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Board Chair's Foreword



In 2022, amidst numerous humanitarian challenges, our vision “for every child, life in all its fullness”; and prayer “for every heart, the will to make it so” has never been more crucial.

In alignment with the Country Strategy 2021-2025, I am happy to report that World Vision in Uganda made tremendous progress in improving the wellbeing of children and families in deprived communities.

The organisation's dedication towards improving the wellbeing of those in greatest need is confirmed by the over 3.5million vulnerable children

impacted by World Vision's work. These children now boast of better relationships with their families and are thriving within their communities. Through the health programme, children aged 0-5 years are getting much needed nourishment, and improved immunity.

Another key milestone has been registered in tackling illiteracy through an increase in primary school enrolment. This feat sets the foundation for building a better future for the country.

In the face of economic turbulence emanating from multiple crises, the services of VisionFund have been proven critical. During this fiscal year, the Board strengthened its collaboration with VisionFund (World Vision's sister microfinance organisation).

I have witnessed the work done in empowering livelihoods through collaboration with VisionFund. Households were supported to sustain themselves in the face of escalating prices on essential commodities. VisionFund's affordable financial services have paved a recovery path for business enterprises and education financing.

The achievements and insights shared in this report are reflections from a diverse range of stakeholders. This year, we focused on empowering children and involving them in diverse issues; among them, reviewing the strategy processes. They shared how World Vision work has impacted their lives and communities. They also identified key areas that could be improved, which we have committed to fully explore.

To all our partners in Uganda and all over the world; thank you for giving children hope through your heroic support.

To sustain these achievements, the Board has approved the implementation of a range of policies to strengthen World Vision's efficiency and resilience to carry on its “Promise” to the children.

For the year ahead, the Board will continue supporting programme innovations and partnerships, with particular emphasis on local partners. I am confident that we will continue to transform the lives of many more vulnerable children, families, and communities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I convey sincere appreciation to all of you for your tireless contributions and efforts during the financial year reported.

God bless you all.

George W. Nyeko

National Director's Message



2022, the second of our five-year strategic journey, was a trying one. We persevered through the challenges and came through with some pleasing results. Our strategy is focused on improving the lives of 5.2 million children annually. Despite facing challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity in the Karamoja and West Nile regions, the escalating essential commodity prices due to the Ukraine-Russia conflict, we were able to impact the lives of over 4.6 million children with multi-sectoral interventions.

Our mapping identified the most vulnerable as children facing extreme deprivation or in abusive, exploitative relationships.

We are inspired by the fact that 3.6 million children of those we served could be categorised as the most vulnerable in the country.

Through our partnership with Government, community, donors and supporters, a team of dedicated staff and volunteers, we were able to respond to the needs of these vulnerable children. They required support in areas such as health, food and nutrition, water, sanitation and education. This has been achieved through the use of our community-based programming models which incorporate structures such as the “Household Engagement Clusters” and Village Health Teams (VHTs).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government instituted school closures as a measure to contain the spread of the virus. Despite the closures, community school management committees mobilised parents and caregivers to support continuity of learning in household clusters. This enabled close to one million children in our Area Programmes to continue with their education.

Community Change Groups (CCGs) further educated parents on Child Protection issues and how to report perpetrators of child abuse. Owing to this intervention, we recorded over 130,000 parents and caregivers who are now knowledgeable about Child Protection issues and laws.

Village Health Teams (VHTs) and gender balanced Care Groups ensured households adopt positive behaviour and practices to reduce the disease burden. They educated parents and caregivers on the prevention and management of common childhood illnesses including malaria (the primary cause of child mortality in Uganda), diarrhoea and respiratory infections.

Through the “Citizen Voice and Action” (CVA) programming model, communities advocated for improved health service delivery. In some Area Programmes, this resulted in increased Government allocations for health facilities, medical staff housing and other vital infrastructure.

We will continue to partner and collaborate with communities at the forefront for greater impact. I acknowledge the Government of Uganda, partners, supporters, staff and volunteers for their extraordinary efforts in serving the children.

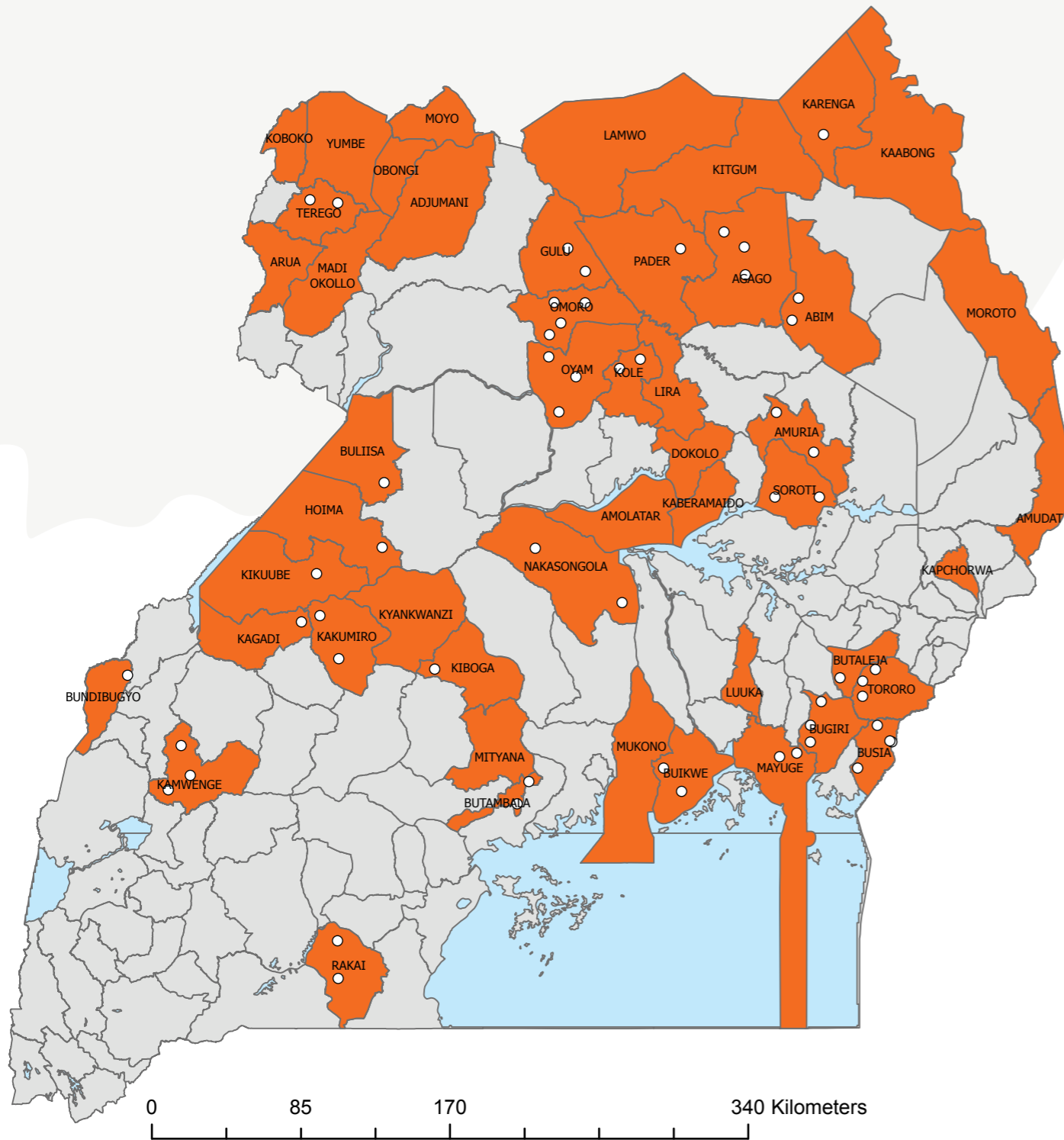
Finally, it is important to acknowledge the pivotal role that the Board of Directors played in achieving the significant milestones highlighted in this report.

