

GIFT CATALOG SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT » Empowering kids to thrive!

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GIFT CATALOG

EMPOWERING KIDS TO THRIVE!

Your gift given through the World Vision Gift Catalog is transforming lives. Thank you! The chickens, rabbits, goats, cows, and pigs . . . the wells drilled and latrines dug . . . the insecticidal bed nets . . . the small business loans . . . every variety of gift allows us to support children and families in some of the most dangerous places in the world. You are helping to transform lives of vulnerable children, so they can become all Jesus created them to be.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

In this report, you'll see how the lives of children, their families, and their communities have been transformed thanks to Gift Catalog donations like yours. You'll see progress and accomplishments made from October 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, focusing on the areas of **water** (see page 2), **health** (page 4), **animals** (page 6), and help for **girls and women** (page 8).



A boy and his sheep in Guatemala.



WATER

IN 2021, World Vision reached one new person every 10 seconds with clean water and one new person with handwashing behavior change promotion, as well.



HEALTH

OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, 89% of the severely malnourished children we treated made a full recovery.



ANIMALS

BY 2022, through its livestock programs in just one area in Zambia, World Vision will have helped improve the livelihood of 3,000 households (including about 15,000 children) in our project site areas.



GIRLS AND WOMEN

THIS PAST YEAR, World Vision created 18 new mother support groups in several villages in Niger.

WATER

World Vision is committed to providing everyone—everywhere we work—with clean water and dignified sanitation and hygiene to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. An independent study funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and conducted by the University of North Carolina Water Institute in the Greater Afram Plains region of Ghana showed that nearly 80% of wells installed by World Vision were still functioning at high levels after nearly two decades. In contrast, previous studies have shown that 30% to 50% of non–World Vision-installed wells are not repaired when they inevitably break down. The reason for this high level of success is that we work with communities to ensure they own the water points and can maintain them.

UGANDA

Rainwater showers a small community with blessings

Not long ago, families in Tusinbude, Uganda, had to send their children to a filthy river to collect water.

“This was hard for us,” Francis, a resident of Tusinbude says, “because three children in our community had died in that river, but we had no other option.”

In this dire situation, hope came through the concept of household clusters. The household cluster is a transformational approach designed by World Vision Uganda, where several households come together to cooperate. Equipped with a one-week training from World Vision, Francis and members from 14 other households

formed a cluster and were able to solve their water issue.

“We built underground rainwater harvesting tanks in 12 households,” Francis says. A tank can get each household through the three-month dry season. “We collect rainwater for daily use and use the tanks as reservoirs for the dry season,” Francis adds. With a capacity of nearly 4,000 gallons, most of the tank is built underground, and the ventilation and door are above. As the rainwater drains from the gutters, it is filtered by a small net to remove any debris.

World Vision contributes half of the materials, while each household



contributes the rest. “We get some cement, nails, iron sheets, and a tapeline for the tanks, and we then do the rest,” Francis says. “Our children do not have to walk for water anymore. We have clean water every day and enough for our gardens,” Francis says with joy.

KENYA

Thirsting for a good education

Carolyne, 16, and McKeenzia, 15, are classmates at Kalapata Mixed Boarding Primary School. Carolyne shares, “Two years ago we used to draw water from the dry riverbed [1.8 miles from their school] for drinking and cleaning purposes. The water was dirty and salty and because the shallow wells were left open, we used to share the water with both domestic and wild animals.”

McKeenzia says, “Sometimes the wells would collapse, making it dangerous to go in to draw water. Boys provided security for the girls.” He adds, “At school, it is not like at home, where

culturally girls fetch water alone. At school it is a collective responsibility.”

Both fell sick from typhoid and intestinal infections due to the dirty water. Carolyne had to be transferred to Lokichar District Hospital, almost 61 miles from the school.

World Vision developed the Loperot Water Project that targets educational institutions. Pipeline extensions and repairs on the project made water more accessible to the school. Now Carolyne and McKeenzia have piped water directly in their school and no



longer make after-school trips to the dry riverbed. Both are preparing for national examinations.

