



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2019**

**PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITIES  
FOR GREATER IMPACT IN CHILDREN'S  
LIVES**

# We are Responsive, We are Adaptive, We are Flexible

During a visit to Zimbabwe in early 2019, a WV Support Office staff member commented that she was impressed by how WorldVision Zimbabwe continued to achieve impact despite various challenges affecting the country. Over the years, WorldVision Zimbabwe has faced both opportunities and challenges but continued to operate with one goal in mind: to positively impact the lives of children in Zimbabwe! 2019 was not different. Despite economic challenges, the devastating Cyclone Idai and a recurring drought which affected many of our operating areas, this report gives an account of progress made and achievements during the year. WorldVision Zimbabwe has lived one of its core values of being Responsive (adaptable, flexible) in any given situation.

- Funds raised 50% above target
- Over a million people reached through the “It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children,” campaign
- Exclusive breastfeeding in program areas (children less than 6 months) increased from 57% in FY18 to 61% in 2019
- 122,444 early grade learners reached by the Unlock Literacy Model which seeks to improve early grade reading
- 481,100 people reached through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene interventions
- 70,417 registered children of which 52,736 were sponsored by individuals from around the world



# World Vision Zimbabwe impact through the eyes of children

World Vision Zimbabwe partners with communities to achieve lasting positive impact in children's lives. This year children from Area Programs were invited to showcase their understanding of impact through a drawing competition. Below are winning drawings showing children's appreciation of WV programs.



Washing of hands after visiting the toilet is now a norm for children where World Vision is operating.

Increasing production and productivity through the implementation of livelihoods activities to increase household income and resilience.



Improving access to education for all children including those with disability.



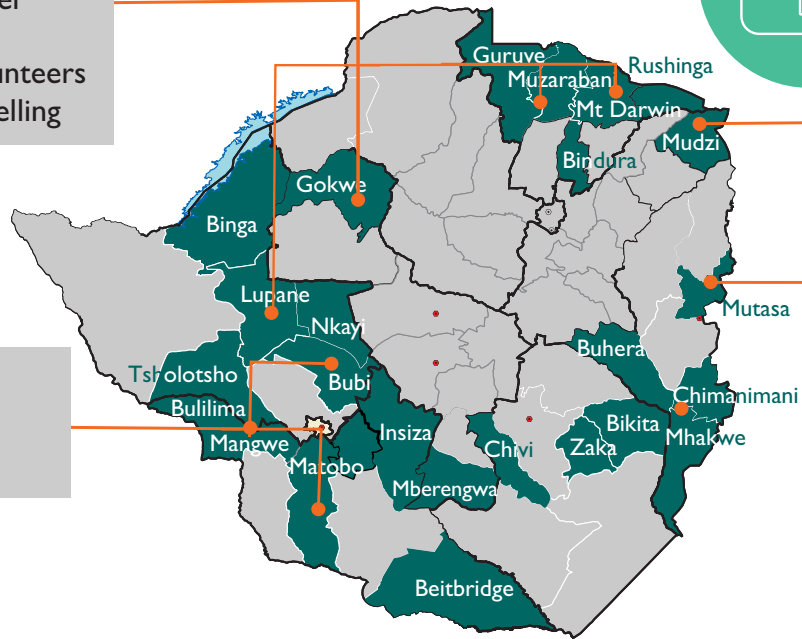
Improving access to health services through the construction of clinics.



# HEALTH

## Contributing to improved health & nutrition status of children

WV health interventions seek to contribute towards improved health and nutrition status of 400,000 children in our operational areas. This is achieved by improving quality and access to health services, improving the adoption of health behaviours and strengthening health systems in 8 WV Area Programs. In the past year our health interventions sought to adapt and take into account economic and other challenges and enhance innovative approaches to increase impact.



**1,729** underweight children rehabilitated through Positive Deviance Hearth model

**2,722** pregnant mothers visited by volunteers and received timed and targeted counselling

Proportion of children being exclusively breastfed below six months improved from 57% in 2018 to 61% in 2019

### Pro Health Innovations

Development of recipes for nutrient dense porridge utilising locally available foods

- Group cohesion is vital for many of the community initiatives that we support. In Buhera, this has resulted in innovations that fully adapted to the community needs.
- 16 members of the Tamuka producer group are now producers of small grains & vegetables for resale. After the ENSURE program ended the Supplementary Feeding Program that targeted mainly children- the group continued making porridge from the small grains they had & locally available ingredients such as Baobab fruit powder, ensuring that community children still received the nutrients that the programs' supplementary basket provided.



