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SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2022 – March 2023 | Honduras

SUMMARY

Thanks to your vision, compassion, and generosity, hope is rising, and the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in Honduras are being transformed. In this report, you'll find FY23 updates and life-of-program progress in each of these areas: water, economic empowerment, Christian discipleship, child protection, and youth workforce development.

Edgar Sandoval Sr. visits Honduras

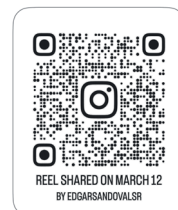
In March 2023, World Vision President and CEO Edgar Sandoval Sr. spent time in Honduras. In one remote rural community, he saw a new solar panel that now enables abundant access to clean water.

Edgar (right) said, "I had a sweet moment during my trip to Honduras with these two young boys in Santa Elena. How motivating it is to hear their hopes and dreams for the future! And now their community can access clean water to improve their quality of life. Praise God!"

In Tegucigalpa, Edgar met with talented young men and women participating in World Vision's Youth Ready program in partnership with local churches and businesses. He said, "They told me about the transformational changes in their lives through job training and mentorship."



Scan the QR code to watch a reel from Edgar's time in Honduras.



PEOPLE REACHED (OCTOBER 2022–MARCH 2023)

507,980 PEOPLE* were empowered with access to essential services in Honduras.



8,450

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



4,026

producer group members were selling value chain products and farmers were using improved tools through **economic empowerment**.



2,478

caregivers, youth, and children were empowered to identify violence and protect themselves and others through **child protection** projects.



489,176

pastors, Christian leaders, teachers, parents, children, and youth benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and explore or deepen their faith through **Christian discipleship** efforts



3,850

young people were equipped with the tools and training they need to enter the workforce through **Youth Ready**.

*Some participants have accessed multiple services. For instance, a church leader may have participated in a children's ministry training and gained access to clean water.

WATER

SUMMARY

The Finish the Job campaign in Honduras is generating results. In the first half of FY23, World Vision has provided 8,450 children and adults with access to clean water. By resolving delays in procuring materials, we're on track to complete about 30 more pipelines that would serve roughly 40,000 people by the end of FY23.

Change begins at home

More than 7,000 Hondurans in over 1,500 households benefited from basic and safe sanitation, with equal numbers gaining access to handwashing facilities.

World Vision observed positive changes in hygienic behavior after training 2,027 households on good practices, followed by frequent monitoring.

Training for community impact

We trained 207 faith leaders (43% of whom were women) on the importance of clean water, the proper use of latrines, caring for others,

gender equality, environmental protection, and other topics that they will share with their congregations to improve the lives of families.

To ensure sustained maintenance of the water supply and sanitation services, we trained 168 members of student clubs at 24 schools. We improved 16 taps at three healthcare facilities, providing patients and staff with access to clean water and reducing the risk of diseases caused by drinking contaminated water.

