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Our National Impact Report 2021



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## List of Abbreviations

Corona Virus Disease 2019 ( <b>COVID-19</b> )
Community Health Management Committee ( <b>COMM</b> )
Community Health Workers ( <b>CHW</b> )
Child Protection ( <b>CP</b> )
Citizens Voice and Action ( <b>CVA</b> )
Design Monitoring and Evaluation ( <b>DME</b> )
Education Youth Empowerment ( <b>EYE</b> )
Financial Year ( <b>FY</b> )
International Non-Governmental Organization ( <b>INGO</b> )
Intermittent-preventive treatment ( <b>IPTP</b> )
Long Lasting Insecticide treated Nets ( <b>LLINs</b> )
Neglected Tropical Disease ( <b>NTD</b> )
National Covid-19 Emergency Response Centre ( <b>NaCOVERC</b> )
Non-Governmental Organization ( <b>NGO</b> )
Registered Children ( <b>RC</b> )
Ready to Use Therapeutic Food ( <b>RUTF</b> )
Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organizations ( <b>SLANGO</b> )
Time Targeted Counselling ( <b>ttc</b> )
United State Agency for International Development ( <b>USAID</b> )
United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund ( <b>UNICEF</b> )
United States Dollars ( <b>USD</b> )
Unlock Literacy ( <b>UL</b> )
World Vision ( <b>WV</b> )
World Vision International Sierra Leone ( <b>WVISL</b> )
Women and Youth Strengthening ( <b>WAYS</b> )
Water Sanitation and Hygiene ( <b>WASH</b> )

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The pages you are about to turn contain the World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVISA) 2021 Annual Impact Report.

The year 2021 marked the first year of our five years (2021 – 2025) strategy implementation which seeks to contribute to the well-being of 1,737,570 most vulnerable children (886,075 boys and 851,485 girls) in their communities in eight districts (Bo, Bonthe, Pujehun, Kono, Koinadugu, Falaba, Western Area Rural and Western Area Urban) of Sierra Leone.

This year was characterized by the COVID-19 hardships that are cushioned by the progressive lift of restrictions, the reduction of the WVISA's annual budget by 18 per cent compared to the 2020 annual budget, and the uncertainties we all found ourselves navigating through. In the midst of such an environment, WVISA together with our partners, positively impacted the lives of 519,894 children (51 percent being girls) across our operational areas in Sierra Leone.

As we progress towards achieving Our Promise of a brighter future for the most vulnerable girls and boys in this country, our focus remains on these four priority sectors: Health and Nutrition, Education, Child Protection and Advocacy, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Within these sectors, gender equality and social inclusion, disability awareness, faith and development, and disaster management are well mainstreamed.

In this same year, WVISA transitioned out of four chiefdoms (Gbane in Kono District and Serabu, Bumpe, and Tikonko in Bo District respectively) where our long-term community development programmes, contributed significantly to improving reproductive, maternal, infant, and child health indicators. This performance and many others in Education, Child Protection, and WASH sectors have been recorded thanks to an effective partnership between WV and communities, local leaders, government sectors ministries, and other like-minded organisation.

Furthermore, WVISA commenced implementation of its Area Programmes in Koinadugu District (Kamukeh, Wara Wara Bafodia, Kalian and Neini Chiefdoms) in response to the call to serve the most vulnerable children irrespective of their geographical locations. Stepping into these Chiefdoms at the extreme North-Eastern Region of Sierra Leone means we are seizing new opportunities to go further than we can imagine. While the development funding space remains stretched with high requirements of innovation and cooperation, we have reasons to thank God for His faithfulness, our donors, and particularly the thousands of individual sponsors who have been supporting us financially over the years, through the WVISA child sponsorship programme.

In 2022, we shall continue to implement our plans in 24 APs operating in 34 chiefdoms in Sierra Leone.

The interventions include COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and uptake in the Western Area and in the other six districts where we work. We shall continue to roll out public and private grant-funded projects to support Maternal and Child Health, Education (with the use of digital technology) and WASH.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all the donors for their faithful support of WVISA programmes. I thank members of our communities, including children and their leaders, and the Government of Sierra Leone from national to local levels. Furthermore, I thank the various partners, all the staff members, and the Advisory Council members of WVISA for their collaboration and commitment that greatly contributed to this year's impacts and achievements.