89% of women reported delivering at health facilities, improving access to health services

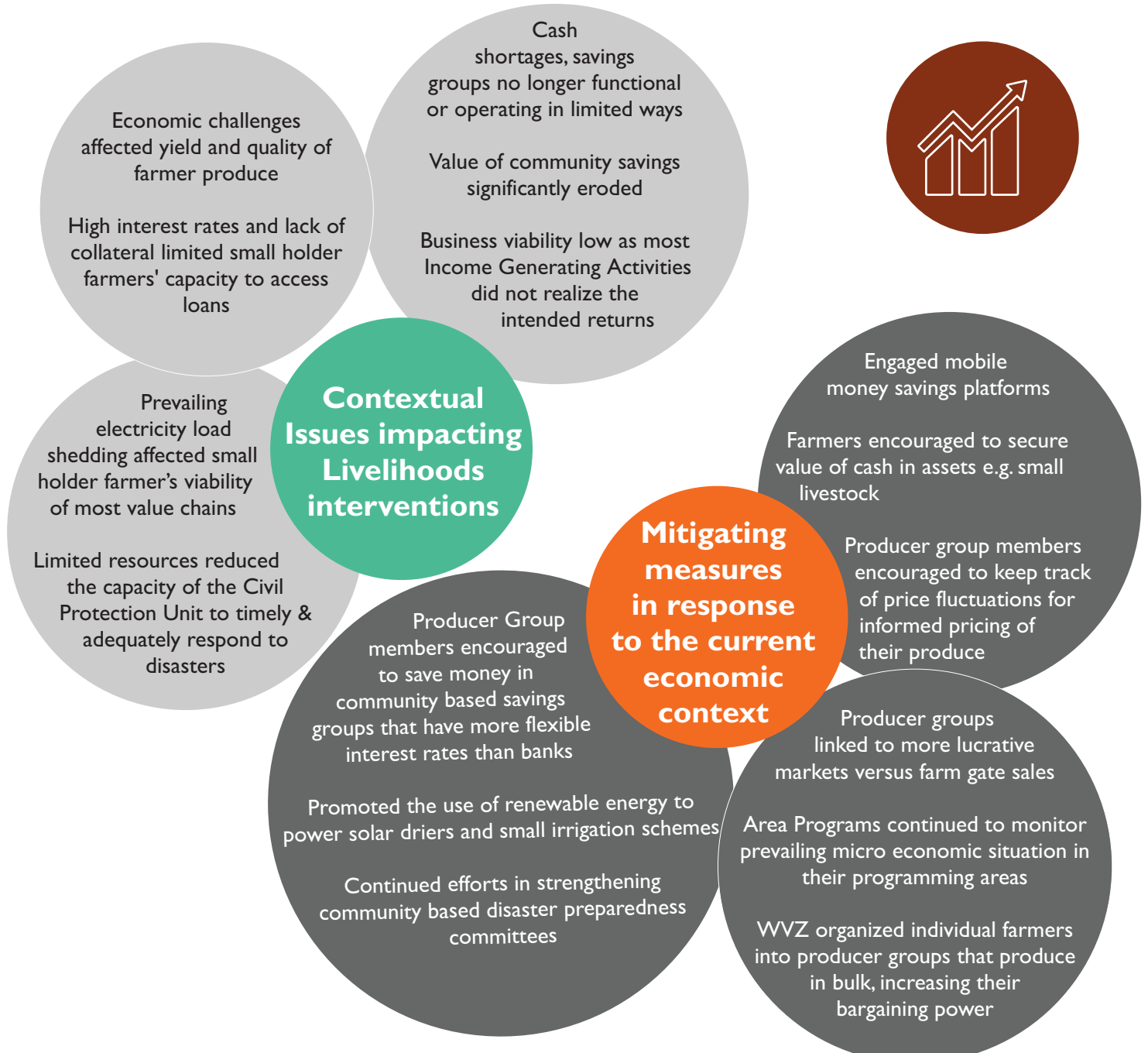
Strengthening Engagement of Faith Communities towards Improved Child Health through Health Kiosk pilots

In partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, World Vision embarked on a journey to leverage on Christian faith followers as a platform for positive health behaviors through Health Kiosk. This is a safe space at a faith worship center that provides information on health/HIV and makes referrals to services by trained faith worship center volunteers using locally available HIV and health information through communication materials to increase access to health and HIV information and services within congregations/ communities. As a result 3,500 individuals accessed information from Health Kiosks.

# LIVELIHOODS

## Resilience towards increased household productivity

By addressing the underlying causes of poverty, we seek to empower 100,000 vulnerable households to be more productive and resilient. During the past year our programming focused on innovative strategies to maintain gains achieved through our livelihood activities. A total of 20 Livelihoods projects were implemented across the country reaching 165,358 people of which 47,954 were children. In 2019 there were 48,852 members who belonged to community savings groups. Of these 86% were women.



# EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS

## Improving access to equitable education

Access to education is one of the ways World Vision addresses root causes of poverty through the provision of enhanced education and life skills opportunities for children and youth. We have also realized the need for targeted interventions to ensure greater impact. Achieving improved and equitable learning outcomes for 400,000 girls and boys has required our programming to be more adaptive and innovative. This past year over 122,000 early grade learners were reached with the Unlock Literacy Model. Unlock Literacy is an inclusive education model that works with educators, learners and parents to improve early grade reading. Under this model, teachers are trained to incorporate five core reading skills into their curricula. Parents and care givers are encouraged to help their children to read outside of school hours. Early grade reading is significantly low in Zimbabwe, as shown by a baseline WV conducted in 2017 that found that only 33% of grade three learners could read with comprehension. World Vision has been implementing the model since 2017 and outcome monitoring results show an increase of 12 % to 44% in the areas where the model is being implemented. The Education and Life Skills program has positively impacted more than 413,000 children across 13 Area Programs over the last three years.

E-learning platforms such as ProFuturo (corporate partner from Spain) and Eco-School (corporate partner, Learning for Humanity, from Canada) are empowering children to access a wide range of learning resources such as digital textbooks. School children from 122 schools in Gwanda, Hwange and Lupane districts are already accessing Information Communication Technology based e-learning platforms.



**413,946 children reached from 13 Area Programs over the last 3 years under the Education & Life Skills.**



**Children from 122 schools accessing E-learning based platforms.**

# WATER SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

Improving sustainable access to clean water, dignified sanitation & appropriate hygiene

We believe that every child deserves clean water. In 2019 we continued our efforts towards ensuring that the communities we work in, have access to adequate and safe water. Through our innovative solar powered piped water schemes we were able to provide clean and safe water to households, schools and health institutions. We also focused on ensuring disability inclusion in all Water, Sanitation and Hygiene interventions. During the year World Vision Zimbabwe, with support from World Vision US, partnered with Dubai Cares and Sesame Workshop to tackle the health and education needs of children and families through the WASH UP! and WASH UP! GirlTalk programs. These have age appropriate materials for different age groups. They are meant to promote health and hygiene related behaviour change among children in schools where World Vision is currently operating.

## WASH UP!

The WASH Up! Program being implemented in Buhera, Chimanimani, Gwanda and Insiza, has led to the formation of health clubs. Through these platforms young children aged between four to eight years are taught and encouraged on best hygiene practices.

## WASH UP! Girl Talk

The WASH UP! GirlTalk is an innovative project addressing gaps in puberty health and menstrual hygiene management education available for pre-adolescent and adolescent girls and boys. The project also empowers them with practical knowledge about menstrual cycles and proper menstrual hygiene. At the same time it is equipping them with practical skills of making and taking proper care of reusable menstrual pads. Already young girls are making their own reusable pads. This has enabled them to attend school lessons and engage in their day to day activities.



*The pad making sessions have generated interest within the community as they are eager to get raw materials for making the reusable menstrual pad.” Joyline Rushwaya, Health Teacher, Matendeudze Primary School*



**118,008**  
**PEOPLE GAINED**  
**ACCESS TO SAFE &**  
**ADEQUATE WATER**



**47,593**  
**LEARNERS**  
**REACHED THROUGH**  
**WASH UP! &**  
**WASH UP! GIRL TALK**

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## We are responsive

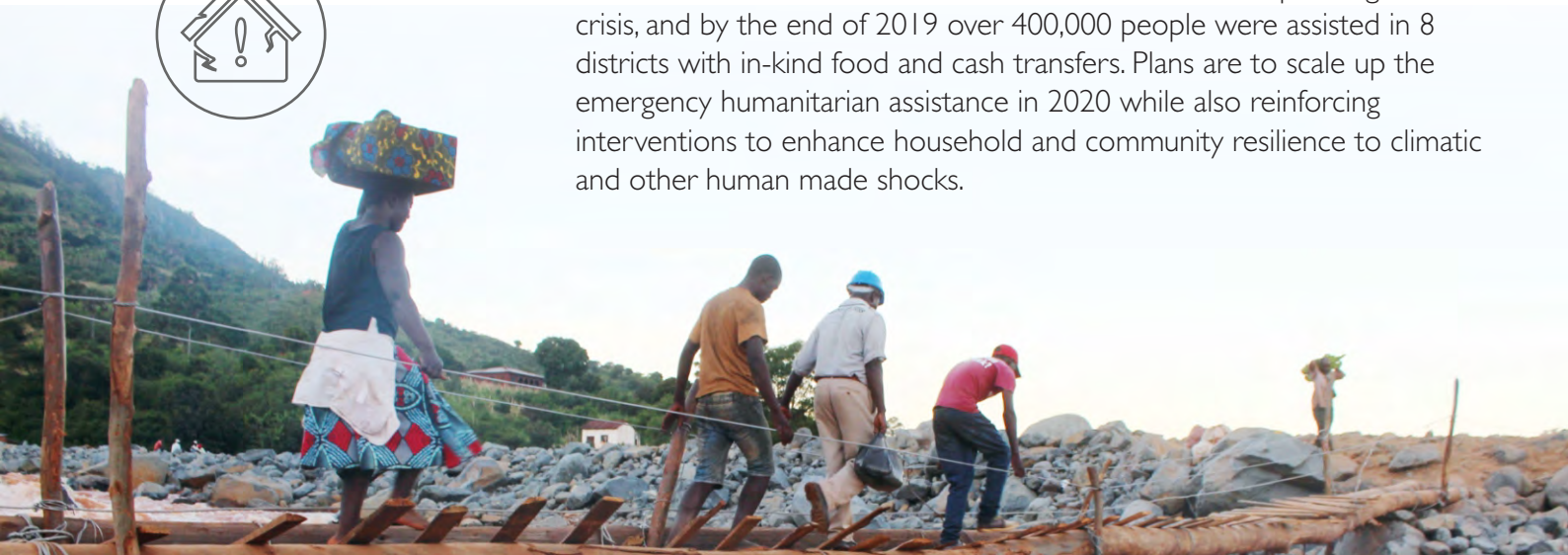
*It is half past 2 in the morning, you are asleep with your family in a peaceful village in Zimbabwe. Suddenly, you are awakened by the sound of tree branches cracking and boulders hitting against your mud hut. You get out of bed only to realise that you are knee deep in water- inside your home! As you try and step out of your door in the dark to investigate, you are suddenly swept away by the river that has formed through your compound.*

