



West and Central Africa Newsletter

Empowering and Transforming Lives

World Vision Ghana wins UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development

The “Unlock Literacy Project», is an evidence based literacy approach to improve children’s core reading skills. It supports the fact that children learn to read fast and better, when they start learning to read in their mother language. World Vision’s literacy programme accelerates children’s learning by designing, studying, supporting, and scaling up programmes that enhance school readiness for children’s success. Going beyond traditional literacy approaches, World Vision Ghana won the award for its action-oriented, peer-to-peer approach to learning involving whole communities.



COP26: Youth advocates share their views

Climate change is affecting children globally. As world leaders met at COP26, youth advocates Tenema and Tejan from Sierra Leone shared their thoughts on how it affects their lives, friends and futures. Read their reflections on actions that leaders could take to keep children safe.



COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATES

Burkina Faso Humanitarian Response Strategy (2021-2023)

World Vision will provide life-saving support, to reduce suffering while strengthening resilience in Burkina Faso targeting six provinces with an aim of reaching more than 420,000 conflict and humanitarian crisis affected people, 59% of whom are children under the age of 18 years.

Complementing our established humanitarian responses in Mali and Niger, the Burkina Faso operations will provide life-saving food assistance and forms part of World Vision’s Central Sahel humanitarian response strategy. To learn more, read our strategy available in both [English](#) and [French](#) and visit the [strategy page](#)



International Day of the Girl Child: See life through Adama's eyes

Adama is dreaming of a brighter future. She lives in Dabo, Senegal and faces poverty, social and cultural barriers beyond her control, however they do not stop her from dreaming. Watch World Vision Senegal National Director, Antoinette Habinshuti and Adama as they spend the day together in Dabo and discuss the participation of girls in community well-being, and Adama's aspirations.



Non-food relief kits help ease the burden of refugees in Niger

For over two years now, the Maradi region in Niger has been experiencing an influx of refugees from north-western Nigeria. Nearly 18,000 people have been displaced, including 35-year-old Maria, a mother of seven. After a difficult period, World Vision's distribution of essential relief items has relieved her family's burden; providing kits worth more than USD \$181,000 to 2,365 households.



Strengthening Mauritanian civil society organisations for local development

In collaboration with the European Union and the local NGO Tenmya, World Vision seeks to develop civil society organisations so that they are structured and well organised in networks and become major actors of change in the community. The project's capacity-building interventions focus on improving health, agriculture and income generating activities. In the Boghé area, 50 local organisations and cooperatives have already received training, coaching and funding.



Partnering with the Private Sector to reduce the impact of COVID-19

Sierra Leone Brewery Limited and the Heineken Africa Foundation have signed an agreement with World Vision to kick-start the second phase of a COVID-19 prevention Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project valued at US\$300,000 which targets more than 220,000 beneficiaries.

Clean drinking water brings an end to stomach aches in Mali

In Mali, the raging community conflicts have caused a potable water scarcity in the Mopti region. For children like seven-year-old Djenebou, the lack of clean drinking water means frequent stomach aches. Compelled to action by stories like hers, World Vision is responding with support from the Procter & Gamble (P&G) Children's Safe Drinking Water Program which provides clean drinking water to children and families in need around the world with the aim to reduce suffering and water-related diseases of displaced and vulnerable populations.



Cash assistance and agricultural inputs bring hope for vulnerable families in CAR

The USAID-funded Emergency Food Security programme implemented by World Vision in Bambari, in the Central African Republic (CAR) has served a total of 4,159 families with cash assistance and agricultural inputs giving them home and a means to restart farming activities and feed themselves. Leonard, the head of one household and father of five, is one out of 86 project participants living in Kitingou village. He testifies of the impact of this programme on his and his children's lives.



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Joy to the World

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13

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Merry Christmas

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