This simple project has meant better attendance and better grades for all the students at the boarding school.

WATER

MOZAMBIQUE

Accomplishments to celebrate!



“Without water there is no health and there is no prosperous growth for a child,” Julieta Nelson says. She worried when her granddaughter Alcina was underweight. But this year, World Vision constructed a borehole in her community. Now, Julieta and her husband, Pedro, can grow vegetables. “It is now a great joy to see Alcina always happy and growing up healthy,” Pedro says. “Thanks to God to provide through World Vision the water that is now near us.”

Our work to bring clean water to more people in Mozambique was extraordinarily successful in 2021, thanks to the generosity of World Vision Gift Catalog donors.

- 199 boreholes constructed in 10 districts (157% of target)
- 161 taps installed from 28 solar-powered piped water systems
- 27 water points rehabilitated (original goal was 12)
- 30 schools received a new on-site water source (six over target), serving 9,808 children
- 15 schools gained new sanitation facilities, serving 4,200 children
- 5 healthcare centers received an on-site water source

INDIA

Sanitation and hygiene are keys to progress

World Vision continues to partner with the Indian government to improve sanitation after helping over 1.4 million people receive household toilets as part of the Clean India Campaign. We also will help to address challenges with sanitation services and toilet maintenance.

Menstrual hygiene management is a major health issue affecting women and girls in India. Many schools do not have proper facilities, supplies, knowledge, or understanding to support girls. This year, World Vision constructed and renovated separate restrooms for boys and girls in 45 secondary schools, as well as provided menstrual hygiene awareness and guidance to all students.



HEALTH

Extreme poverty limits access to basic health information, care, and nutrition. Your gifts support delivery of essential medical and nutrition resources—including training and support for local community health workers. Community health volunteers in Zambia’s Luwingu district are teaching valuable lessons on health and nutrition and treating common—but often deadly—illnesses in young children. In just the first half of this year, these volunteers shared vital information on health and hygiene with 61,712 people. Their efforts have been instrumental in helping to stem the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic. Following safety protocols to protect staff and the public, World Vision continued to step up efforts to educate people on safe hygiene, especially with Zambia facing a third wave of COVID-19.

ZAMBIA

A brush with death ends in thanksgiving

After Lucy completed some household chores, she got ready to join her husband in their cassava field. As she was leaving, she discovered that her toddler Maria had a fever. Lucy decided to keep her wrapped to her back the whole time. After a few hours of working in the field, Lucy felt Maria suddenly become much warmer.

“She became very hot and then had a seizure,” Lucy says. “I was scared! I screamed and quickly unwrapped my baby from my back and put her on the ground. I knelt down weeping and looked up to the heavens praying and asking God not to let my little Maria die,” she says.

Lucy’s husband grabbed Maria and ran to Brian, a local community health worker trained and equipped by World Vision. When they got to Brian, little Maria could barely breathe. After a quick examination, Brian gave her some medicine to bring down her temperature and tested her for malaria. The test came out positive. “I had heard about malaria but never understood how deadly it was,” Lucy says.

Brian gave Maria anti-malarial drugs and lent his bicycle to Lucy and her husband to rush their baby to the nearest clinic 3 miles away. Thankfully, little Maria is now fully recovered. “Had



it not been for World Vision training Brian as a caregiver, we would have lost Maria and today we would be telling a different story. We now have the means to prevent, and get treated for malaria,” Lucy says with a smile.

ZAMBIA

“I counted my child among the dead”

Curled in a wrapper around Fridah’s back is her two-year-old son, Isaac. He rarely cries or moves.

“I have always counted Isaac to be among the dead. He has always been stacked on my back for almost two years. He has been so weak, struggling to walk and failing to play,” Fridah says, sadly. “It has been the toughest time of my life watching my son’s health deteriorate day by day.”

Fridah took Isaac to numerous clinics to seek a solution, to no avail. “I lost hope,” says Fridah.

