

SUMMARY

Since 2016, **World Vision has reached more than 5 million people through our child protection projects.** Thank you for equipping us to reach children with the message that they are valuable, loved, and worthy of protection.

We are excited to share highlights of our work this year in Kenya, India, and Guatemala.

Addressing child marriage in Kenya

In Kenya, we are empowering communities to address the root causes of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage. This year, 7,631 people joined Community Change dialogues to talk about these issues and other challenges they face. Afterward, they reported that their attitudes about FGM and child marriage had changed, and they took concrete actions to make their communities safer for children.

Empowering survivors in India

In our project areas in India, children are at high risk of sex trafficking. This year, we educated 180,477 people on how to prevent trafficking in their communities. In the state of Assam, 386 girls became Anti-Trafficking Warriors after in-depth violence prevention training.

Opportunities for youth in Guatemala

The Community Roots Project equips communities to reduce violence and forced migration, in part by teaching youth marketable skills so they are less vulnerable. Cesar, 17, has taken several vocational courses and is now working with the project to patent his own business idea. "I want to tell all the young people in my community not to give up," he said. "Although sometimes we feel weak and near collapse, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel."



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

5,317,628

PEOPLE,* INCLUDING 2,025,597 CHILDREN AND YOUTH have been protected by partnering with families, communities, faith leaders, and governments to address the root causes of violence against children since October 2016. In FY22 alone, our child protection projects reached 766,140 people, including 297,891 children and youth.



8,364

students in Kenya (4,838 girls) received hygiene kits with sanitary napkins (for girls), undergarments, soap, toothbrushes, and other items to help students attend school confidently and prevent girls from missing class during their periods.



2,119

community actions taken to prevent and address violence based on plans that the communities created and agreed on with support from World Vision's Community Roots Project.



1,193

girls in Girl Power Groups in Assam, India, met with police to learn how to report abuse or child marriage. These meetings help improve police/community relationships.

**This number includes those in the countries featured in this report as well as in other World Vision child protection projects.*

KENYA

SUMMARY

Every day, more families are saying “no” to child marriage, FGM, and other practices that harm children. With support from you and World Vision’s Kenya Big Dream project, they are working to actively protect children, especially girls, and end practices that keep their communities from thriving. Thank you for empowering this transformation.

In FY22, Kenya Big Dream directly impacted 361,962 children and adults (101% of our annual target), bringing the total to 1,001,303 since the program began in October 2019.

World Vision’s holistic work equips communities to address the root causes of harmful practices by working in education, economic empowerment, child protection, Christian discipleship, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). As change takes root and spreads between neighbors, the work gains momentum, setting the stage for widespread, sustainable impact.

We praise God for what Kenyans have accomplished in FY22:

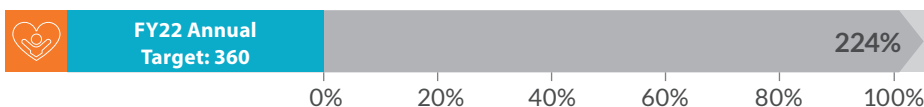
- 457,826 listeners (168,440 children) learned via radio about child protection and ways to report child abuse. Using radio helps us reach even the most remote areas.
- 805 children (562 girls) graduated from five-day Alternative Rite of Passage ceremonies. These are joyful celebrations of a child’s transition into adulthood—one that recognizes their value apart from FGM or marriage.
- 660 children (352 girls) spoke out about harmful practices in their communities through Children’s Assemblies, where children learn how to use their voices effectively to create change.
- 394 students (269 girls) from vulnerable households received school fee subsidies so they could continue their education.



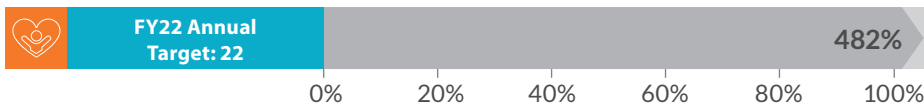
“I will provide for [my children] until they finish school, get good jobs, and also help transform our community,” said Chapartil Musa. “Thank you, World Vision, for also teaching us the negative effects of FGM. We refuse to do it, and we will condemn those who are supporting it. We say ‘no’ to FGM and early child marriages!”

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES*

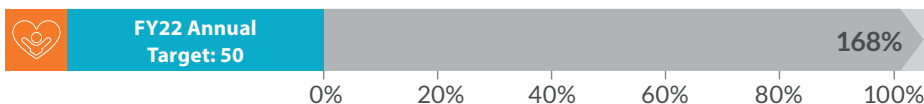
805 children graduated from five-day Alternative Rites of Passage ceremonies



106 Savings for Transformation groups were established



84 people were trained to lead the Community Change program to address issues that affect the well-being of children



**With COVID-19 restrictions lifting, the project was able to accelerate progress in FY22 and significantly exceed targets.*

INDIA

SUMMARY

With your support, communities in the Indian states of Assam and West Bengal are addressing violence and transforming into safer, more loving places for children.

Assam

This year, we reached 171,093 people in Assam. We went both wide—reaching 114,322 people through awareness events. And we went deep—handling 125 individual cases of trafficking, rape, child marriage, and other forms of violence. Also in Assam:

- 1,621 girls joined our soccer program. Seeing girls play soccer challenges community perceptions about what girls can do—the girls team that won the tournament we hosted went on to place third in the inter-district tournament!
- Girl Power Groups (GPGs) put on street plays to create awareness about child sex trafficking, reaching 26,050 people.
- 4,157 men participated in Men Care Groups (MCGs), learning how to advocate for women. Also, 515 MCG members took legal awareness training to report cases of violence against children.