Jason Evans

Our Presence

World Vision worked with local communities in 49 districts across Uganda to enhance productivity and livelihoods of children and their families.

- World Vision Uganda areas of intervention
- Water bodies



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| 1 | ABIM | 30 | KYANKWANZI |
| 2 | ADJUMANI | 31 | LAMWO |
| 3 | AGAGO | 32 | LIRA |
| 4 | AMOLATAR | 33 | LUUKA |
| 5 | AMUDAT | 34 | MADI OKOLLO |
| 6 | AMURIA | 35 | MAYUGE |
| 7 | ARUA | 36 | MITYANA |
| 8 | BUGIRI | 37 | MOROTO |
| 9 | BUIKWE | 38 | MOYO |
| 10 | BULIISA | 39 | MUKONO |
| 11 | BUNDIBUGYO | 40 | NAKASONGOLA |
| 12 | BUSIA | 41 | OBONGI |
| 13 | BUTALEJA | 42 | OMORO |
| 14 | BUTAMBALA | 43 | OYAM |
| 15 | DOKOLO | 44 | PADER |
| 16 | GULU | 45 | RAKAI |
| 17 | HOIMA | 46 | SOROTI |
| 18 | KAABONG | 47 | TEREGO |
| 19 | KABERAMAIDO | 48 | TORORO |
| 20 | KAGADI | 49 | YUMBE |
| 21 | KAKUMIRO | | |
| 22 | KAMWENGE | | |
| 23 | KAPCHORWA | | |
| 24 | KARENKA | | |
| 25 | KIBOGA | | |
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Summary

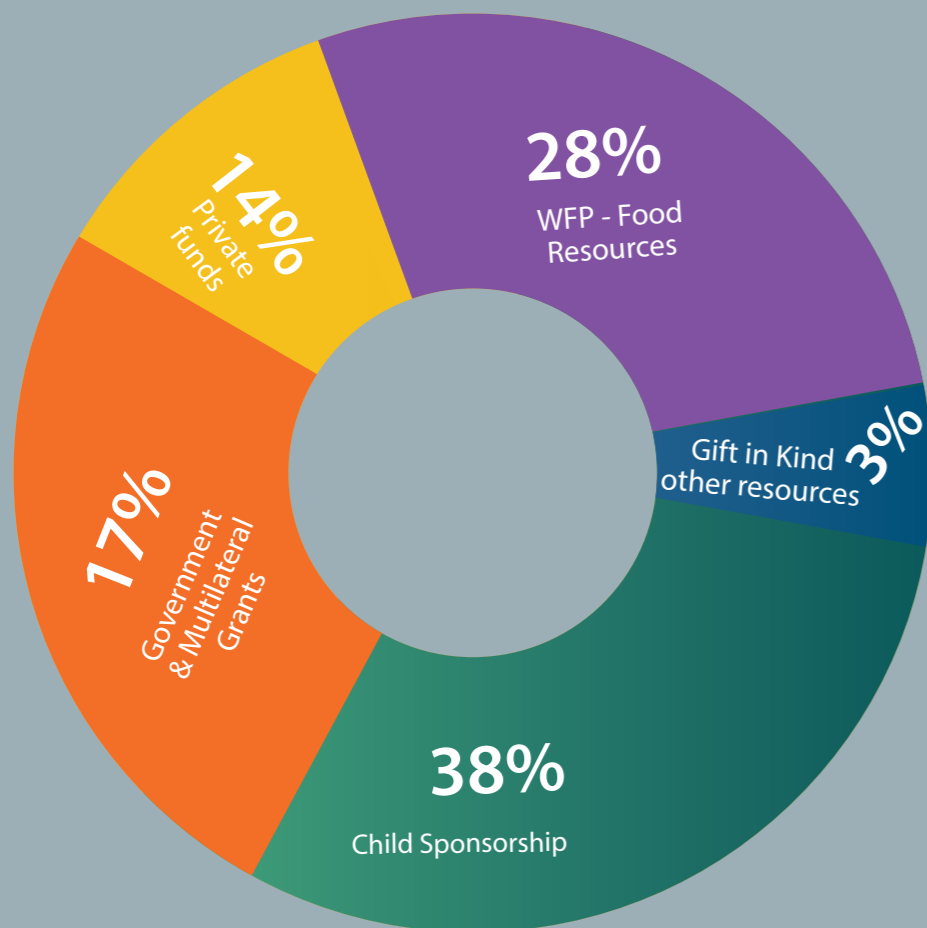
Total Districts:

