



ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2021 – September 2022 | Hope for Honduras

SUMMARY

Thanks to your partnership, World Vision teams continued making progress in rural and urban communities in fiscal year 2022 through Every Last One campaign projects. Honduran families gained access to clean water, improved their livelihoods, and strengthened the protection and futures of their children.

Clean water

Together with communities, municipal authorities, and nongovernmental organizations, World Vision completed a network of 43 water systems. We also installed 18 new water taps and rehabilitated 60 more, making clean water accessible to 8,726 families in 59 communities—as well as 50 schools and 23 healthcare facilities. In total, we served more than 34,000 Hondurans in FY22.

Economic empowerment

In response to the soaring costs of fertilizer and agricultural supplies, the project disbursed nearly \$464,000 in loans through VisionFund, World Vision’s microfinance subsidiary. Using the market system development approach to identify and solve gaps in value chains, and in conjunction with two partners, we also lent \$536,000 to help farmers buy vital supplies.

Child protection, Christian discipleship, Youth Ready

Participants engaged in more than 200 actions to promote children’s rights, counter cyberbullying, and reduce child abuse. Nearly 600 parents learned to nurture their children and help their families heal from violence. More than 275 young people became employed after youth workforce training.



Getting trained in Youth Ready was “the best decision I have made,” said Emelda, 24, who started a grocery store after World Vision’s Youth Workforce Development Project helped her gain seed capital. “The boost [from the project] is incredible. Now, I am practically the owner of the largest grocery store in the community of El Cañón.”

COUNTRY UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

548,757 PEOPLE* empowered with access to essential services between October 2015 and September 2022, including 42,025 people during fiscal year 2022.



253,862

people gained access to clean water for drinking, better household sanitation, and improved personal hygiene, since October 2015.



76,244

people directly benefited from our economic empowerment programs—including trainings on savings groups, value chains, and mindset change—since October 2017.



17,178

children and youth directly benefited from our child protection programs, learning to identify and protect themselves and others from violence, since October 2017.

*Because of World Vision’s deep investment in communities, some of the people reflected in these numbers have accessed multiple services. For example, a church leader may have participated in children’s ministry training and also live in a community that received access to clean water.

WATER

SUMMARY

In FY22, World Vision began our six-year Finish the Job campaign in Honduras, aiming to reach 650,000 vulnerable Hondurans in 49 municipalities with clean water by FY27. Despite challenges such as delays in construction materials and temporary school closures that prevented the full achievement of our FY22 targets, we successfully reached over 34,000 Honduran children and adults with access to clean water. And we are poised to achieve much more.

During this reporting period, the Honduras Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) team focused on delivering quality, sustainable WASH interventions in several key areas.

Upgrading the water supply

In partnership with communities, municipal authorities, and nongovernmental organizations, World Vision completed a network of 43 water systems, fixing an old non-World Vision network that released contaminated water and caused the spread of waterborne diseases. We also installed 18 new water taps and rehabilitated 60 more, making clean

water accessible to 8,726 families in 59 communities—as well as 50 schools and 23 healthcare facilities.

Improving sanitation and hygiene

More than 2,100 families learned safe sanitation and hygiene practices, along with how to build their own latrines and handwashing stations. Additionally, 63 new WASH committees—192% of target—received training on latrine location and other sanitation priorities. By enacting the lessons they learned, 18 communities were certified as free of open defecation in FY22.

World Vision also equipped 33 schools and 22 health centers with sanitation and handwashing facilities. These facilities help reduce contamination of soil and groundwater sources, and prevent deadly diseases such as cholera.

Learning governance and finance

Across multiple municipalities, World Vision trained key stakeholders on WASH law and water management regulations, helping them understand their rights and ways to hold local governments accountable.



Honduran children enjoy a splash of cool water from a newly installed water system provided by World Vision. “Now that we have water at home, our life has changed,” said María Martínez, 40, of Camasca.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY21-FY25)

 **81,739** people gained access to clean water, including 34,190 in FY22.

 **20,825** people gained access to household sanitation, including 10,499 in FY22.

 **51,174** people gained access to handwashing facilities, including 23,783 in FY22.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SUMMARY

We are pleased to report that the Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) Project met or exceeded most FY22 goals—despite ongoing challenges farmers faced in Honduras, especially soaring costs for fertilizer and other agricultural supplies.

Savings group update

During the reporting period, 1,531 Savings for Transformation group members saved \$77,135 (including emergency funds) and granted to one another loans totaling \$108,957.

Food security and diverse incomes

Promoting coffee production and linking farmers to potential buyers improved their ability to make a profit and experience food security. We also emphasized good agricultural practices along with income diversification.

