

**World Vision**

Solomon Islands



# **2013** **Country Program** **Annual Review**

*Empowering Communities to Improve  
the lives of Children in Solomon Islands*

**“ As Christians, we enable vulnerable South Pacific communities, in particular their children, to be owners of lasting change, overcoming physical, social and spiritual poverty**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR



2013 was both a challenging and successful year for World Vision Solomon Islands. The most significant event was the 8.0 magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami that occurred in February 2013 which left 6,000 people homeless and 11 people dead in Temotu Province. Given World Vision had a long term presence in the province and 20 staff based in the affected area, World Vision responded quickly together with the Disaster Management Office and other stakeholders. World Vision undertook a pivotal role in the overall response effort procuring and shipping relief items from Honiara, coordinating the distribution in Lata, and leading several longer terms recovery projects in the areas of WASH, Child Friendly Spaces, Nutrition and Emergency Radio. I would like to thank all World Vision staff for the amazing effort they put into the Temotu Tsunami Response. Their hard work, late nights and weekend work contributed to this being one of the most successful responses in recent years and we are extremely grateful for what they achieved.

Our long term development work in seven Area Programs continued to grow and strengthen this year. Two new Area Programs were officially opened in Central Province and East Malaita. These Area Programs completed robust 5-year designs with local community, government and other stakeholders to set a clear course to address the development needs in these areas. Both Area Programs have projects starting in 2014 that will have a focus on effective community facilitation and partnering, in line with World Vision's Development Program Approach. Also this year we continued to expand our successful project models in the areas of early childhood

education, adult literacy, economic development and employment, community based disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, maternal child health and nutrition, water supply sanitation and hygiene, and gender based violence prevention, to approximately 50,000 children and community members, through our existing five Area Programs.

World Vision was also involved in several key advocacy Events in 2013. We were fortunate to be invited to present at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2013. A team comprising the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs, a community/church representative and World Vision, presented the innovative *Channels of Hope for Gender* approach at the UN headquarters. The approach uses a biblical and church based approach to reduce gender based violence. This innovative approach received great interest and has led to World Vision gaining additional support from donors to expand the methodology in-country. World Vision Solomon Islands also finalized its Child Health Now Campaign jointly with AusAID, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, which will raise important issues of maternal child health and nutrition in Solomon Islands and highlight possible solutions.

I hope you enjoy this 2013 Annual Review and on behalf of the Senior Management Team of World Vision Solomon Islands, I would like to again thank all donors, government, communities and staff for your strong support and we look forward to an exciting 2014 as we continue to improve the lives of children, families and communities in the Solomon Islands together.

Regards,



Dr. Andrew Catford  
Country Program Director  
World Vision Solomon Islands

## OVERVIEW OF WORLD VISION

World Vision is a Christian relief development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

World Vision first established its presence in the Pacific in 1970. The Pacific Development Group, based in Port Moresby, was established in 1995 to coordinate projects across Papua New Guinea (PNG), the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

In 2012 World Vision Solomon Islands (WVSI) joined the World Vision Pacific Timor Leste (PTL) National Office that operates from Brisbane, Australia. This new office has enabled learning, support and cost savings, from partner Country Offices in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Timor Leste, with increased support from World Vision Australia and World Vision New Zealand.

Today, WVSI is one of the largest and most experienced non-government agencies in the country with over 30 years experience in community development work in Solomon Islands.

World Vision Solomon Islands has about 200 staff based in 7 Area Programs, Honiara, Weathercoast, Central, Makira, East Malaita, South Malaita, and Temotu. Currently World Vision is implementing 28 projects in over 100 communities.



## PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

World Vision implements programs focussing on the six strategic priorities based on our new 2013 strategy



### Maternal Child Health and Nutrition

**Goal:** Be a leading NGO in the Solomon Islands for improving the health and nutrition of pregnant women, mothers and children under 5 years.



### Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)

**Goal:** Be a key partner of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (RWSS) in improving access to water supply and sanitation facilities and promoting good hygiene practices in rural communities.



### Education

**Goal:** Be a key partner to the Ministry of Education to assist in delivering Early Childhood Education and adult literacy nationally. Deliver life skills programs in urban areas.



### Economic Development

**Goal:** Use innovative project approaches to create new businesses, increase employment, generate income and establish effective savings and loans programs in both urban and rural communities.



### Disaster Risk Reduction

**Goal:** Be a strong promoter of disaster risk reduction methodologies, especially with community, government and donors.



### Gender

**Goal:** Be a key partner with church leaders, community leaders, police and service providers to improve capabilities for addressing and reducing gender-based violence in communities.

## MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION



**World Vision Solomon Islands implements three MCHN projects in Makira-Ulawa, South Malaita and Temotu Provinces and one Health and Nutrition project in the Weathercoast Area Program**

This year (2013) World Vision began one Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) project in Temotu Province and continued MCHN projects in South Malaita and Makira-Ulawa Province.

**“ Impact Snapshot**  
*Before World Vision came to our Village others did not know about health issues and never cared or were ignorant about their families' health. Now mothers are regularly visiting the clinic for check-ups and are more careful with preparing the right kind of food for their family”*

Priscilla Pageni, 28, Gupuna Village, Makira



A comprehensive baseline study was carried out in Temotu earlier this year and the findings were shared with communities as well as some partners and stakeholders. The baseline report revealed key maternal child health issues such as malnutrition and anaemia due to not eating a proper diet and poor hygiene practises at home which the projects will target.

Mothers in all the target communities are being educated about maternal and child health issues and are being encouraged to make regular visits to clinics for antenatal checks, advice and growth monitoring. More men in target communities are identifying themselves alongside their wives as equal players in the family cycle. Target communities have now developed an understanding of the great need for proper nutrition and mother and child care. A network of Village Health Volunteers has also been established which is helping with monitoring children's Growth Charts and spreading messages on eating healthy food and living a healthy lifestyle.

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



**World Vision Solomon Islands has three School WASH projects in Weathercoast, Malaita and Makira Area Programs and one urban WASH project in the Honiara Area Program.**

In the Solomon Islands less than four in every five children in rural areas have a toilet at home. Similarly, most schools do not have clean water or toilets. As a result of this, many children miss going to school and miss vital education from regular bouts of diarrhea.

Throughout 2013 World Vision continued to implement a School Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project which has provided water and toilet facilities to schools in Makira, Malaita and Weathercoast. This allows students to use simple improved health practices in their schools and also teach them to their communities. The construction of these facilities has improved hygiene practices and health of communities.

World Vision also used the Community Total Led Sanitation (CLTS) approach in Honiara to end the unsafe practice of open defecation and increase people's understanding of how poor sanitation can significantly affect their health, education and financial wellbeing. .

**“ Impact Snapshot**  
**We really want to thank World Vision for coming in to our community to help solve our long term cry for water and improved sanitation facilities. It's a first time for my community to receive such assistance as we have never had any outside assistance”**

Patrick Tuakachi, Chief, Viso community, WC



## ADULT LITERACY



### **World Vision Solomon Islands has two literacy projects implemented in Makira-Area Program and Temotu Area Program**

Literacy is very important as it empowers adults, youths and children to read, write and count which enables them to be active citizens and to have better access to economic activities.

However Solomon Islands has one of the lowest literacy rates in the Pacific (76.6%). Adult Literacy rates are very low, with an estimated 25-40% of the population being illiterate.

World Vision Solomon Islands, through its adult literacy projects, have been successful in improving not only personal quality of life but the economic,

social and cultural wellbeing of communities. Adult literacy courses offer people the opportunity to pick up skills perhaps missed earlier in their education.

Literacy also assists with personal development and economic growth by using numeracy skills. WVSI often combines literacy projects with economic development projects as it gives community members important skills to improve their lives and gives them options that enables them to climb out of the cycle of poverty.

**“ Literacy skills lay the foundation for all students and adults to succeed at school and in life. Whether you are a teacher, student, literacy provider, government representative or a member of the community I believe that literacy is the foundation for lifelong learning, a better well-being and prosperous livelihood”**

Dr Fred Isom Rohorua, Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Education, Human Resource and Development



## EARLY CHILDHOOD



***WVSI currently has four gender projects in the Weathercoast, Temotu and Honiara as well as a project for the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force***

Early Childhood Education (ECE) in Solomon Islands is a very recent development, compared to primary and secondary education. More support is needed in the Solomon Islands, to ensure that the opportunity to access quality early childhood education is available to all children.

World Vision currently implements three ECE projects in East Malaita, Weather Coast and Temotu.

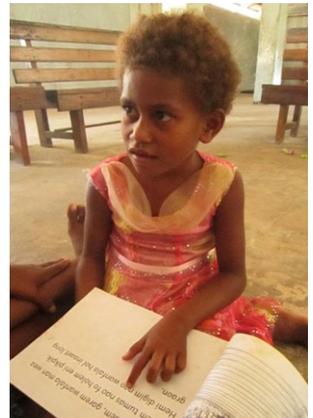
This year a baseline study was conducted in East Malaita which revealed children would benefit from access to structured ECE activities. The study will inform the design of the East Malaita ECE project.

In Temotu, World Vision has established 16 kindergartens that are fully functioning and conducting regular classes for children.