On 14 March, 2019, tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall in Zimbabwe resulting in the loss of lives, affecting 270,000 people and damaging about 95% of road networks, along with other critical infrastructure in districts. World Vision Zimbabwe was one of the first responders to this emergency and has assisted 249,495 people through various interventions since! The following is a summary of key WVV interventions:

RESCUE	RESPONSE	RECOVERY
<p>Food and other kind assistance</p> <p>50,655 people provided with life saving food assistance</p> <p>18,228 people assisted with shelter and non-food items</p>	<p>Emergency education, nutrition support and protection</p> <p>17, 134 children benefitted from child protection support</p> <p>1,374 children under 5 years screened for malnutrition</p> <p>18,228 people reached through Health and 23,222 benefitted from Education interventions</p>	<p>Water, Sanitation, food security and Shelter</p> <p>102,482 people assisted through food security interventions</p> <p>Rehabilitation of 18 boreholes</p> <p>80,847 people benefitted from construction of sanitation facilities in damaged schools and homes</p>



Zimbabwe is also grappling with a drought that has seen 7 million people in need of food assistance. World Vision Zimbabwe is responding to this crisis, and by the end of 2019 over 400,000 people were assisted in 8 districts with in-kind food and cash transfers. Plans are to scale up the emergency humanitarian assistance in 2020 while also reinforcing interventions to enhance household and community resilience to climatic and other human made shocks.



**We are thankful to the partners for the support during the response**



# ADVOCACY

## Advocacy and Policy Influence

For World Vision, Advocacy is an integral part of how we contribute to the well-being of children. Therefore, it is central to the pillars that form the core of the organization's programming. In the past year, our main focus was on further implementing WVI's global campaign called "It takes a world" which in Zimbabwe has been focused on ending sexual violence against children. To this end, we continued to mobilize communities and key stakeholders to further raise awareness on issues around sexual violence against children and the importance of prevention and response services. At the same time, we continued working with partners to address policy gaps and inconsistencies to create an enabling environment where children fully enjoy their rights. Key highlights of the Advocacy work in 2019 are shown below:



## It takes a world

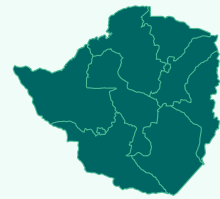
to end violence  
against children

World Vision Zimbabwe joined its global WV partners in implementing the "It Takes a World to End Violence against Children" Campaign. Zimbabwe is focusing on ending sexual violence against children. A total of 1,296,781 children were reached through various media and grass root commemorations, community dialogues and awareness campaign activities and policy advocacy programs from local to national level. Over 100,000 adults were directly reached through community based initiatives.

### Local Level Advocacy

We continued to ensure the agenda set at national level is supported by evidence from local initiatives and feedback from communities. To this end, 517 people in communities where WV is operating, including government stakeholders were trained in Citizen Voice and Action, an advocacy approach used to promote social accountability at various levels.

**517 people trained in  
Citizen Voice &  
Action  
reaching  
71,323 people**



### National Level Advocacy

At National level, the organization continued to work with partners to engage policy makers in addressing critical legislative and policy gaps affecting the child rights sector. The primary focus in the past year was advocating for the alignment of laws to the new (2013) constitution. This was also guided by the newly developed and published Child Rights barometer report which maps the status of child rights in the country. To date, WVZ has been among the leading organizations in advocating for the alignment of laws, including the Marriage Bill to end Child Marriages through strategic engagements with policy makers at both local and national level.

