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IMPACT REPORT

Our National Impact Report 2021





This Annual Report provides an overview of the work of World Vision Ghana, from October 2020 to September 2021

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The background of the page features a photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, standing outdoors. They are both smiling and holding hands. The boy on the left is wearing a pink and orange patterned dress, and the girl on the right is wearing a purple, yellow, and teal patterned dress. The background is a soft-focus green foliage.

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List of Acronyms

AP	Area Programme
CBO	Community Based Organization
CHAT	Congregational Hope for Action Teams
CLTS	Community Led Total Sanitation
CHC	Community Health Committee
CONIWAS	Coalition of Non-Governmental Organizations in Water and Sanitation
COVACA	Community Owned Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease – 2019
CP	Child Protection
CVA	Citizen Voice and Action
CWSA	Community Water and Sanitation Agency
DoA	Department of Agriculture
DTST	District Teacher Support Teams
ECD	Early Child Development
FMNR	Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration
FY	Fiscal Year
FOWVG	Friends of World Vision Ghana
GES	Ghana Education Service
GHS	Ghana Health Service
GIWASH	Ghana Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
HFSR	Household Food Security & Resilience
HIV	Human Immune Virus
LCC	Local Council of Churches

LMS	Limited Mechanised System
MTMSG	Mother-To-Mother-Support-Groups
NaCCA	National Council for Curriculum and Assessment
NADMO	National Disaster Management Organization
NCCE	National Commission for Civic Education
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
ODF	Open Defecation Free
RC	Registered Children
RIPE	Reading Improvement in Primary Education
S4T	Savings for Transformation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SHEP	School Health Educational Programme
TP	Technical Programme
VFG	VisionFund Ghana
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WSMTs	Water and Sanitation Management Teams
WVG	World Vision Ghana



About us

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Inspired by our Christian values, we are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. Our integrated focus is that We are Christian, Child-Focused and Community Empowering.

Vision

Our Vision for every child, life in all its fullness; Our Prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Core Values

WE ARE CHRISTIAN
WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE POOR
WE VALUE PEOPLE
WE ARE STEWARDS
WE ARE PARTNERS
WE ARE RESPONSIVE

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Properties Associate Director*

Message from National Director

Dear Brethren, it is with great joy that I write the foreword to this year's (2021) impact report. This is because in spite of the challenges of COVID-19, the Good Lord provided the assurance and hope we needed to move past the challenges of the previous year.

By faith, our commitment was renewed to relentlessly support and empower the girls and boys as well as the communities in which World Vision Ghana works. With COVID-19 still with us, the staff of World Vision Ghana have found innovative and creative ways to keep **Our Promise** to the most vulnerable children in Ghana.

Consequently, we have been able to bring hope and joy to the numerous boys and girls we serve. These achievements would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our partners, sponsors, stakeholders, the Board, the Senior Leadership Team and the entire staff. We continue to make strides across the sectors we work in, to ensure every child has life in all its fullness. It is imperative that we share to the glory of God, the success story of our work.

As a result, I would like to share some highlights of the impact we have made in each sector:

Our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions in the country continue to be a pillar in the Nation; we work to achieve Universal WASH.

During the year, we have drilled 64 boreholes, constructed 21 water supply systems and rehabilitated 45 non-functional water facilities for use. Overall, we have reached 83,100 people (20,775 men and 23,517 women, 18,947 boys and 19,861 girls) with basic water services and trained 495 faith leaders to serve as WASH champions.

In the area of Household Food Security and Resilience, we supported communities to form 158 new Savings for Transformation groups. In addition, World Vision Ghana committed an amount of USD 29,000 to VisionFund Ghana as microfinance support to on-lend to project beneficiaries to improve their businesses. We supported 8,012 farmers to access agricultural extension services. Additionally, 1,245 farmers received agricultural inputs, assets and starter packs (seeds, fertilizers, agrochemicals, farm inputs) to support their farming activities. Finally, 15,505 acreage of land is currently under protection and re-greening.

In the Primary Health Care and Nutrition Sector, 216 Mother-To- Mother Support Groups (MTMSG) and 55 Men's group facilitators in 61 communities have been trained on appropriate feeding practices. 66 women from seven (7) women groups were trained in the production of nutrition-oriented snacks. A total of 49,973 community members (made up of 22,753 women and 16,685 men, and 5,842 girls and 4,693 boys) sensitised on the prevention and management of malaria, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections.

Our Education Technical Programme supported communities with a total of 16,172 exercise books,

2,550 pencils, 1,375 charts, 500 backpacks and 1,131 T-shirts. Furthermore, an estimated 7,500 people benefited from the radio sensitisation on the Back-to-School campaign, giving rise to a minimum of 95% of the children reporting to school after the COVID-19 schools' closure.

Consequently, the Lord smiled on our efforts and thus caused us to enjoy many victories, including the prestigious Millennium Excellence Award, the UNESCO-Japan prize on Education for Sustainable Development and the HR Focus Awards.

We continue to look for ways to go further than we have imagined. It is my hope that as you read this year's impact report, you would reflect on the goodness of God and would be encouraged to continue to join hands with us to do even more in the coming year.

Once again, I am grateful to God and to all donors, partners, stakeholders, the Board and staff, as I share this report. God bless you.

Dickens Thunde



Message from Board Chair

To God be the glory for yet another eventful year. Going through FY21 has been quite eventful, and it has been all because of God's grace and leadership. We applaud management for the great work done as contained in the FY21 Annual Report.

Having passed the FY2020 Peer Review, albeit with some recommendations, the Board did not rest on her oars, but got to work to ensure that a robust Plan of Action was crafted to address the recommended issues. The plan was approved by the Board and submitted to the Governance Department for action.

I am glad to say that by the end of FY2021, five (5) out of the eight (8) recommendations were completed, with the remaining three in progress with robust action plans to ensure that those outstanding are delivered according to schedule.

One of the earliest actions carried out was to ensure that all Board members undertook police background checks. All board members were cleared and the reports dutifully filed.

Another key recommendation was the development of the National Director's succession plan. After some engagement with the Regional Governance adviser, the ND's succession plan was developed and approved by the Board.

The document provides the key guidelines to ensure seamless transition of the management of World Vision Ghana at any point in time.

As a build up to the second Annual General Meeting (AGM), and having gone through the process of engaging with PriceWaterHouse Coopers, the FY2020 Financial Audit was carried out and presented during the AGM.

I must applaud all Board members for their commitment amidst the pandemic (as it was still evolving into other variants) to participate in all Board Committee meetings, and Board sessions and also embarked on a joint field trip with VisionFund Ghana.

It is important to note that except in few instances, most of these meetings were virtual and Board businesses dutifully carried out. In the process the following key decisions/approvals were made by the Board:

- i)** The Board approved the FY21 – FY25 Strategy (including COVID-19 implications);
- ii)** The Board approved the revised Country Strategy Implementation Plan (CSIP);
- iii)** The Risk and Audit Committee was made responsible for Safeguarding; whilst ensuring that Safeguarding is the business of the entire Board;
- iv)** The Board approved the World Vision Ghana Constitution; this has since been sent to WVI Legal for their review.
- v)** The Board approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the VisionFund Ghana and World Vision Ghana Board meetings.
- vi)** The Board approved 6 former Advisory Council and Board members as Friends of World Vision Ghana (FOWVG)
- vii)** The Board approved the revised WVG Board Policy Manual.
- viii)** The Board formed a Local Organising Committee after it was informed of WVI Board approval for Ghana to host the Triennial Conference in November 2022.

Permit me to say at this juncture that ever since Ghana was confirmed as the host of the next Triennial Conference, it has been a standing item on all Board meetings to ensure that WVG is well prepared to host this important event.



