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Board Chair's Remarks

It is a great honour for me to deliver this statement on behalf of the Board of Directors of World Vision Eswatini (WVE). I take over the role of Board Chairperson at a critical time when the organisation and the country are emerging from the effects of COVID-19. I would like to thank Mr. Hezekiel Nsibande who was able to steer the ship through such a tumultuous time, helping us remain truthful and faithful to our call to serve the most vulnerable children and their families in Eswatini.

I am happy to report that, in 2023, WVE delivered a stellar performance, meeting its strategic objectives. This is evidenced by the reports we reviewed on a quarterly basis, demonstrating good programme delivery, efficient spending, and rigorous risk mitigation. During this reporting period, over 156,000 vulnerable children and their communities were reached with various transformational interventions, including child protection, health and nutrition, livelihoods, humanitarian emergency support, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene.

As part of the Board's oversight role, we undertook field visits to meet and engage with communities served by the organisation, particularly children. I must say, it was an absolute pleasure meeting the young ones and hearing them share, in their own words, how the organisation had transformed their lives for the better. I would like to, therefore, applaud the Senior Leadership Team, Management and Staff of the organisation for their individual and collective efforts in delivering on our promise to the vulnerable children in Eswatini.

Having engaged Sizwe Ntsaluba Grant Thornton as financial auditors for this reporting period, we, as the Board, are pleased to note that there were no

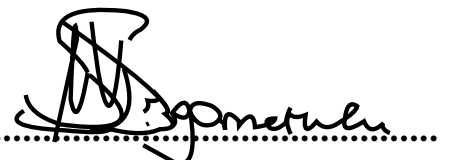
significant audit findings once again.

This gives us assurance that resources entrusted to WVE by donors are being appropriately channeled towards the improvement of Swati children's lives. For this, I want to applaud the whole team, capably led by National Director Tinah Mukunda.

As we look ahead into 2024, the global socio-economic picture remains volatile and is anticipated to remain challenging. The country is expected to soon grapple with the projected El Nino-induced drought, which will most likely worsen food security and other social ills. In spite of all this, WVE is encouraged to walk this journey with a new government at the helm and the support of our various donors and supporters.

We continued the evolution of our Board and governance structures in 2023. In terms of changes to the independent non-executive directors of the Board, Rev. David Mathse, Professor Comfort Mndebele and Mr. Hezekiel Nsibande reached their term limits. Mr. Sabelo Masuku and Mr. Wandile Mathonsi resigned to take up national assignments. On behalf of my fellow directors, I would like to thank those departing members for their valuable contribution over the years and welcome the new directors whose positive presence is already being felt.

I wish all at WVE more success in the new financial year (FY). Keep the Promise to our children and Go Further! Stay blessed!

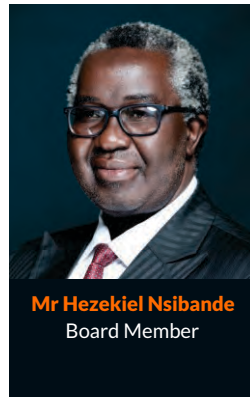
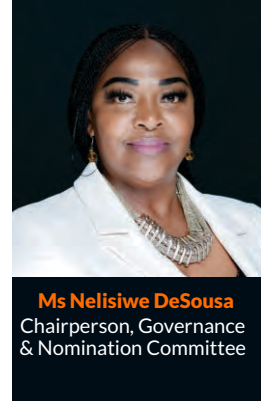
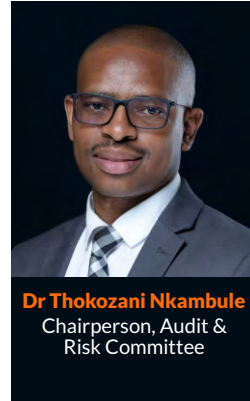
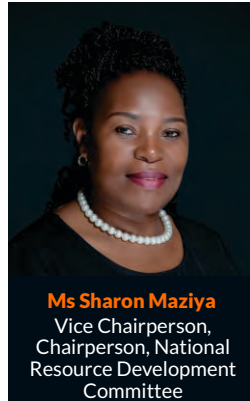


Chairperson of the Board of Directors
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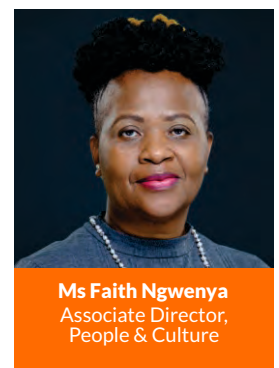
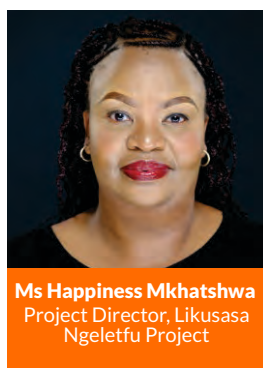


Ms Siceliwe Mngometulu
Chairperson of the
Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors



Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT)





Ms Tinah Mukunda
National Director

National Director's Foreword

This year, 2022-2023 (FY23), has been a truly remarkable year with our organisation ending on a positive note as we achieved 96% overall performance on key indicators.