In the Weathercoast, the ECE project is in its second year and the impact is already evident with communities placing more value on the importance of giving children appropriate education at an early age. This can be seen in the willingness of parents who involve themselves with constructing learning places and creating learning materials for their children.

**“ Impact Snapshot**  
***Before World Vision came into Pia Pia community there were no planned activities for children, children used to run around everywhere and parents had no control over their children. Now parents are more aware of the importance of early education”***

**Nesto Mamau, Supervisor of Pia Pia Kindergarten  
 Weather Coast, Guadalcanal**



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**World Vision Solomon Islands has five economic development projects operating in South Malaita, Makira-Ulawa, Temotu, Weathercoast and Honiara**

World Vision's Economic Development projects aim to reduce poverty in target communities by increasing the level of household income, financial planning skills and household savings.

**“ Impact Snapshot  
This not only offers us an opportunity to improve our standard of living but also allows us to contribute to building the economy of our country”**

John Suri, Employment Plus Graduate, Honiara



World Vision works with communities to establish effective community savings and loans schemes in areas where traditional banking is unavailable.

To date the community savings and Loan program has seen 1641 beneficiaries save over \$1million SBD. The community savings and loan programs have helped communities to save money in order to meet their child, household, and community needs and have assisted people to establish small businesses.

World Vision also works with communities to form agricultural producer groups which leads to improved production of high value crops and better accessibility to markets.

In Honiara, the project is working with youths to develop relevant technical and livelihood skills to access sustainable employment opportunities and receive support to generate income and operate sustainable small businesses.

Nine community savings groups have also been established in Honiara.

## GENDER



### **World Vision Solomon Islands has three Early Childhood Education projects located in East Malaita, Weathercoast, Temotu Area Programs**

In the Solomon Islands two out of three women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner, with 38% of women stating their first sexual experience was forced.

World Vision is working to address Gender Based Violence which remains a core underlying development issue in the Solomon Islands.

World Vision's Gender projects use the Channels of Hope methodology, which uses a biblical approach to change attitudes and reduce Gender Based Violence.

World Vision's gender projects provide church leaders, community leaders, police and service providers with improved capabilities for addressing and reducing Gender Based Violence in their communities.

World Vision also has a partnership project to strengthen the Christian Care Centre to enable it to effectively provide survivors of violence and child abuse access to a safe place and appropriate, quality support.

**“ Impact Snapshot**  
*We deal with gender-based violence Issues almost on a daily basis and we always do as we want but the Channels of Hope approach has given us new insights. We agreed now to use this approach to our existing training programs so that all our officers can be properly equipped to work well with our communities”*

Lily Daggie Training Officer RSIP



# CLIMATE CHANGE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



**WVSI has three Community Resilience projects located in Temotu, South Malaita and Makira**

The Solomon Islands are extremely susceptible to natural hazards. Over the past decade, several natural disasters have struck the country including cyclones, floods, king tides, droughts, earthquakes, landslides and tsunamis, resulting in destruction of property, livelihoods and loss of life.

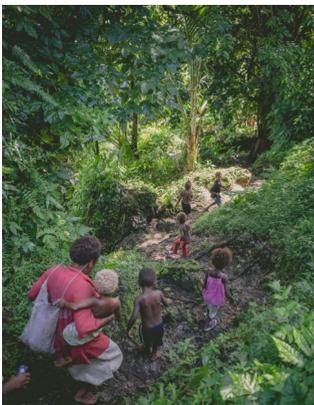
**“ Impact Snapshot  
The Community Disaster Risk Reduction Project has opened up our mind to plan and prepare for future disasters. Our children now know where to run and hide (safe place) during a disaster or even during the cyclone season”**

Chief John Akeso, Tuwo Community,  
Reef Islands, Temotu

With over 1000 islands and atolls, the Solomon Islands are also extremely vulnerable to changes in climate and rising sea levels. The Solomon Islands are already suffering many of the consequences of climate change including

rising sea levels, salt water intrusion into crops and planting fields, contamination of fresh water aquifers, reducing island size due to erosion along shorelines and changing weather patterns.

WVSI implements three Community Resilience Projects in South Malaita, Temotu and Makira that provide all community members - adults (men and women), youth and children, with improved capacity to plan, prepare and mitigate potential disasters. In 2013 WVSI began integrating climate change adaptation with its disaster resilience projects to assist communities effectively adapt to changing conditions.



Escape route from the sea  
©WVSI

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE



### ***In 2013 WVSI responded to a 1.5 metre tsunami following an 8.0 magnitude earthquake in Temotu Province***

On 6 February 2013 the remote Temotu Province on Solomon Islands was devastated by a 1.5 metre tsunami following an 8.0 magnitude earthquake. 23 communities in Santa Cruz Island were nearly completely destroyed and nearly 6000 people were impacted by the disaster including 11 people who lost their lives.