It is also important to note that the Ministry and Strategy Committee of the Board embarked on a field trip to the Afram Plains cluster where they engaged in a **CHOSEN** event and also visited projects. This was another eventful field trip, as the committee's mandate includes review of the strategy and programmes interventions to inform and advice the Board.

It is equally significant to note that the Regional Leader participated in almost all Board meetings. This is highly commendable and deeply appreciated. Four (4) Board members including the Board Chair, and the WVI Board member (Mr. Baafour Otu-Boateng) participated in the Africa Board Forum held from July, where Mr. Baafour was re-elected to sit on the WVI Board.

In the course of the year, and as part of Board Chair successions, most of the Board sessions were co-chaired by the Board Chair and Vice Chair, and meetings admirably chaired ensuring that all agenda items were thoroughly discussed. Two routine joint meetings of the Board of WV Ghana and the Board of VisionFund Ghana were held in accordance with the mutually agreed forward agenda.

One of the joint meetings came on during the joint field trip at the Savelugu Area Programme, while the other was held at the Head Office of World Vision Ghana. We have observed that there has been enhanced integration in the activities of the two entities at the field level.

One evidence of this development is the increased linkage in many Area Programmes (APs) of WVG Savings Groups to Vision Fund programmes.

In the course of the joint field trip, the Board funded borehole, drilled in the Kassena-Nankana East Programme was commissioned and now in use. This borehole which passed water quality and quantity test is providing safe drinking water to over 700 school children in the Mirigu Basic School. I say a big 'thank you' to all Board members who made personal financial commitments amounting to US\$10,000 to make this dream come true. God richly bless you.

It is worth observing that the constructive working relationship between the Board and Management has contributed strongly to the Board's work, i.e. providing strategic oversight for excellent corporate governance for WV Ghana. We particularly applaud Management for doing World Vision Ghana proud by winning a number of awards including the 2021 UNESCO-Japan prize on Education for Sustainable Development with the Unlock Literacy model, the Millennium Excellence Award on rural and urban development, best Performing National Office in the West Africa Region, among many others during the year.

We equally applaud Management for 98% project execution at the end of the FY, and also achieving 9.8% efficiency ratio, against the target of 10%. This is highly commendable. We will not forget the 126% budget achievement, a feat achieved in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On a rather sad note, our beloved Rev. Dr. Erasmus fell ill towards the end of the FY, and unfortunately transitioned to glory in November, 2021. We loved him, but the Lord knows best. His last message to the Board and Management of World Vision Ghana was *"Let the earth hear His voice"*, and his last song with the Board and Management, which he led in singing was *"To God be the glory"*

All said, FY21 was a year of great strides, amidst the loss of a loved one. We have goodness, kindness and unfailing love of the Lord to thank for this progress, and thank the Lord who enjoins us to give thanks to him in every situation.

We will continue to pray and trust that the God who has been with us this far will continue to be with us and lead us in ways we never can imagine, especially as we prepare to host the Triennial Conference in November 2022, the first time ever in the West Africa region.

Mrs. Efua Gharthey





GHANA INTEGRATED WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (GI-WASH)

64 boreholes drilled and fitted with handpumps,



21 water supply systems constructed and **45** non-functional water facilities rehabilitated for communal use

83,100 people
(**20,775** men, **23,517** women, **18,947** boys and **19,861** girls) reached with basic water services

42 schools with a population of **12,147** school children (**5,855** boys and **6,292** girls) and **20** health care facilities gained access to safe water sources in their premises

78 communities declared **Open Defecation Free (ODF)**

5,800

household latrines constructed to serve

16,496 people

10 schools and **5** healthcare facilities provided with improved sanitation facilities.



48,187 people

(**12,047** men, **13,637** women, **10,987** boys and **11,516** girls) reached through hygiene behaviour change programmes

238 Water and Sanitation Management Teams (WSMT) formed/reactivated

495 faith leaders engaged and trained to serve as WASH champions



Improved access to safe water for multiple uses

During the 2021 fiscal year, World Vision Ghana intensified its contribution towards improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services to ensure achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Through effective collaboration with stakeholders such as District/Municipal Assemblies, Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Traditional Leaders, Ghana Integrated WASH Programme (GIWASH) reached 83,100 people (20775 men, 23517 women, 18947 boys and 19861 girls) with safe water for drinking and production. In addition, 241 people (60 men, 68 women, 55 boys and 58 girls) gained access to safely managed water services through household piped water connections in the Asutifi North District and Kassena Nankana West District.

Improved access to improved sanitation at household and institutional levels

World Vision Ghana's sanitation interventions reached a total of 16,496 people (4,124 men, 4,668 women, 3,827 boys and 3,877 girls) living in 5,800 households with access to basic sanitation facilities. A total 78 communities were supported to attain Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. The GI-WASH Programme provided 10 sex separated sanitation facilities, consisting of 56 stalls in 10 schools with a total population of 2,638 school children (1,267 boys and 1361 girls). Similarly, five (5) health facilities have also benefitted from the construction of improved sanitation facilities on their premises.

Improved hygiene practices in households and institutions

Within the year 2021, 48,187 people (12,047 men, 13,637 women, 10,987 boys and 11,516 girls) from 10,636 households gained access to basic handwashing facilities through hygiene behaviour change programmes, which include handwashing demonstration sessions and training in the construction of simple and cost-effective handwashing facilities (such as tippy taps).

Strengthened capacity for sustainable delivery of WASH services

The GIWASH Programme teamed up with District Assemblies and other stakeholders to train 238 Water and Sanitation Management Teams (WSMT) in effective management WASH facilities. The GIWASH Programme also trained 495 faith leaders to serve as WASH champions in their communities and congregations.

World Vision Ghana's advocacy efforts during the year included; technical support for the successful organization of the 2021 Annual Mole XXXI WASH Conference; contributions during stakeholder engagement on the National Sanitation Authority, Sanitation and Pollution Levy and the National Water Policy; and the launching of the Ashanti, Volta and Northern Regional branches of Media Coalition against Open Defecation (M-CODE). The 2021 edition of the Schools Sanitation Solutions Challenge was successfully organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, and Ghana Education Service, as part of initiatives to involve children in WASH advocacy.

Gbatigbanto Community Receives Life

Gbatigbanto is a small community 48 kilometers from the Damongo, the capital of the West Gonja District. Gbatigbanto is located in a deep forest and has grown from one settler to a current population of 515 inhabitants. Due to the isolated nature of the community, they are deprived of many basic amenities. Clean water is one of such amenities. A walk through the town would show that there was no borehole in sight. The only narrow stream that served the community dried up during the dry seasons.

A 12-year-old Rashida recounts her struggles to access water, "Since I was born, my eyes have never seen clean water and I don't know how it looks like. My family and my community survived on this muddy stream all our lives; for drinking, cooking, bathing and everything. We walked about 2 kilometers to get water. During the rainy seasons, we get so happy for one thing, water. Soon after the rains, we all get sad again. The children in this community do not bath regularly. Sometimes once in 2 days. Our skins are full of rashes. One day, we saw World Vision people in our community. They came to meet the Chief and the community people. As children, we did not understand why they came but we were praying that God will help us through them because nobody come here. Later, we saw a big machine (drilling truck) pumping water out from the ground and the whole community began to jubilate. I also jubilated with my friends when we saw the water coming out. When I asked my mother what water was that, she explained to me that we will no longer travel 2 km every day to the stream in search for "muddy" water any more. That was clean water coming out and it is right here at our door step. I began to smile with excitement even though I never tasted clean water. I was the first child to fetch from the borehole after it was completed and that was when I drunk clean water for the first time.

