cleaning kits as well as hot meals for breakfast and lunch.



#### 5,80 | people

affected by Indonesia's Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami benefitted from family kits, food packages, child friendly spaces, psychosocial support, temporary classrooms, as well as water, sanitation, and hygiene activities.



#### 866 people

affected by Indonesia's Sunda Strait tsunami were provided with family shelter kits as well as hygiene kits for families and children.

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We didn't have clean water in this camp, so we rushed to collect water from the truck when it arrived. We also received food, household utensils, latrines, hygiene materials and we were taught how to prevent waterborne diseases. We are very grateful to World Vision.

Luisa Saracutchepa, a single mother of 7 children who resettled in Metuchira camp in Mozambique after Cyclone Idai



### **Disaster Response**

#### **Growing Resilience**



#### 43,925 people in Ethiopia

at risk of extreme weather changes caused by climate change provided with improved seed varieties and training in climate resilient agriculture techniques and disaster risk reduction.



#### I,36 | people in Vietnam

living in typhoon-prone areas protected with the construction of typhoon evacuation shelters.



#### 623 people in the Philippines,

living in disaster-prone areas mobilised to plant mangroves and trained in disaster risk reduction.



We are living in coastal area, so we are all affected by typhoons during rainy seasons. The shelter becomes a very safe place for us and our children. Our community is also using this shelter for meetings and community events.

Mr Quý, whose local community benefitted from the construction of a typhoon evacuation shelter in Danang, Vietnam

### **Disaster Response**

#### Safe School for a Safe Future

The 7.4 magnitude earthquake that hit Central Sulawesi, Indonesia on September 28, 2018 made Vita's school a pile of debris.

A new temporary school was built in the 12-yearold's community with earthquake proof materials. Apart from academic subjects,Vita also learnt about safety precautions and ways in which she could save herself when a disaster strikes.

"I cannot panic. I have to protect my head, go under the table or run outside during an earthquake," says the little girl who aspires to be a police woman when she grows up.



Through engaging methods, lessons on safety, emergency management and disaster risk reduction are taught to students like Vita who are expected to be the agents of change in their schools.



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I will share what I have learned today to my friends so they will understand the meaning of a safe school and how to save lives when disaster strikes.

Vita, who can now protect herself and others in times of disaster

### Our Global Impact 2019

In our financial year 2019, 1,462,327 people in 25 countries across Asia, Africa and the Middle East including 765,096 in disaster zones received the support and resources they needed.

### 2019 Project Areas

#### Asia

#### Afghanistan

• Prevention of Child Marriage Project

#### Bangladesh

- Child Nutrition Care Project
- Community Engagement & Assistance to Reduce Child Labour
- Fresh Food Voucher Support for Pregnant & Lactating Refugee Women

#### Cambodia

 Kirivong Area Programme

#### China

- Yaozhou Area Programme
- Enhancing Early Childhood Education Project
- Prince of Peace Children's Home

#### India

- Adolescents as Agents of Change
- Nursing Education for Adolescent Girls

#### Indonesia

- Ende Area Programme
- Sulawesi Earthquake-Tsunami Response
- Sunda Strait Tsunami Response

#### Mongolia

- Selenge Area Programme
  - Uvurkhangai Area Programme

Brazil 16,134

 Child Care & Rehabilitation Project

#### Myanmar

- Taikkyi Area Programme
- Sar Ppyu Su Primary School Project

#### Nepal

• Sindhuli East Area Programme

- Bo Kluea Area Programme
- Sustainable Livelihood for Dairy Farmers
- Libraries & Learning Centres
- Medical & Nutrition Care for Vulnerable Children
- Anti-Trafficking Project
- Typhoon Evacuation Shelter
- Solar Lamps for
- Reading Camps
- Disaster Risk **Reduction Projects**

We are thankful to each and every child sponsor and donor for being the wind beneath our wings. Your gracious gifts have made such a difference. Children are able to achieve life in all its fullness with your support.

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• Anti-Malaria Project

#### South America

#### Brazil

• Venezuela Migrant Crisis Response

#### Middle East

#### **Jordan**

Philippine

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- South Hebron Area Programme
- Winterization support for Vulnerable Syrian Refugees & Jordanians

#### Lebanon

• Education for Vulnerable Syrian Child Refugees Phase II Project

#### Syria

• Supporting Affected Communities for Life-Saving Project



### **Our Partnerships**

One of World Vision's comparative advantages is our presence at local, national, regional and global levels.

At the national level, we have an opportunity to leverage on partnerships, joint ventures and advocacy with those who share our vision. Our partners provide us with the innovation and resources that no single person can help alone.

