



World Vision

VANUATU



Capability Statement

As of March 2023

ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

Established in 1950, World Vision (WV) is an international partnership of Christians driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. The global WV partnership has over 34,000 staff in nearly 100 countries. It provides assistance to more than 100 million vulnerable children and their families regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender in a variety of sectors including child protection, disaster management, economic development, education, faith and development, food assistance, health & nutrition, peacebuilding, and water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH).

World Vision works in partnership with local civic actors and government to foster accountability and to ensure long-term sustainability. Globally, World Vision uses a long-term (10-15 years) integrated, community-driven development program model that include strategies on health, agriculture, and water and sanitation. However in Vanuatu, we work within a grant-funded context. Our community-focused projects are generally 1-5 years duration.

Our work is characterized by enormous diversity and covers multiple sectors. Our partnerships with communities are multi-dimensional and long-term. Our community-based approach ensures the interventions we implement today are sustainable for communities beyond our program involvement.

World Vision was first established in Vanuatu in 1981, after previously being under the auspice of the Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC). The office began its development assistance with a series of small-scale income generating activities, such as fishing, poultry, piggery, sewing and handicrafts for women. However, illiteracy was found to be one of the main constraints for the successful implementation of these projects. World Vision Vanuatu was able to obtain support from WV Australia, which enabled it to commence work on functional literacy.

Today, our program has expanded to include relief and development projects that continue to address the

underlying causes of poverty and inequality in Vanuatu, such as discrimination against people with disabilities, high unemployment, food insecurity, violence against women and girls, climate risk and disaster response and a lack of access to water, hygiene and sanitation services.

World Vision Vanuatu partners with communities, local community based organisations, businesses, non-government organisations, faith-based groups, village chiefs and elders, research institutions, and national and province level government to deliver high quality programs with a strong emphasis on community empowerment and ownership.

In line with the Vanuatu Government's National Sustainable Development Plan (2016-2030), we continue to work towards Vanuatu's national goal of increasing opportunities for ni-Vanuatu.

Our areas of operation see us working in urban and rural areas where evidence and data demonstrates unmet needs, in sectors where World Vision has strengths and expertise.

We are dedicated to the communities that we serve, and are called to be a reliable and trusted partner and work with communities to empower them to improve the lives of children in Vanuatu.



FAST FACTS

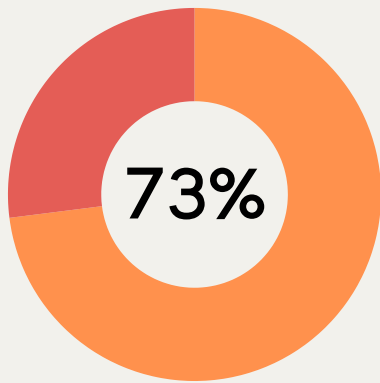
our reach

World Vision Vanuatu has been operating for over 40 years and now impacts over 60,000 people* via its development programs (over 100,000 people were assisted during the Cyclone Harold and COVID-19 Responses)

2022 figures, including both direct and indirect beneficiaries

\$5.3 Million Annual Budget

FY 2022



Senior Roles held by National Staff

Employees

National

International

86

4

20+ Projects

GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT

World Vision has a National Office in Port Vila, and projects in the following locations: Sanma, Torba, Shefa, and Tafea.

SECTORS

Inclusive WASH, Resilient Livelihoods, Ending Violence, and Humanitarian Response

WHY PARTNER WITH WORLD VISION?

World Vision Vanuatu is one of the largest and most experienced non-governmental agencies in Vanuatu. Our community-based approach to development has held us in good stead with governments and communities alike. With over 40 years of operational stability, we are a trusted partner and our proven development approaches and project implementation are results focused and community driven.

Our robust financial accountability, transparency and governance structures at a local, national and global level combined with our proven community development approaches position us as an effective and credible local development partner.

World Vision Vanuatu also has a strong focus on innovative evidence-based programming. Through integrated assessment, program design & monitoring and evaluation we aim to implement through a holistic and contextualized approach.



PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- FY 2022 project portfolio of \$5.3 million USD
- Currently implementing projects across 4 portfolios of grants: Inclusive WASH, Resilient Livelihoods, Ending Violence, and Humanitarian Response.
- Managed **\$1.1 million USD** overall funding response to TC Harold, where donors included DFAT (Australia), MFAT (New Zealand), DfID (UK), and Unicef from 2021-2022



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Currently working directly with communities, in urban, peri-urban, and rural contexts, in Tafea, Shefa, Sanma, and Torba Provinces.
- Prioritizes feeding back results and learnings into communities, with 36 communities receiving training on disability inclusion based on results from the first of its kind Water, Women and Disability survey.
- Uses a variety of well-established methods to ensure continuous engagement of all segments of a community in programming, including community consultations, Memorandums of Understanding, Community Profiles, and community feedback mechanisms,



GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

- World Vision currently has active working relationships with 6 national government departments, as well as 3 Provincial governments.
- As a result of WV's partnership with VNSO, the Washington Group questions on disability were included in Vanuatu's national Census for the first time.
- During the Cyclone Harold and COVID-19 responses, WV has partnered closely with the NDMO and Ministry of Health to develop communication products, increase the reach of vaccines, conduct community profiles, and distributed NFIs.