We sleep well now and bath many times we want in a day. We are looking healthier without rashes all over us like it used to be, especially during the dry seasons. There is so much joy in my community now. We thank God for using World Vision to answer our prayers."



Latifa and her family excited about the presence of clean and safe water in their community.

“
Since I was born, my eyes have never seen clean water and I don't know how it looks like

”



HOUSEHOLD FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE (HFSR)

158 new **S4T** groups comprising of **2,986** members
(1,822 Females, 1164 males)
who cater for the well-being of
8,365 children
(4,339 girls and 4,026 boys)

WVG committed an amount of
US\$ 29,000

to VisionFund Ghana as
microfinance support to on-lend
to project beneficiaries to improve
their businesses



Linkage of **356** S4T groups
(**4,569** members)
to VisionFund Ghana to
receive loans to the tune of
GH¢ 2,701,902.55
(equal to US\$ 450,317)
for various businesses, which
imparted **30,305** children
(VFG, 2021)

The Re-greening Africa Project trained
686 farmers
(**214** female and **472** male)
in **29** communities of Bawku West
and Garu Tempene Districts,
and distributed **35,346**

seedlings to them comprising mahogany,
shea, cassia, rosewood, mango and kapok.

Overall,
15,505
acreage of land is
currently under
protection and
re-greening

8,012 farmers helped to access
agricultural extension services and
1,245 farmers received agricultural inputs,
assets and starter packs
(seeds, fertilizers, agrochemicals, farm inputs)
to support their farming activities.

603 youth

(402 males and 201 females)
from **10** communities
trained on Agri-business to
inspire them into agriculture
activities.

World Vision Ghana (WVG) Household Food Security and Resilience (HFSR) Technical Programme (TP) worked closely with partners towards ensuring improved household food security and resilience among vulnerable households in WVG programme areas. Key stakeholders engaged in 2021 included VisionFund Ghana, Districts and Municipal Departments of Agriculture, Savings for Transformation (S4T) Agents, National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), Ghana Enterprise Agency/Business Advisory Centres (BAC), local NGOs, CBOs, communities, chiefs and opinion leaders.

Improved timely access to appropriate agricultural inputs

The HFSR TP in 2021 continued to leverage on its Savings for Transformation (S4T) model to increase access to affordable credit facilities among poor households in World Vision Ghana's operational areas. The TP formed 158 new S4T groups comprising of 2,986 members (1,822 Females, 1,164 males) who cater for the well-being of 8,365 children (4,339 girls and 4,026 boys) according to MIS, 2021 report. The report also reveals that, 5,456 S4T group members have accessed loans for various economic and business activities and 45 community members trained to become S4T Agents.

WVG committed an amount of USD 29,000 to VisionFund Ghana as microfinance support to on-lend to project beneficiaries to improve their businesses. Additionally, the TP facilitated the linkage of 356 S4T groups (4,569 members) to VisionFund Ghana to receive loans to the tune of GHS 2,701,902.55 equal to USD 450,317 for various businesses, which imparted 30,305 children (VFG, 2021). To complement this, WVG further collaborated with Business Advisory Centre (BAC) of Ghana Enterprise Agency to build the capacity of 765 existing S4T beneficiaries (324 males and 441 females) in financial literacy, business management and entrepreneurship to enable them manage their businesses well and maximize profit.

Reduced effects of climate change, disasters and economic shocks

The Household Food Security and Resilience (HFSR) Programme as part of efforts to reduce the effect of climate change, disaster and economic shock, worked with partners to train 22 communities in Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) model. The training coupled with 10 communities updating their disaster preparedness plans (DPPs) and made 600 people more prepared and resilient.

WVG through the Re-greening Africa Project trained and distributed 35,346 seedlings comprising mahogany, shea, cassia, rosewood, mango, kapok to 686 farmers (214 female and 472 male) in 29 communities of Bawku West and Garu Tempene Districts as part of efforts to re-green the environment through tree planting. Overall, 15,505 acreage of land is currently under protection with 686 of famers practicing FMNR / Evergreen Agriculture on their farm and community lands. The project also worked with Chiefs, Opinion leaders and community members in 10 communities to establish environmental by-laws against natural resource degradation.

To ensure sustainability of FMNR interventions, the Regreening Africa Project used the Empowered World View (EWW) model to train 75 Faith leaders (67 males and 8 females) to support in scaling up of regreening interventions to ensure sustainable livelihood for households. Communities explored strategies for applying the EWW model for transforming their communities.



Sustainable natural resources management and production

WVG together with its partners made efforts within the year to strengthen the capacity of smallholder farmers in Good Agricultural Practices to enable them manage their resources sustainably. The HFSR programme to this effect collaborated with District Departments of Agriculture to train 1,902 farmers (men 1081, women 821) from 60 communities in soil and water conservation practices, crop residue management, mulching, minimum tillage. Similarly, 200 farmers (91 males and 109 females) were also trained on improved agronomic practices to increase crop productivity for improved livelihoods and food security. In addition to the training, 8,012 of farmers accessed agricultural extension services and 1,245 farmers received agricultural inputs, assets and starter packs (seeds, fertilizers, agrochemicals, farm inputs) to support their farming activities. Monitoring reports indicate that 973 farmers and individuals trained under the programme are applying the knowledge acquired on improved and sustainable natural resource management techniques.



Life skills and resilience of children and youth improved

To ensure capacity of children and youth are built in improved life skills and resilience, the HFSR TP trained 400 youth (214 males and 186 females) from 8 communities on disaster risk reduction strategies. 603 youth (402 males and 201 females) from 10 communities were also trained on Agri-business to inspire them into agriculture activities. This contributed to increase their knowledge and capacity on agriculture viability. 150 youth also formed 15 interest groups in agriculture to seek relevant support and services from various institutions.



Livelihood options for women and youth diversified

WVG through the Food Security Technical Programme worked with partners towards diversifying livelihood opportunities for women and youth within its operational areas. In 2021, the programme partnered with the Departments of Agriculture to train 62 community members (23 males and 39 females) in bee keeping and 200 farmers (145 men and 55 women) in dry season gardening. These farmers were also supported with solar mechanised water pump to enable them draw water from a dam to water their 20 acres vegetable gardens. This intervention has contributed to reduce stress farmers go through to get water to their vegetable gardens and have helped to enhance household income.

Likewise, the TP also trained 44 Savings for Transformation groups (comprising 699 members) in soap production (bar and liquid) and body cream formulation and shea butter processing. The project equipped the groups with starter kits such as (ingredients, cutting and moulding boards, cutters etc.) for production and also linked the groups to market outlets. This has led to 47 youth engaging in market-led Income Generating Activity (IGA). The training is expected to further contribute to boost economic activities of beneficiary groups to enhance the wellbeing of their children.



Solar-powered irrigation pump makes learning easy for children in Burankoun

Fetching water is a routine chore for any child growing up in the Burankoun community. Water is a necessity for every household but it is not readily available.

Patrick, a 15-year-old JHS 2 student from the Burankoun community shared *"for the past two years, I always helped my father to water his two-acre onion farm after school and during weekends by using watering cans. Because of the weight of the cans, I got so tired after watering and most times, I was not able to do my homework or study at home. In most cases I don't wake up early to go to school!"*

Like many other children, Patrick would have to walk sometimes up to three kilometres to fetch water for the household. One trip of water was never enough and thus, with no means of transportation, children like Patrick would often be required to make multiple rounds before going to school.

World Vision's Garu-Tempene Area Programme in Ghana identified the high level of absenteeism and tardiness in nearby schools. The Area Programme found that children were often too tired to attend classes. This was because parents needed water for their farms during the dry season, which is often a difficult time in the northern parts of Ghana. Families like the one Patrick belongs to find themselves without any sustenance. As such, there is a need to embark on dry season farming.