- Youths & Schools
- Church Partnerships
- Corporate Partnerships
- Inspiring Individuals

### **Youths & Schools**

#### 30 Hour Famine Camp

The 30 Hour Famine Camp is a signature experential camp organised for our youth. The camp challenges participants to fast from food for 30 hours while completing a series of fast-paced team activities, which are designed to stimulate the experiences of our field workers on the ground and the children whom they serve.

The latest edition of the Famine camp in 2019 was centred on World Vision's global campaign, **It Takes a World to End Violence against Children**. Over 190 campers, camp leaders and volunteers, embarked on scenario-based 'team missions' that placed them in the shoes of children vulnerable to different forms of abusive and exploitative treatment - These are child labourers, child brides, trafficked children and child soldiers.

The participants had a unique opportunity to hear a first hand account of what it takes to combat these child rights violations from Ms. Narges Ghafary, an advocate for the rights of children and women from World Vision Afghanistan.

It was immensely encouraging to see the campers emerging as more informed and empathetic advocates who understood the relationship between poverty and child protection challenges.



Above (left to right): Over 190 campers, camp leaders and volunteers embarked on scenario-based 'team missions' that placed them in the shoes of children vulnerable to different forms of abusive and exploitative treatment - such as child labour, child trafficking; The participants had one of a kind opportunity to hear first-hand account of what it takes to combat child rights violations from Ms. Narges Ghafary, an advocate for the rights of children and women from World Vision Afghanistan.

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We live such sheltered lives that we do not see the reality of these children's harsh living conditions, the instability of their families and their fate. The camp has impacted me and enabled me to know more about the dangers these children face and what might help them.

Valerie, a participant from Methodist Girls' School

### Youths & Schools

### Youth For Change Conference (YFCC)

The conference for tertiary students and young professionals in the Asia-Pacific region provided an in-depth knowledge and exposure to humanitarian and development work. The 4th edition of YFCC was held in Cebu with over 50 participants from Cambodia, Myanmar, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Nepal, Vietnam, China and the Philippines. A robust and comprehensive line up of experienced development practitioners at plenary sessions, field visits and cultural activities kept the attendees highly engaged.

Themed as 'Social Innovation', the conference successfully highlighted the necessity for collaborative efforts to tackle systemic problems that vulnerable people groups face.



Interactive plenary sessions and workshops were held to nurture the social innovation mind-set and introduce participants to tools on Human Centred Design.



Youth gathered data around Cebu on the vulnerabilities experienced by informal settlers and street children, to refine observations and devise solutions.



Participants from over 13 countries gathered together for Culture Night – a YFCC tradition to showcase their traditional costumes and culture through performances.

One highlight of the conference was when the young innovators presented a feasibility assessment of a waterway-cleaning robot prototype in informal settlements situated near waterways. This would improve the public health and hygiene conditions of people living in these areas.

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### The memories of the field visit are unforgettable and, to some extent, even traumatic, but it's those experiences that really shape perspectives.

Ibnur, a 34-year-old attendee

### Youths & Schools

#### Stand Up For Girls

Mobilising students and youths in our campaigns is an opportunity to help them act on what they learn about the threats that children face to their safety and well-being. This campaign, which cast the spotlight on girls being subjected to exploitative and discriminatory treatment, was one inspiring instance of this. It raised awareness about the lack of proper menstrual hygiene in parts of rural Nepal.

In poor rural areas, Nepalese girls are often confined and isolated in unhygienic and freezing conditions during their period, due to myths and taboos about how menstruation brings bad luck. These girls can't afford sanitary pads, forcing them to use dirty rags, dry leaves, and ashes.

World Vision conducted a campaign, **Stand Up for Girls** to raise awareness about the lack of proper menstrual hygiene in parts of rural Nepal.



22 students from Singapore Chinese Girls' School and Methodist Girls' School participated in the workshops.



Further editions of this workshop were organised in conjunction with Kallos magazine and the Green Collective, which gathered the participation of 33 students and young professionals.

Through the workshop, students were inspired to sew reusable sanitary pads and penned notes of encouragement , as gifts to the young Nepalese girls supported by World Vision.

Over 70+ pads were hand-sewn by students and young professionals.

### **Church Partnerships**

#### The 'Connected' Generation

Together with Barna Group, a leading research organisation focused on the intersection of faith and culture, World Vision spearheaded a groundbreaking global study. The research surveyed over 15,000 youth and young adults aged 18-35, in 25 countries, including Singapore, on matters of faith, church, relationships, justice, and the future.