West Bengal

In West Bengal, we reached 96,909 people—from young survivors to government leaders—with tools to stop violence against children. This year:

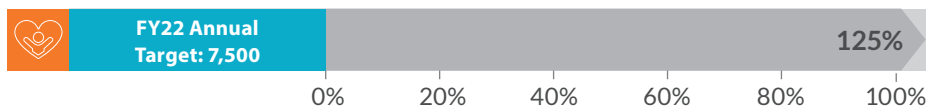
- 1,179 children from 10 red-light districts participated in our 14 Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers, which provide a safe place for children at risk to play.
- 1,052 children completed our education program to help them catch up to appropriate learning levels after two years of school closures.
- 148 child survivors in shelter homes joined our Sports for Development, music, and/or art therapy classes to aid in their recovery.
- 36 children with hearing impairment received hearing aids, allowing many of them to hear for the first time.



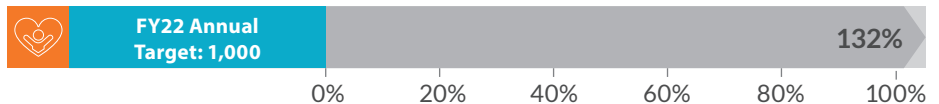
Girls in a West Bengal Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Center display reminders of their great value in God's eyes. This year, these centers hosted a special psychosocial support program for 259 girls with the theme, "I am God's Masterpiece." They learned that they are valued and loved by God no matter where they live, what they look like, or what their parents are involved in.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

9,349 members of GPGs in Assam completed training on life and protection skills



1,321 faith leaders in Assam completed Channels of Hope for Child Protection training



69 families in West Bengal completed the Celebrating Families curriculum to help them better care for each other



GUATEMALA

SUMMARY

The Community Roots Project is equipping Guatemalans to address violence, forced migration, and lack of opportunity for youth. We start by bringing the entire community together—including children—to agree on what they want to see change and how to make it happen.

We reached 132,011 people through child protection activities this year, bringing the total since December 2016 to 467,265.

Communities take action

In FY22, communities put into action 88 plans to address violence and completed 87% of planned activities, totaling 2,119. Schools also put 48 plans into action to prevent violence.

Communities renovated sports fields and painted murals promoting nonviolence. Creating clean, positive environments for children shows them they deserve good things and that violence is not inevitable.

Creating opportunities at home

In FY22, 750 children and youth were referred to the project for vocational

training, alternative education, and psychosocial support services. We engaged a partner to provide cognitive behavioral therapy to 304 youth and returning migrants to help them find hope and opportunities in Guatemala.

To help create those opportunities, we provided technical training to 232 people; 278 others received technical certifications from a Guatemalan training institute. Training and jobs mean people can provide for themselves and their children without leaving home.

Bridging the education gap

Many Guatemalan children drop out of school early to work or to help care for family, and the longer they are out of school, the harder it is to return. This year, 747 students graduated from our alternative high school or middle school programs, which provide specialized support and a weekend schedule. Parents got involved, too—we held 144 in-person and 84 virtual workshops (averaging 15 people per session) about the value of family support in completing education.



Above: A young boy smiles while playing chess. The Community Roots Project provides safe places for children and youth to develop new skills and confidence. Below: A young girl practices guitar.

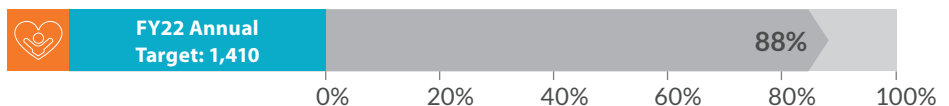


PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

2,119 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



1,911 children and youth received support to attend school or vocational training



FINANCIALS

Child Protection Fund
(October 2016 through September 2022)

\$17,018,661 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: \$15,956,214

94%

CHALLENGES AND LOOKING AHEAD

Kenya: Families in our program areas in Kenya face security threats, such as robberies and sometimes violent community rivalry, as well as extreme drought conditions. We are working closely with the national police to get reliable security information before engaging in activities, as well as providing support to those most affected by drought. Equipping drought-affected families with economic support and school fee subsidies helps them avoid the vulnerability that contributes to girls leaving school, increasing their risk of child marriage.

India: In spring of 2022, the state of Assam was hit by intense flooding, affecting project activities and the livelihoods of participants. To respond, we diverted 10% of our project funds, together with an additional \$20,000 of funding we received to support those most affected by flooding, and distributed 15 days' worth of emergency food rations to 9,765 households.

Guatemala: We will be handing off this six-year Child Protection Project to be 100% community owned in May 2023. Work is currently focused on ensuring communities have all the needed tools for sustainable, ongoing impact, including actionable plans in place to prevent violence and irregular migration.



THANK YOU

God loves each child dearly, regardless of where they live or what circumstances they face. Thank you for demonstrating God's love by supporting this work. Through your partnership, more children are protected, have access to education, and have better opportunities for their futures. Thank you, and may God richly bless you.

"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." —Luke 9:48 (NIV)



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