The challenge was finding a way for parents to embark on this lucrative venture without compromising the education of their children. World Vision constructed a dugout at the Burankoun dam in 2019 to help households to undertake all-year-round farming on 64 acres of land. Given the difficulty farmers go through to get water into their farmlands, the Area Programme in 2021, supported farmers with a solar-powered mechanised pump that can pump about 9,000 litres of water every day to enable them regularly water their crops meeting the minimum water requirements. In addition, the Area Programme continued to fence the 64 acres of land area for dry season vegetable production.

This is what Patrick had to say about the pump: *"Thank you World Vision for lessening my burden. Watering using this pump has become fun and easy. I only need to dip the pump into the water and start watering the crops in the garden. I am so glad this has come to help me and all other children in this community. Before this pump, I used to spend about two to three hours each day watering the crops in the garden. But with this pump, I can use less than 30 minutes for this same piece of land. I will now be able to have more time for my studies at home. I am hopeful that this solar pump available will help me to learn to become a doctor in the future. God bless you World Vision for your timely intervention!"*



Patrick watering his father's two-acre onion farm with newly installed water pump



R.C.H UNIT

OPD UNIT

LABOUR WARD

CAUTION

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND NUTRITION

12,770 community members
(**6,080** women, **4,119** men and **1,376** girls and **1,195** boys)
in **43** communities benefited from food demonstration
sessions

51,833 community members
(**23,753** women, **17,545** men
and **5,842** girls and **4,693** boys)
sensitized on micronutrient rich-foods supplements
and appropriate feeding practices

66 women in seven women producer
groups in the production of
nutrition-oriented snacks



9,632 persons reached with information on
NTDs with **99** different cases detected
and referred for treatment.

216

of Mother-To- Mother Support
Groups (MTMSG) and
55 Men's groups facilitators in
61 communities trained on
appropriate feeding practices

49,973



community members
(**22,753** women, **16,685** men
and **5,842** girls and **4,693** boys)
sensitized on the prevention and
management of malaria, diarrhoea
and acute respiratory



The Health Programme used the Channels of Hope- Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (CoH- MNCH) and Community Health Committees (COMM) models to contribute to achieving the programme's goal of ensuring that "**All children especially the most vulnerable within families and communities have improved health and nutritional status.**" Through the continuous partnership with KIA Motors, World Vision US, WV Canada, FHI-360, USAID, Ministry of Health, Ghana Health Service, Community Based Organizations among others, a number of grant projects also contributed to achieving the programme's overall goal.





Reduced Maternal and Child Malnutrition

To improve households' knowledge on micronutrient (MN) rich foods, supplements, and appropriate feeding practices, 5,270 pregnant mothers and mothers/caregivers of children 0-24 months received counselling on nutrition and complementary feeding with 10,313 children (5,595 girls and 4,718 boys) benefitting from growth monitoring. To build the capacity of local health stakeholders to support appropriate feeding practices, 216 Mother-To-Mother Support Groups (MTMSG) and 55 Men's groups facilitators in 61 communities were trained; 51 MTMSGs and 25 Men's groups were also revamped. In collaboration with the Improved Feeding Practices Project, 24 Health Staff (14 male and 10 female) and 46 Community Health Volunteers (CHV) (33 male and 14 Female) were trained and supported to conduct nutrition outreach services in the Sekyere East Area Programme (AP).

The Motherfood Project, worked with women in micro-enterprise to localize the production of fortified nutrition products (bars) through community-based micro-factories to improve dietary diversification for vulnerable populations through a market-based approach in the Asante Akim North District. The project trained 66 women in seven women producer groups in the production of nutrition-oriented snacks



Increase in Children Protected from Infection and Disease (Ages 0-5)

In collaboration with the WASH Programme, 49,973 community members (22,753 women, 16,685 men and 5,842 girls and 4,693 boys) in 78 communities were sensitized on the prevention and management of malaria, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infection through Community Hope Action Teams (CHAT) using Faith Leaders.

Ghana Health Service was also supported on immunization campaigns and routine Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) activities, where 21,543 eligible children (10,632 Girls and 10,911 boys) received age-appropriate vaccines with 18,009 children (9,105 Girls and 8,904 boys) between 6–59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation.

The Programme implemented a Village Savings & Loans for Neglected Tropical Diseases Project (VSLAs4NTDs) which leveraged on existing structure of VSLA's in the Sekyere East Area Programme to increase awareness and detection of NTDs within highly endemic communities. A total of 9,632 persons were reached with information on NTDs through churches, houses, and community information centers. Consequently, VSLA members were able to detect 99 different NTD cases within the period. The evaluation findings revealed that awareness of NTDs increased from 5.9% to 68.4% among VSLA members and case referral to health facilities increased from 0 to 140 cases (WVG VSLAs4NTD Evaluation Report, 2021).



Improved Health System and Structures

Capacity building for 59 COMM and 18 CVA groups was conducted to engage stakeholders and mobilize resources to support health delivery. The project which is currently ongoing when completed will lead to improved access to health services for the Nkwakwanua community.

Through the Act to End| NTDs West, the Neglected Tropical Disease Programme of Ghana Health Service was supported to revamp and expand the composition of Inter-Country Cross-Sector Coordination to include other relevant sectors such as Education, WASH, Finance, Research/academia, and Media. The Schistosomiasis/Soil-Transmitted Helminths Expert Committee was established to provide technical and advisory support to the NTD Programme in the control and elimination of schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths.

The KIA Green Light Health Center and Mobile Clinic Van to provide quality and accessible health care services to the people of Saaman and neighbouring communities directly reaching 14,363 community members made up of 5,723 men, 5,885 women, 1,350 boys and 1,405 girls. To generate sustained funding to improve the health systems and structures, the construction of a Poultry Farmhouse has commenced to serve as an Income Generating Activity (Poultry Farm) component for sustainability.

The posting of more health personnel improves health delivery in ahwerewa community In the sekyere east district

Ahwerewa-Feyiase is a twin farming community located 7 km to the West of Sekyere East District with an estimated population of 1,262. The inhabitants of the community access their health services from a CHPS compound built by World Vision Sekyere East AP in 2011. This facility also serves 5 additional neighbouring communities with an estimated population of 3,861 out of which 621 are estimated to be children under 5 years of age. However, the health facility lacked the necessary health personnel to address the health needs of the community's population. Prior to the implementation of Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) activities in the community, the health center operated with two Community Health Nurses (CHN) who were assisted by three Community Health Volunteers (CHV). There was also lack of storage facilities such as a refrigerator to keep essential medical consumables and vaccines. The facility had no delivery room and beds for the conduct of safe delivery to pregnant women and there was no staff accommodation to facilitate 24-hour service delivering. The health workers also pulled water from a manual borehole 50 meters away.

Due to these challenges, the facility was unable to provide 24-hour quality healthcare services, properly keep essential medications and conduct safe childbirths and maintain high standard hygiene. This story has since changed - thanks to the introduction of CVA which has resulted in the posting of extra health personnel to the institution. Through the CVA approach, community members were empowered with relevant information on basic standards of CHPS facilities, responsibilities of duty bearers and the role of citizens towards health care delivery. Following this, community meetings were held to ascertain standards compliance and assess citizens' opinions on the performance of the health services rendered to them. It was revealed that the number of staff (2 CHN and 3 CHV) were not enough to cater for the population mentioned above and also facilities such as fridge, delivery beds, delivery ward, nurses' accommodation among others were lacking, resulting in poor services. These challenges were prioritized as action items in the community health action plan.