For instance, coffee-growing members of the Amistad savings group diversified their income by selling bread, nacatamales (a type of meat tamale), and soft drinks, earning \$8,163 to care for their families' needs.

Loans and strategic approaches

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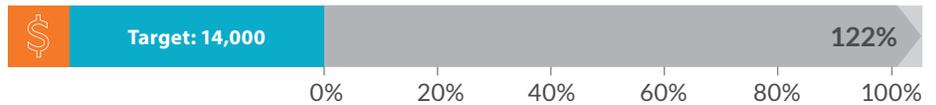
Our [Economic Empowerment Business Plan: THRIVE 2030](#) aims to reach 10 million people in 10 countries—including Honduras—with the tools they need to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.



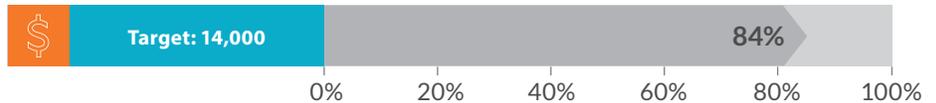
“Learning this new agricultural skill will allow me to be an independent farmer on my own plot of land and have more diversified crops,” said Juan, 21, who lives in the Honduran community of La Campa that had lacked job opportunities. He represents a new generation of farmers who have benefited from THRIVE training.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY17-FY22)

17,020 people trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview



11,701 participating in Savings for Transformation groups



11,405 producer group members increasing their profits by selling value chain products



CHILD PROTECTION

SUMMARY

Every child should feel safe and cared for, no matter their circumstances. While Phase 1 of World Vision’s child protection project in Honduras came to an end in FY22, we will continue to empower children, inform parents, train communities, and raise awareness about reducing violence and changing behaviors in Phase 2.

Taking action, promoting peace

During the reporting period, 66 children and youth reported taking action to protect themselves from violence, part of the 902 youths who did so during the life of the project. Nearly 2,300 children and youth participated in Peace Clubs throughout the project. The clubs promoted a culture of peace, while providing participants with a safe, fun place to play and feel loved.

Other achievements during FY22

The following helped us nearly reach or exceed life-of-project goals:

- 340 parents or caregivers (1,423 throughout the project) learned about formal and informal systems to protect child rights

and indicated their willingness to report child protection incidents.

- 30 local committees developed 44 trainings to teach 873 parents about child protection laws and policies.
- 37 local child protection plans were strengthened and 222 actions—including community celebrations, health campaigns, and events to promote awareness of cyberbullying, children’s rights, and child abuse prevention—were taken.
- 504 parents and caregivers (1,358 throughout the project) showed a change in behavior and used positive parenting in disciplining their children.
- Faith leaders used Parenting with Tenderness workshops to train 268 parents and caregivers, benefiting 646 children.
- Two children’s municipal councils served as representatives for child issues.



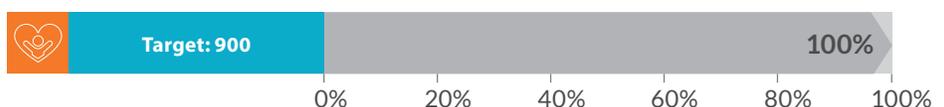
As an orphaned and mistreated girl, Maria experienced a painful childhood. Now a mother and pastor’s wife, she is a trained volunteer for World Vision in Honduras. Her daughters participate in Peace Clubs. “I can serve others and ... have a purpose,” said Maria, shown above giving a school kit to a child after speaking to parents and children about education and child rights. “I have the opportunity to impact the lives of children so that their present and future are different.”

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY18-FY22)

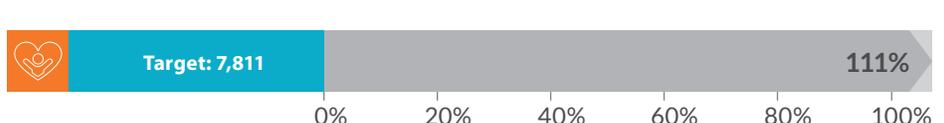
59 Peace Clubs established and working to promote peace



902 children who have taken action to protect themselves against violence



8,644 children with parents who have completed at least one Raising Children with Tenderness training



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SUMMARY

World Vision's programs are built on hope that comes from God, along with partnerships that help transform lives. This hope and transformation were evident in FY22 through our Let the Children Come Project, which creates an environment for children to flourish and experience God's love.

Better care for children

During the reporting period, the project trained 581 parents and caregivers in Raising Children with Tenderness, helping families living in a culture of violence to heal, overcome adversity, renew their communities, and tenderly care for their children.

We also trained 200 parents and caregivers in Celebrating Families, a biblically based curriculum that teaches parents how to better care for their children.