It takes us all to improve and transform the lives of the most vulnerable children in this country. May God bless Sierra Leone abundantly.



**Sagane Thiaw**  
National Director - World Vision International Sierra Leone

# Impact Report 2021 – Foreword

# Keeping Our Promise

The World Vision International Sierra Leone Strategy (FY21-25) is based on our Global partnership strategy, 'Our Promise,' which represents a bold commitment to the most vulnerable girls and boys to transform their lives and bring hope. The changes the world is experiencing are a stark illustration of the importance and relevance of 'Our Promise' to the world's most vulnerable children, and of realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

FY21 marked the first year of World Vision International Sierra Leone FY 21-25 Strategy Cycle, this was against the backdrop of a world changed by COVID-19 and its aftershocks. The pandemic has exposed the global inequalities that the most vulnerable children and their families suffer. In light of the ever-changing context, WVI Sierra Leone has remained agile, innovative and adaptive to ensure that our strategy remains relevant in addressing threats to children.

Above all, the WVI Sierra Leone office celebrates God's faithfulness through many key achievements which include the following:

**Living out our Christian faith and calling with boldness and humility-**The office built integrity as a strong Christian partner, capable of stimulating a diverse mix of faith actors in support of collective action for children. In FY 21, WVI Sierra Leone reached 43,404 children through faith based programming including spiritual nurture for children.

**Deepening our commitment to the most vulnerable girls and boys:** In FY21, WVI Sierra Leone reached slightly over 450,000 most vulnerable children, which translates to 87% of the total number of children served through WVI Sierra Leone programmes. WVI Sierra Leone started implementation of activities in two Area Programmes in Koinadugu District thus expanding its reach to the most vulnerable children.

**Focusing our ministry for greater results by being impact driven:** WVI Sierra Leone conducted end of programme evaluations for five Area Programmes [Gbane, Gorama, Serabu, Bumpe and Tikonko APs]. The findings showed that there is a general improvement in the health status of children under five and women of child bearing age. In Tikonko AP proportion of children 0 – 59 months who slept under long lasting insecticide treated mosquito net increased from 46% (2014) to 85% (2021); in Gbane AP the proportion of infants whose births were attended by skilled birth attendant increased from 67% in 2014 to 98% in 2021. Lastly, in Gorama AP the proportion of women who attended at least four ANC visits increased from 41% (2014) to 80% (2021).

**Collaborating and advocating for broader impact:** WVI Sierra Leone in collaboration with National Children's Commission enabled boys and girls to engage Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and Ministry of Finance during the review of Sierra Leone Medium Term Development Plan (2019 -2023). Children

asked the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development to plan and budget for activities that will end sexual violence against children in Sierra Leone, deployment of more trained and qualified teachers and more learning materials. The organizations contributed to government policy change and implementation and reached 1,386,435 children through these policy influence actions. It reached 789,509 children through its It Takes A World Campaign to end sexual violence against children.

As an organisation, we have committed to finding new ways to work together through changing our mind sets and behaviours to realise the God-given potential among us. The FY21 Our Voice results, provide very encouraging signs of the progress we have made to align our mindset and behaviours. Staff (86%) said that they see people in WVSL working together across different teams, departments and functions to help achieve Our Promise. They (78%) confirmed that the processes they are using to do their work are as simple as possible. These scores evidence a significant step forward in changing our mindsets and behaviors to realize "Our Promise."

Finally, despite the socio-economic landscape that is replete with threats on child well-being, WVI Sierra Leone is grateful to its partners and supporters who have made it possible to make significant progress in improving the well-being of children especially the most vulnerable within their families and communities.





## We are World Vision

**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.

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our more than 37,000 staff work hard to empower children to live lives filled with joy, become all Jesus created them to be and to go further than they could ever have imagined.

Guided by more than 70 years of experience and expertise, our dedicated staff employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

As a leading global partner, we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope and, as a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, with our partners have positively impacted the lives of more than **519,894 children in Sierra Leone** and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

We are privileged to serve and work to see relationships restored and communities transformed, all as a reflection of God's unconditional love. And, we humbly acknowledge that without the goodness of God and the generosity of donors, we would not be able to do what we do.