With support from the AP staff, the partners and the CVA working group, persistent pressure was put on the District Health Directorate and the District Assemblies to fix the gaps so as to improve health care delivery for the people. This unceasing pressure on the duty bearers led to the posting of a Health Assistant, 2 additional community health nurses, 5 additional community health volunteers and a security officer. The facility also got a fridge for storing vaccines, a delivery ward, 3 delivery beds whilst construction of nurses quarters is ongoing (about 80% complete). The engagements also resulted in the mechanization of the borehole and extension of water to the facility which enhances the sanitation aspect of health delivery, especially during critical periods such as washing of hands before and after attending to patients and conducting child delivery.

Madam Rosemond Owusu Ansah who is in charge of the health facility said *"Antenatal services, home visitations, facility delivery among other services were some of the challenges of the facility. However, these are now a thing of the past. My happiness is that relationship between staff and community members has improved and community women in particular now have confidence in us"*



Ahwerewa CHPS Compound

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

10 Health facilities

(**1,145** health professionals)

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In response to the Covid 19 pandemic and its associated effect, WVG intensified community sensitization, education and awareness creation in partnership with other key partners to provide appropriate information on Covid 19 preventive measures and vaccination among 63,808 people (27,483 women, 20,935 men and 8,749 girls and 6,641 boys) through various means including radio (Pad FM, Might FM and Radio Savannah) and TV (Sagani TV).

WVG through its Health programme implemented a Covid 19 response which strengthened the capacity of staff in Health Care Facilities on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for COVID-19; improving community awareness and capacity to undertake appropriate IPC protocols against COVID-19; and increasing access to IPC supplies in health facilities. A total of 1,145 health staff and cleaners trained on IPC measures. Distributed facemasks and medical gloves to health facilities; 1,140 packs of Medical/Examination Gloves, 510 packs of medical/surgical nose masks and 2,850 packs of non-medical nose masks and many more were distributed to 10 health facilities in the Greater Accra Region





EDUCATION

A total of **16,172** exercise books, **2,550** pencils, **1,375** charts, **500** back packs and **1,131** T-shirts were distributed to **7,180** children, in 3 Area Programmes (Krachi West, Nkwanta and Kadjebi).

An estimated **7,500** people benefited from the radio sensitization on the Back-to-school campaign, giving rise to a minimum of **95%** of the children reporting back to school after Covid-19 schools closure



379 reading clubs have so far been observed and **93%** of these clubs are meeting physical standards and **69%** meet quality standards of MEQA observations.

The Reading Improvement in Primary Education (RIPE) programme is the education technical programme of World Vision Ghana. The programme among others implements interventions in Early Childhood Development and Early Grade Reading through two core project models, namely; the Learning Roots and Unlock Literacy Project models.

Supporting COVER Implementation with Back-to-School Campaigns:

Schools across the country reopened on the 18th of January 2021, after 10 months of closure due to Covid-19. In a bid to get children back to school after the long break, WVG embarked on a campaign dubbed 'Back to school campaign.' The campaign took the form of organized durbars, radio and community sensitizations across the Area Programmes implementing RIPE. WVG collaborated with influential community leaders to reach the children. Children and teachers were also admonished to adhere to all Covid-19 protocols to ensure their safety. At the end of the durbars, a total of 16,172 exercise books, 2,550 pencils, 1,375 charts, 500 back packs and 1,131 T-shirts were distributed to 7,180 children, in 3 APs (Krachi, Nkwanta and Kadjebi). Furthermore, an estimated 7,500 people benefited from the radio sensitization on the Back-to-school campaign. By the end of the second week of re-opening of the schools, monitoring reports indicated about 95% of the children had reported to school. For this reason, academic work started earnestly across schools. It is gratifying to note that none of the over 32,000 children who are covered by WVG education programmes got hit by covid.



MEQA data collection:



Within the early part of 2020, WV Ghana became the first country in West Africa Region to host a training on Measuring Evidence of Quality Achieved (MEQA). Unfortunately, due to the outbreak of COVID 19, Area Programme Teams could not implement MEQA as planned. However, with the re-opening of schools in Ghana, Krachi, Nkwanta, Kadjebi, Daiso, Afram Plains, Fanteakwa have conducted MEQA observations across programme schools and reading clubs. It is exciting to note that 379 reading clubs have so far been observed and 93 % of these clubs are meeting physical standards and 69% meet quality standards. The next stage for the Office is to help the district education teams to begin analyzing the data and making actionable statements, plans and interventions out of them.

International Mother Language Day:



In 2021 the International Mother Language Day was held in Accra, in collaboration with the civil society's platform on SDG goal 4 and 3FM a subsidiary of the TV3 group. The day is unique to WV due to our prioritization of mother language approach to literacy and reading at the early grade. The theme was "The Role of the Mother Tongue in improving Literacy in Ghana". The day was celebrated through a live broadcast on radio. The discussion panel included; Andrew Ofori-Dankyi, the Education Technical Program Manager of World Vision Ghana; Peter Wangara, the Director for Literacy; Joyce Lanyoh, Convener for Civil Societies Platform SDG goal 4; and Prof Charles Ewu Ewie, Senior Lecturer, University of Education Winneba. The main speaker of the Program, Professor Ewu Ewie admonished teachers to desist from the habit of punishing students for speaking our local languages at school. He believes this has the tendency of eroding our heritage as a country. This activity is part of agenda to get the ministry of Education to relook at the policy of local language use in schools.



Stakeholder Engagement on the Unlock Literacy Research

An orientation meeting on Unlock Literacy Learning Network project was organized in Accra to bring Regional and District Directors of Education to appreciate the Unlock Literacy (UL) project model and its components. Present were the Regional Directors of Central, Eastern, and Oti Regions and their respective District Directors from Afram Plains North and South, Fanteakwa North, Krachi West and Kadjebi. Also, present were representatives of Ministry of Education and the Ghana Education Service from the ministries. Participants were taken through the Unlock Literacy model, the fidelity of implementation and the implementation plan for UL. Presentation was led by the University of Ghana School of Education and Leadership.



Review and planning meeting for District Education Offices

The RIPE programme implements capacity building for District Teacher Support Teams (DTST) and Core Early Childhood Teams (ECT), and supports these teams to conduct School-Based-Coaching visits to enable teachers to implement improved reading strategies. Following the reopening of schools in January, meetings were held with the district education offices in seven (7) Area Programmes (Krachi West, Kadjebi, Nkwanta, Fanteakwa, Afram Plains, Kassena, Upper Denkyira West) to strategies to help children attend school – through the "Back-to-school" campaign, and to re-orient teachers on the appropriate literacy teaching practices so that they pick up from where they left off prior to the closure of schools.

Linda Returns to School After Delivery as a Result of World Vision Ghana Advocacy Campaign on Improving Girls' Education in Krachi West District

Linda, a seventeen-year-old girl was part of the 51 teenage girls in Krachi West District in the newly curved Oti Region of Ghana who were victims of teenage pregnancy. This was between March and May 2020 according to the statistics of the Ghana Health Service (GHS) - Krachi West during the Covid-19 school closure in 2020.

In March 2020, schools were closed down by the Government of Ghana due to initiative to limit the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. Students were left only in the care of their parents as there was no school activities during that period. Linda's pregnancy came as a result of sexual exploitation by a young man in her community who used to assist her with her studies.

She was in Junior High School (JHS 1) when the pregnancy occurred. Things were not easy for her as she was traumatised by the strong words used by her parents and neighbours against her. *"I was really disappointed when I realised my daughter was pregnant because she cannot fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse as she had wanted to be. I used to insult her for bringing shame unto the family"*, Linda's mother said while shedding tears during Advocacy Campaign exercise organised by World Vision in their community.