Over 55 guests from 35 churches and parachurch organisations attended the forum. Intense discussions revealed the challenges and opportunities encountered in cultivating a deep sense of mission, building readiness, inspiring empathy and a sense of justice among the youth and young adults.

Leading up to the release of the global report, a second forum was held on 11 October 2019. One of the main architects of the study, Mr. Daniel Copeland, a Research Associate from Barna Group delivered a detailed presentation on the results emerging from Singapore.

Insights revolved around effective ways to shape ministry efforts aimed at youths and young adults in Singapore. We were grateful for the opportunity to host 82 representatives from 44 churches and parachurch organisations who engaged in robust discussion on discipleship, and development of the next generation.



Keynote speaker Rev Andrew Morley, President and CEO of World Vision International shared at 'Engaging Millenials in the Reality of Christianity' Forum at Singapore Bible House.

#### 'Faith in Action' Trips

To share insights into how World Vision pursues the restoration of lives crippled by material deprivation and spiritual brokenness, we inaugurated 'Faith in Action' trips in 2019. These field visits introduce churches in Singapore to how biblical principles inform our unique approach to sustainable development. This includes the way we partner with and equip churches in the communities to serve as catalysts of social transformation.

Four representatives from Wesley Methodist Church travelled with us to Taikkyi, Myanmar in February 2019 to understand the challenges the community faced such as economic insecurity and absence of proper spaces for kindergartens.



Kindergarten was conducted in makeshift spaces where the children learn, play and sleep.



Some school kits such as stationery were distributed to the kindergarten children.

Partnering with the local Baptist church in Taikkyi, Myanmar, and the generous support of Wesley Methodist Church, a new Early Childhood Care & Development (ECCD) centre has since been established. The pre-schoolers are no longer learning in a cramped and makeshift space.

### **Corporate Partnerships**

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### Doing Good Sustainably and Consistently

Anothersole, one of the renowned home grown travel shoe brand, continues to passionately raise the support to address malnutrition among vulnerable children.

Having realised that consistent efforts are imperative in combating poverty, together with their staff, the co-



in Bangladesh with nutritious meals as part of their annual CSR Outreach efforts.

founders at Anothersole make an annual commitment to support the vulnerable children from their 'Buy I Feed I" Fund.

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Like droplets of sweat on the aid workers, our efforts are just part of the collective partnership to provide the much needed help to these children.

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Benny Chee | Founder, Anothersole



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### Nourishing & Nurturing the Growth of Vulnerable Children

Ya Kun partnered World Vision to bring greater awareness on proper child nutrition in Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia. A portion of Ya Kun's sales proceeds were donated to World Vision to educate more than 638 poor households on nutritious feeding practices for optimal growth and development of the children.



Cooking demonstrations of nutritious meals, routine home visits, consistent child weight monitoring and feasible homestead food production programmes were provided through this.

#### It was a meaningful and enriching collaboration that deepened our understanding of the needs around us.

Jesher Loi | Director of Branding and Market Development, Ya Kun

### **Corporate Partnerships**



#### Building a Shelter to Stand against Typhoons

Son Tra district located within the coastal city of Da Nang, Central Vietnam is prone to 6-8 typhoons every year due to global warming. In 2019, P&G's Beyond Borders team raised funds for the construction of a 2-storey typhoon shelter installed with WASH facilities. Part of the funds raised was also used to strengthen the structures supporting the homes of poor households.



A team of volunteers from P&G travelled to this district in March 2019 to paint the newly constructed typhoon shelter and assist with re-roofing work for low income households. They also worked with the locals on a disaster risk reduction training session.

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P&G has partnered with World Vision Singapore for many years to become both a force for good and a force for growth in communities. Together with them, we are able to create lasting and positive change in thousands of lives.

**9** Martina Daniel | CMK Senior Manager, P&G



#### Sponsoring a Child to Sponsoring a Project

Fock Ee Ling's love for the land began when she sponsored a child from the country almost 20 years ago as a university student. Years later, she worked closely with the Vietnamese community for her own clothing business. Being moved by the needs in the community, she wanted to give back to the people whom she was working closely with.

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Being a mother of 3, a project related to the well-being and education of children naturally resonated with me. I am just doing my bit and it is so meaningful.

**P** Fock Ee Ling | Founder, The Missing Piece



Together with her team, online boutique founder of The Missing Piece (TMP) adopted a World Vision project to provide pre-schoolers with clean drinking water and proper sanitation facilities in rural Vietnam.

### **Corporate Partnerships**



### Taking the Leap to Make a Change

Nefful International aimed to create awareness on the plight of vulnerable children and families all around the world. Reaching out to approximately 20,000 of their members, they raised an astounding amount through the sale of their specially-made caps to plug urgent needs of over 925 children.