### Child Protection and Safeguarding in Cyclone Idai Response

WVZ has been deliberate in its child protection efforts following Cyclone Idai. An often ignored area in disaster response, we ensured 500 children benefited from Child Friendly Spaces and were provided with trained facilitators for psychosocial support. This contributed to the restoration of normal life for the affected children and ensured the re-activation of community based child protection systems by training over 231 community people in Child Protection in emergencies and first aid in emergencies.

## FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT



WV recognizes the importance of faith and how this shapes the world view of communities where we operate. In the past year a total of 173,107 children participated in spiritual nurturing activities through WV Area Programs, working in collaboration with communities as well as church and other partners. Core models like Vacation Bible Schools, school and community Clubs, Prayer Bands and local church services were used in reaching out to communities. Close to 25,000 children benefitted from the following three core models: Dare to Discover, Empowered World View and Celebrating Families. Children who participated in trainings reported having become more confident in expressing themselves and relating with each other in a healthy manner and in facing up to challenges they encounter on a daily basis. They are now able to use their new found self-assertiveness to stay away from risky behaviors and to understand the dangers of early child marriages. A total of 150,000 Journey to Hope books were distributed to youths in schools and churches. This brought greater awareness on issues such as sexual abuse and further promoted the message from our “It takes a World to End Violence,” campaign.

## SAFEGUARDING AND SPONSORSHIP

### Safeguarding

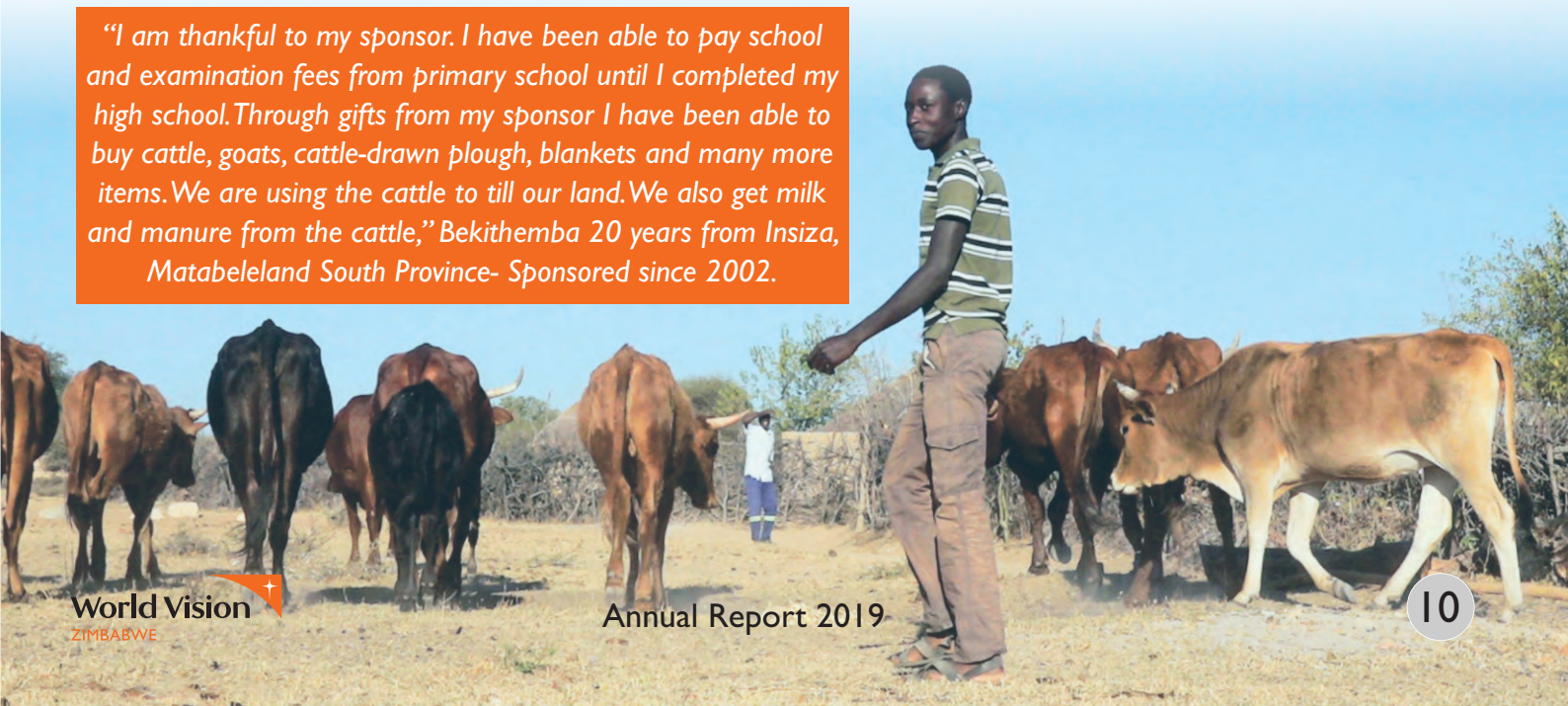
World Vision continues to prioritize awareness raising among its staff, partners and communities where it operates, with a clear “zero tolerance” approach to any form of abuse of power or exploitation. During the past year, an updated safeguarding policy was introduced globally, including in Zimbabwe, which puts a strong emphasis on the protection of both children and adults across all our operations.