The challenges that confronted Linda during her pregnancy and after birth made her to decide to learn a trade instead of going back to school. *"I decided not to go to school again because I feared my friends will tease me"* Linda sorrowfully remarked.

In the first week of school reopening in January 2021, World Vision Ghana, Krachi West Area Programme collaborated with the Advocacy Task Force in Krachi West District to embark on intensive Advocacy Campaign in the District in which Linda and her parents attended. The campaign aimed at encouraging young girls who are victims of teenage pregnancy to return to school. Through the campaign, Linda was identified and was counseled. This made her withdrew the intension of learning a trade to return to school after giving birth.

According to Mr. Sunkwa, Linda's father, he was so excited when his daughter told him she wants to go back to school after the Advocacy Campaign. Currently, Linda is back to school and is doing well with the support of her parents.

World Vision Ghana in partnership with Ghana Education Service and National Commission for Civic Education has instituted School Health Education Programme (SHEP) clubs and Child Parliament clubs in most of the schools in the district. Linda is currently a member of these two clubs in her school and performing a role of Child-Led Advocacy Ambassador. She educates young girls in her community and beyond against teenage pregnancy and child marriage through local radio stations.

"I thank World Vision so much for bringing the Advocacy Campaign to my community. I am proud that I am back to school and can pursue my dream of becoming a nurse in future. I encourage young girls especially teenage mothers to take their studies seriously in pursuance of their dreams," Linda remarked excitedly.



Linda educating young children on teenage pregnancy at Kaakye FM station



CHILD PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

Advocacy

WVG, in collaboration with key partners (Civil Society Organizations, NGOs, development partners, government ministries, departments and agencies), influenced the development and review of 9 policies/laws and advocated for budget increment to tackle various child protection issues and end violence against children. This positively impacted the lives of approximately 13.5 million children.

Policy Development/reviews: Key policies that WVG supported in their development and/or reviews include:

- National Guidelines and Standards for Peer Support Services
- National Policy and Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Settings
- National Food Policy
- Food and Agriculture Sector Development Policy (FASDEP)
- Language of Instruction Policy
- Inclusive Education Policy
- new Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 2020 (Act 1027)
- COVID-19 Response Guidelines and Plan



Budget increment and Grant Acquisition for ITAW

- National Agriculture budget increment
- Sanitation and Pollution Levy under the Energy Sector Levies (Amendments) Act, 2021 (Act1064)
- Grant/PNS acquisition for adolescent livelihood and rescue of children from child labour



WVG worked with community members, vulnerable groups, celebrities, traditional leaders, faith leaders, girls and boys to call to action political leaders and decision makers to end violence against children across the 16 regions of Ghana. A series of interventions, including marches, community durbars, stamp-up-campaigns, and international days celebrations, provided the opportunity to mobilise over 1.7 million supporters to present petitions and call duty bearers to action, to end violence against children through increase budget, policy implementation and enforcement of laws.

Child Protection



Significant progress was made in strengthening of child protection mechanisms within communities. Following a series of interventions in relation to awareness raising, empowerment, building capacity of referral agencies and service providers, a total of 152,582 community members were reached with awareness and behaviour change communication messages on child protection. In addition, 658 child protection services by all service providers (Social Welfare, DoVVSU, CHRAJ, NCCE, Births and Deaths Registration, Guidance and Counseling etc.) improved. A total of 40,362 children, between the ages of 12-18 years demonstrated knowledge in child protection and their right to survival. They were aware of child protection services available to them as well as where to report violations and abuse. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an upsurge in incidences of violence against children at home. WVG intervened with programmes on positive parenting and positive discipline in communities. Consequently 100,040 parents demonstrated knowledge in positive discipline while 23,865 demonstrated knowledge in positive parenting.



Strengthening Child Participation in Decision Making

Following the welfare principle of the best interest of the child, children were empowered to meaningfully participate in decision making at all levels. Monitoring data revealed that 12,928 children were engaged in decision making in their communities. Hence children's rights are increasingly been respected and fulfilled. WVG supported 47 child delegates from selected APs to participate in the 2nd Session of the National Child Parliament held in Accra.



Child Online Protection

Child online safety has become a key component of child protection due to the increase in internet penetration, access to social media and other forms of digital technology by children. WVG supported the education and sensitisation of 1,500 children (800 girls, 700 boys) and their parents on how to stay safe and report abuse online to appropriate authorities. Additionally, WVG supported Saint Sylvanus School in Pokuasi with 10 brand new desktop computers and accessories, with other assorted items worth over GHC35,000.00. The donation seeks to improve ICT education as well as provide the opportunity for girls and boys to learn how to stay safe online.



Rescue project

The Diaso Area Programme embarked on a project to rescue children from illegal mining sites. A large number of inhabitants within the Diaso AP have undertaken illegal mining as a source of livelihood. This has attracted many children and adolescents to join the business at the expense of their education and development. Through the project over 300 boys and girls have been rescued and enrolled in schools. These children have also been supported with basic school needs such as uniforms, school bag and exercise books. Additionally, some adolescents who are reluctant to reenroll in school have been supported to pursue alternative livelihood ventures such as carpentry, apprenticeships, block laying, car spraying and mechanic works among others.



End Child Marriage Campaigns

The WVG Office made substantive gains with the End Child Marriage Now! Campaign, within the year 2021. Through the campaign initiatives the Media Coalition Against Child Marriage has been birthed awaiting formal launching. WVG partnered with Girls Not Bride -Ghana to harmonize and utilize data for influencing public policy and investment in the campaign to end child marriage in Ghana.

Furtherance to the partnership and support by WVG and key partners in the development of the re-entry guidelines for teen mothers, 3,139 girls returned to school out of a total of 7,213 who dropped out due to pregnancy, according to the GES-Girl Child Education Unit.

At the local/community level, 148 fora were organized to raise awareness and empower parents and caregivers on child protection issues. A total of 122 child protection issues were identified and engaged for resolution by faith leaders. Meanwhile, 23,008 faith leaders were engaged and took action to end child marriage. Faith leaders remain a critical partner in the campaign through the mobilisation of faith communities, training of faith leaders, education and awareness raising as well as taking action to protect the dignity and rights of every child.

Shamima is a 10-year-old girl Child Marriage Ambassador and a member of the West Gonja and National Children's Parliament of Ghana.

Shamima is in grade 4 and aspires to be a medical doctor in future. Through her video on ending child marriage as part of the #JustMarried Mobilization, she has reached over 1 million views and likes on Facebook. "I want to wear uniform and a matriculation gown, not a wedding gown," she said in her video message. This emphasizes the need for girls to remain in school in order to end child marriage.

In an interview, Shamima expressed her desire for a society where all children are safe from violence and have the freedom to enjoy school. Her suggestion to parents is not to send their daughters off to marry, but to assist them to go to school. Child marriage, in her opinion, undermines efforts to improve girls' enrollment in school and their education and empowerment in general. A girl's knowledge and skills are better developed when she is in school.

Children like Shamima are change makers and when empowered, act as advocate for ending child marriage and all forms of violence against children.





FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

In the year 2021, 733 children (404 boys and 329 girls) and 63 adult partners (35 males and 28 females) were reached through various Spiritual Nurture of Children (SNC) activities aimed at contributing to the Child Wellbeing (CWB) target of “Children aged 12-18 who report an increased level of Well-being”. Currently, more than 1,852 children (983 girls, 869 boys) including 651 RC are attending SNC meetings and are being transformed positively by the activities of the curriculum. In addition to this, 1003 women, and 751 men were directly impacted by these children and family life enhancement opportunities. To further equip families and communities to support spiritual nurturing of children and to manage psychosocial issues, Christian Counselling Training of Facilitators (ToF) was organized for 15 participants (10 Males; 5 Females; 3 Church Partners and 12 Staffs) which has created a pool of facilitators to support trainings in Christian Counselling. WVG in collaboration with LCC also trained 20 Faith leaders (10 Imams and 10 Pastors) and 20 Savings for Transformation (S4T) members (12 women and 8 men) on Celebrating Families' Curriculum.

