

Teacher Resources

WV defines sustainability as 'the ability to maintain and improve upon the outcomes and goals achieved with external support after that support has ended'. The challenge is to ensure that positive changes experienced by young people are protected and sustained both during the life of the programme and for future generations. In every context where WV works, **five key 'drivers' of sustainability** need to be addressed to facilitate long-term sustained change. Each 'driver' must be considered during the development of strategy and programming for adolescents and youth.

Five 'drivers' of sustainability:

1. Local ownership
2. Partnering
3. Transformed relationships
4. Local and national level advocacy
5. Household and family resilience.

World Vision's Sustainability Drivers
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In addition to these five 'drivers' of sustainability, several aspects of WV's adolescent and youth programming promote long-term sustained change:

- WV can increase the potential for sustained change by thinking and planning strategically for adolescent and youth programming. Rather than small individual projects focused on different groups of young people, WV can work with local partners to implement holistic, integrated programming for many more targeted groups of young people within a given area.
- Linking groups of young people into networks, provides opportunities to learning together, challenging each other, and uniting together in local and national level advocacy.
- Local voluntary champions can encourage the sustained support of developmental relationships by adults. Sustainable programming should establish a structure that supports, encourages, recognises and provides incentives for these local champions. Young people may also volunteer, mentoring younger children and adolescents.
- Sustainability can be seen in healthy, productive young citizens, who have gained the skills, competencies, positive identity and commitment to serve their own communities.