A total of 571 WVZ staff and volunteers were trained on the new Safeguarding Policy in 2019, strengthening staff capacity to protect child and adult beneficiaries from all forms abuse. To date, over 70,000 community members have been sensitized to the policy through various community level programs, increasing community understanding of their rights, child rights and entitlements, role of humanitarian actors like World Vision employees, and the proper management of cases of abuse.

### Child Sponsorship

World Vision’s approach to sponsorship continues to evolve while the fundamental objective remains focused on ensuring key developmental interventions in communities where WV operates, positively impacting the well-being of children. By end of financial year 2019 WVZ had 69,969 sponsored children against the planned target of 67,389 which is a 103% registration status. World Vision is thankful to the faithful contributions of thousands of individual supporters around the world. As WV moves more into digital platforms and new ways of connecting sponsors and the children that are sponsored, we are seeing renewed interest and commitment to supporting various interventions in the field that have greater impact.

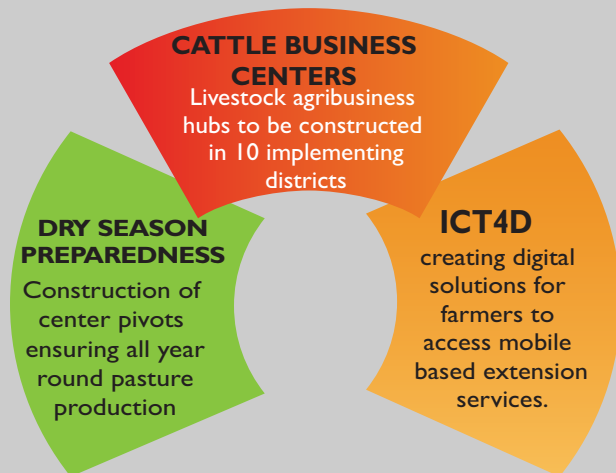
*“I am thankful to my sponsor. I have been able to pay school and examination fees from primary school until I completed my high school. Through gifts from my sponsor I have been able to buy cattle, goats, cattle-drawn plough, blankets and many more items. We are using the cattle to till our land. We also get milk and manure from the cattle,” Bekithemba 20 years from Insiza, Matabeleland South Province- Sponsored since 2002.*



# GRANTS...a quick overview

## Beef Enterprise Strengthening and Transformation (BEST)

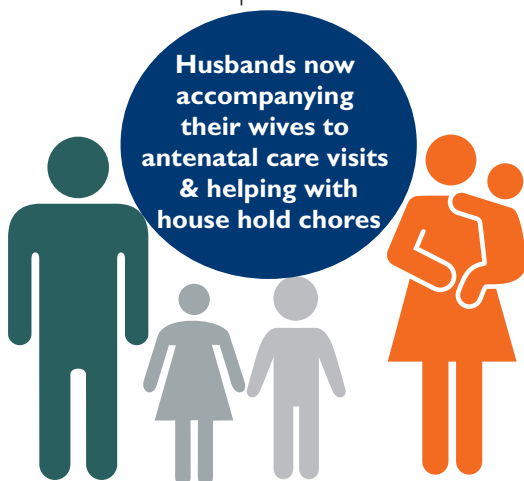
BEST is a European Union funded project under the Zimbabwe Agriculture Growth Programme, and is being implemented in Manicaland, Masvingo, Mashonaland Central, Midlands and Matabeleland North. World Vision in collaboration with Welthungerhilfe and Sustainable Agriculture Technology are the implementing partners. The project also collaborates with the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council and Zimbabwe Agriculture Development Trust. The project seeks to create competitive beef value chain that promotes enhanced trade, employment creation, food security, and inclusive green economic growth by 2023. Project participants include 24,900 small to medium beef producers and 100 emerging commercial farmers. To date, the project has registered about 50% of the targeted beneficiaries including women and youths. Improved household incomes will indirectly benefit children as they will enjoy improved well-being, access to school fees and general food security for the whole family.



## Enhancing Nutrition, Stepping up Resilience and Enterprise (ENSURE)

Since its launch in 2013, the USAID funded ENSURE program has improved the lives of more than 218,000 women, men and children in six districts of Manicaland and Masvingo Provinces. It has also enhanced irrigated agricultural production and marketing, small live-stock production and marketing.

