



EDUCATION

World Vision

EQUIPPING
CHILDREN TO
FLOURISH THROUGH
QUALITY EDUCATION

Our impact in 2016–2017

Every child has the right to learn

Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Yet 56 percent of elementary-aged children—that’s 387 million around the world—do not meet minimum reading proficiency standards. Development professionals agree that without education, it is almost impossible to break out of poverty. This means that education is at the very heart of sustainable development.

> OUR COMMITMENT

Through the Education Signature Initiative, World Vision commits to **IMPROVE LEARNING OUTCOMES** through award-winning principles and practices for 1.5 million children*—including in fragile contexts and emergency settings.

> OUR APPROACH

Our model supports safe and inclusive access to quality education for children and youth aged 3 to 18, from preschool through the completion of secondary school or vocational training. As World Vision works to ensure equitable education for all boys and girls, including those with disabilities, we draw on our decades of expertise in integrated relief and development programming around the globe.

We focus on four key areas of education:

1. Early childhood development
2. Education in emergencies
3. Adolescent life skills and vocational training
4. Literacy and basic education

Nearly **10.5 MILLION**
CHILDREN in
56 COUNTRIES

benefited from education
programs and services.



“We’re proud to partner with World Vision to provide quality educational resources to underserved teachers and students around the world to help break the cycle of poverty.”

—Bianca Olson, Senior Vice President,
Corporate Affairs,
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt



In Ethiopia, children who participated in the Unlock Literacy program increased their comprehension by 35 percent in just one year. We're proud of the unique community involvement model we've developed over nearly 70 years, which helps provide sustainable education solutions to transform children's lives.



Building strong foundations even in the hardest places

In Lebanon and Jordan, World Vision's education work is focused on early childhood development and includes comprehensive psychological care to help older children in traumatic contexts heal from their experiences.

After discovering gaps in early childhood education among Syrian refugees, staff members began taking these and other steps to fill this critical need:

- ✓ Families received homeschooling curriculum, so children can keep getting an education despite overcrowded classrooms
- ✓ Schools and early childhood development classrooms were built and furnished with desks, learning resources, play equipment, and toys to stimulate development
- ✓ Parents learned how to care for children's development through cognitive play, forming strong bonds through World Vision's Go Baby Go! curriculum
- ✓ Parents attended ongoing sessions to help reinforce the importance of education in the home
- ✓ Children received counseling to improve their emotional well-being



Empowering girls to build stronger futures

When girls get access to education, it opens doors in every area of life, including economic opportunity, choices about marriage, and overall well-being. That's why we're passionate about investing in girls' education worldwide. In Zambia, for example, we're serving girls affected by gender-based violence by providing scholarships, mentorship in literacy and life skills, and safe housing and care.

➤ A FULL SOLUTION TO POVERTY

We work in thousands of communities worldwide to help people address not only education challenges but a variety of needs, including water, health, economic opportunity, and child protection—partnering with them to deliver a full solution capable of breaking the cycle of poverty.

➤ HIGH-IMPACT PARTNERS

World Vision is able to reach more people because of our local and global partnerships within the public and private sectors.



HELP KIDS BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.
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