Our interventions for the year under report, while focussing on key technical programmes, incorporated Climate Change, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI), and implementation of programmes in urban settings as key priority areas. I am particularly pleased about these, especially the establishment of an Environment and Climate Change Working Group, our Green Team, tasked with leading activities that will enable us to mainstream environmental and climate change policy and practice across our organisation.

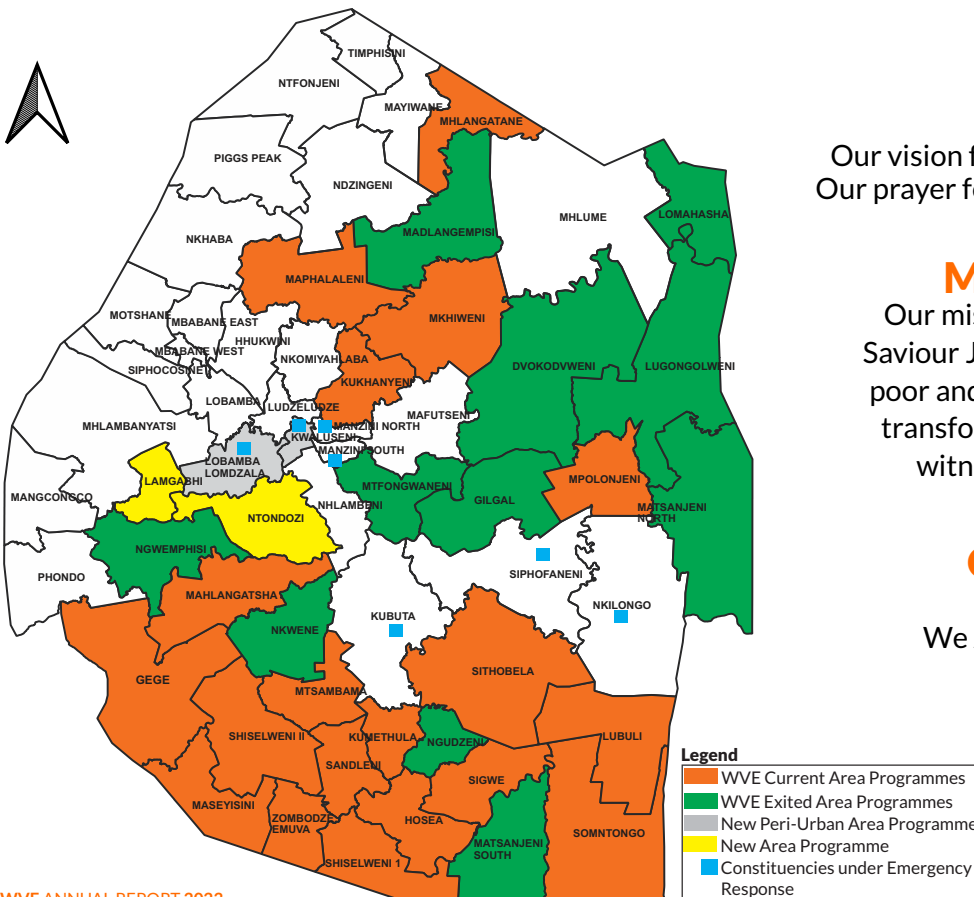
The organisation has established Lobamba Lomdzala Area Programme (AP) covering peri-urban Lobamba Lomdzala and Kwaluseni constituencies, incorporating the Malkerns and Kwaluseni Municipalities respectively. We look forward to this new challenge with eager anticipation and hope to support more urban-based communities where there is vulnerability affecting children.

We are grateful to God for enabling us to continue serving His people. Immense appreciation also goes to our donors for the confidence shown to the organisation. We remain committed to going further in our promise to the children of Eswatini.

My sincere appreciation to the WVE Board of Directors and the WV International leadership for the support, guidance, oversight, and allowing us to pursue strategies aimed at ensuring the organisation's sustainability. This includes the procurement of a new building for our National Office in Mbabane. I would also like to thank the Senior Leadership Team, Management, and Staff for their support and amazing commitment to ensuring the organisation continues to serve Eswatini's most vulnerable communities well into the future.

As per the organisation's mandate, we will continue to strive for every child in Eswatini to enjoy life in all its fullness. Find out more about our achievements in this FY23 Annual Report.

Where we work



Our Vision

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness.
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Mission Statement

Our 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.

Our Core Values

- We are Christian
- We Are Committed to the Poor
- We value People
- We Are Responsive
- We Are Stewards
- We Are Partners

OUR PROMISE

for Vulnerable children

Strategy Implementation Summary

The organisation is currently delivering on a five-year strategy (FY21-FY25). FY23 therefore marks a three-year successive implementation of the strategy. The organisation continued to align its efforts to the strategy objective, in full recognition of the changes in the implementation environment or context.