# Overview of Sierra Leone

## priority sectors

Today, World Vision supports more than 519,894 (254,748 boys, 265,146 girls) children through 24 long-term area development programmes in 34 chiefdoms in Bonthe, Falaba, Bo, Kono, Koinadugu and Pujehun districts.



### Health & Nutrition

Health and Nutrition programming in FY21 contributed to the increase in children protected from infection and disease by promoting uptake of health behaviors, increasing access to health services and mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on health systems and communities. We implemented globally tested project models such as timed and targeted counselling to address the primary causes of maternal and child morbidity and mortality. We scaled up the use of Commcare digital technology to amplify health and nutrition outcomes from one to five districts in Sierra Leone. All these would have not been possible without the tremendous support and collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Faith Leaders, Local non-governmental organizations such as AWE-SL and CADA.



### Education

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect schooling in FY21. However, the situation improved towards the end of the Financial Year as schools re-opened after a long break. World Vision puts premium in ensuring that children especially the vulnerable, girls and those living with disability enroll and stay in school. The sector scaled-up efforts to reach vulnerable children through digital learning platforms to ensure that education did not stop even in emergencies. To accomplish this, we trained teachers so that they can have capacity to support children's literacy and helped communities, parents and caregivers to provide needed support for their children's learning. We supported the government radio teaching programs by supplying solar powered radios to vulnerable households to ensure that children continue to learn at home. We leveraged digital technology to improve numeracy and literacy outcomes in forty primary schools spread across four districts in Sierra Leone.



### Child Protection & Advocacy

Emergencies such as COVID-19 predispose boys and girls to abuse, violence, exploitation and child labour. Despite the raging pandemic, World Vision International Sierra Leone continued to work with child protection advocacy groups to promote child protection and strengthen reporting and referral pathways. We continued to build the capacity of children and facilitated them to engage decision makers at district, national, regional and global level. We sustained our campaign to end sexual violence against children. Young researchers in Koribondo – Jaiama Bongor Chiefdom in Bo district carried out a study to identify of child vulnerability and whether most vulnerable children received support especially during the pandemic.



# Overview of Sierra Leone priority sectors



## Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

In FY21, sustained its efforts to ensure that boys and girls especially the most vulnerable access clean and potable water and are protected from water related diseases. We drilled solar mechanized boreholes especially in hard to reach communities; constructed sex separated and disability friendly latrines with menstrual hygiene facilities for girls and women; and sensitized caregivers, children and general public on the importance of hand washing especially in the context of COVID-19. World Vision launched its Business Plan (2021 – 2025) which calls for strong collaboration between Government, donor agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, private partners and general public to increase access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation in communities, health care and education facilities in Koinadugu, Falaba, Kono, Bo, Bonthe, Pujehun and Western Area districts. In this ambitious plan, the office envisions that by 2025, 489,540 people will access water, 344,320 will access sanitation services and 1,497,337 will adopt sanitation and hygiene practices.



## Livelihoods

COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions adversely affected livelihoods of communities. Restrictions prevented traders from engaging in their usual business activities, they could not access stock on time nor reach out to their customers in periodic markets. Farmers consumed seed stock due to the increasing food insecurity. Savings for Transformation (S4T) groups acted as social safety net for vulnerable communities in World Vision area of influence. S4T members borrowed loans from their groups to meet immediate household needs and provide for their children. Members also access social fund and supported needy members and other vulnerable community members. World Vision has formed 987 S4T groups in six districts. The groups have 23,772 (7,163 men, 16,609 women) members, majority of whom are single mothers, widows and widowers. As at the end of FY21, the groups had saved \$1,164,869 and had \$145,425 in their social fund account.



## Cross-Cutting Themes

World Vision International Sierra Leone documented promising practices in Gender Equality and Social Inclusion from its former Women Empowered for Leadership and Development project. The office engaged women and men to understand how the project addressed barriers to women's participation in their social, economic and political rights in Sierra Leone. It expanded savings for transformation program to reach more vulnerable women in hard to reach areas in Koinadugu and Falaba districts, train S4T members on how they can report cases of abuse especially gender based violence and provide immediate psychosocial support to victims of abuse. We also popularized the Radical Inclusion in Schools policy to ensure that no child is left behind from attaining quality basic education. World Vision collaborated with Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs and other civil society organizations to advocate for the enactment of the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Act. We remain an active member of the Non-Governmental Organizations (SLANGO) and the international Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) forum.