Thanks to World Vision’s Survive to Thrive project in the Buyantanshi Area Program, Fridah found the solution. She learned Isaac was malnourished and that he was always ill because his immune system was so weak. He was immediately enrolled for a 12-day feeding program, and Fridah learned how to prepare nutritious food for her family using local foods such as groundnuts, sweet potatoes, beans, vegetables, and fruits.

“I was shocked that after 12 days of feeding, Isaac’s weight moved from 10.4 kg to 11.1 kg. He’s now able to walk



and play without any problem. He even refuses to be carried because he wants to play,” Fridah says. “I thank God who sent World Vision here to save my son. He would have died of malnutrition by now. I have never felt so much peace and joy as I do now, seeing Isaac happy and healthy.”

HEALTH

KENYA

Communication is one critical key to prevention of infection

When news of a new virus hit the headlines of the world, 30-year-old Eunice Ngumbi knew it would be only a matter of time before the contagious virus arrived in Kenya, given the speed at which it was spreading across the globe. Eunice is the Hospital Charge at Muusini dispensary in Machakos County. Her major role is to help treat and prevent the spread of diseases within Mwala Community. Just 6 months after Kenya recorded its first COVID-19 case, Eunice's county was looking at catastrophe with tens of thousands of confirmed cases, mainly spread by community infections.

Eunice notes, "Mwala is only 2 hours' drive from Nairobi City which is the epicenter of the coronavirus. What the community needed most was proper knowledge and information on how to protect themselves from the virus as we all work to deal with this pandemic. That is exactly what World Vision provided to us."

World Vision initiated an emergency preparedness and response plan for COVID-19 for all area programs in Kenya, including the Mwala Community. The response plan promotes preventive measures through awareness education and promoting good family and community hygiene and sanitation behaviors, all in collaboration with the ministry of health and the county governments.

Eunice confirmed that the COVID-19 response plan has greatly contributed towards stopping or slowing the spread



of coronavirus among households in Mwala. World Vision vehicles were branded with COVID-19 safety information and fitted with public address systems to reach over 43,000 people with safety messages.

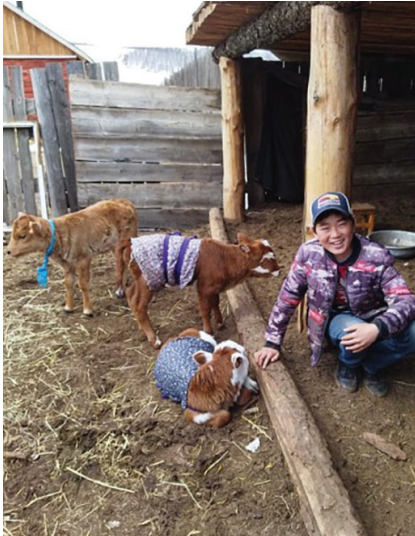
Eunice cannot hide her joy for what World Vision has done to make her work easier as she points to a hand-washing facility with liquid soap, personal protective equipment, and disinfectants that they use at the hospital. She says, "World Vision is helping us meet our target in providing good outpatient services to the community of Mwala. Now everyone in this community knows the importance of wearing a mask, hand washing, and keeping social distance."

ANIMALS

Animals are a source of both nourishment and income for families. And when you provide a goat, a pig, a cow, or several chickens to a hardworking family, your gift does much more than you may realize. For example, in Mongolia, all 389 households that received livestock will also receive classroom training on four-season herding techniques, breeding, proper pasture use, care for sick animals, and more.

MONGOLIA

Three cows become 12—and support a new business



Enkhtur lives with his wife and two children in Rashaant soum. In 2019, he received three cows. The milk provided the family with income. In just two years, Enkhtur's herd has increased to 12.

Enkhtur's wife Oyuntsetseg used to sew traditional clothes with an old sewing machine at home. After the family became involved in the agriculture project, she created a producer group with two other women from the community. World Vision provided sewing equipment

for them, as well as training. Now the group receives many clothing orders and works together successfully.