49

FY'22 Financial Highlights

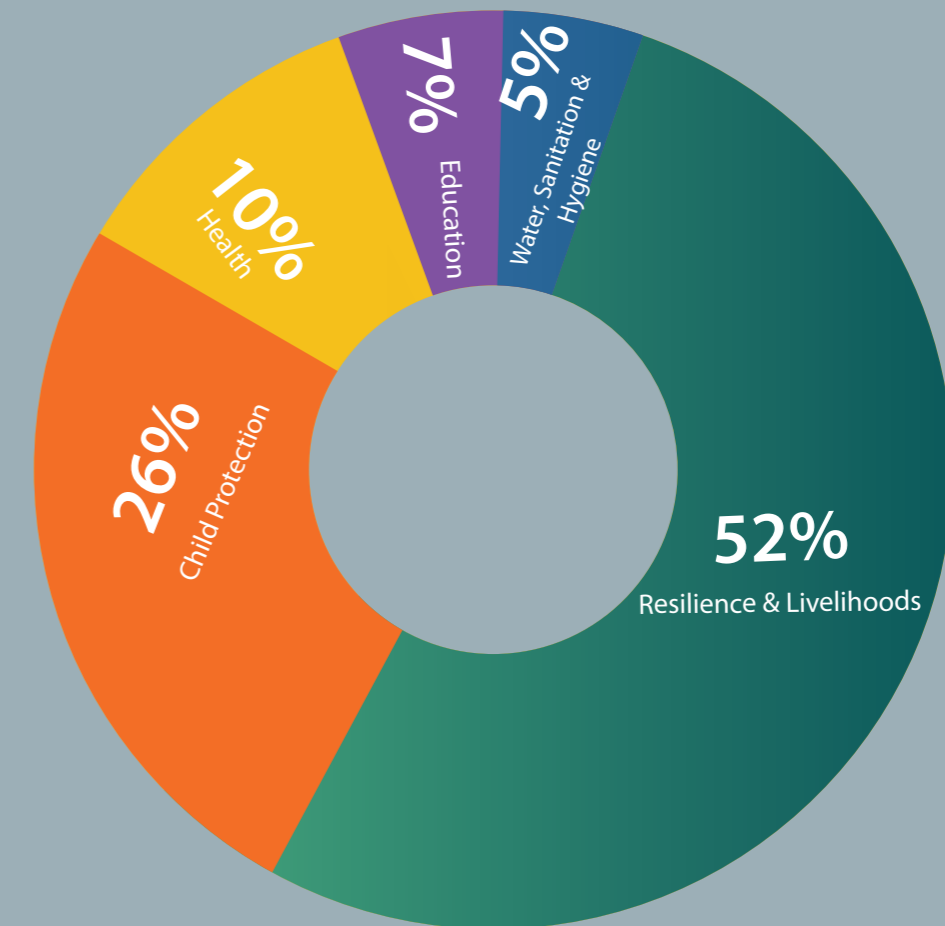
Resources for the Ministry

SOURCE	AMOUNT - USD
Child Sponsorship	26,524,644
Government & Multilateral Grants	12,041,330
Private funds	9,842,783
WFP - Food resources	19,211,109
Gift in kind - Other resources	2,021,309
TOTAL	69,641,175



Ministry Spending by Sector Programming (Cash and Non Cash)

EXPENSE	AMOUNT - USD
Resilience and Livelihoods	34,471,558
Education	4,596,415
Health	6,267,096
Community Engagement and Child Protection	17,439,471
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	3,001,027
TOTAL	65,775,566



Child Protection

SDG Supported





The programme works to build communities where children have positive, peaceful and non-violent relationships with adults and each other. We work with parents and caregivers who we empower to respect, nurture and protect children. During the year, we collaborated with many communities (including schools) that adopt good practices to prevent all forms of violence against children - child marriage, sexual relationships involving adolescents, sexual/gender-based violence and child sacrifice.

We concentrated our interventions in the districts that reported high rates of child abuse, especially those resulting in teenage pregnancies. Another critical area of this programme focussed on Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC). Of concern was an increase in number of programme participants seeking psycho-social support at district hospitals, for example a number of suicide cases were registered among pregnant girls as a result of psycho-social distress. In response, we focused our psycho-social and integrated Child Protection programming towards teenage mothers, and many have been supported to return to school.

38,510

Number of children participating in the Child Protect

5,379

Faith leaders promoting positive norms and practices in the communities

55,088

Children who received remedial services (counselling, food and other basic needs) from faith congregations after experiencing child abuse

120,939

Parents who demonstrated increased knowledge in positive discipline and other Child Protection related issues

30,777

Adolescents that completed & graduated with a life skill

8,835

Number of Child Protection cases reported and followed up in schools

Hope for a Teenage Mother



COVID-19 and the impact of the subsequent lockdown led to a spike in the number of teenage pregnancy pregnancies in Uganda. In response, World Vision scaled up Child Protection interventions to address the issues in the areas that were most affected.

We launched the It Takes A World to End Violence against Children (ITAW) campaign in the Refugee settings. A major aspect of this campaign was to encourage pregnant and teenage mothers to go back to school.

Rose is among the more than 900 teenage mothers who have been empowered with a second chance to go back to school. When Rose found out about her pregnancy, she chose silence in the first month. A few weeks later, she could not hide the pregnancy sickness. Nausea, vomiting and feeling low on energy put her down. Her mother observed and asked if she was pregnant. Rose opened up to her. The mother's disappointment was evident on her face. Rose too felt disappointed because of the high hopes her parents had in her as their first child.

When the news reached her father, he immediately told Rose to leave his home and get married. Frustrated, Rose started looking for her boyfriend in vain. When he learnt about the pregnancy, he ran back to South Sudan and Rose has never heard from him again.

Our Child Protection staff advised Rose's father not to beat her or chase her away from home.

We assured the father that Rose will go back to school after delivery. After several discussions, he accepted Rose back and loved her as before.

Our staff walked with Rose through her pre and post delivery experience. Rose was monitored daily, supported with baby clothing and other necessities. After delivery, Rose resumed school and was able to complete her Primary School level. While at school, Rose's mother took care of her baby. Rose is now focused on her studies. She is studying hard and has a dream of becoming a nurse. World Vision staff continue to monitor Rose at home.



Education

With a goal to contribute to the number of primary school children who can read, this programme seeks to realise;

- Effective and inclusive teaching and learning processes.
- Full participation of children in school and literacy centres.
- Conducive and inclusive learning environments.

SDGs Supported





As a result of the prolonged COVID-19 related school closure, there was an increase in school dropouts from 6.2% to 9.8%. The situation became worse with economic hardships that followed the pandemic. There was an increase in teenage pregnancies, child marriage and child labour thus presenting real enormous accessibility issues for World Vision Uganda staff to reach those in need.

World Vision contributed to the development and roll out of National guidelines for prevention and management of teenage pregnancy in schools. We believe the guidelines will offer a framework to prevent and manage teenage pregnancy. Above all, ensuring teenage mothers will have a right to access educational opportunities as their peers.

There was an overwhelming school enrolling in "Primary One". Many children delayed enrolment because of the school lockdown. World Vision supported teachers to conduct catch-up classes. We worked with the district education structures to provide support continuous supervision and mentorship towards teaching and learning processes. We organised "circles" for teachers to help each other deliver the new abridged curriculum.

Home Based Learning Helped Me Pass My Primary Leaving Examinations



Demita, a 15 year old Registered Child in senior one, who lives with her parents in Gweri, Eastern Uganda, along with two brothers and two sisters. They survive on subsistence farming.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, children were sent home as schools were closed. Children in their final years of education were most affected. They could not access their teachers for instruction as well as materials for reading.

"I experienced a shortage of learning materials and teachers to guide my reading as I prepared for my Primary Leaving Examinations. This left me and my fellow classmates vulnerable to poor performance because we had not prepared for the final exams, and I did not have any reading materials" Demita narrates.

World Vision trained teachers in home-based learning techniques and provided them with home-based teaching materials to guide children during interactive lessons at home. This helped them to continue with their education.