The program which is closing in 2020, increased access to irrigated land of 114 hectares to 4,519 households in ENSURE food insecure communities. The program recorded improvements in maternal and child nutrition practices. Prevalence of stunted children under the age of 5 in ENSURE areas at 20% (baseline 28%) with the average coping strategies index increasing to 46% (baseline 29%). There has been an improvement in household income generation through village savings and lending-related activities. Communities have also enhanced their disaster risk reduction and preparedness, community resilience-related asset creation and management as well as gender equity. The program is implemented by a consortium of partners with World Vision Zimbabwe as the lead agency alongside CARE, SNV and SAFIRE. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics is a service provider in helping communities develop their own resilient solutions.



# GRANTS...a quick overview

## Improving Gender Attitudes, Transition and Education outcomes (IGATE-T)

According to UNICEF 32% of girls in Zimbabwe are married before the age of 18 and 4% are married before their 15th birthday. *A mother at 16, double orphaned with a husband she last saw a year ago, Tatenda's eyes carry the weight of the life she has had to endure at a tender age.*

*I dropped out of school at Form 3 and shortly after, got married and pregnant simultaneously.*



This is the reality of the majority of rural girls currently being equipped with vocational skills such as sewing, catering and cosmetology through IGATE Project's Community Based Education (CBE) component. This is an IGATE initiative for school drop outs in 9 Districts of Zimbabwe which is equipping out of school youth with functional literacy, financial numeracy and entrepreneurial skills that enable transitioning to the next level of life. With a target of 73,492 girls and boys, the project is working to ensure that children in and out of school are not left behind. CBE has brought life and excitement to communities severely dejected by the prevailing drought and economic challenges. Youth in various Vocational Training Centers in IGATE's 9 Districts have completed modules on functional literacy with a total of 934 girls and 269 boys having completed module on mentorship. The initiative has been welcomed with open arms by guardians in communities who continue to express gratitude for the prospect of their children having a better chance at life. The project is funded by the Girls Education Challenge through the UK Department for International Development.

**IGATE is targeting 73,492 girls & boys so that in & out of school children are not left behind**



## Zimbabwe Emergency Response to Acute Malnutrition (ZERAM)

Funded by Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Germany Relief Coalition, the ZERAM project was implemented with the aim of "Contributing to reducing hunger and malnutrition among the most vulnerable communities in Muzarabani and Lupane districts." The ZERAM project distributed food using commodity vouchers to 60,000 beneficiaries from November 2018 to April 2019. It established 30 Savings for Transformation groups with a membership of 614 households. A total of 57 Care Groups were established equipping 2,732 caregivers with skills and information to reduce malnutrition. Malnutrition in the wards of operation declined from 30% to 15%. One borehole was mechanized using a solar powered pump and 11 were fenced supporting 559 households. The project set up 45 PD Hearth sites and gardens.

**50%**  
ZERAM contributed to 50% reduction in underweight over the past year

# GRANTS...a quick overview

## Ensuring Nutrition, Transforming and Empowering Rural Farmers & Promoting Resilience in Zimbabwe (ENTEPRIZE)

In the face of the current drought, the ENTERPRIZE project implemented a number of agriculture, nutrition, rural finance and market development interventions. A total of 63,158 farmers were reached with trainings on new agricultural technologies and management practices. The project also promoted the active participation of women and men smallholder farmers for equal access, control and utilization of resources using the Gender Action Learning System approach. A plurastic extension approach including various Information Communication Technology enabled platforms and applications such as EcoFarmer, Whatsapp, audio podcasting and Kurima Mari were used to increase farmer reach. In response to the invasive fall army worm, the project intensified awareness on the management of the pest and other trans-boundary diseases management reaching 19,591 farmers.



Consumption and farming of diversified foods was promoted through bio fortification trainings among other nutrition information shared with 48,860 farmers. Additionally, positive changes in behaviors on breastfeeding including child feeding frequencies and general hygiene were also observed during the year.

In order to increase household income, farmers were linked to markets, especially the private sector, for input and output marketing and currently 3,592 have contract farming arrangements. The project had 1,326 Internal Savings and Lending Groups and 13,714 members in the past year.

The project is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) through the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Palladium. Implemented in Bindura, Mt Darwin and Guruve districts by a partnership led by World Vision Zimbabwe. The project partners with the Farmers' Association of Community Self-Help Investment Groups, and the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).



**63,158**  
**PEOPLE TRAINED ON  
CLIMATE SMART  
AGRICULTURE**



**48,860**  
**PEOPLE REACHED WITH  
BIO-FORTIFICATION &  
NUTRITION SENSITIVE  
INFORMATION**



**5,403**  
**YOUTH FARMERS  
REACHED WITH  
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION &  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
TRAINING**

# GRANTS...a quick overview

## Helping communities survive disasters through preparedness

We act before, during and after disasters strike. Our early warning preparedness involves equipping communities with risk knowledge, surveillance and monitoring. This also includes information dissemination and strengthening response capabilities often providing assistance to the most vulnerable. We want children to have access to clean water, food and shelter.