Programme focus: WVE provided solutions focused on the key technical programmes, namely Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Livelihoods and Economic Resilience; Health, Nutrition and HIV; and Community Engagement and Sponsorship Plan (CESP). Additionally, adapting to the change in the environment, the organisation integrated interventions on Climate Change, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI), as well as implementation of programmes in urban settings as priority areas.

Context changes: The organisation also recognises the shifts in the implementation and funding landscape, which further prompt a shift in the way business is conducted. In FY23, the organisation transitioned four Area Programmes (APs) and launched two (2) new APs, one of which is in peri-urban areas. This signifies a new era for WVE programme implementation under the concept of Urban Programming.

Impact: The organisation continues to be impact and results-driven. In FY23, WVE successfully reached over 156,000 children with life-changing, empowering interventions. Cumulatively, over the last three years, 310,000 beneficiaries have been directly reached through World Vision programming: 55% children under 18 years and 45% young men and women (youth) and adults.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Goal: To achieve universal access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation and hygiene for 137,400 people in WVE programming areas by 2025.








Access to water: Access to basic potable (drinkable) water remains a challenge at communities across the country. This year, WVE contributed to an improvement in water access from 62% to 72% at supported communities or constituencies. Over 27,000 people gained access to water in the last 12 months, meaning these children and families walk less than 30 minutes round trips to a water point.

Collaboration for sustainability: The organisation continues to foster collaboration in its approach to delivery of services in communities. In this reporting period, WVE engineers, through the technical oversight of the Department of Water Affairs, designed and constructed 26 water supply systems, ensuring the use of clean renewable and gravitational energy. A partnership with Eswatini Water Service Corporation also helped rural communities receive safely managed water services, benefitting 6,596 individuals from ten constituencies across the country. Sixteen (16) schools were also supported to construct systems for potable water, benefiting over 8,000 children.

Climate-smart innovations: Cautious of the environmental risks posed by climate change, WVE is supporting communities with sustainable solutions for water access; thus 90% of all the projects in this fiscal year were powered through solar energy.

Sanitation and Hygiene: Improving sanitation at community-level remains a key component in establishing systems to assure access to potable water. Over 25,000 individuals had access to basic sanitation facilities in the last 12 months, representing 88% coverage at supported communities. The organisation has also supported communities establish handwashing facilities as part of the campaign to improve hygiene and contribute to reduction of morbidity. Over 38,000 people were reached with hygiene messaging and support to establish handwashing stations.

Performance Summary

 >>	# of people with access to basic drinking water services	27,023
 >>	# of children at an education facility with access to basic drinking water.	8,055
 >>	# of people with access to basic sanitation services	25,250
 >>	# of children with access to basic sanitation facilities at education facilities	8,560
 >>	# of people with access to a handwashing station	38,063



WVE brings water to Welcome Primary School, improving education and health



Grade 5 pupil Okuhle watering a vegetable garden within the school.



Grade 4 pupil Asanda washing her hands from a tank donated by WVE.

For a long time, learners from Welcome Primary School had been juggling classes and fetching water for the school, making the school an inappropriate learning environment.

According to Sibongile Nxumalo, a teacher at the school located at Dumenkungweni community, the school would often have to pause classes so that learners could fetch water in containers.

“I started teaching here in 2006 and classes would often be paused for learners to fetch water for the school about 1km away. This water was for cleaning, drinking, cooking, amongst other things,” Nxumalo explains.

A Rotary Club built the community a borehole. After some time, it also ran out of water. The school was then assisted by WVE, which brought water closer to the school with an enrolment of 77.

“Since 2019, this school now has three water tanks with stands, fencing for our school gardens, and water is right inside the school premises, so no one has to fetch water from the river anymore,” Nxumalo adds.

“A lot has changed! Cases of learners complaining about stomach irritations caused by dirty water are a thing of the past. The school has achieved proper hygiene and sanitation, and we cannot wait to see how our learners perform this academic year since they have been doing so well,” Nxumalo says.

According to Nxumalo, bringing water closer to the school also solved underlying problems they faced with the community.

“When we didn't have water, we had a lot of misunderstandings with the community because their livestock would dirty the water in the Ncotjane River, a water source for us. When World Vision intervened, peace was restored,” she states.

Livelihoods and Economic Resilience

Goal: To break the cycle of poverty for the most vulnerable households by strengthening families' capacity to provide well for **109,000** children by 2025








WVE continues investments that guarantee socio-economic empowerment and sustained livelihoods in communities. These efforts have assured that 55% of adults are earning an income and can provide consistently for their families. In supported communities, 27% of the caregivers were identified as able to provide well or adequately for all the basic needs of their children in the current year.

Financial inclusion: Enhancing financial inclusion for households, the organisation has established and supported functionality for over 2,799 savings groups, with over 20,485 members. The organisation's efforts have ensured that 31,967 children benefit from the Savings Groups initiative through proceeds received to cater for the basic needs of their children, including access to education, food and shelter. WVE has ensured that at least 37% of households at supported communities have alternative and risk-diversified sources of income and also have means to save money using a bank or credit union.