OUR PARTNERS

World Vision's impact is highly reliant to our ability to work with and through a wide network of partnerships, including:

Multilateral and Bilateral Agencies including DFAT (Australian Government), MFAT (New Zealand Government), USAID OFDA, DfID (UK Government), the International Fund for Agricultural Development, UNFPA, IOM, and UNICEF.

Government Partners including Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Department of Water Resources, National Disaster Management Office, Department of Labour and Employment Services, and Provincial Governments.

Local Civil Society Organisations including the Vanuatu Society for People with Disabilities, The Vanuatu Disabled Peoples Association, and the Malvatamauri (National Council of Chiefs), Vanuatu Womens Centre, Wan Smol Bag (local theatre company), HCDI, V-Pride.

Private Sector Partners including Pango Green Force, Napil Agricultural Training Centre, Nausaman Farmers Association, and Digicel.

Research Institutes including the London School of Tropical Hygiene & Medicine and The Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT.

Faith Based Organizations including the Vanuatu Council of Churches, Anglican Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Presbyterian Church, and Church of Christ.

International NGOs including Elrha, Days for Girls, CARE, Save the Children, Act for Peace, Oxfam, and Action Aid.

Private Donors through World Vision Australia, World Vision New Zealand, and other World Vision partnership members.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

World Vision Vanuatu uses a range of internationally tested and successful approaches to achieve its strategic goals. We use WASH projects as a vehicle for promoting disability inclusion, work with all segments of our target communities to reduce violence against women and girls, support women and youth to develop practical skills in our livelihoods-focused programming, and take a multi-sectoral approach to humanitarian response, supporting community members to overcome the longer term economic impacts of disaster as well as supporting them to meet their immediate needs. Our staff, 95% of whom are Ni-Vanuatu, are experienced, creative community development professionals and are dedicated to ensuring best practice programming, monitoring and evaluation. In addition, we draw on World Vision's global network of development professionals, resources, and toolkits to enhance project delivery. See below for key achievements from our current programming,

INCLUSIVE WASH



World Vision Vanuatu works with and through our partners to deliver holistic, inclusive water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programming that uses WASH as a vehicle to improve health and well-being of people with disabilities and women, through access to gender-equitable and disability-inclusive WASH systems.

Key Achievements of Current Projects

- 14,000 households in Torba and Sanma Provinces took part in the first of its kind Water, Women and Disability survey, the findings of which were shared internationally through 4 peer-reviewed journal articles and locally through 36 community trainings.
- 100% of participants in Leftemap Laef training for caregivers of people with disabilities reported that the training increased their understanding of disability, and that they would share what they learned with others.
- 228 people with disabilities in 3 provinces increased their access to safe, accessible sanitation through receiving an inclusive VIP latrine or commode/toilet chair.
- 602 people, including both women and girls and men and boys, were reached by MHH training offered in communities or schools.
- 12 water systems designed, 6 direct gravity fed under construction, 3 solar pump systems to be constructed.



My father has to bathe me and take me to the toilet every day. It is embarrassing... and it was even worse when I had my periods. Since WVV has helped me with period pads, at least when I have my periods, he does not have to deal with that now. - Project participant with a disability, Sanma Province

CLIMATE RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

World Vision Vanuatu works with urban and rural communities, especially with women and youth, to increase access to savings and loans, strengthen small business acumen, and work with smallholder farmers to produce higher quality and quantity yields in market-driven sectors. World Vision supports local producers to establish sustainable market links with domestic buyers, and works with the families of Ni-Vanuatu workers participating in labour mobility schemes through our innovative Famili i Redi program, helping them maintain strong relationships and achieve their family goals.