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It was definitely an eye-opening experience. With care and love, we can make a difference!

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Shirly Ng | Regional Finance & Operations Director, Nefful International



Some of the Nefful International staff flew to Taikkyi, Myanmar to understand how World Vision works for the most vulnerable in the community. Groceries were locally bought and distributed to the poor families by the team.



#### Life Transformed under Goh Foundation

For economically disadvantaged families struggling to meet the basic needs, being able to afford higher education for their children is usually inconceivable. Since 2018, Goh Foundation has partnered with World Vision to support underserved students in Philippines and Mongolia to complete their tertiary education.

Many lives of youths such as Alvin Sarigumba's have been a testimony to their determination to break the

cycle of poverty. Alvin's parents struggled to raise him and his 3 siblings with their meagre income as mill operators.

Through the scholarship he received, Alvin seized the opportunity to complete his degree in Marine Transportation.

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I am so grateful for the opportunity to fulfil my dream and help my family. I hope that many children who are poor and cannot afford school can be given the same chance.



Alvin Sarigumba, a 19-year-old Goh Foundation scholar from the Philippines, now a mariner.



WVS National Director Lilian Chung presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr Tan Eng Liang from Goh Foundation.

### **Inspiring Individuals**

#### Women Championing Change

Every year the Women of Vision (WOV) ladies embark on a journey to spread awareness and champion World Vision's causes, especially those affecting women and children. This year they were inspired to mentor and help adolescent girls in Antique, the Philippines.



They travelled all the way to the community to understand the ongoing issues and World Vision's work in the area.



Stirred by the needs these determined and compassionate ladies organised a fundraiser to raise funds to sponsor 38 girls and provide quality education.

Invited guest speaker Mr. J. Anthony A. Reyes, First Secretary and Consul from The Philippines Embassy shared the sobering truth of the rich and poor divide in the Philippines. VocaBlends, an acapella group of talented Filipinos serenaded the guests with favourite tunes such as 'Wind Beneath My Wings', 'Stand Up For Love'. The funds raised were channeled to provide school children with back to school kits and support girls with life skills for better employment opportunities.

### Bringing Children the Gift of Education

Sar Hpyu Su, a village located in Taikkyi, Myanmar had only one school for the children. Due to the lack of space, the school was grappling with accommodating an increasing number of students. They also faced the dilemma of inadequate water and sanitation facilities.

Local food blogger Dr Leslie Tay and some of his church members, together with some of his friends, got to directly witness the needs of the school.

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What we saw, broke our hearts. The school was old and dilapidated. The water filtration system consisted of a very old and dirty coffee sock.

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Dr Leslie Tay

Deeply moved to make a change, he raised funds together with his church members, friends and F&B partners to give the students a new school. A new school wing, complete with furnished classrooms, latrines and water purification system were constructed for the students and teachers.



The precious gift of education - a brand new school complete with clean water.

### In the Spotlight



Felicia Chin (centre, in white top), with some of the village kids from her trip last year.

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Besides helping to meet their basic needs, sponsorship means hope for vulnerable children – hope for a better and brighter future where they have a chance to break out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

Felicia Chin | Mediacorp Artiste

#### Becoming the Miracle for Vulnerable Children

"When Kyine Kyine put her little hand into mine, my heart melted," says Felicia, who recently visited her sponsored child in Myanmar.

Mediacorp actress Felicia Chin is our latest Goodwill Ambassador. A sponsor of five children from Myanmar, West Bank, and Zambia, she feels deeply for underprivileged children.

"When I look at children, I see precious lives that should be treasured, and lives that deserve as many opportunities as our lives. Besides helping to meet their basic needs, sponsorship means hope for vulnerable children – hope for a better and brighter future and a chance to break out of the vicious cycle of poverty. When we shift the focus from us to others, we will lead more enriching lives," she says.



### **Our Financial Accountability**

In FY 2019, with the support from our donors and sponsors, we raised **\$17,615,818**.

Because of your collective support, we were able to reach out to 1,462,327 people across Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Thank you for helping to change the lives of the vulnerable children and their communities.

We have also kept our expenditure low at 16.47% of total funds raised. This allows us to channel as much as possible to our programmes and respond to much needed projects and disaster response programmes.

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

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#### **Analysis of Total Donations in FY19**



- One Life Fund & Youth of Vision
  Relief & Rehabilitation
  6.47%
- Others 3.93%



#### How Donations were Used

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### **Make A Difference with Us!**

Together, we can stand stronger to tackle world hunger, poverty, injustice and protect the most vulnerable children.

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