



SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2021 - March 2022 | Child Protection Fund

SUMMARY

Thank you for being a wonderful example of God's love to children in Guatemala, India, and Kenya. Because of your generosity, they now live in safer communities and have the opportunity to thrive.

Since 2016, World Vision has reached more than 4.8 million children and adults through our protection services, including 307,786 people in fiscal year 2022. We are working to reach even more people, expanding our work in India and Kenya to ensure children are protected from exploitation, abuse, and violence.

In FY22, with your support:

 49,186 people in West Bengal, India, were reached through our "Save our Daughters" awareness campaign. The states of Assam and West Bengal have the highest

- number of reported child sex trafficking cases in all of India.
- 805 children completed Alternative
 Rites of Passage (ARP) ceremonies,
 and 414,060 people were reached in
 Kenya through our child protection
 mass awareness initiatives
 (including community meetings
 and radio talk shows). Kenyan
 girls face the trauma of female
 genital mutilation (FGM) and child
 marriage. We provide communities
 with alternatives, such as ARP
 and Savings for Transformation,
 to traditional practices and social
 cultural norms that may be harmful.
- 1,225 at-risk youth received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education to address violence and migration in Guatemala.



When you partner with World Vision, you are supporting programs and services that protect vulnerable children from harm, giving them the opportunity to thrive and live life to the fullest (John 10:10, NIV).

GLOBAL UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

4,859,274

PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1,872,241 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, protected by partnering with families, communities, faith leaders, and governments to address the root causes of violence against children since October 2016. In the first half of FY22 alone, our Child Protection projects reached 307,786 people, including 144,535 children and youth.

805 Kenyan children graduated from ARP ceremonies

30,642 community members in West Bengal completed education programs to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration

1,225 at-risk youth in Guatemala received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education



KENYA

SUMMARY

With your support, the Kenya Big
Dream Project directly reached
127,052 children and adults in the first
half of FY22 and 819,210 since the
project began in October 2019. The
project also launched its second phase,
expanding into Samburu County. There,
we laid the foundation for our vital work
of protecting vulnerable children from
FGM, child marriage, and other forms
of maltreatment.

Your generosity also made possible continued work with families to improve their livelihoods and gain more income. With a steady income, families avoid financial pressures that often lead to violence against children—such as early marriage arrangements. Now, more girls and boys can enjoy their childhood and complete school.

Additional FY22 project achievements include:

- 132 girls and 25 boys were supported with school fee subsidies.
- 198 people participated in training to become Biblical Empowered Worldview champions. They, in

- turn, reached 2,592 households and helped family members change from a mindset of dependency to one of empowerment.
- learning to adopt crop and livestock value chains to diversify and strengthen their incomes. As a result, families were able to afford nutritious food and school fees, benefiting 4,070 children.
- 314 men and women completed
 Citizen Voice and Action training.
 They now are equipped to advocate for much-needed child services from the government.
- 2,300 community members received training and later participated in Savings for Transformation groups. Members use a portion of their savings to pay for basic needs and to keep their children in school, benefiting 7,503 children.



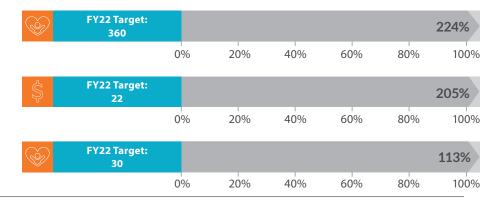
In Samburu and West Pokot counties in Kenya, World Vision is working to end FGM and child marriage, using evidence-based programs such as Alternative Rites of Passage (ARP). In collaboration with the community, World Vision organizes ARP for all girls at risk of FGM. The ARP initiates them into adulthood and equips them with fundamental life skills and values. "The ARP training increased our knowledge on the negative effects of FGM," said Rophina (not pictured). "Thank you, World Vision, [the] training ... expands our knowledge on child issues."

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

805 children graduated from ARP ceremonies

45 Savings for Transformation groups established

34 participants engaged in Citizen Voice and Action to hold service providers accountable for services promised



INDIA

SUMMARY

In 2019, the states of Assam and West Bengal accounted for 11% of India's population—but 50% of reported child sex trafficking cases. We are working to stop trafficking, prevent violence, and share God's love with families in these states.

Assam

So far in FY22, 107,691 people benefited from our Assam Child Protection Project. Highlights include:

- 9,357 girls engaged in 238 Girl Power Groups (GPGs). Nearly a third of GPG members have taken action to stop violence: reporting incidents to police and putting on awareness events. <u>Learn more</u> about how GPGs keep girls safe.
- 4,930 men engaged in 165
 Men Care Groups (MCGs), and
 1,761 members continued with
 extra sessions to further improve
 their relationships with their wives
 and daughters. Learn more about
 how MCGs drive change.
- 32 railway police were trained to identify trafficking cases as railway stations are often used by traffickers. Also, we will soon provide all police stations in our project areas with child-friendly spaces.