Key Achievements of Current Projects

- More than 2000 community members in TAFEA Province benefited from the distribution of hand tools, seeds, and large agricultural machinery to support ground preparation and planting. In addition, market access was increased through the construction or rehabilitation of 5 market houses.
- Over the past 2 years, 9 new Savings for Transformation (S4T) groups have been established, with a total membership of 374 people (147 M/247 F).
- World Vision worked with The Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT and 29 Vanuatu-based stakeholders to develop a nutrition behavior change strategy for Tanna island communities, including an innovative 2-day training which includes basic nutrition information, health screening, and a group cooking experience.
- 84% of migrant workers and family members who attended Famili i Redi workshops said that they and their partner worked together significantly more closely on financial decision-making



"I have four children, and as a mother it's hard to leave them at home to go into Lenakel to sell at the market, so I normally don't go to market...Now that we have the new market managed by our community it's much closer to home and I can take my children to the market to be with me." -- Project participant, Tafea Province

THE REACH CENTRE AND ENDING VIOLENCE



World Vision Vanuatu works with communities to change the perception that violence is normal, transforming religious and cultural norms that are often used to justify violence. The whole-of-community approach works to create change at every level through community leaders to positively impact adults, youth and children.



Key Achievements of Current Projects

- 80% of target community members interviewed reported a reduction in violence.
- 78% of male police recruits and middle managers participating in WV's Men be the Change program, a behavioral change program supporting men to reduce their use of violence, reported that they are actively applying tools or approaches from the program in their personal relationships.
- 204 young people and 28 teachers attended Gudfala Laef (GFL) camps, building knowledge on gender equality through an innovative curriculum drawing on scripture and traditional folktales.
- 203 faith leaders involved in Peer Support Group meetings and workshops, being supported to promote positive gender norms and discourage violence in their congregations and communities.

*"I didn't understand about violence before I came to the training. The training has helped me to understand the cycle of violence and that violence is a choice that you are responsible for."
- Male project participant, Shefa Province*



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

World Vision supports communities to prepare and respond to humanitarian emergencies through climate resilient agriculture, cyclone resilient shelter techniques, and access to savings and capital, as well as working in close partnership with Provincial Emergency Operations Centres to respond to disasters. World Vision works with area councils to improve inclusion of people with disabilities in disaster response and preparedness plans, and with communities to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and adapt to the economic impacts of the pandemic.

Key Achievements of Recent and Current Projects

Disaster Preparedness

- 56% of participants in a cyclone-safe building & project management workshop (Haos blo Yumi) had progressed their building project when surveyed the following year.
- 3 Provincial Emergency Operation Centres were supported to increase operational capacity,

COVID -19 Response (2020-2022)

- Funding received from 6 separate donors, including DFAT, MFAT, USAID OFDA, and Digicel.
- 20,639 people were reached through social media sharing of 4 Audio Storybooks developed by World Vision, providing child-targeted messaging on COVID-19 and practical strategies to support families working from home during lockdown.
- 1,247 people received COVID-19 vaccination at World Vision-supported vaccination sites.
- 76,499 WASH Non-Food Item (NFI) distributions, reaching 101,998 people

Tropical Cyclone Harold Response & Recovery (2020-2021)

- Funding received from 6 separate donors, including Unicef, Start Fund, the Canadian Humanitarian Coalition, DFAT, and MFAT.
- NFIs distributed to 3,448 households in Sanma Province, benefitting 14,506 individuals.
- 3,729 individuals benefitted by consistent access to water and sanitation

Tropical Cyclone Judy and Kevin Response & Recovery (2023 - Present)

- Funding received from 17 separate donors and sources, including BHA (USAID), UNICEF, Australian Government, Canadian Humanitarian Fund
- 15,836 NFIs reaching 20,296 people across two provinces



"I was so terrified during the storm. I've never seen anything like that in my life...thank you so much for coming to help me and my family. Help is scarce and what you have provided is very important and precious to us." - Community member supported during TC Harold response, Sanma Province

WHAT SETS US APART FROM THE OTHERS?

Operating in Vanuatu has many challenges including remote island locations, high unemployment rates, and low levels of economic growth and access to markets. People have limited access to education and health services, and are vulnerable to weather-related disasters. Despite this, WV is committed to working with the most vulnerable to tackle the causes and to find solutions to these long standing challenges. World Vision's experience offers a rich perspective to these challenges. With many years evolving our programming and development approaches, our strengths as a partner include:

MEANINGFUL INCLUSION

A key part of WV's mission is to ensure that all members of the communities where we work are empowered to live full lives through our programming. We use WASH as a vehicle to build awareness on disability inclusion at the community level, and partner with the Vanuatu Society for People with Disability to train all staff on Community-Based Inclusive Development. This commitment has led to nation-wide results, with WV working with the Vanuatu National Statistics Office to include the Washington Group questions on disability in the 2022 Census, following international best practice. We also work with V-Pride to provide training to all staff on SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression), engaging in meaningful dialogue on how individuals with diverse expressions can be better included in our work.