"My teacher visited me at home at least twice a week to support me in subjects like maths and science where I had challenges. The home-based reading materials coupled with support from my teacher played a fundamental role in preparing me for my final Primary Leaving Examinations. I passed my exams with good credits in all the four subjects." Says Demita.

World Vision trained home-based teachers to reach out to all registered children and other learners in the communities we serve. This contributed to over 90 percent of learners (including registered children) in our Area Programmes who performed well in Primary Leaving Examinations.

"I passed my exams with good credits in all the four subjects"

943,146

Total number of children reached

116,137

Primary school children of P.1-P.3 participating in Unlock Literacy interventions

1,682

Teachers trained in unlock literacy methodology

1,294

Teachers trained in the abridged curriculum

1,006

Children at risk supported to stay in school

10,238

Learners who accessed basic hand washing facilities



Health and Nutrition

SDGs Supported



World Vision is committed to partnering with the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Health grass root structures to ensure that interventions are sustainable and owned by the community. To achieve this, we actively participate in national technical working groups for maternal, child health, and nutrition. We are members of the multi-sectoral nutrition coordination platform, which is convened by the Office of the Prime Minister.



During the year reported, we had the privilege of co-chairing the National Food Systems Summit, a platform that facilitated discussions that will improve nutrition for vulnerable children. As part of our collaboration with the Government, we contributed to the development of critical national health strategies. Key to those, was the sharpened Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) plan and the Community Health strategy.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, World Vision worked with the National, district, and community task forces to prevent the spread of the disease, support referrals, and provide psycho-social services to affected families. We partnered to build the capacity of health workers, providing equipment for nutrition assessment, emergency obstetric and new-born care. Through our Village Health Teams and community volunteers, we conducted sensitisation programs on timely uptake of health services, including antenatal services, delivery at health facilities, postnatal care, and immunisation.

Leveraging digital health solutions to improve health service delivery - a case for CommCare

Nulu (40 years old) was going about her daily routine when she felt an unusually sharp pain in her pelvic area as she was walking to the garden to till the land in preparation for the rainy season. She brushed it off as usual fatigue, but the following morning, she could not withstand the pain and decided to go to a health facility. At the health facility, they ran tests and confirmed that Nulu had severe malaria. She received treatment and went back home but the pain intensified.

The following day, Nulu went back to the health facility, where additional tests were run. Nurses broke the news of her six-month-old pregnancy, which was not as exciting as they expected. Nulu broke down in tears and felt hopeless. Nulu was already a grandmother with five children of her own. She had given birth to her last child 14 years ago and had no clue on how to start all over again.



Nulu needed special antenatal care to walk her through the pregnancy. She was attached to a Village Health Team member who monitored and supervised her. World Vision works with Village Health Teams, who use a mobile health monitoring application called "CommCare." With the help of CommCare, Nulu was able to receive timely and targeted counselling throughout her pregnancy, which helped her to overcome her initial shock and to take the necessary steps to ensure a healthy pregnancy.

Nulu's story is a testament to the power of digital health solutions in improving health service delivery, particularly in rural areas where access to quality healthcare is often limited. Digital health solutions like CommCare offer valuable data insights that can inform public health policy and identify areas where resources and interventions are most needed. By capturing and sharing timely information from pregnant women and mothers of children under five, World Vision is able to track trends and identify gaps in service delivery. This informs future programming and investment decisions.

As a Village Health Team (VHT), CommCare has eased my work in unimaginable ways. Being able to directly reach families and administer medicine has helped in rescuing children's lives and reduce overcrowding at the health centers for cases that can easily be managed from home.

49

Facilities supported to have functional Infant Young Child Feeding corners

1,006

People reached by Community Associations to take part, and take ownership of their own health service delivery

121

Care groups engaged with as champions of positive health behaviours

4,538

Number of Village Health Teams who the programme supported

30

Health facilities supported to build capacity of health workers

74,232

Children treated for malaria through the Health Facilities World Vision supported

46,090

Children who are fully immunized at one year

10,238

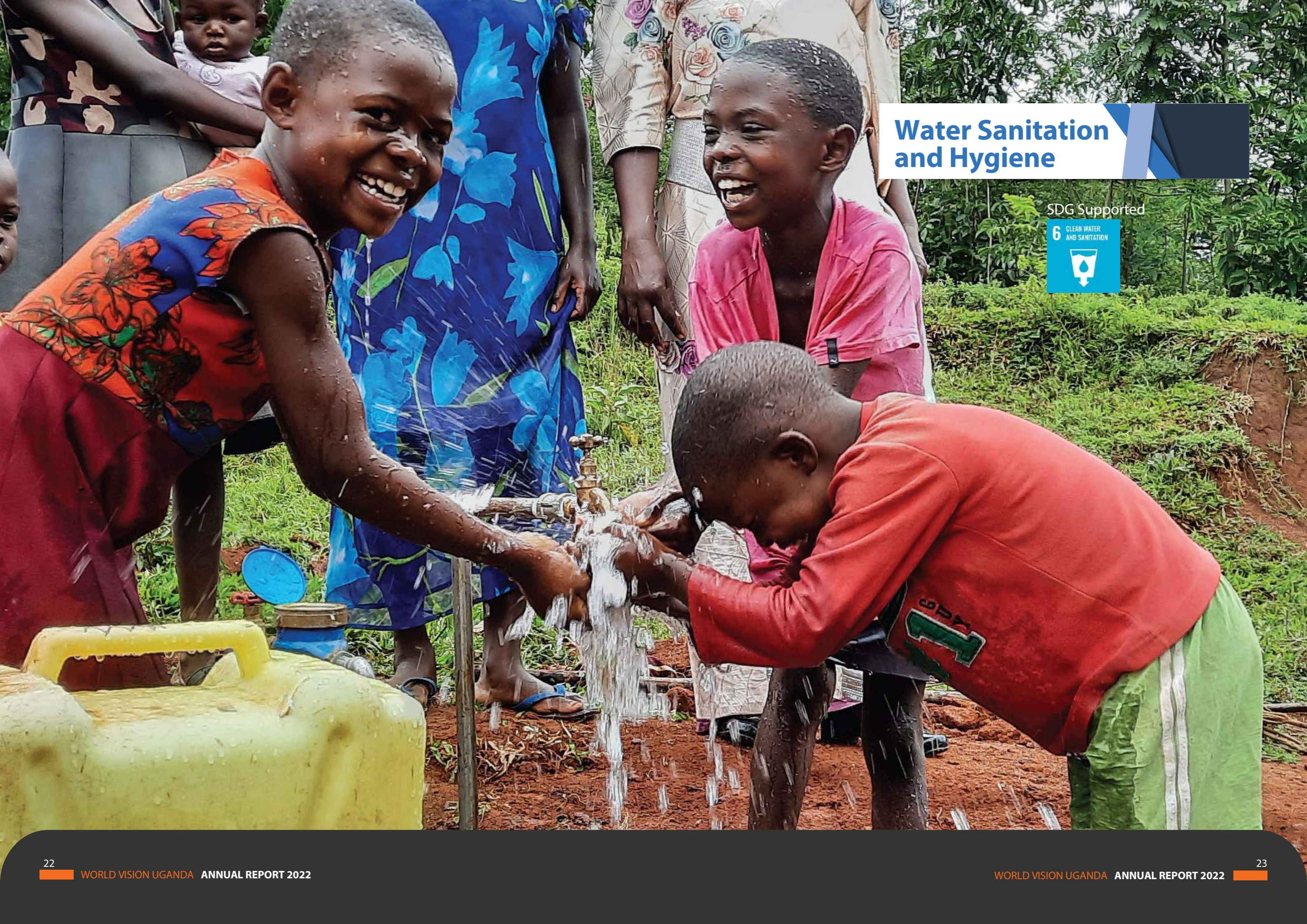
Learners who accessed basic hand washing facilities