West Bengal

Our West Bengal Child Protection Project reached 57,288 people in the first half of FY22. Highlights include:

- 49,186 people were reached through the "Save our Daughters" awareness campaign, launched together with West Bengal Police and the Hindu Priests Association after priests attended a World Vision Channels of Hope for Child Protection training.
- 1,161 children were served at 14 Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers (CFLRCs) in 10 red-light districts. And 321 of them attended summer camp to learn about God's unconditional love and acceptance.
- 1,048 children in CFLRCs were assessed for a six-month education program to help them reach ageappropriate learning levels.



Mothers share a joyful hug during their monthly meeting. All CFLRCs in West Bengal hold monthly meetings for mothers. There, they learn about health, finances, and positive parenting. During this period, 780 mothers participated in meetings, and 120 mothers from two CFLRCs participated in an International Women's Day program.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

6,973 members of GPGs in Assam completed training on life and protection skills

1,140 faith leaders in Assam completed Channels of Hope for Child Protection training

30,642 community members in West Bengal were educated to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration



GUATEMALA

SUMMARY

Through God's faithfulness and with your support, the Community Roots Project is creating significant, lasting change for children, families, and communities in Guatemala. Already, in the first half of FY22, the project has reached 24,530 people—bringing the total reached since December of 2016 to nearly 360,000 people.

Community violence prevention

 Held 111 School for Parents sessions, teaching positive parenting techniques and ways to support their children's education.

Alternative education and skills training

 Equipped more than 460 men and women with skills trainings and technical certifications in beekeeping, carpentry, construction, macrame, and more. Once trained, participants launch small businesses, accept internships, or pursue other job opportunities.

Referral and support networks

 Facilitated therapy appointments for 254 at-risk children and youth by opening 18 new comprehensive

- care clinics. Children are referred to the clinics via support networks (such as local organizations and churches) and receive follow-up services of alternative education, technical vocational training, and psychosocial services.
- Identified 30 women leaders to participate in leadership training for Vital Voices, a global empowerment initiative focused on violence and migration prevention for vulnerable and at-risk girls.

Communications activities with youth

Partnered with Rana Labs to offer
Digital Spokespersons training to
30 young people. Students
learned radio communication,
community journalism, and social
media. They also created graphics
and audiovisual content about
preventing violence and migration.

Outreach to Indigenous communities

 Introduced Community Roots to three Indigenous communities and began developing violence- and unsafe migration-prevention plans.



"Thanks to this [macrame] course, I've increased my income, but the most important thing is that it made me see that I am capable of doing so many things to benefit myself, my family, and my community. I am very hopeful that orders will increase and our business will continue to grow."

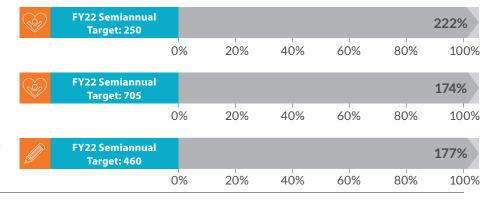
—Alby Gomez, 21, Community Roots participant, Quetzaltenango

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

556 community-led activities were carried out to help prevent violence and migration

1,225 at-risk youth received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education

816 children and youth received support to attend school or vocational training



FINANCIALS

Child Protection Fund* (October 2016 through March 2022)

\$9,687,075 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: \$8,524,964

88%

*Financial totals do not include funding/expenses for Guatemala for the first six months of FY22 due to different reporting cycles for public and private funding. The FY22 year-end report will include the full year of funding/expenses.

THANK YOU

Children and young people in Guatemala, India, and Kenya are overjoyed. They are empowered and can now live freely in safer environments because they, their families, and their communities have access to training and protection services, thanks to donors like you.

"I feel happy. I feel safe," said Orvin Hernandez, 18, a participant in the Community Roots Project in Guatemala. "[Now,] I want to give back a little of what this community has given to me. I want to teach others ... that they can overcome and that we can believe in a better future."

Your gifts help support World Vision's Child Protection projects that equip children and youth, their families, and communities to change their attitudes, behaviors, and livelihoods as to end violence, especially against children. Today, thanks to you, children and their families have hope and a brighter future.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." —John 10:10 (NIV)



In India, World Vision equips
Girl Power Groups to recognize
the signs of abusive relationships
and dangerous situations. They
learn how to protect themselves
and their peers, including how
to help stop child marriages,
child trafficking, and other
gender-based violence in their
communities.



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