

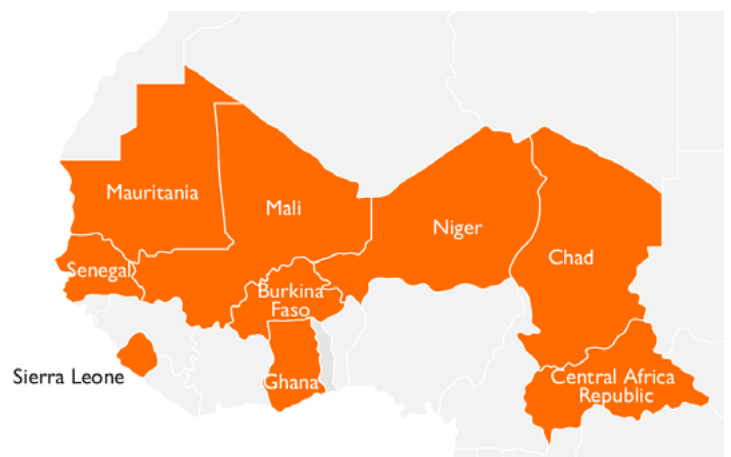


West and Central Africa Newsletter

Empowering and Transforming lives

World Vision extends its footprint: Start up in Burkina Faso

In the last two years, rising insecurity due to armed conflict, and population displacement in Central Sahel in general and specifically in Burkina Faso, has left 3.5 million people in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. More than one million people are internally displaced, while more than 1.5 million people are in need of protection. World Vision initial response will be achieved through partnering with local organisations to deliver lifesaving WASH, Protection and Food assistance. To learn more about World Vision's regional interventions, read our regional profile available in [\[redacted\]](#) and [\[redacted\]](#).



Act Now Webinar: Listening to children on the impact of COVID-19 on their lives

Listening to children is at the heart of World Vision's child-centred approach and our commitment to amplifying the voices of children and young people on the world stage. Findings from the research we conducted included in our ACT NOW Report (available in [\[redacted\]](#) and [\[redacted\]](#)) facilitated in-depth engagement with children from across the region. Children's representatives provided us with a unique insight into their lives throughout the pandemic. Our webinar on 23 March 2021, with 240 participants, featured engaging discussion sessions led by children, Civil Society Organisations and Governments and Institutions officials, to articulate COVID-19 as a child rights crisis, and endeavour to influence policies and strategies for ending violence against children in the region. To listen to the webinar recording, [\[redacted\]](#)

COVID-19 response updates

World Vision is responding to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis through a multi-sectoral approach, working in collaboration with local authorities, frontline health workers, academic institutions, faith leaders and communities, and local NGOs. In our latest Africa Regional COVID-19 Situation Report, find out how we've reached over 29.7 million people so far (including 13.1 million children) with our response interventions covering 26 countries on the continent: [\[redacted\]](#)

Zara, the hidden heroine of Damagaram Takaya

Empowered by World Vision, hidden heroes like 18-year-old Zara from Zinder region have been at the forefront of community sensitisation and ensuring that children, young people, and their families understand what steps to take in order to be safer from contracting the virus.



COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATES

Bringing life opportunities to vulnerable youth in Senegal

'Youth Ready' brings hope to unemployed, out-of-school and multi-tempted youth, including emigration at any cost. The Youth Ready programme prepares vulnerable youth for work and life by providing them with second-chance literacy training, life skills training and offers them economic opportunities to become active and engaged citizens.



A priest farmer plants the seeds to triple community members' income

Rev. Emmanuel Kofi Sam, a local priest in Ghana, sat quietly in a workshop and decided that he was going to bring a revolution in the farming life of his people. About 98% of the indigenes were experts at ginger farming, but had little to show for their expertise and hard work. The turning point came when Rev. Sam led his congregation to lease a two-acre land facility and began a church farm, in earnest. The priest led in the labour, and so everyone joined.



Savings Groups make a big difference for smallholder farmers in Mali

Diarra is a smallholder farmer from Kolokani district in Mali. In her village, rains are rare and there is not enough arable land; this limiting the income of farmers like her and her husband, and thereby reducing their ability to provide for their children. Saving for Transformation groups have made all the difference for her and her family.



Faith leader contributes to restore family relationships in Chad

After 15 years of practical ministry, Pastor Nadjitam Benoit took part in World Vision's Celebrating Families training and this day marked a new beginning in his life. He now has a new vision of the world as he supports other families to restore their relationships. Celebrating Families seeks to ensure that families, especially the most vulnerable ones, enjoy positive and loving relationships and are able to have hope and vision for the future.



Empowering the women of Niger to help their families thrive

Saddi Alhassane and Aissatou Alfari are members of two of 3,400 savings groups in Niger that World Vision works with. Empowered by World Vision and like-minded partners, community savings groups like Saddi and Aissatou's have been able to mobilise a total of 55,000 members and over 850,000 US dollars, allowing them to invest in income-generating activities and thus to be able to provide for their children.



Education partners in Sierra Leone salute World Vision's work

Beside working with the central Government and health officials to limit the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, World Vision is collaborating with the Ministry of Education and the Teaching Service Commission in Sierra Leone to provide quality education for children during these difficult times.



The 'unconditional cash' that restores the dignity of beneficiaries

With support from the United Nations CAR Humanitarian Fund, World Vision has been implementing food security interventions to directly address the acute needs of 10,500 vulnerable people. In the implementation of this activity, World Vision uses an 'unconditional cash' approach, which gives much more flexibility to beneficiaries (as compared to food assistance or vouchers) in the choice of the use of the amount received.



Equipping Mauritanian communities to create a healthy environment for children

Sidi Mohamed, a Koranic teacher by profession, wasn't interested in what was happening in the community as regards child well-being, because he thought that he had no say in the matter. During the past years, he got trained in the Celebrating Family Curriculum approach, and his perception of his role as a member of his community changed. Sidi is now part of groups that sensitise his community and speak with authority on child protection, health, parenting, and school follow-up.



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