Climate smart interventions: In promoting climate-smart agricultural production, farmers were empowered with vegetable, crop, and livestock production techniques as well as production inputs. The organisation trained 5,392 farmers on improved sustainable and climate-smart agricultural techniques to assist communities grow crops that are resilient to climate hazards/ stresses. WVE has ensured that 62% of individuals from supported communities have access to diversified foods for improved health and wellbeing. The organisation continued to promote application of improved/sustainable natural resources management practices (including farmer-managed nurture regeneration - FMNR) amongst members of producer groups, reaching over 69% of the 6,358 newly established groups in the last 12 months. Additionally, 190 households were sensitised on disaster risk-management and community disaster-preparedness plans developed.

Livelihood's trainings and business skills: WVE provided livelihoods training to 3,226 individuals: with 2,762 trained on business or entrepreneurial skills. The organisation also supported graduation of over 400 vocational skills-trained youth during the year under report.

Performance Summary

	»» # of Savings Group members who are children, adolescents and youth	1,154
	»» # of producer group members (new)	6,358
	»» # of individuals trained in improved sustainable and climate-smart agricultural techniques	5,392
	»» # of individuals trained on business/entrepreneurship skills	2,762
	»» # of active savings groups	2,799
	»» # of farmers provided with improved production inputs	9,274
	»» # of children under 18 years who are cared for by Savings Group members	31,967



Beekeeping association supported to buzz and thrive



Sipho Ngwenya smiling for the camera while holding a part of the trap boxes during a visit to their business site by members of the WVE team.



Sipho's mother Dumile Mabuza showing more trap boxes.

Imagine waking up every day, worried about how you're going to feed your family. That was the reality for 30-year-old Sipho Ngwenya and other members of the Mgofolweni Bees Association from the New Hebron community in Eswatini.

Sipho, who is part of the 18-member association, reflects back to the not-so-pleasant past: "We had been trying to do this beekeeping business since 2018, barely making enough money to survive as an association, let alone provide for our families," he says.

Everything changed when their Bucophu (community leader) linked the association with WVE's Mahlangatsha Area Programme Office. WVE provided the association with new beekeeping equipment, training, and access to new markets.

"First, we were trained on beekeeping by an expert World Vision hired. The organisation also donated beekeeping equipment that included 110 beehives with supers (the boxes placed on a beehive for bees to store honey) and two sets of protective clothing for each beekeeper," Ngwenya elaborates.

He says each person in the Association now owns a total of five boxes and the remaining boxes will be used by new members. The results were immediate. The association's honey yield doubled, and they were able to start selling their honey to major retailers like Pick'n'Pay and Bulembu Honey. The members of the association also saw their individual income increase from a total of SZL 1,500 (about USD 80), to SZL 2,500 (approximately USD 132) from each harvest, totalling SZL 5,000 (about USD 235) a year.

Ngwenya says this has improved life for him and his family. He is now able to provide food, clothing, and education for his children.

"My children have clothing, food, and enough food. You will never find my children wearing torn shoes because I can now provide their basic needs." the father of two adds with a smile.

Humanitarian Emergency Affairs (HEA)

Goal: To provide on-the-ground aid and assistance to affected people through immediate emergency aid response when disaster strikes in order to protect children, save lives, reduce suffering, protect livelihoods, strengthen community resilience and promote peace.



WVE has coordinated and consolidated response efforts through collaborations and funding from the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), European Union (EU), Taiwan International Development Fund (ICDF), World Vision Taiwan, Global Fund through CANGO, and the Government of Eswatini. In FY23, WVE supported communities through the establishment of Community Disaster Preparedness Plans (CDPPs) in 17 communities, aimed at strengthening the community's ability to respond to shocks related to disaster. The organisation targeted people with disabilities, pregnant and lactating women, and child-headed households with either food or cash transfers, reaching 1,355 households and 6,775 individuals. Additionally, the organisation, through integration of programmes, delivered interventions under the Global Hunger Response Phase 1. The response communities were selected based on the results of the Eswatini Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC), which identified high populations facing extreme food shortages and where the risk of hunger-related deaths is rapidly increasing.

Hygiene: Under this programme, WVE and the SOS Children's Villages delivered 913 dignity packs to young girls and boys from four schools.

Cash transfers and food distributions: WVE has been providing cash transfers, mainly targeting households with pregnant women, for food and transport to health facilities, ante- and postnatal care, and infant and young child feeding. It also helped link pregnant women with rural health motivators (RHMs), who monitor and support them with counselling until the child is 5 years old. Monitoring shows that the number of meals per day has increased from one or two meals a day (consisting mainly of starches) to three or more meals a day, which now include more diverse foods. Antenatal care visits have also increased and women are starting counselling and seeking support from RHMs earlier, rather than RHMs having to look for pregnant women to encourage them to enroll in timely targeted counselling.