A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

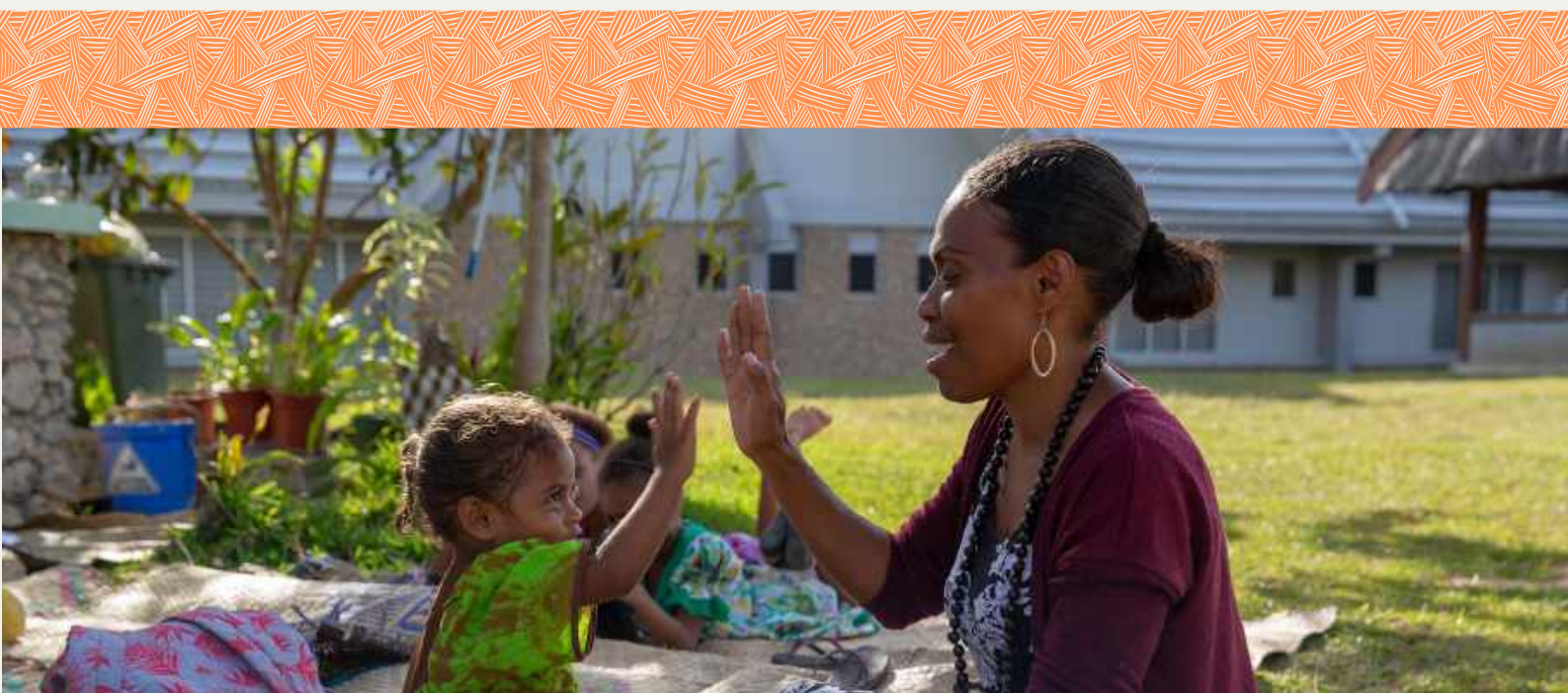
At WV we pride ourselves on being open to change, constantly learning from our partners and communities. Whether it's partnering with restorative justice experts to pilot Vanuatu contextualized survivor-centered reconciliation in communities, developing innovative resources to support women and girls with intellectual disabilities with menstrual hygiene, or scaling an innovative bamboo handwashing station designed by a rural Tanna community nationwide, we are constantly exploring new ways to deepen our impact.

CHURCH NETWORKS

As a Christian organisation, a cornerstone of our approach to working with communities is through our partnership with faith leaders. We have worked hand in hand with faith leaders to promote the adoption of COVID prevention measures, distribute hygiene materials vulnerable community materials, champion positive gender norms and inclusion, and discourage the use of violence. In a country where Christianity is a deep part of culture and identity, these partnerships strengthen our legitimacy and ability to create impact in communities.

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

Evidence-based programming is a key priority for WV, and we have combined our community-based experience with academic and technical expertise of formal research institutions such as The Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. For example, nutrition and agribusiness interventions on Tanna Island have been informed by a gender-sensitive value chain analysis and nutrition assessment conducted by scientists from The Alliance, and our Inclusive WASH programming is informed by findings from the first of its kind Water, Women and Disability study conducted in partnership with LSHTM. 4 peer-reviewed academic articles were produced as a result of this study, feeding Vanuatu-based learnings into regional and international dialogues.



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