In WVG's quest to deepen church partnerships, five (5) para-church partners comprising of Child Evangelism Committee (CEF), Jesus Life (J-Life), TheoVision International, Ghana Evangelism Missions Association (GEMA) and Institute for Christian Impact (ICI) were engaged to strengthen collaborations and explore ministry opportunities for a successful implementation of a Christian Discipleship Project, which begins in FY22 and ends in FY27.

WVG in collaboration with the Local Council of Churches (LCC) engaged 18 faith leaders (13 Christians and 5 Muslims) on mental health and psychosocial support to equip them to provide care, counselling and psychosocial support to victims of COVID-19 in their communities. 54 Faith Leaders (4 females and 50 males) of the Ghana Baptist Convention were further trained on mental wellness of people in COVID-19 pandemic.

A training was held on Empowered World View approach for 75 participants (leaders of faith community, savings groups, unit committee, child protection committees and farmer groups) in the Bawku West AP comprising of 15 females and 60 males on Local Resource Mobilization and to become change agents in their communities by appreciating their God-given potential and to use it optimally to benefit of themselves and their families.

In partnership with the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) for Sustainable Economic Empowerment and Development project, the Faith and Development Unit empowered 35 faith leaders (20 Christians, 10 Muslims; 25 Males and 10 Females) in the Kassena Area Programme in SNC and how to appreciate the relevance of ecosystems and the need to be good stewards of the environment.

Another partnership between Faith and Development and WASH resulted in the training of 76 children (40 boys and 36 girls) using the WV WASH in the sermon Guide to highlight the biblical perspectives on the consequences of unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). These children have been empowered to spread the proper behaviours they have learned among their peers in schools and through Kids Clubs activities, as well as within their communities.

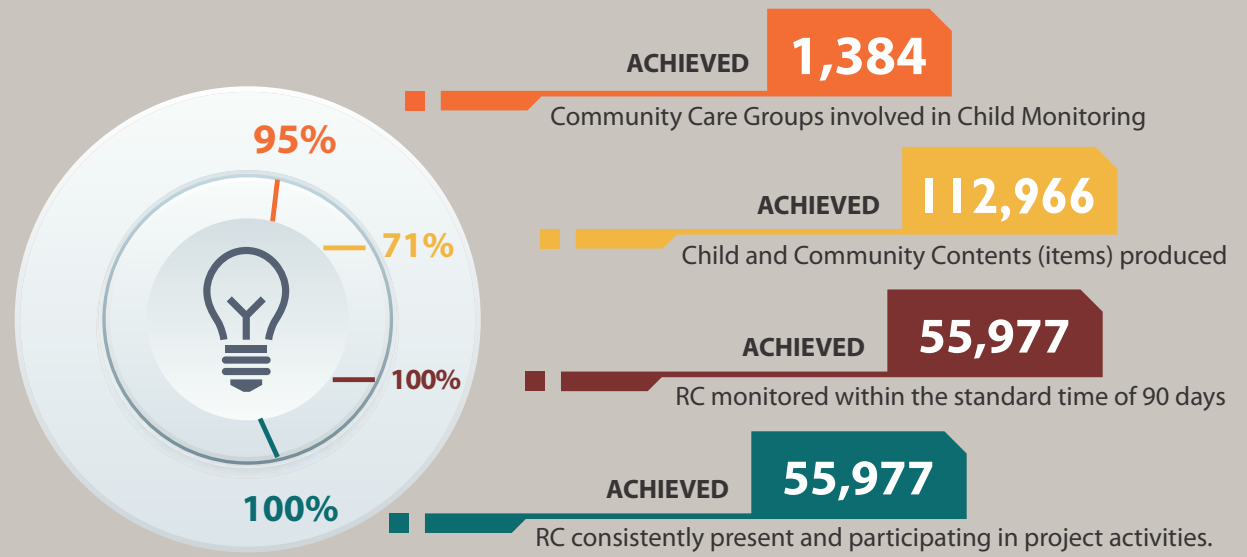




CHILD SPONSORSHIP

World Vision Ghana worked closely with community stakeholders including Community Care Groups (CCGs) to regularly monitor its Registered Children (RC) to ensure their presence, protection and active participation in programme interventions. Accordingly, WVG obtained a rating with 100% of RC monitored within the standard time of 90 days. RCs were routinely present and participated in project activities in numbers as high as 100%. 1,384 Community Care Groups (CCGs) were involved in and supported volunteers in child monitoring especially RCs across all APs. The CCGs are multi-functional and are made up of representatives from local church partners, school management committees, child protection committees as well as health institutions. Also, 362,384 (98%) Sponsorship Operating Indicators such as Annual Progress Report, Gift Notification, RC Management, Christmas Cards, Partnership Holds among others, were responded to within the standard time with green rating.

Community and Child Contents make child sponsorship more efficient, more engaging for supporters and more effective for children's well-being. They strengthen and expand connections between children, communities and supporters and amplify the voices of children and communities. They are relevant to rising supporter expectations, safely leveraging technology and social media, providing life-enriching experiences that contribute to the sustained well-being of children. In view of this, WVG produced 112,966 Community and Child Contents such as Community Update Photo (YUP), Community Update Video (YUV), Community Farewell Video (YFV), Child Update Photo (CUP), Child Greeting Video (CGV), Child Update Video (CUV), Community Intro Video (YIV) and Community Intro Photo (YIP). All Community and Child Contents passed quality reviews tests and received approval.



HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY AFFAIRS/ SECURITY

5,000

Flood victims in the Upper West Region supported with items

Distributed Vitamin A supplements and bottles of albendazole worth

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to address malnutrition including Micronutrient Deficiency.

WVG programming under its Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs/Security collaborated with humanitarian actors such as National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), UNFPA, Ghana Red Cross, WFP on various stakeholder forums. Areas of collaboration focused on child protection, Genders, Health and disaster prevention, early warning, capacity building as well as response in emergencies. WVG through the Inter-Agency Working Group on Emergencies (IAGWE) carried out a joint assessment to determine areas of support in response to victims of floods in the Upper West Region. Accordingly, WVG supported over 5,000 flood victims in the region with items such as packets of P&G, buckets, hand sanitizers, gallons of liquid soap, water filtration mesh, and IEC materials on water quality management to support affected households to have good drinking water. WVG worked closely with the Ghana INGO platform to carry out a joint security risk assessment following the security alert issued by the Ghana Police Service on planned attacks on Ghana by Bandits from neighbouring countries.

As an extension of WVG COVID-19 response efforts, WVG collaborated with Ghana Health Service to organise a virtual Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) training for 1,145 selected health professionals from 10 health facilities in the Greater Accra Region. The project further featured a virtual exchange learning session between Ghana and Taiwan health professionals in a bid to explore lessons learnt and best practices from each country. Additionally, vulnerable households and health facilities across ten communities within the region were supported with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hand washing stations and hand sanitizers.

WVG in partnership with Ghana Health Service also distributed Vitamin A supplements and bottles of albendazole worth \$US 1,790.00 to the Sekyere East and Savelugu Cluster as part of key intervention to address malnutrition including Micronutrient Deficiency.