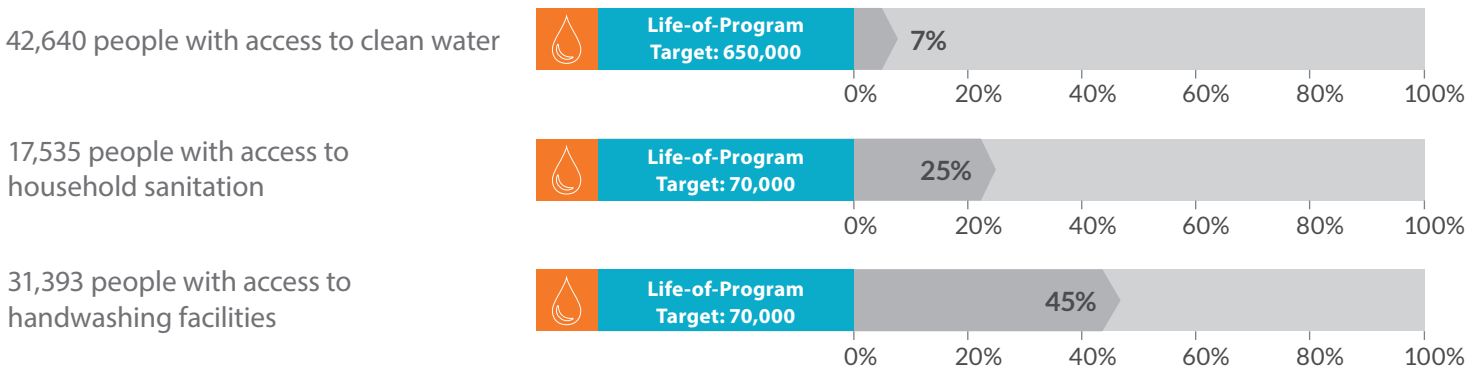
Investing in women leaders

The water management committee in the community of Canadas, where we plan to construct a water system, includes several women, including the committee president. The committee promotes wider participation in implementing the program, serving as an example of World Vision's emphasis on gender, equity, and social inclusion.



Children celebrate as water starts flowing in our program in La Virtud. In another community, Santa Elena, World Vision installed a photovoltaic system that pumps water using solar energy. The technological innovation is environmentally friendly and reduces electrical costs in vulnerable communities.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22-FY27)



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SUMMARY

To date, the hearts, finances, and livelihoods of over 76,000 Hondurans have been reached through Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE).

Farmers impress at coffee competition
Specialty coffee is a profitable crop, and we are equipping farmers to choose the most lucrative varieties and grow top-quality beans. This period, we partnered with the Honduran Coffee Institute to hold three competitions, one in each program area. Honduran companies that export coffee globally sent representatives to taste the samples. All 171 samples from THRIVE farmers obtained an impressive quality score of 84% or higher. We will share the sales resulting from these competitions in the next report.

We also partnered with a local cooperative to build a coffee processing plant, benefiting 445 smallholder coffee growers and

their families. The facility processes coffee to export-level quality, reducing production costs and the need for brokers, while helping farmers better respond to changing buyer demands.

Biblical Empowered Worldview
In this training, farmers learn to embrace their value in God's eyes and believe in their own abilities. This lays a foundation for lifelong change. This period, we trained 243 church leaders to share these concepts with their congregations, making the impact community-driven and sustainable.

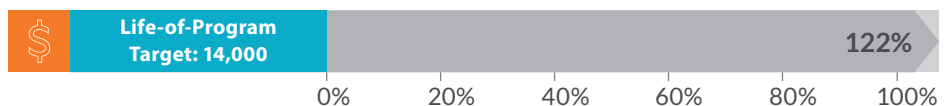
Savings groups foster transformation
In savings groups, participants save together and take turns borrowing to invest in their livelihoods. Groups also serve as a hub to learn new skills. This period, 4,026 members in 229 groups learned about production, marketing, cost analysis, and social inclusion. Topics were chosen based on a recent survey of group needs.



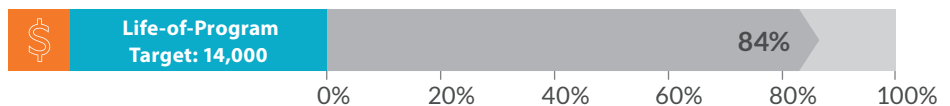
"The changes on my farm have allowed me to improve crop yields, going from producing 4,960 pounds of gold coffee to 5,732 pounds, which are sold to a special coffee trading company, allowing me to generate additional income," said Virgilio Argueta (far left), 48, pictured above with his family. His increased income has allowed him to improve his farm and his family's access to education and nutritious food.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY17–FY23)

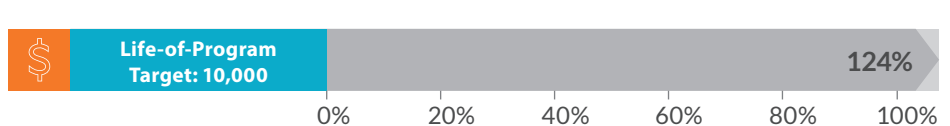
17,020 people trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview



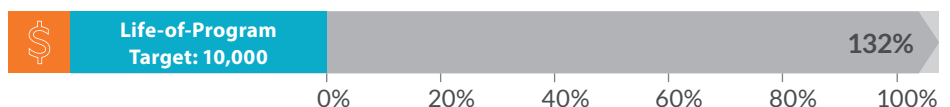
11,701 people participating in savings groups*



12,448 producer group members increasing their profits by selling value chain products



13,193 farmers using improved tools and practices



*Due to the pandemic and hurricanes Eta and Iota, at least 1,850 participants left savings groups and did not return to the program.

CHILD PROTECTION

SUMMARY

Traditional culture in Honduras centers community participation and leadership on adults but excludes children. So far in FY23, our Fostering Hope program has equipped 1,738 children and youth with tools to challenge that norm and exercise their voices in their community.

Empowering children

In this reporting period, 260 young people participated in seven municipal children's councils to promote their rights. Further, in half of the municipalities within this program's reach, 27 children and youth now serve on local councils for the guarantee of children's rights. This ensures compliance with the regulations of the National System for the Guarantee of Children's Rights and represents changing expectations, as children actively participate in decision-making in their localities.

Raising awareness

In seven communities, children and youth took part in a public forum to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of

the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. During the forum, which received media coverage, participants shared about their experiences growing up in Honduras. They also shared with representatives of local governments and institutions their hope that the rights outlined in the international children's rights treaty would be honored.

Community-wide protection

Members of 28 communities have organized child protection committees in the 10 municipalities of the program's area of influence. And for the first time, we were able to reach members of the Garifuna community, incorporating 147 people (including 102 women), most of whom participate in child protection committees.

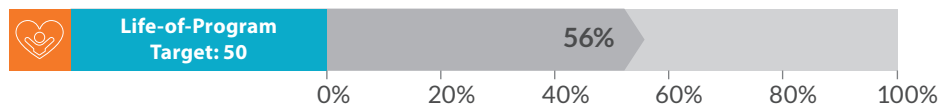
Efforts are underway to train 195 faith and community leaders in breaking cycles of violence by cultivating loving relationships between children and caregivers. They'll share their training with at least 540 parents and caregivers.



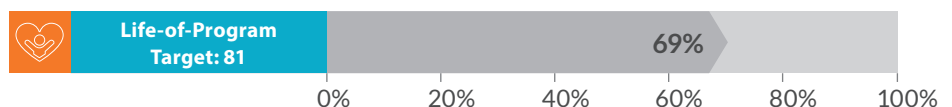
Diego (left), 18, first connected with Fostering Hope in 2019. His parents had divorced, and he experienced violence, hunger, and fear at home. Then he joined a peace club and participated in trainings on topics like leadership, children's rights, and self-care. "I have to say that my life was transformed," Diego says. Today, he's serving as a facilitator to help reach other kids like him. "I hope to impact their lives as much as mine was impacted," he shares.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY23-FY26)

28 community protection committees preventing violence against children



56 peace clubs advocating for a culture of peace in their communities



49 community leaders trained on positive parenting styles



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SUMMARY

At World Vision, we remember the special care Christ showed to children during His earthly ministry. When others ignored or pushed children aside, Jesus welcomed and blessed them. His example serves as a model for our work. We celebrate that so far in FY23, 106,118 Honduran children and youth have been impacted by our Let the Children Come to Me program. These precious kids have heard about God's great love for them, are experiencing better relationships with caregivers, and are better prepared to lead prosperous, productive lives.

Transforming parenting practices

During this reporting period, the program reached 13,923 parents and caregivers with Celebrating Families and Raising Children with Tenderness trainings, equipping them to identify hurtful family patterns and replace those with peaceful, healthy ones aligned with biblical parenting principles. Ana María Ordoñez, a mother and grandmother in Choluteca, observed, "We can punish

a teenager every day and not have any change—but if I discipline him or her in the right way, I can transform a life."