Climate-smart initiatives: WVE introduced households in the dry areas of Eswatini to climate-smart agricultural practices, which has resulted in the adoption of crop and livestock diversity, with a focus on goat production, backyard gardens, and wetland protection. The success of this programme has naturally multiplied, with neighbouring households requesting seedlings for indigenous vegetables after seeing their resilience. This has also improved children's access to more nutritious food as these vegetables are high in micronutrients and cheap to buy.



Food-for-Asset unites Zandondo community



Tfobhi Simelane, with her grandchildren, standing in front of her newly constructed toilet, built by members of the community through the food-for-asset project.



A happy Tfobhi after participating in the food-for-asset project, which resulted in her receiving a new toilet.

After the introduction of the Food-for-Asset (FFA) Project at Zandondo community, under the Madlangemphisi Area Programme, the community decided to put their differences aside and work on the community projects to get rice from WVE.

The Food for Asset (FFA) Project was made possible by WV Taiwan, through WVE, in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

A total of 32 households at Zandondo, with an average of 160 people, now own new well-ventilated latrines. People in this community would group themselves in 20s and 10s and construct toilets in each of the 32 households. At the end of the month, each of the participants received a 60kg bag of rice from WVE.

Construction material for the toilets was donated by the Government of Eswatini. Charles Boy Dlamini, Community Chairperson for the project, believes a lot can be achieved by communities through such projects. He says even neighbours who were not on talking terms came together and started working side by side.

“This has united the community. We now even know the new households that we did not know. I loved the spirit that was created by the project,” says Charles.

WVE implemented this project in eight constituencies, benefiting almost 50,000 people.

“ **Food
for
Asset** ”

Health, Nutrition and HIV

Goal: To contribute towards the elimination of new infections, improved health and nutritional status of **122,000** vulnerable children (0-18 years) and women of child-bearing age by 2025.

The Health, Nutrition and HIV Technical Programme has, over time, increased investments in the delivery of HIV preventive interventions at community level. WVE is currently implementing grants funded by PEPFAR through USAID, and Global Fund through CANGO. The organisation continues; however, to direct efforts towards maternal child health interventions, delivered through time-targeted counselling (ttC).











HIV prevention: This year, 17,585 children and adolescents completed structured curriculum trainings and mentorship sessions on HIV prevention. Over 90% (n=16,342) constituted adolescent girls and young women. The organisation continued to support efforts towards reaching 95:95:95 and, as such, have collaborated with health facilities to track viral load coverage amongst enrolled children and adolescents living with HIV (C/ALHIV), that is 1,196 enrolments in FY23. The organisation managed to sustain routine testing at 96% and viral load suppression at 95% for all enrolled CALHIV in FY23. Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) were prioritised for HIV testing, reaching 2,574, with 95% accessing services. In FY23, 10,179 OVC were reached with HIV prevention messages, including 1,988 caregivers who were also mentored on early childhood development and parenting interventions. OVCs were referred for testing and 100% (n=610) were initiated on ART and further provided adherence support through enrolment into support groups (Teen Clubs). Tracking of drug-pickups at community-level was conducted through household visits.

Maternal and child health: The organisation made investments on maternal and child health, focusing on interventions towards early childhood development and antenatal care. Over 13,000 children were reached with early childhood development and antenatal care interventions. WVE, collaborating with rural health motivators (RHMs), provided growth monitoring interventions and facilitated referrals as required. Pregnant and lactating Mothers were provided with messaging on prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), antenatal care, breastfeeding, etc. In supported communities, 97% pregnant women attended antenatal and postnatal services: 96% of pregnant women delivered at a health facility; and 92% provided exclusive breastfeeding to their children. Children aged 12-23 months (94%) received age-appropriate immunisation according to national standards, with an observed reduction in morbidity cases amongst 0-23-month-olds.

This reporting period, 10,657 children under 5 years were attended and referred for different ailments, with only 14 Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases identified and managed. Ensuring programme continuity and sustainability in WVE-supported communities, the organisation trained Rural Health Motivators (RHMs), Home Visitors and Peer Educators, with 1,379 of these cadres successfully completing a competency-based training course. Growth Monitoring and Promotion (GMP) interventions have been implemented for identification, referral and reporting of malnutrition cases.



Performance Summary

 	# of children and youth (12-24 years) reached with age-appropriate HIV preventive service, including health-specific life skills training	17,585
 	# of children (0-59 months) attending growth monitoring activities	13,233
 	# of children (0-23 months) served through time-targeted counselling (ttC)	1,482
 	# of adults given training or counseling on sexual and reproductive health (SRH)	1,218
 	# of most vulnerable children (0-18 years) supported to address health needs	2,705





Attending HIV prevention sessions a turning point in her life



Gcwalisile and her Life Mentor Thandekile Khumalo going through a Job Aid during one of her HIV prevention sessions.



Gcwalisile holding some of the Job Aids used by Life Mentors to facilitate HIV prevention sessions for adolescent girls and young women.

Nineteen-year-old Gcwalisile of Maseyisini Inkhundla, in the Shiselweni Region of Eswatini, was navigating the tumultuous waters of adolescence and high school. Her journey was marked by uncertainty and challenges, but she would soon find renewed hope and transformation through the Likusasa Ngeletfu Project, an HIV Prevention Project for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), implemented by WVE and funded by PEPFAR, through USAID.