# Child well-being

World Vision's child sponsorship programme creates a special relationship between sponsored children, their families, communities and sponsors that contribute to the transformation of all toward wholeness of life, with dignity, justice, peace and hope.

World Vision sponsorship projects are designed to meet the most pressing needs in a sponsored child's community. For every one sponsored child, several others experience the benefits from World Vision's programmes - such as improving water and sanitation, health and nutrition, education, child protection, spiritual nurture, and economic development through savings for transformation which provides better income opportunities for their parents. This is because funds are pooled for their community rather than sent directly to the child's family, leading to an even bigger impact.


In 2021 World Vision Sierra Leone continued to deepen its commitment to the most vulnerable, through the 'It Takes Sierra Leone to End Sexual Violence against Children' campaign, to ensure children are protected from all forms of violence and abuse, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We prioritized the monitoring of our Registered Children (RC) to ensure their presence, protection and participation in programme activities.

World Vision Sierra Leone's actual Registered Children level is **61,928** children (**37,777 girls** and **31,151 boys**).

**3,119**  
Children,   
who benefited from gift notification.

**8,015**  
Children,   
oriented to child sponsorship and how it enables child wellbeing.


**11,158**  
Children,   
under 18 years old who were cared for by savings for transformation group members.

**131**  
Children,   
who participated in the Sierra Leone mid-term development plan review process.

**342**   
**Local Partners,**  
trained on sponsorship monitoring.

## Our COVID-19 RESPONSE

166,618   
**People,**  
 reached with preventive  
 behavior messages on  
 COVID-19.


51,074   
**People,**  
 received C-19 Vaccine  
 promotion message.

4,516   
**Community-level  
 public hand-washing  
 stations (tippy taps)  
 established or  
 maintained for  
 COVID-19 prevention.**

74   
**Health Facilities  
 Supported with  
 Infection prevention  
 and control (IPC)  
 materials.**

6,739   
**Faith Leaders**  
 Male and female  
 disseminated  
 preventive messages for  
 COVID-19 prevention.

728  
**CHWs**  
 trained and supported to  
 provide community based  
 services for COVID-19  
 prevention and control.

6,073   
**IEC,**  
 COVID-19-related  
 materials printed and  
 distributed.

1,100  
**Handwashing**  
 supplies distributed for  
 COVID-19 prevention.

148  
**Medical  
 Personnel,**  
 provided with personal  
 protective equipment (PPE)



12,670  14,100   
**FaceMask, Gloves,**  
 distributed to health facilities, health  
 workers and communities.

34,952   
**Children**  
 reached with targeted, age-specific  
 health education.



3,404  
 Children supported with face-masks to  
 protect them from COVID-19 during  
 national examination.



Overall, **1,105,414** people were reached through World Vision intervention in Sierra Leone

**254,748**  
**BOYS**



**265,146**  
**GIRLS**



**291,188**  
**WOMEN**



**294,332**  
**MEN**



**478,017**  
**Adults**

were reached by projects funded by sponsorship.

**425,619**  
**Children**

were reached by sponsorship funded projects.

**107,503**  
**Adults**

were reached by projects funded by grants or PNS projects.

**94,275**  
**Children**

were reached by projects funded by grants or PNS projects.



**519,894**  
**Children**

**585,520**  
**Adults**

were reached in total in 2021.

# Our National Impact 2021

1,488

Adolescent,

Boys and girls completed life skills curriculum and improved their public speaking, negotiation and self-awareness skills.



1,441

Community,

members who were actively engaged in improving access to essential health services for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children



104

Health,

facilities in World Vision programme areas that reported no stock outs of Oral Rehydration Salts and zinc for diarrhea case management



109

COMMS,

that are actively promoting maternal newborn and child health interventions

557

CHWs,

male and female that implemented the ttC model to improve maternal, newborn, child health and nutrition.



101

Grand Mother,

groups that are functional in our programme areas.

88

Mother,

support groups that are functional in our programme areas.