51,389

Children 0-5 years who had diarrhoea treated with ORS/ Zinc

108

Mothers Care Groups trained to plan fast growing vegetables that boosted diet diversity at household level



Water Sanitation and Hygiene

SDG Supported

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



This programme works to increase access to sustainable and clean water supply, improved Sanitation and adoption of appropriate Hygiene behaviour change practices among children and their communities.

The households we supported now have the opportunity to irrigate crops and produce food year-round. This not only improved their food security, but also allows children to attend school more regularly as they no longer have to miss school in search of water. A key barrier to accessing clean water and improved sanitation services is affordable financing options.

Our "Household Cluster and Accountability Approach" (HEAA) has been instrumental in ensuring programme success. Through this approach, communities are mobilised to sustain healthy WASH behaviour change. Subsequently, this has accelerated increased access to WASH services. The household cluster approach enables people living near each other, who share similar beliefs, culture or religion to collectively own their development.

536,000

People achieved long-term access to clean water, improved sanitation and hygiene in their homes

102

Primary schools received essential drinking water and sanitation services through the programme

\$ 190,678

Was disbursed to 250 community members with support of VisionFund

\$ 6.5m

WASH funding raised to support the scaling of Programmes across 20 Districts through partnerships with Governments and other partners

66

Health facilities gaining access to BASIC WASH services including connection of water to care facilities

52,420

Children reached with clean Water, Improved Sanitation and Hygiene facilities in education facilities

Affordable loans increase access to clean water



Justine, a resident of Kakabajyo village in Rakai district, Western Uganda, used to walk for half an hour every day to fetch water for her family. She would make this trip three times a day, lugging heavy jerrycans of water back home. However, this changed when she received a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) loan of US\$500 from VisionFund, a World Vision microfinance sister organisation. With this loan, Justine was able to install a rainwater storage tank with a tap at home, giving her access to clean water and saving her hours of walking every day.

"I now have three more hours each day and 21 more hours per week to pursue more beyond water collection," says Justine.

Unfortunately, Justine's situation is not unique. According to Water.org (2022), seven million out of Uganda's population of 45 million people lack access to clean water, and 28 million lack access to improved sanitation. Limited access to affordable financing is one of the main barriers to addressing this crisis. World Vision's collaboration with VisionFund to close this gap has made a significant impact.

Justine's story is a testament to the power of microfinance loans to create meaningful change in people's lives by increasing access to clean water and improving sanitation and hygiene in communities. Approximately 1,250 people in Rakai district now have access to clean water and improved sanitation and hygiene facilities, a result of extending affordable WASH loans to them. Thirty-one percent of borrowers are women like Justine, who are often the most affected by the water crisis.

"We celebrate the lives transformed. In pursuit of our vision of clean water and sanitation for all, we are scaling impact – exploring new markets and financial solutions to help change the lives of people in need," says Paul Oyesigye, World Vision's WASH manager in Uganda.

"This solution works because it recognizes people as consumers with autonomy and empowers them to define their futures," says Adriane Basiima, Vision Fund's business and integration manager in Uganda.

Resilience and Livelihoods

SDGs Supported





This programme's main goal is to contribute to improved resilience and livelihoods of 367,578 most vulnerable households for sustainable well-being of children by 2025. We aim to reach more than 1.8 million children by 2025.

The programme works to ensure that;

- Households have sufficient, sustainable income to meet their basic needs.
- Households have sustainable access to sufficient nutritious foods.
- Households are resilient to environment and climate shocks and stresses.

Breaking barriers: The Remarkable Story of an entrepreneur's success



Margaret lives with her family along Hoima- Kakumiro road. The mother of five is a successful entrepreneur from Kibaale district.

Her journey to success started with participating in the World Vision organised financial literacy training in Kakindo community. "We were encouraged to form savings groups, but my needs were too many and urgent. World Vision linked me to VisionFund for microfinance support," says Margaret.

Equipped with knowledge and skills in making safe investment decisions, Margaret approached VisionFund for a loan to start a produce store. Today, she owns a chain of businesses including a produce store, a grocery shop, a mobile money kiosk, poultry and piggery farm, employing five community members.

She has supported all her children to complete their education, bought a piece of land and constructed a family house which she uses for business. She plans to access a bigger loan to buy a vehicle to solve her transportation needs and expand into other profitable business ventures.

Margaret represents more than 6,400 successful community members from Western Uganda trained in financial literacy and accessing enterprise financing facilities from VisionFund to grow businesses and build better lives for their children.

"We registered improved production and markets across all the regions we served. In Northern Uganda, farmers had good markets for Soy and sunflower. In eastern, there was an increase of prices for staple food crops like; cassava, millet, groundnuts and maize. In western Uganda, mixed farming thrived with a realisation of increased milk production, food and cash crops."
~Technical Lead.

652,412

Number of children impacted by the Resilience and Livelihoods programme (378,399 girls, 274,013 boys)

82,517

Number of households in our Area Programmes demonstrating a positive mindset change

190,678

Number of savings groups trained and functional after first share out (1st cycle)

30,786

Number of households in programme locations using energy-saving technologies (solar and energy efficient cook stoves)

37,857

Number of households in programme locations trained on improved post-harvest handling practices

30,445

Number of households in programme locations that have adopted agro-forestry techniques



Refugee Response

SDGs Supported

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



We have made significant progress in consolidating previous gains towards realising sustained development for the refugee communities served. Our efforts focused on strengthening Child Protection structures, empowering livelihoods and integrating education programming to provide holistic services to the children. The Refugee Response in partnership with World Food Programme and other partners, has sustained food and cash distributions for two challenging years.