Her situation was symbolic of many faced by adolescents; filled with curiosity but lacking guidance. At first, she was hesitant about the project's community sessions, led by Life Mentors, unsure of how they would impact her life.

As she began attending the gatherings with her peers, discussions delved into critical topics, including HIV prevention, avoiding unwanted pregnancies, knowing her self-worth, becoming less dependent, and staying safe from gender-based violence, amongst other topics. Slowly, her interest grew and she realised that her life was undergoing a positive transformation.

She reflects: "I think my life was changing each and every day as I was attending the sessions, especially on how to take care of my body and health."

She radiates excitement as she acknowledges: "I am excited because I have also gained strong interpersonal skills, enabling me to stand up for myself and ensure protection from HIV."

Crucially, the Likusasa Ngeletfu Project instilled in her a sense of responsibility and awareness regarding her own life and future. She made a commitment to herself to focus on school work.

"I have joined a study group because I want to score good marks and reach my goals. Another thing, I am trying by all means to avoid risky situations that can lead to getting HIV and, as such, have decided to now avoid sex until I finish school and am able to take care of myself," says Gcwalisile.

Community Engagement and Sponsorship Plan (CESP)

Goal: To improve the socio-legal status of 406 000 children through effective protection, participation, advocacy and spiritual nurturing of children by 2025.

WVE continued to provide sponsorship support to children with identified needs in all area programmes.

Faith and Development

In FY23, 156,127 children participated in spiritual nurturing activities, including Bible Camps and Sunday School sessions across the 17 Area Programmes where WVE had programming presence. This has been done through partnerships with church institutions, including AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed), a tool for spiritual nurturing of children through Bible Clubs and Sunday School teachers, as well as schools.

Through support provided by the organisation, 82% of households reported good community cohesion; 86% boys and girls (12-18 years) reported experiencing God's love, and 80% boys and girls (12-18 years) consistently participated and engaged in Christian spiritual activities.

Child Protection

On birth registration, a total of 7,422 children were supported with acquisition of birth certificates across the Area Programmes. This was achieved through collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and Social Welfare during Mop-Up Campaign reactivation.

WVE collaborates extensively with the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO) - Department of Social Services, the Ministry of Justice to deliver child protection services and also advocate for children's rights. In FY23, WVE supported three (3) policies related to allocating, increasing, or defending government funding to address ending violence against children for 456,000 children across the country.

Violence against Children

As part of child protection and safeguarding interventions, an identified 5.7% of adolescents were found to have experienced sexual violence in the past 12 months. A further 15.7% adolescents reported having experienced some form of physical violence or psychological aggression by parents/caregivers in the last 12 months. Overall, WVE responded to 592 cases of violence against children in the year under report, most being cases of neglect and sexual violence.

Child Sponsorship:

The organisation continues to ensure that all registered children (RCs) benefit through WVE's technical programme implementation efforts. In FY23, the programme achieved 85% participation, an improvement from 72% reported in the previous year.



Child Participation



Day of the African Child: in Eswatini, June was designated as a Month of the Child, with June 16 as the Day of the African Child (DAC). WVE participated in a number of events meant to bring to the fore issues on The Rights of The Child in The Digital World. A total of 4,699 children were reached with messages on safe participation in the digital world during face-to-face events in the communities. Additionally, radio programmes on Voice of the Church (VOC), Eswatini TV's Kusile Breakfast Show and online events were held to discuss the DAC theme.

Global Changemakers: Five (5) children from Eswatini were awarded as part of the WV Global Changemakers initiative. These children were recognised for their role in influencing their peers and adults on issues faced by children. These were Thubelihle Malaza (Somntongo), Silindile Ngwenya (Mkhiweni), Mbali Gumbi (Maseyisini), Siyakhula Mavuso (Mhlangatane), and Tebezitha Zulu (Mpolonjeni).

African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of Children: To amplify children's voices, five (5) children; Farai Nyirongo (Shiselweni 2), Nkosephayo Lushaba (Maseyisini), Sibusisiwe Masuku (Maseyisini), Nolwazi Nhlabatsi (Maseyisini), and Mukelo Dlamini (Hosea) participated in the national children's consultations as part of a visit by the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of Children in Africa. The purpose of the consultation was to capture children's views on how government has implemented the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children in Africa. WVE's advocacy leadership also participated and shared the organisation's perspective during the consultation with Civil Society Organisations.

National Violence Against Children: WVE was actively involved in the national study on violence against children hence, through WVE, 50 children from eight constituencies in the Shiselweni Region participated in the validation exercise of the National Violence Against Children (VAC) study. Additionally, WVE conducted a stakeholders' validation meeting on the Policy Analysis on Violence Against Children.