88

CVA,

groups that monitored health services and advocated for improved service delivery.



29,993  
Boys,



28,572  
Girls,

benefited from solar powered radios that were distributed to support remote learning.

282



Reading Camp,

facilities that actively facilitated reading camp activities.

201

Schools

supported with teaching and learning materials

1,451

Men members,



1,284

Women members,

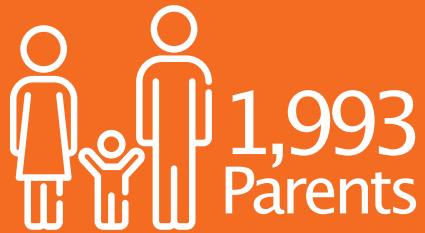
trained in courses/workshops that tackle positive discipline (ie. Celebrating families, and other CP issues)

71

Dialogue & Lobbying,

meetings conducted by communities on child protection.





**1,993**  
Parents

**demonstrated increased knowledge in positive disciplining and other CP related issues.**



**8,015**  
Boys & Girls

**oriented to child sponsorship and how it enables child wellbeing.**

**More than**  
**11,158**  
Boys & Girls

**under 18 years old were cared for by savings for transformation group members.**

**Over**  
**4,576**  
Households



**constructed sanitation facilities,**



**1,003**  
Faith Leaders

**trained in Channels of Hope, WASH, Celebrating Families and Empowered World View.**

# Financial Summary

## Sustained funding is bringing hope to vulnerable communities in Sierra Leone

Thanks to the generous support and contributions from individuals, institutions, government agencies and corporations, World Vision International Sierra Leone's total budget for FY2021 was approximately US \$16.2 million (cash, food resources, donations and donated products also known as Gifts in Kind). This funding allowed us to deepen our impact in rural communities bringing transformational development while reaching out and bringing hope to the most vulnerable children in Sierra Leone. An eighteen (18%) percent budget decreased compared to FY202 budget of approximately US \$19.8 million mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through these generous support and contributions, you have enabled us to impact the lives of five hundred and nineteen thousand, eight hundred and ninety four (519,894) children through direct implementation and three million two hundred and fifty thousand, seven hundred and twenty nine (3,250,729) through policy influence for enhanced well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable in twenty-four (24) Area Programs (AP's) in addition to over nine (9) other non-sponsorship funded projects.

The charts below show the funds World Vision International Sierra Leone received in FY2021 (October 2020 to September 2021), and how these funds were spent.

## Income/Expenditure Summary

Resource Type	FY2021 Budget (USD)	FY2021 Spend (USD)	% Ratio
Cash	15,138,433	15,067,021	94%
Gift-in-Kind (GIK)	1,017,426	1,017,426	6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16,155,859</b>	<b>16,084,447</b>	<b>100%</b>


Intervention	FY2021 Budget (USD)
Systems strengthening for child survival	2,839,999
Unlock Literacy for Quality Education	2,956,689
Integrated Health for Child Survival	5,512,318
Multi-Sectorial	4,774,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,084,447</b>



# Our 2021 Operational Map

World Vision International Sierra Leone  
 25 Area Programs operates in 202  
 Sections, 36 Chiefdoms, 6 Districts in 3  
 Regions (South, North and Eastern region).

**World Vision International Sierra Leone  
 Operational Map**

-  National Office
-  Area Programme Region
-  Regional / Cluster / Area Programme Offices
-  Capital City
-  Districts
-  WV Operational Districts



# Our Partners (local and International)

In addition to our collaboration with the Government of Sierra Leone, World Vision works with like-minded individuals and organizations to achieve the well-being of children. This includes, but is not limited to the following partners:



## Our Support Offices

- World Vision Austria
- World Vision Canada
- World Vision Germany
- World Vision Hong Kong
- World Vision Ireland
- World Vision Netherlands
- World Vision South Korea
- World Vision Spain
- World Vision Taiwan
- World Vision United Kingdom
- World Vision United States





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LEGIBLE ADP GEN. SET WILL  
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LEAKS IN BATH ROOMS  
KAMPALA, UGANDA

World Vision



**World Vision** is a movement of people motivated by our desire to serve God and improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world. We believe that a country, and a world, where all children are protected and free from extreme poverty and able to reach their full potential is possible.

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

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