World Vision responded quickly by dispatching emergency aid and essential items such as food, water, shelter kits, kitchen kits, hygiene and sanitation supplies and clothes in coordination with the National Disaster Management Office and other agencies. World Vision was the leading agency responsible for the relief distribution.

WVSI is implementing longer term tsunami recovery projects in areas of Early Childhood Education child friendly spaces, providing water supply, sanitation and hygiene, establishing women friendly spaces, nutrition support and a Temotu Emergency Radio Project to address the lack of access information.

**“ Impact Snapshot**  
*After the tsunami, I was scared to go out and play or even to go and swim in the sea. But now I like to come out and play with the many toys that World Vision provided in the Child Friendly Space. I am no longer scared to go out and play with my friends and we all go together to swim in the sea”*

*Julie Isaolo, age 5, Manoputi Village, Temotu*



Damaged houses following tsunami on 6 February 2013, Temotu Province ©WVSI

## OUR DONORS

As part of an independent World Vision National Office (Pacific Timor Leste), the World Vision Solomon Islands Country Program Office can acquire funding from a variety of international donors through its network of partner Support Offices, as well as from local donors.

We thank the following donors for their support in 2013:

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- AusAID Australian Non-government Cooperation Program (ANCP)
- World Vision Australia (WVA)
- World Vision New Zealand (WVNZ)
- World Vision Germany (WVG)
- World Vision United Kingdom (WVUK)
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Program
- The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department
- UK Department for International Development (DfID)
- New Zealand trust (donors wish to remain anonymous)
- Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)
- Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD)
- UNICEF/UNFPA
- World Vision Support offices

## OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

- Communities in the Solomon Islands
- Provincial Governments of Central, Guadalcanal, Makira, Malaita, and Temotu
- Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development
- Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs
- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
- Ministry of Health and Medical Services
- National Disaster Management Office
- Ministry of Environment, Meteorology and Disaster Management
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department
- Honiara City Council
- UNICEF/UNFPA
- Literacy Association of the Solomon Islands
- Solomon Islands National University
- Solomon Islands Christian Association and major churches
- Kastom Garden
- Development Services Exchange
- Solomon Islands Small Business Enterprise Centre
- International and local NGOs

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AREA PROGRAM	ACTUALS USD	BUDGET USD
<b>MAKIRA</b>		
MAKIRA ECD PROGRAM REVIEW		
MAKIRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPM		
MAKIRA MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH		
MAKIRA CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT		
MAKIRA LITERACY & LIVELIHOOD		
	<b>\$1,002,315</b>	<b>\$1,028,703</b>
<b>MALAITA</b>		
MALAITA COMM EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOODS		
MALAITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
MALAITA MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH		
	<b>\$839,304</b>	<b>\$672,987</b>
<b>TEMOTU</b>		
TEMOTU ECCD PROJECT		
TEMOTU COMM SUST LIVELIHOOD		
TEMOTU MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH		
TEMOTU LITERACY FOR LIVELIHOOD		
TEMOTU TSUNAMI RESPONSE		
TEMOTU EMERGENCY RADIO SERVICE		
TEMOTU WASH ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN		
TEMOTU WASH RECOVERY PROJECT		
	<b>\$1,002,315</b>	<b>\$1,028,703</b>
<b>HONIARA</b>		
HONIARA YOUTH PROJECT		
HONIARA GENDER PROJECT		
HONIARA URBAN WASH		
RSIPF COMMUNITY CHANNELS OF HOPE		
CHRISTIAN CARE CENTRE PROJECT		
	<b>\$1,057,117</b>	<b>\$1,070,975</b>

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AREA PROGRAM	ACTUALS USD	BUDGET USD
<b>WEATHER COAST</b>		
WC COMMUNITY HEALTH		
WC SCHOOL WASH PROJECT		
WEATHERCOAST ECCD PROJECT		
WEATHERCOAST CED PROJECT		
	<b>\$758,458</b>	<b>\$821,437</b>
<b>NATIONAL PROJECTS</b>		
SI PREPOSITIONING OF DISASTER		
ADAPT CHILD PROTECTION IN SI		
EAST MALAITA & CENTRAL AREA PROGRAM DESIGNS		
NATIONAL WASH PROJECT		
WC & MAKIRA HEA RESPONSE		
WC & TEMOTU CHANNELS OF HOPE		
	<b>\$935,403</b>	<b>\$1,059,938</b>
<b>GIFT-IN-KIND (TEMOTU TSUNAMI)</b>	<b>\$83,698</b>	<b>\$83,698</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,784,390</b>	<b>\$6,984,139</b>

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