World Refugees Day Commemoration: In collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and UNHCR, WVE commemorated the World Refugees Day at Malindza Refugee Reception Centre. The event seeks to draw attention to the plight of refugees and individuals forcibly displaced from their homes. It serves as a platform to raise awareness on the challenges they face, advocate for their rights, and cultivate empathy and compassion towards their circumstances. The theme for this year was "Home Away from Home". WVE appealed to all stakeholders for the inclusion of children of asylum seekers and refugees in free primary education.

Performance Summary

	# of parents, caregivers and community members sensitised on child protection	60,981
	# of children participating in child protection interventions facilitated by WVE	72,690
	# of children accessing birth registration, supported by WVE	7,422
	# of children, adolescents and youth (CAY) who meaningfully participated in actions that support ending violence against children	13,476
	# of churches or Faith-Based Organisations participating in programming focused on improving child wellbeing	948



Registered children

46,276



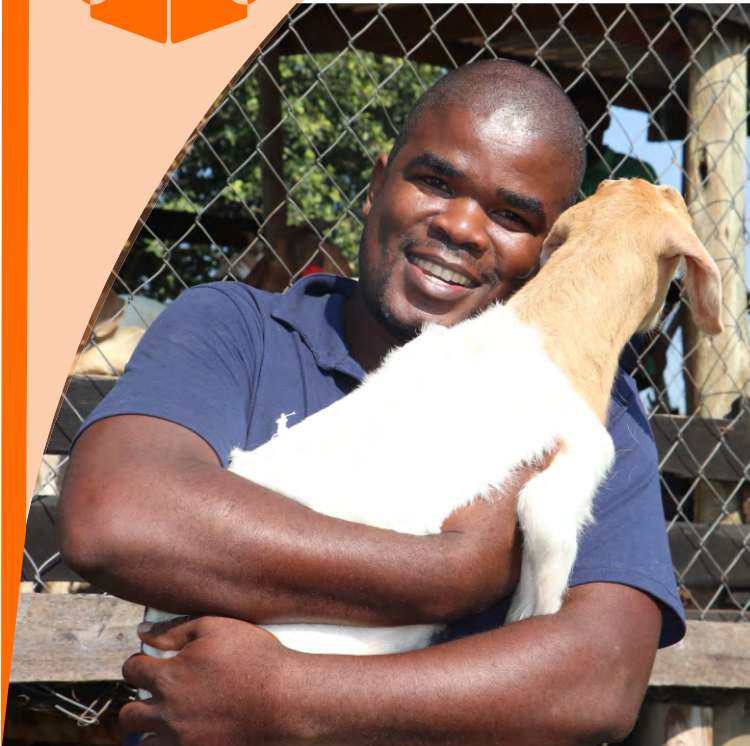
Sponsored Children

31,682





From one goat to a thriving business: how Empowered Worldview Training changed one man's Life



Sihle Dlamini of Mkhweni Constituency holding one of his goat kids while at his goat farm.



Sihle Dlamini proudly showcasing how his goat production has grown.

In 2018, Sihle Dlamini of Mkhweni Constituency had no source of income to take care of his pregnant wife and coming baby. He was worried about the kind of life he would give his family. However, his life took a turn for the better after attending WVE's Empowered Worldview Training.

The Empowered Worldview is a Biblically-based enabling project model implemented under the Faith and Development Programme. It is a behaviour-change model that seeks to address dependency mindsets and promote individual empowerment among people living in poverty.

Armed with knowledge, renewed hope and zeal, Sihle came out of the training a new man. Shortly after the training, he had an opportunity to use the acquired knowledge about using what is available to him to start his own business.

"I had been on Facebook for years and mostly used the application for socialising, wasting my time," Sihle observes.

He says, after the training, a community member approached him, asking for help selling his goat.

"I remembered that I could use what I have; in this case my smartphone! I put up an advert of the goat on Facebook and it was sold within a twinkle of an eye. I made a profit of SZL500 (U\$27) because I sold it slightly above the original seller's price, which was SZL700 (U\$38)."

After this success, Sihle had several community members approach him, asking for help with selling their goats. When the year ended, he had made SZL2,000 (U\$109), allowing him to purchase two goats the following year, officially starting his own business as a goat farmer.

In 2021, Sihle's business was thriving and he was awarded a tender to supply 20 goats to Umbuluzi Valley Sales, one of the country's major meat products suppliers. Last year, Sihle owned a total of 94 goats, and sold half of his flock at no less than SZL1,200 (U\$66) each. As a result, the growing businessman has also been able to purchase his own vehicle, build a home for his family, and take care of his child and wife.

But Jesus called them to him, saying,
“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder
them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God”
(Luke 18:16)



Campaigns

As part of the implementation of the It Takes Eswatini to End Sexual Violence Against Children Campaign, 69,514 children (12-18 years) participated in awareness-raising Campaign events. Additionally, over 700,000 people were reached with Campaign messages through the Voice of the Church (VOC) radio and Eswatini TV's Kusile Breakfast Show, as well as an estimated 200,000 reached repeatedly through billboards strategically placed in the country's four regions.