Funded by the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid through World Vision Netherlands and World Vision Finland, the project is implemented by World Vision Zimbabwe in collaboration with Mbire and Muzarabani communities, the Department of Civil Protection and other partners. Since May 2018, the project has been helping communities prepare for disasters and minimize the risk to lives and livelihoods. Two warehouses were constructed and equipped with emergency non-food items namely; tents, buckets, blankets and soap to assist people in case of a disaster. We trained 40 District Civil Protection Committee members from both districts. A total of 3,000 farmers were also trained on climate smart agriculture, while 60 teachers were taught on disaster risk reduction in education. For early warning of impending natural and man-made threats such as flooding, four hydrologic gauging stations were installed along major rivers (Angwa, Manyame and Msengezi) that pass through the two districts.



**3,000 farmers were trained on climate smart agriculture**



**60 teachers were trained on disaster risk reduction education**



# AUDITED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS. We are Stewards

As we continue to build brighter futures for vulnerable children and their communities, we are grateful for the support and resources we are entrusted with. They are a trust from God through donors. We are faithful to the purpose for which they are given and manage them in a manner that brings maximum benefit to the most vulnerable.

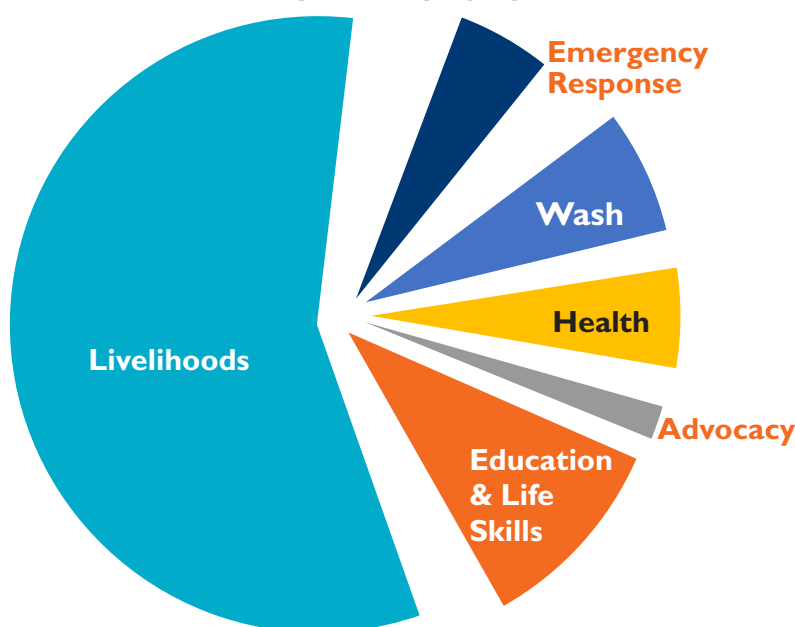
## Income

	US\$	%
Governments, UN Agencies, Multi-lateral institutions, Sponsorship, Private sector and World Vision Support Offices	32,466,436	63%
Resources in Kind	15,230,374	29%
Local Funding and Private Non Sponsorship	4,238,252	8%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>51,935,062</b>	

## EXPENDITURE

	US\$
Program Costs (cash only)	31,855,056
Resources in Kind	15,230,374
Support Services Expenses	3,485,124
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>50,570,554</b>
Funds for future use	1,364,508

## EXPENDITURE BY SECTOR



In implementing programs, WVZ collaborates and partners with various Government of Zimbabwe Ministries, institutions and departments. WVZ is grateful for funding support received from local and international sources. In addition to thousands of individual contributors who support our programs we also received funding from the following;

### Support Offices

- WV Australia
- WV Canada
- WV Germany
- WV Finland
- WV Hong Kong
- WV Netherlands
- WV South Korea
- WV Spain
- WV Switzerland
- WV Taiwan
- WV UK
- WV US

### Governments and Multi-lateral Institutions

- European Union
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- Start Fund Network
- SADC Groundwater Management Institute
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- FAO
- WFP
- UNICEF
- UNFPA & others

### Private Sector, Foundations & other funding partners

- Aktion Deutschland Hilft
- Anglo American
- Beza International Church (Ethiopia)
- Delta Corporation
- Disaster Emergency Committee
- Dubai Cares
- Ecobank
- Education Cannot Wait
- Ferrovial (Spain)
- First Capital Bank Zimbabwe
- First Mutual Life
- Great Hollands Free Church
- Higher Life Foundation
- Learning for All
- Learning for Humanity (Canada)
- Pfizer Foundation
- Proctor and Gamble
- Profuturo (Spain)
- Standard Chartered Bank of Zimbabwe
- World Bicycle Relief



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