

SUMMARY

Women’s empowerment has been at the heart of THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) from the start—and the data shows it’s working. We are excited to share that TANGO International, an expert in evaluating nongovernmental organizations, has completed a seven-year study on the impact of THRIVE in Tanzania.

[You can see the full results here](#), but the headline is that **THRIVE drove significant impact across all key measures**, transforming mindsets, improving resilience, and increasing incomes (by nearly 10 times!).

But there’s more. The study showed that THRIVE changed the game for women. Specifically:

Women were empowered economically. THRIVE successfully supported women in creating small businesses and generating income, some for the very first time.

Women became leaders. THRIVE equipped women to lead savings and farming groups. Men’s perception of women changed positively as a result.

Wives and husbands had improved relationships. Women’s contributions to household income led to greater marital equality and increased their participation in household decisions. For example, Victoire (at right) joined THRIVE when her husband was in prison. When he returned, he was so impressed by her progress that he started participating with her. They now work together to provide for their nine children.

Women are God’s dearly loved creation. THRIVE celebrates that by equipping them to pursue their potential and become leaders in their communities. Thanks to your support, this transformation is now happening across Honduras, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia. We are delighted to share highlights of the work you have helped make possible so far in fiscal year 2022.







“Before benefiting from THRIVE interventions, I could not have money for feeding my family for one more day, but now, I have enough money that can feed my family for a whole month.”

—Victoire Mukantabana,
Rwanda

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY17-FY23)

These numbers represent the aggregate accomplishments of women in the Honduras, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia THRIVE projects.

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35,514 women trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview, through which they learned about their value, resources available to them, and their own ability to create change.
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36,439 women joined Savings for Transformation (S4T) groups, in which community members come together to save, borrow, and encourage each other in their financial goals.
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28,828 women took loans from their S4T groups to pursue an income-generating activity.
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12,239 women received loans from VisionFund, World Vision’s microfinance network. These larger loans (as compared to S4T loans) help women successfully grow their businesses.

THRIVE COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

HONDURAS

In Honduras, women are changing the perception that they are not as financially competent as men. **So far this year, 812 women in S4T groups have saved over \$50,000 for emergencies.** These savings will help families weather unexpected stressors and set a positive example for the entire community. Since FY17, the project has trained more than 5,000 women in financial management.

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MALAWI

In Malawi, empowered mindsets from Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) training have taken root and are rapidly spreading. More than 10,000 Malawian women have been trained in BEWV since FY17. Now, they are training others: 324 women have been equipped in FY22 to facilitate BEWV trainings and have, in turn, trained 4,923 more women. Newly empowered mindsets are leading to increased joint decision-making in households and community groups, like farmer field schools. And there is a spillover effect: **Community members not directly involved in THRIVE are emulating the positive practices they see working for their peers, leading to greater community involvement from women overall.**

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RWANDA

Encouraging themes emerged from focus group discussions during the project's midterm evaluation. Women reported that participation in S4T groups helps increase their self-confidence and status in the community, and some have been elected to community leadership positions. Married women reported that because THRIVE has equipped them to earn income, their husbands now respect and include them more.

Claudine, for example, used to depend on her husband for everything. But when they joined THRIVE, they began working together. "The relationship with my husband has changed," she says. **"He consults me for major decisions because he now knows that I can contribute financially."**

So far this year, **496 more women** have reported an improved attitude toward their financial future.

ZAMBIA

In FY22, 145 women have become THRIVE leaders in Zambia: business managers, market facilitators, and lead farmers. These women lead on quality control and marketing strategy and pave the way for the community to embrace women in leadership. **As other women see their peers succeed, they grow more confident to embrace the abilities and opportunities that God has given them.**

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"We are so excited about Savings for Transformation because World Vision has taught us how it means to fish on our own. Our mindset has been enlightened to stand on our own. We shall also pass on the skills and knowledge gained to our children."

—Purity Mubanga, chairperson of her THRIVE S4T group in Zambia, pictured with money she is investing in her S4T group

GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

World Vision's THRIVE projects have been pioneers in performing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) evaluations, which give us critical insight into the vital roles that women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations play in driving sustainable change. By integrating what we learn from evaluations into our projects, we increase community inclusion and the sustainability of our outcomes. GESI integration also contributes to ending child marriage, child labor, and gender-based violence, and helping keep both girls and boys in school.

The parable of the lost sheep in Matthew 18 reminds us that God cares about *all* of His children, including those who may traditionally be overlooked. Using GESI principles helps ensure we reach as many people as possible with the tools to overcome poverty.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

As THRIVE projects approach the end of phase 1 in FY23, focus on community ownership will increase to ensure that changes are long-lasting. Specific strategies include:

- **Equipping women leaders:** Women tend to be long-term community members, which means having them in positions of influence increases sustainability and community ownership.
- **Training community trainers:** Staff will increase emphasis on equipping trainers so that interventions are self-replicating.

THANK YOU

"When World Vision came in our [group of villages], I saw the hand of God," says Petronila, THRIVE participant in Rwanda. Petronila's husband abandoned her after she had their fifth child. She struggled to provide. But when THRIVE came to her village, the project helped her to grow her income. With the money she is now earning, she has improved her house and installed electricity.

Petronila saw the hand of God when World Vision arrived. We were able to reach her because of donors like you. Because of our donors, we are equipped to reach thousands of people, like Petronila, working to transform their lives through THRIVE. May you be blessed as richly as you have blessed them. Thank you.



Two Honduran THRIVE participants proudly display the plants they sell in the nursery they run to earn income.



In Malawi, Lucy and Enock Mwenda (pictured with their children) now work together on their farm after participating in THRIVE and GESI trainings.