Nearly 150 teachers have gained training in both Raising Children with Tenderness and Celebrating Families to reinforce the parent and caregiver trainings.

Broader reach and impact

We trained 131 church leaders in

Raising Children with Tenderness, widening coverage of the project and helping more families and communities to build positive relationships.

Leaders from Catholic and Protestant churches showed an openness and a commitment to supporting our youth mentoring program.

Research by partners

The peer-to-peer experiences of 70 participants in the youth mentoring program will be studied by Baylor University, while Fuller Theological Seminary will study the role of parents in a child's faith journey and how project interventions influence the parent-child relationship.

Increased sensitivity and empathy

Isabel Arrioloa, who works with vulnerable families in the Parish of Santa Rosa de Lima in Guaimaca, said the project has "allowed me to ... have greater sensitivity and understanding when it comes to work[ing] with children ... and seeing with eyes of tenderness to people in need. Personally, it has help me a lot to address human pain with empathy."



In a World Vision activity that teaches about forgiveness, participants in the community of Guadalupe extend their arms while holding bricks until they can do so no longer. The facilitator then leads a discussion by asking participants, "How did you feel about holding a heavy load? How is this similar to when we don't forgive someone? How much relief did you feel when you dropped the heavy load?"

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY22-FY26)

 **320** Christian faith leaders have been trained on key Christian discipleship programs and have agreed to partner with us to demonstrate Jesus' love to more children.

 **34** new churches have partnered with us for this phase of the project. Churches will be key to making programs sustainable over time and accessible to children and families where they live.

YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY

In Honduras, youth in urban areas face substantial hurdles in securing employment: gaps in skills, lack of experience, and no way to gain a foothold in a tough job market. With our Youth Workforce Development (YWD) Project, youth ages 15 to 29 go through a year-long Youth Ready (YR) curriculum that first develops their confidence and soft skills, and then helps them plan their future through internships, job training, mentorship, and education.

During the reporting period, 277 participants found jobs—more than FY20 and FY21 combined. Other highlights from FY22 included:

382 participants returned to formal or informal education

When youth drop out of school due to social or economic pressures, it is hard to get started again. The YWD project connects youth with support to finish their education. We also partner with technical training organizations. This

year, 1,335 youth earned a technical or professional certificate.

343 participants started a business

Of those, 185 accessed credit through the Chorotega Cooperative (to help them start their businesses and establish a credit record), and 140 received seed capital funds.

YR businesses have seen a greater success rate than the norm. According to the Honduran Council of Private Enterprise, 70% of new businesses fail in their first year, but only 10% of businesses started by YR graduates have failed. With your support, 90% of YR entrepreneurs have created successful businesses.

46 new companies partnered with us to help youth find jobs

These companies offer internships that provide youth with valuable job experience and often lead to regular employment. In FY22, 186 youth gained an internship with a YR partner, with 448 total internships since FY20.



“Being part of Youth Ready has changed my life,” said Dorkas Gonzales, a Youth Ready entrepreneur. “I started with Sarita Ice Cream, and it provided me with the opportunity to create another business selling food, which, thanks to World Vision, generates income to support my family at home.”

PHASE 2 PROGRESS TO DATE (FY20-FY23)



6,725

youth have registered in the Youth Ready curriculum, achieving 135% of our Phase 2 goal of 5,000 youth registered (3,535 youth registered in FY22).



3,768

youth completed the program and received their Youth Ready certificate, achieving 97% of the Phase 2 goal of 3,875 youth certified (2,182 certified in FY22).



2,092

youth have earned a technical or professional training certificate.



758

youth have started generating an income through entrepreneurship or employment. Progress has slowed due to lingering effects of the pandemic and a contracted labor market. In FY23, we are prioritizing entrepreneurship and intentional follow-up to increase the number of youth earning an income.

THANK YOU

Your vital partnership enables us to work hand-in-hand with communities to bring clean water, improve health, support resilient livelihoods, protect children, encourage youth—and help families find hope at home.

Jester Cortez (right), working an irrigated field in La Campa, could have been yet another young person seeking to escape Honduras. “Before World Vision, there was no job opportunity here in the community,” the 18-year-old said. “Some of my cousins decided to leave to bigger cities.”

Jester stayed, as did his brother, Juan (see photo on page 3). Through THRIVE, the brothers learned how to make soil beds, irrigate, use proper pesticides, adapt to climate change, and access markets. They diversified their crops and escalated production.

“A couple of years back,” Juan said, “everything began to change for the better, thanks to World Vision.”

With your continued support, we will reach hundreds of thousands more people in Honduras with the tools and support they need to live more positive, productive, and hope-filled lives.

Carry each other's burden, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

—Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