This year, we achieved a key milestone by integrating advocacy into our refugee programming. This has allowed refugee children through their “parliament” and other forums to amplify voices about issues that concern them. The establishment of two nexus Area Programmes is a significant achievement that deserves recognition. It represents a successful integration of both humanitarian and long-term development interventions. Two nexus based Area Programmes in Odupi and Omugo settlements were started in collaboration with World Vision New Zealand and World Vision Switzerland.

7,600

Refugee households / host communities have been impacted by this programme

1,200+

Acres of land that have been cultivated for food crops like cassava, sunflower, beans, soybeans, rice, groundnuts & vegetables

2,953

Child ambassadors / Registered Children as a result of establishment of two nexus Area Programmes



Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration boosts Rashid’s income and crop yields

Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) is a low-cost and simple technique for enhancing degraded or barren land. It encourages selective pruning to safeguard living tree stumps and roots within a degraded environment. FMNR enables protected trees to regenerate while simultaneously boosting soil fertility and crop productivity.

About 30 percent of the land in Uganda is highly degraded. The “Bidibidi” refugee settlement is one of those whose land has been degraded due to the increasing populations and activity. World Vision introduced FMNR to address low agriculture productivity, food and economic insecurity, malnutrition and other resultant factors from land degradation.

Rashid, a father of five, has no regrets after embracing Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) in his Bidibidi community, Yumbe, district. Rashid treasures tree planting. He likens trees to children who must be protected and nurtured to grow healthy for posterity. After practising Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration technique, Rashid has cultivated over three acres of land for mixed food, cash crops and tree growing for domestic timber.

“I used to cut down trees indiscriminately. I was naïve. I didn’t know the use of trees in the garden”, says the 40-year-old Rashid. Rashid harvested 25 bags of cassava, enough for food for his household, neighbours, as well as to sell.

From this harvest he earned an equivalent of about USD 614. Additionally, Rashid has a cassava demonstration garden that earns him close to USD 1,400 per season from the sales of cassava cuttings. There are two cassava seasons in a year. “This is good money. I have never had such harvest and earnings before. FMNR is doing me wonders. I’m even saving something I thought wasn’t possible”, he says.

Rashid’s dream is for his community to be food secure. “I thank my friend Sebi for opening my eyes and taking me through the natural steps of maintaining high soil fertility. I have doubled my yields since I started regenerating trees and shrubs in my gardens. I want to share my experience with others –not just keep it to myself”, he says.

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Disaster Management

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Disaster Management



More than half of the children we serve are in fragile context communities, which have experienced, or are more prone to disasters. The year was characterised by natural disasters; famine, COVID-19 and an influx of refugees. Uganda received 146,593 new refugee arrivals from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo during the reporting period, 80% of them being women and children. Additionally, an estimated 518,000 people in Uganda's Karamoja region face a famine induced hunger crisis with about 900 people feared dead. Uganda is one of 25 countries included in World Vision's global hunger response.

14,021

Agro-pastoralist Households given knowledge on Early warning signs and empowered for early action

459,543

People (including 302,330 children) who were reached through Multi Cash Transfer assistance

30

Districts supported to develop disaster management contingency plans

42,401

People reached through the Covid-19 response. (20,629 Children)

1,221

Household clusters/groups and 162 sub counties supported to update their Disaster Preparedness Plans

224

Disaster Risk Reduction Committees at parish/sub county level

Hidden Hero

Over the last 7 years, World Vision has responded to the South Sudanese refugee influx, supporting children in danger of both emotional and physical harm. Responding to Child Protection in a fragile environment like refugee settlements requires incredible resilience and commitment.

Staff in the response have created extraordinary impact in the lives of vulnerable children as humanitarian efforts remain crucial in shaping the future of children and survival of those in need. Bright Kemigisa is one of the remarkable staff who has dedicated considerable time in ensuring refugee children live dignified lives and thrive.



She joined World Vision in 2016 as a volunteer in Adjumani district and persistently and passionately served, offering psycho-social support to refugee children at the peak of the refugee influx.

Her devotion to find durable solutions to issues affecting children saw her grow in the role from a volunteer to full time staff implementing holistic Child Protection practices in Adjumani. Later, Bright was transferred to Bidibidi in order for the organization to fully tap into and utilize her potential in supporting child-well-being, in Africa's largest refugee settlement.

She has earned trust and respect from children, community structures, partners and other stakeholders. Her great work ethic has earned her admiration by fellow staff.

"Working with refugees calls for extra time and effort. I am always satisfied when I see refugee children regain their hope through our Child Protection programmes," says Bright.

Bright is motivated by the need to create long-lasting change in the lives of children and contribute to positive and peaceful relationships in their families and communities.

"I grew up in a humble family and started supporting my mother and siblings at a young age. As I interact with the children, I see the young version of myself in some of them. I feel they too can become someone if given the service they much deserve," she adds.

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Community Engagement and Child Sponsorship

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Community Engagement and Child Sponsorship

Connecting sponsors with children and their communities to address the root causes of poverty and injustice



Through Child Sponsorship, we care for children, families and communities. We ensure our sponsors connect and feel inspired by the work they support. Using mobile technology solutions and virtual engagements, we were able to strengthen our relationship with child sponsors.

We registered a 94 percent sponsor retention record. This performance enabled the establishment of (4) more Area Programmes in Eastern and Northern Uganda. These regions have a high vulnerability rating. Uganda is the Global CHOSEN and Church Partnership Innovation and Learning HUB. CHOSEN is an innovation that empowers children to choose their sponsors. 61 CHOSEN events were hosted during the year, enabling at least 2700 children to choose their sponsors.



The Registered Children have been empowered and transformed. This has been through participation within the Child Development and Participation Centres (CDPCs). These spaces have enabled children to play, gain life skills and spiritual growth.

We strengthened the Community Volunteer Associations (COVAs). A total of 1,779 COVA members were trained to coordinate sponsorship operations. The COVAs engage children and their families to ensure improved child wellbeing. Households and communities are empowered to manage their development.

A major development was the extension of sponsorship operations to the Refugee hosting areas

"Child Sponsorship brings people and partners together to make a difference in lives of children. Bringing children to the centre of their wellbeing decisions increased child participation. Views of the most vulnerable children and their families are being taken into consideration by local Governments."— James Kaahwa, Senior Sponsorship Manager

147,366

Registered Child
(49% boys and
51% girls)

850

Registered children with
disabilities served

61

CHOSEN events were
hosted enabling at least
2700 children to choose
their sponsors

