

## SUMMARY

As of March, **we officially surpassed our goal to reach 90,000 people in Zambia** with economic empowerment activities through Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE). Your prayers and support helped make this achievement possible.

Families participating in Zambia THRIVE report that they now have enough food to eat, have made improvements to their homes, and are able to send their children to primary school and even pay for higher education—a rare scenario in the past. Most importantly, we have seen positive changes in how people view themselves and their environment, thanks to Biblical Empowered Worldview training. During the first half of fiscal year 2022, the project:

- Trained 11,017 farmers, including 5,670 women (like Hilda, at right), in the Farming God’s Way

methodology, which teaches conservation techniques such as mulching, crop rotation, and using compost manure

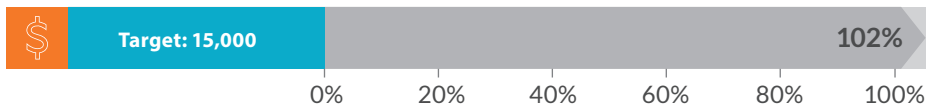
- Engaged 1,464 farmers to plant 4,063,469 shade trees to conserve land, improve soil fertility, and increase crop production
- Provided nearly \$265,000 in loans to 1,761 clients through VisionFund, World Vision’s network of microfinance institutions
- Established four farmer cooperatives and trained 350 farmers in honey production, adding a new source of income to their households
- Added 80 new Savings for Transformation groups, bringing the total to 795 since the project began



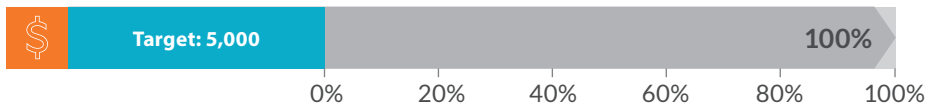
Hilda Lungu, a farmer in the Katete area program, breeds chickens, goats, and ducks, and grows crops in her garden. *“World Vision came and taught us the advantages of conservation farming. At first, I doubted it, but once I [tried it], I harvested more than I expected. Since then, I have vowed to never stop doing it because I have seen its results and goodness,” Hilda says.*

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

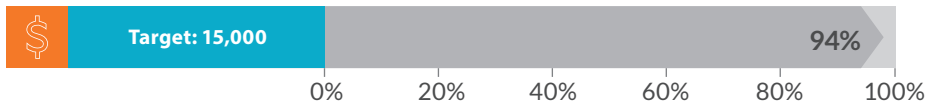
15,445 participants trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview



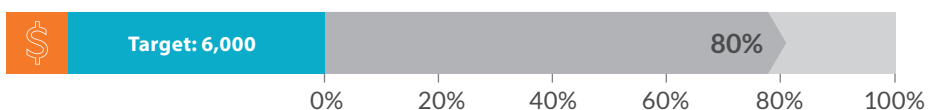
5,000 farmers using some form of irrigation



14,150 people (including 10,156 women) participating in Savings for Transformation groups



4,817 people have accessed loans from VisionFund



## KEY LEARNINGS

Our staff recently completed a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) evaluation, and will be integrating the results with our activities for the remainder of the project. World Vision's THRIVE projects have been pioneers in performing GESI assessments, 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.

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.



Through THRIVE, Allan Phiri (pictured above in his grocery shop) joined a Savings for Transformation group and received financial literacy and business skills training, enabling him to feed his children and pay for their schooling. A recent [external study](#) of THRIVE in Tanzania revealed game-changing results for participants, including a dramatic increase in incomes, as well as improved food security, access to financial services, gender equality, resilience, and child well-being.

## LIFE-OF-PROJECT UPDATE



## PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

During the second half of FY22, the project will:

- Train farmers in post-harvest technologies, such as improved storage, to increase the quality and shelf life of products
- Partner with Community Markets for Conservation to support producer groups with improved market awareness and access, linking them with buyers
- Continue working with communities to ensure that watersheds are identified, protected, and sustainably managed for improved crop production

## THANK YOU

In the words of Moffat Mtonga, project manager for THRIVE, "We are truly humbled and grateful for the unwavering support we have received from you since 2016. THRIVE Zambia has continued to record amazing transformational stories among participants, demonstrating that through your support, more people have increased their household income."

\*Project goal through fiscal year 2023



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## FINANCIALS

THRIVE project-to-date spending by activity (October 2016 through March 2022)

Summary	Project-to-Date Funding Released to Project	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Spending Rate
Increased household incomes and productive assets	\$ 3,225,981	\$ 3,008,198	93%
Improved management of natural resources for resilience to climate change	3,547,231	3,196,612	90%
Increased resilience of livelihoods to shocks and disasters	723,857	497,052	69%
Smallholder farmers and their families transformed from dependence to a biblically empowered worldview	1,694,289	1,606,498	95%
Management and fundraising	3,063,786	2,769,453	90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,255,144</b>	<b>\$ 11,077,813</b>	<b>90%</b>