INDIA

Goats improve lives and bring education to three boys

Tejnarayan Singh has a physical disability in his leg that has kept him impoverished. He lives with his wife, Kiran Devi, and their three boys in Baijnathpur in northeastern India. In 2020, Tejnarayan received four goats.

The goats inspired Tejnarayan! He is working very hard. His goats grew until they were ready to sell in the market.

He spent some of the money he earned on his family needs and invested the rest in a new small business. This has improved the whole family's economic situation. They're now eating three healthy meals a day. Plus, they can now afford tuition for quality education for their three children.



ANIMALS

ETHIOPIA

Seeds make animal feed more affordable

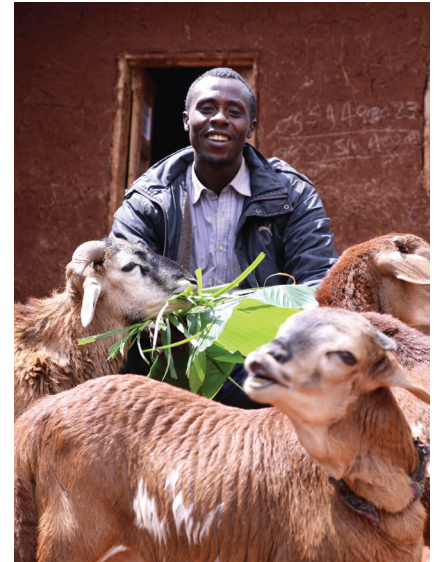
In recent years, drought and flood have been alternating in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia. This has become a serious challenge for farmers.

Osman Haji Hassan and his wife have six children, four boys and two girls. Their main source of income is livestock and small-scale agriculture. After two disappointing rainy seasons, Osman and his family suffered a shortage of animal feed. When that happens, the family is forced to sell their animals—their main source of food—at a low price. Osman says, “We have been trying to save our animals’ lives through buying animal feed during such dry seasons. We lost

some of our animals due to the high price for animal feed.”

In response to this problem, World Vision provided Osman with training on improved animal feed production. He also received improved Sudan grass seed from funds provided by World Vision Gift Catalog donors.

As a result, thanks in part to World Vision donors, Osman says, “I have started feeding my animals from the harvest in my farm land. I am even encouraged to raise many more animals rather than selling them at a lower price.”



SRI LANKA

Turning milk into electricity—and education

Nasrin depended on income from odd jobs to meet the needs of his wife and two children. It was a struggle.

Then World Vision Gift Catalog donors gave him a cow—and the technical training he needed. Within a few months, the cow calved and gave Nasrin’s family enough milk to consume and to sell at the local market. He even sold the cows’ manure for agriculture. Nasrin’s income from his cows is double what he continues to earn

doing odd jobs. His family is far more secure.

“We were using an oil lamp since we were unable to afford electricity. Now I am able to afford electricity for my family, which helps my children to study well and my wife to engage in household activities. I hope to purchase another calf and increase the milk production. My dream is to set up a shop and grow my business further,” Nasrin says.



HELP FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

Girls are often forced into marriage, denied education, and abused through child labor and sex trafficking. World Vision provides resources and support for education, job training, spiritual counseling, and more. The goal of one of World Vision's projects in the Western Highlands of Guatemala is to improve the quality of life for young people ages 15 to 24. They have restricted access to other services and opportunities—especially women who are indigenous, poor, have disabilities, have children, or live in violent or geographically remote communities. Through the project, vulnerable young women receive the information, knowledge, and skills needed to bridge the gap for employment and economic opportunities as well as education, health, and social services.

GUATEMALA

An answer to prayer

Nineteen-year-old Yenni Mendoza lives in an area where extreme poverty forces families to choose between providing food or education for their children.

The chance Yenni was waiting for came along when World Vision told her that she could be part of an alternative high school specializing in productivity and entrepreneurship.