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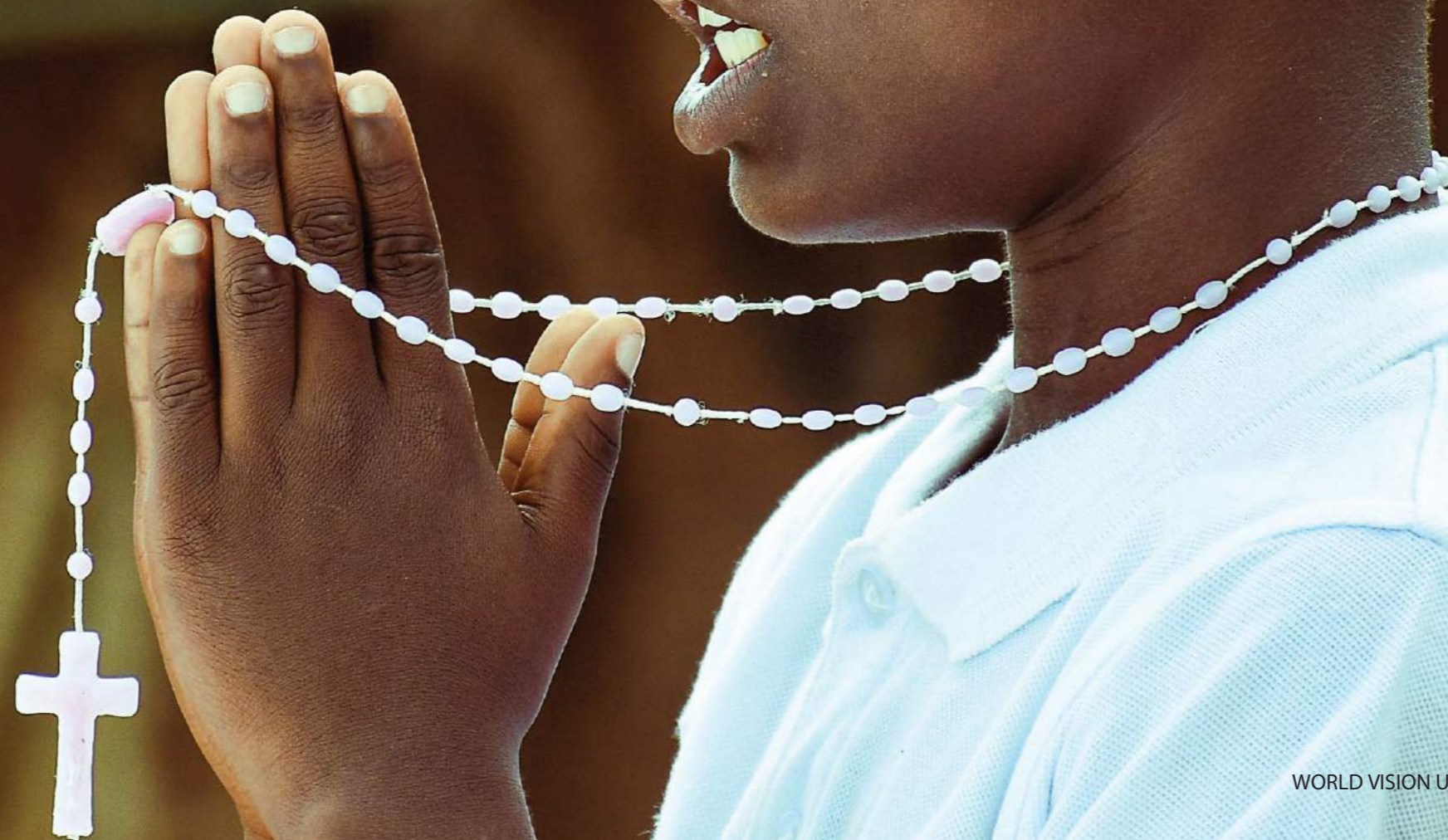
New Area Programmes
launched in Eastern
and Northern Uganda

1,779

Community Volunteers
Association members
trained to coordinate
sponsorship operations

Faith and Development

SDGs Supported





As a Christian organisation, faith is the foundation for our work. We have mainstreamed faith in all our development programmes. The Faith and Development programme focused on; Building and strengthening partnerships with Churches and Faith Based institutions.

World Vision promotes violence free environments for children. Partnering with “Becoming one”, a faith based couples counselling programme, we seek to reduce intimate partner violence. We also empowered Faith Leaders to improve marital relationships in the community.

We implemented an “Empowered Worldview (EWV) model”. This innovation aims at transforming mindsets and hearts from dependency to personal responsibility. Over 95% of the participants for the EWV training reported a positive mindset change.

60,000

People skilled to create social change in their communities through the Empowered Worldview Model

479

Faith leaders who were supported in couple counselling

4,700

Couples reached with Couple Counselling to have peaceful families

62

Staff trained to implement Faith and Development Models

28,000

Households empowered to utilize their talents and local resources to address poverty

Empowered Worldview

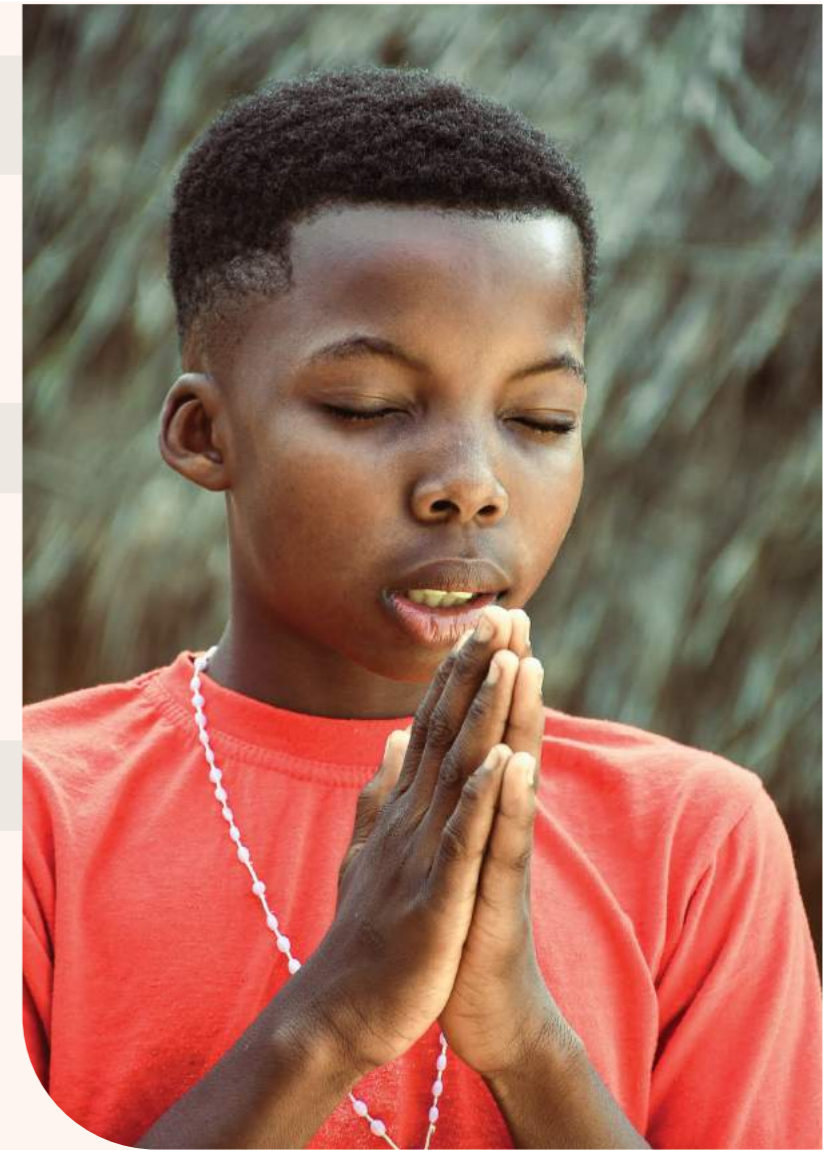
Begins with transforming the mindsets of individuals to become agents of change.

