



### OUR VULNERABILITY

Vanuatu has one of the highest prevalence rates of violence against women and girls (VAWG) globally.

(Vanuatu Women's Centre, 2011)

Family and domestic violence perpetrated against women and children are major issues of concern in Vanuatu, where research has found violence is accepted and seen as normalised behaviour both in relationships between spouses and as a form of punishment and discipline against children.

Consistent exposure to violence in the home has severe impacts on the long-term well-being and vulnerability of children, increasing the likelihood that the children will be perpetrators or victims of violence in the future - perpetuating an intergenerational cycle of violence.

While there are some services for women facing violence, until now there has been no dedicated services in Vanuatu working with men to sustainably address harmful social and cultural norms regarding violence, and change their behaviour for safer, healthier families in Vanuatu which make programs like WV's Men Be the Change program vital, to sustainably address harmful social and cultural norms regarding violence, and change their behaviour for safer, healthier families in Vanuatu

**60% of ni-Vanuatu women aged 15-49 experience physical and/or sexual violence (Vanuatu Women's Centre, 2011)**

### WHO WE ARE

World Vision has been partnering with communities in Vanuatu for over 40 years and currently has 93 employees (88 are Vanuatu citizens) who have experience responding to humanitarian disasters, reducing gender-based violence; enabling resilient livelihoods; and ensuring inclusive access to water, sanitation and hygiene through programs across four of Vanuatu's six provinces.

### OUR APPROACH AT THE REACH CENTRE

Strategically working across multiple social levels and overlapping spheres of influence, World Vision's REACH Centre integrates both primary and secondary prevention activities that equip participants to form healthy, respectful relationships free from violence. Programs such as Men Be the Change (MBC), address attitudes, beliefs and behaviours that perpetuate violence while creating opportunities for men to understand and take responsibility for the impact of their violence on women and children, while Leftemap Mama explores the different forms and tactics of family and domestic violence including the cycle of violence, the impact of violence on family members (especially children) and manages expectations of the MBC program. Partnerships with the Vanuatu Police Force through Police be the Change strengthen police members understanding and empathy for victim/survivors of violence while addressing their behaviours and attitudes in their own families and communities.



#### We explore

different forms and tactics of family and domestic violence including the cycle of violence, and the impact of violence on family members (especially children)



#### We safeguard

women whose male partners are participating in Men Be the Change programming



#### We monitor

the safety and well-being of women and children while the men undertake the program and ensure strong referral pathways to women's crisis and counselling services.



#### We strengthen

police members' understanding and empathy for survivors of violence while addressing their behaviours and attitudes in their own families and communities.



#### We promote

child protection, gender equality, and COVID-19 safety and protection messaging through children's activities



#### We train

faith and community leaders to provide pastoral support, COVID safe and family protection messaging



#### We provide

valuable and factual information for children and their families about COVID-19



#### We engage

the national radio broadcaster focusing on positive parenting and protection messaging



#### We partner

locally with the Ministry of Health, local churches, the police force and Vanuatu Women's Against Violence

# OUR RECENT REACH CENTRE & ENDING VIOLENCE REACH



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*"I must say most of us have attended many trainings and a few of us are even male advocates. Attending the MBC program is very different, it responds to some of the situations in my relationship. I especially liked when the scriptures was used to help me see my identity in Christ, that was very powerful. If I know my true identity in Christ, then why should I abuse others?". (Middle manager)*



**157**  
male participants engaged across 10 Men Be the Change (MBC) programmes



**6**  
Leftemap Mama programmes were held with 68 women, 537 children directly benefited from their parents participating in the project.



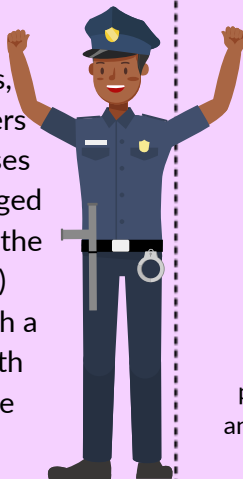
**25**  
new faith and community leaders participated in the Men Be the Change and Leftemap Mama programmes in 2022 of the project.



**16**  
programmes were delivered with 225 men in detention (prison), parolees, faith and community leaders, community members and Corrections Officers; and their spouses.

**103**

Police recruits, middle managers and their spouses have been engaged in the Police Be the Change (PBC) program through a partnership with Vanuatu Police Force (VPF)



**1,643**

community members reached through the training of 60 faith and community leaders to provide pastoral support and COVID safe and family protection messaging



**78%**

of female recruits in the Police Be the Change program identified that they now have a safety plan and feel prepared and equipped to keep themselves and their children safe, representing a 45% increase from the baseline.



**20,639**

shares of the 5 Audio Storybooks developed for children and their families about COVID-19, practical strategies on working from home during restricted movement, and safe and respectful parenting practices

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