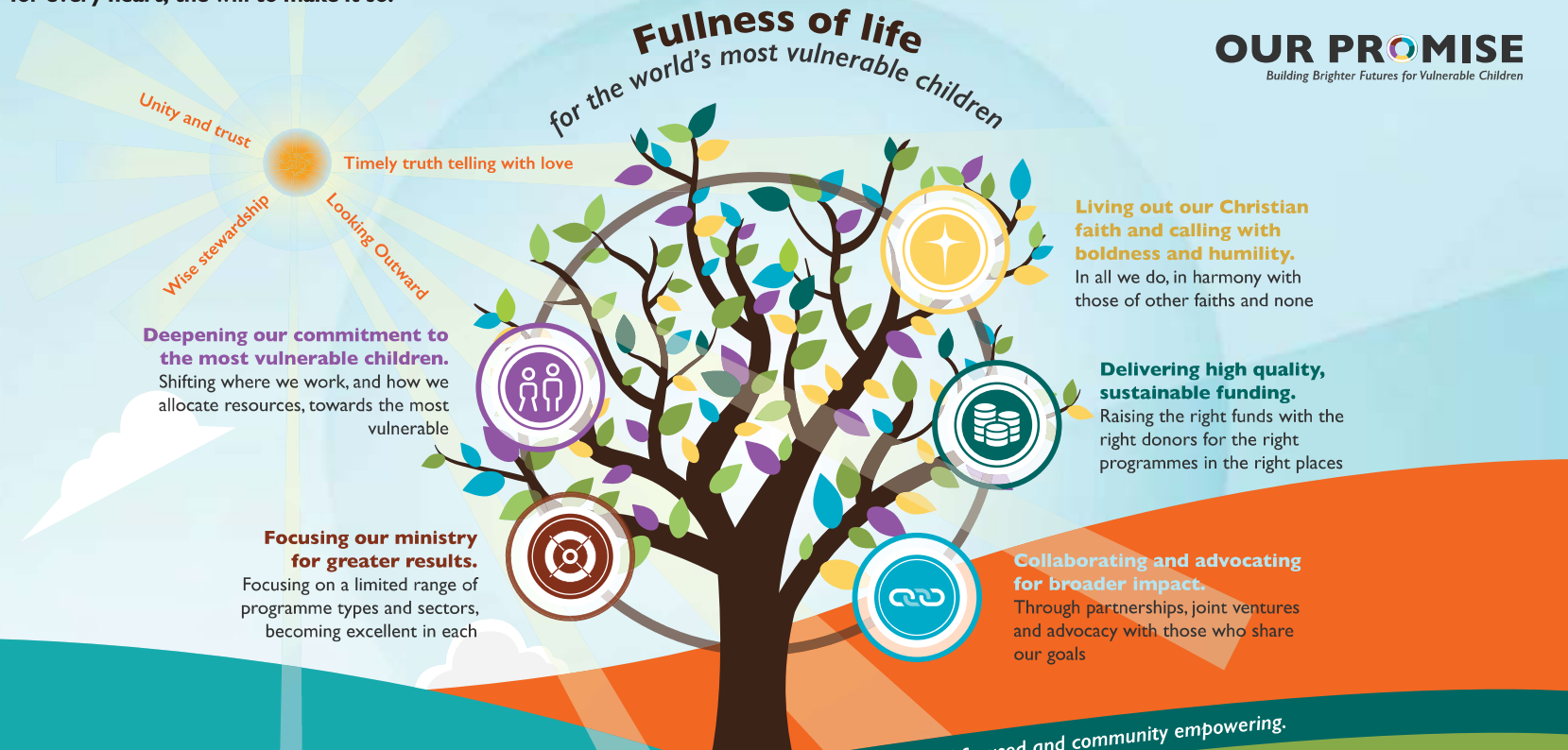
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To relentlessly pursue our vision for every child – life in all its fullness; and our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.



OUR PROMISE
Building Brighter Futures for Vulnerable Children

Fullness of life
for the world's most vulnerable children



The strategy is rooted in what makes World Vision distinctive: Christian, child focused and community empowering.

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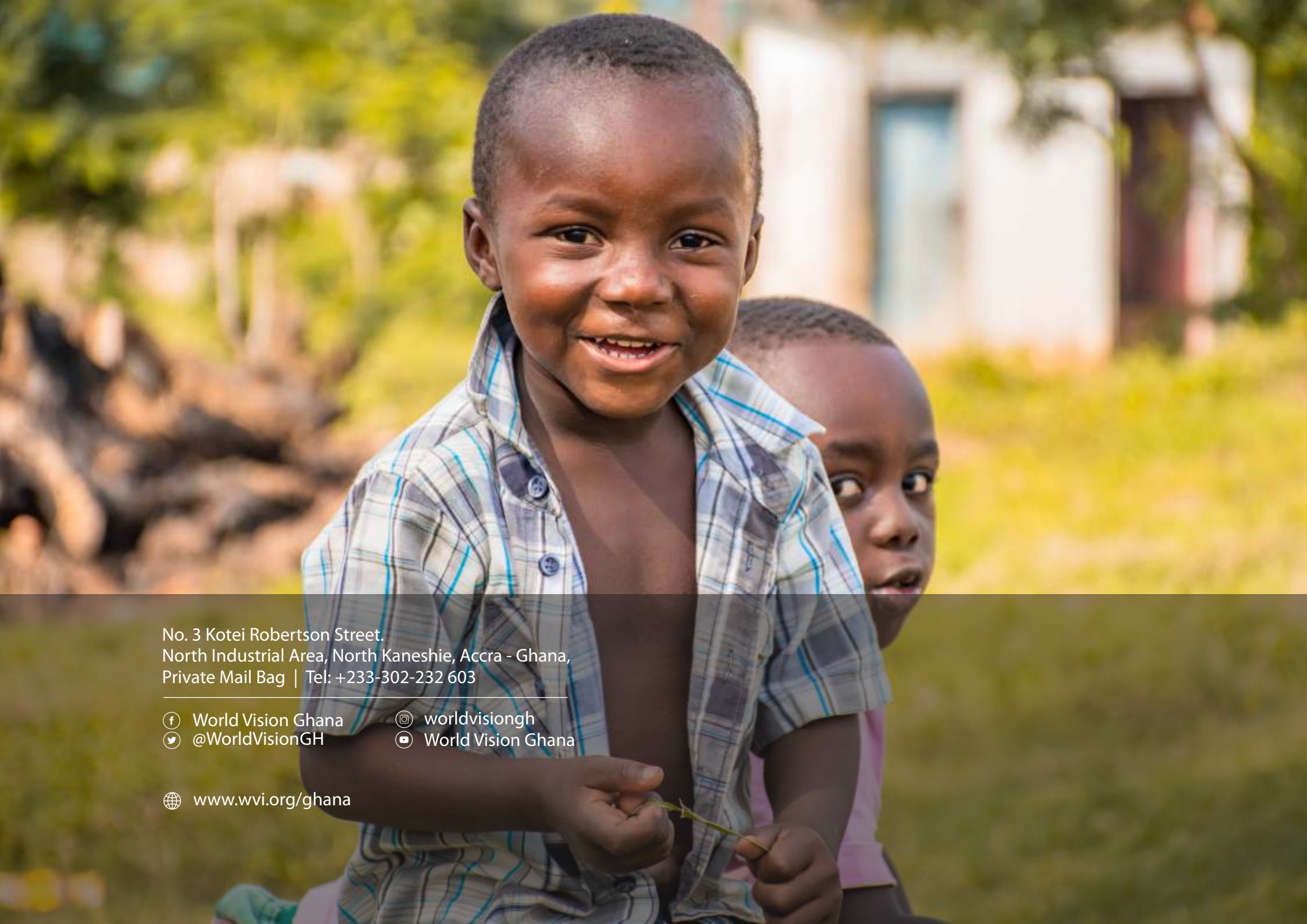


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