WVE is preparing for a new Campaign, "ENOUGH", which will be launched locally in FY24, focusing on ending child hunger. With child hunger at its worst in generations, children are bearing the brunt of an unequal food system, disrupted by conflicts and climate change. Every child deserves the food they need to develop a healthy body and mind. Every family has the right to be able to put #ENOUGH of the right food on the table. We must take action immediately to end child hunger globally!

It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children



Both pictures: Children from different schools around the country holding 'It Take Eswatini' campaign placards with campaign messages during campaign outreach activities.

ENOUGH END CHILD HUNGER NOW



A cover photo about the 'ENOUGH' campaign from our social media pages.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 September 2023

	2023 USD	2022 USD
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment	759 441	124 665
Current assets		
Financial asset	106 808	103 658
Accounts and other receivables	40 834	425 396
Cash and cash equivalents	1 188 555	2 621 713
	<u>1 336 198</u>	<u>3 150 767</u>
Total assets	<u>2 095 639</u>	<u>3 275 432</u>
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
Reserves attributable to the organisation		
Accumulated funds	1 902 918	970 109
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	1 200 038	1 302 649
Employee benefit provisions	203 542	131 260
Deferred income	<u>1 210 859</u>	<u>871 414</u>
	<u>192 721</u>	<u>2 305 323</u>
Total funds and liabilities	<u>2 095 639</u>	<u>3 275 432</u>

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

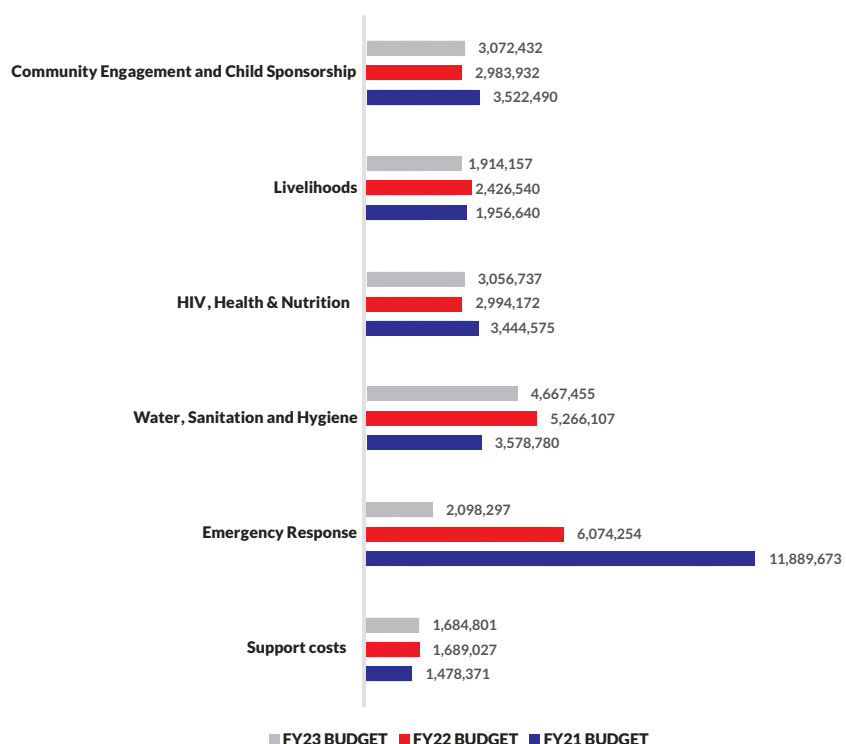
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023 USD	2022 USD
Income	16 441 161	20 548 502
Project expenses	<u>(15 762 690)</u>	<u>(20 583 502)</u>
Gross deficit for the year	<u>678 471</u>	<u>(35 000)</u>
Other income	<u>52 718</u>	<u>21 653</u>
Operating deficit for the year	<u>731 189</u>	<u>(13 347)</u>
Finance income	<u>(731 189)</u>	<u>13 347</u>
Net surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

FUNDING BY SECTOR

The total committed funding for the year ended 30th September 2023 was US\$16,494 million compared to US\$21.424 million in FY22. The decrease in funding received was mainly attributed to transition of 4 area programmes, a reduction in Gifts-in-Kind, as well as closure of emergency response grants responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding trend by sector is depicted in the figures below from the current strategy cycle (FY21 – FY25)

BUDGET BY SECTOR (IN USD)



Funding

The organisation celebrates and acknowledges the kind support of its donors, who have injected resources into its operations, which contributed immensely to the transformations highlighted in this report.

Why Donate to WVE?

Your gift or donation helps the organisation meet the needs of vulnerable children and families in Eswatini by providing healthcare, child protection and safety, food, clean water, sanitation and hygiene. Further, you can help provide life-changing resources to those who need them most.

Can I Donate? - Who is eligible to make a donation?

- 1) individuals (internal/external);
- 2) local entities, groups (corporates/foundations) or the church
- 3) Multilateral Donors, including Governments.

How do I DONATE to WVE and become part of the transformation?

1. Payroll Giving
2. Direct deposits
3. Gifts-in-Kind
4. Grant funding

To know more about giving to us, please contact (+268) 7808 5070



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