"I always wanted to continue my schooling so I could have a better future. I applied myself and I always asked God every day for a chance to keep studying and then find a job. I wasn't able to continue my education

because my family didn't have the resources. I always believed that God would help me find a way to help out my family," Yenni says.

Yenni was particularly pleased to learn how to use the computer. "One day at church, they asked me if I knew how to use a computer and I said yes. They invited me down to the radio station. They explained how everything works and I paid close attention. I was really nervous, but then I put on my favorite hymns. Now I'm a radio programmer!"

"I have to finish high school, because I know that will help me reach my dreams. I tell all my friends about the



benefits of studying. I hope they can have the same opportunities that I do to succeed and that we can all find jobs here in Aguacatan," Yenni concludes.

ETHIOPIA

"Nothing will stop me!"

When Emebet was 13 years old she got her first period in class. "Starting one's period at school is terrible," she says. Nobody had told her that the cramping she felt was a sign of menstruation. In remote areas like Jamaya, girls do not receive puberty and menstruation information. Emebet was shy and remembers feeling scared, traumatized, and embarrassed. Frightened by the sight of blood on her skirt, she decided to leave school. "I took off a school sweater, tied it around my waist to conceal stains, gathered all my courage, hurriedly left class, and walked home," she says. While she stayed home, she missed

exams. After that she missed 70 school days in one year alone, which affected her academic performance. Emebet thought of dropping out and giving up her dream to be a nurse.

World Vision drilled a borehole that serves the high school and the surrounding community and provided water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services to the high school through its integrated approach. Water is now available in all the school latrines.

Emebet attends class regularly and works harder than ever—becoming the top student in her class this year.

World Vision also provides teenage girls education on menstruation hygiene. Girls have access to sanitary pads and pain relievers for menstrual cramps, along with rooms at the school where they can rest. Providing clean water, sanitation, and educational services has increased attendance of girls at Jamaya High School. With determination, Emebet says, "I achieved what I have longed for and nothing will stop me." She is confident that her childhood dream of being a nurse will become real.

HELP FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

GUATEMALA

Reaching her entrepreneurial dreams

Catalina Alcón Velásquez is 25, married, with two children. Her husband works in construction and she takes care of their home. They live with her in-laws, who are low-income.

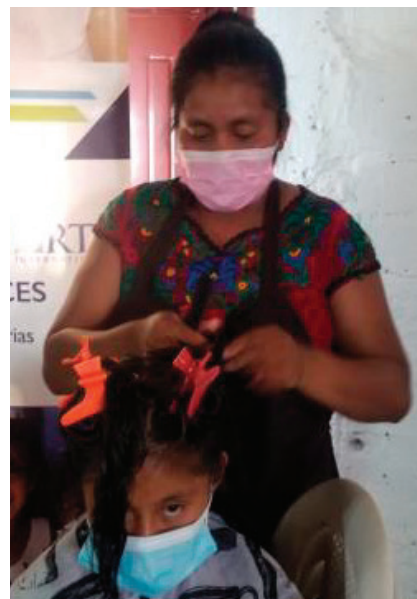
Catalina's dream has always been to help her family financially, by learning a trade and setting up her own business. However, the responsibilities of caring for a home and children always seemed to cut her dream short.

"In 2021, I received news filled with blessings. There was going to be a haircutting course in my community. So, I enrolled. This was a way to make my dream come true, because it was accessible for me and close to home, so I could keep an eye on my children.

"But this wasn't the only blessing. They also gave me the tools to start up my own business. This opportunity they gave me showed me that there are no obstacles to reaching your dreams," says Catalina.

The course was made available in part through World Vision Gift Catalog donors.

"Sometimes our dreams seem so far away because of a lack of resources and opportunities in our communities. Now it's up to me to use the tools I've been given to start up my business," Catalina says.



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hungry children to be filled, helps hard-working
families maintain their dignity, and helps to create
change for an entire generation. God bless you for
all you do!*

*The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)



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