Celebrating Families

Begins with empowering parents/ caregivers to create a safe and nurturing environment for children’s spiritual nurture within families

Channels of Hope

Begins with empowering faith leaders and faith communities to address harmful social norms and actively contribute to improving child well-being.



After my Empowered Worldview encounter, I discovered that some of us out of our wrong perceptions and choices aren’t living but merely surviving, which isn’t God’s intention. I just can’t believe that I was engaged in such a wasteful lifestyle since my wife had a car and I had one. We resolved to sell one and I was able to start a produce business and coffee plantation. The future is bright.

~Nelson Naturinda, Nutrition Officer - Advocacy, Right2Grow Project

Advocacy

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Policy changes achieved through implementation of existing policy, budget changes and adoption of new laws and policies.

44

Area Programmes reported having supported communities to advocate for improved service delivery in Health, Education, and Child Protection structures.

SDG Supported

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



100%

Our commitment to enhancing child participation in decision making and development processes



Children at the centre of Policy Change

2022 was yet another year where we deepened our advocacy with and for children. Children participated in local, national and international forums and spoke out on issues of health, education and protection from all forms of violence.

World Vision supported regional consultative meetings with children on the development of a strategy on Ending Child Marriage and Teenage Pregnancy 2022/2023-2026/2027. This provided an opportunity for children and other local Government stakeholders to influence strategic areas of focus for the new strategy. Through children's parliaments, children contributed to influencing the passing of council resolutions on ending Gender based violence in Butambala, Kibaale and Mpigi districts.

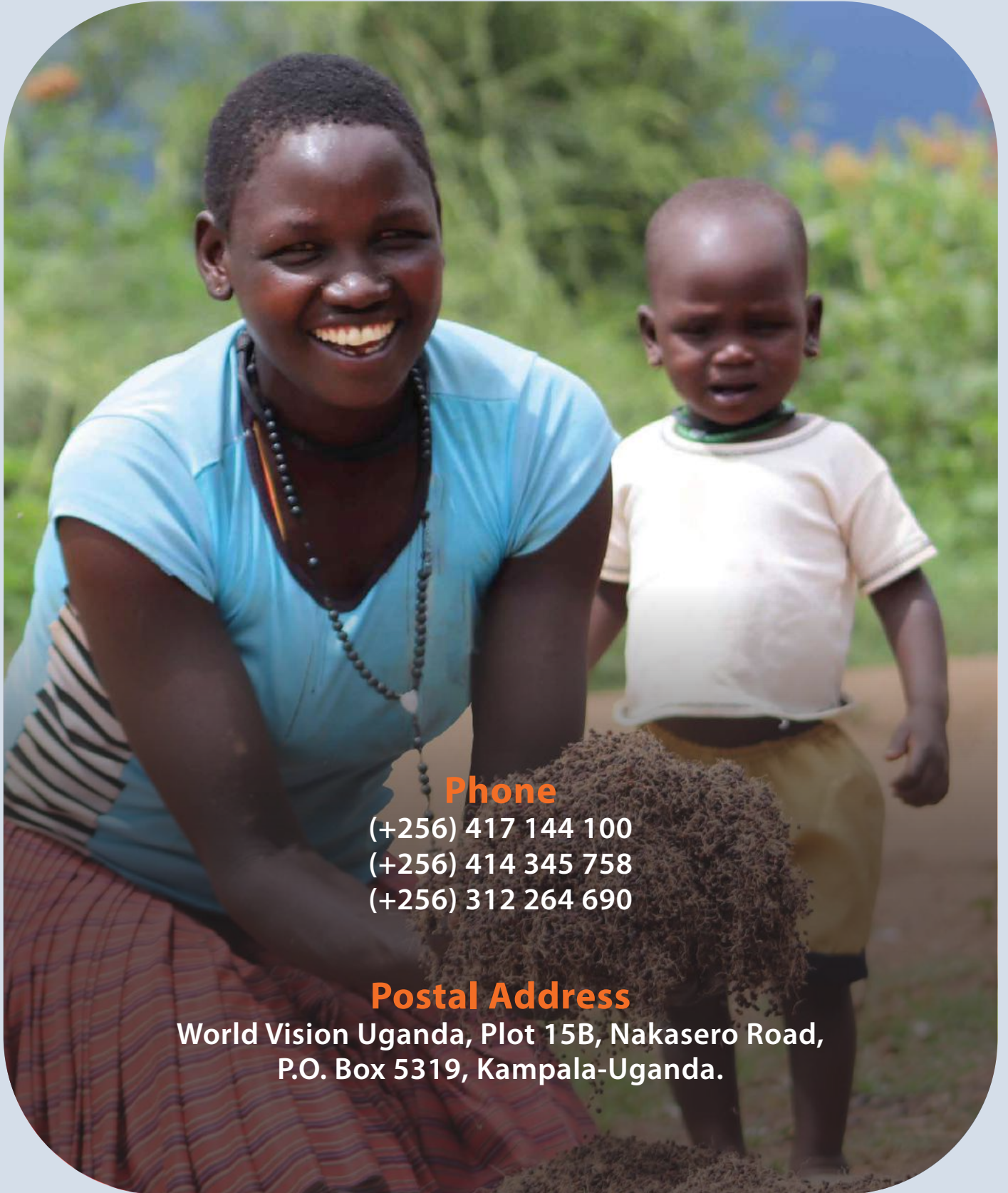
At the International Day to Protect Education from Attack, a group of 35 children in Rhino Refugee Settlement (West Nile region) advocated for their protection and rights to education. The Minister of State for Primary Education, Hon. Joyce Moriku Kaduchu presided over the commemoration event under the theme; Transformation for Education in Emergencies. The engagements have strengthened political will to support education in emergencies. World Vision was also nominated to participate at the technical UN Transforming Education Summit.

Our Citizen Voice and Action Model programmes focused on empowering communities to advocate for accountability and continuous improvement in service delivery.

44 Area Programmes supported communities to advocate for improved service delivery in Health, Education, and Child Protection structures. In the area of Health, a number of facilities have registered improvements in services.

Collaborating for greater impact





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