Bringing care to the classroom

After engaging with the School of Tenderness training, many teachers said they realized that classroom behavior is often indicative of patterns that children see and experience at home. In the future, these educators will hold workshops to share their learnings with their pupils' parents, expanding the reach and strengthening the sustainability of the program.

Churches equipped to reach youth

Across three parishes, 120 mentors acquired creative techniques to invite people into deeper relationship with God, with a special emphasis on reaching young people. At least 20% of the youth involved in mentor relationships aren't part of a church, so this activity represents a significant outreach opportunity.

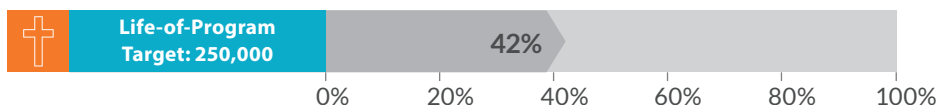


"World Vision has equipped us to teach and guide groups of children ... and young people to change from violent to peaceful behavior, with a biblical basis that applies in daily life—not only in the church, but at the family level and the community level."

—Claudia Gómez (above),
Sunday School teacher, Choluteca

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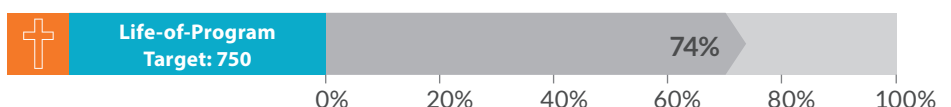
106,118 children and youth who took part in Christian discipleship activities



2,384 pastors and church leaders trained in theology and children's ministry



554 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth



YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY

In Honduras, youth from urban areas face high hurdles to earning a living: job scarcity, lack of social support, and employer bias against youth from certain neighborhoods. Our Youth Workforce Development program equips youth to face these challenges through access to education, seed capital, job opportunities, and hands-on support. Participants ages 15 to 29 go through the Youth Ready curriculum, preparing to pursue employment, entrepreneurship, or education.

Employment and entrepreneurship

So far in FY23, 274 participants have secured jobs—nearly as many as in all FY22 (277). As we create more partnerships with employers, more opportunities become available to youth. Another 312 youth began earning income by starting businesses.

Long-term results

We praise God for the youth who started earning income in FY23, but we

know from Phase 1 (FY18–FY19) that the program’s benefits are best measured over time. A Phase 1 evaluation showed that only 29% of Youth Ready graduates were employed before they started the program, but 63% had secured jobs when surveyed in February 2022. Additionally, only 15% of those surveyed said they were likely to migrate in the next year, compared to a national average of 63%.

Increasing post-program support

This year, we began regularly calling graduates to offer ongoing support as they seek jobs and opportunities. Graduates can also join young entrepreneur associations that meet monthly to receive training and encourage each other in their professional pursuits. These efforts give youth the social support system they need to continue reaching for success.



“I would tell young people to fight for their dreams, that it is not necessary to leave the country to be happy and to be able to work,” said Kevin Trochez, 23. Kevin was born with a motor disability and was told he would never achieve anything. But the Youth Workforce Development program believed in Kevin. Now, he runs his own shop, which he reports is doing very well. Above, Kevin smiles in front of his business.

PHASE 2 PROGRESS TO DATE (FY20–FY23)



4,787

youth who have completed the program and received their Youth Ready certificate, achieving 124% of the Phase 2 goal of 3,875 certified youth (with 1,020 certified so far in FY23)



2,523

youth who have received a professional or technical certification through our training partners (109% of the life-of-program goal)



1,344

youth now earning income through entrepreneurship (655) or employment (689)



828

youth who have returned to formal or informal education to increase their skills and employability, including 341 in FY23



477

youth who have completed internships, including 29 in FY23 (This number is separate from the youth who completed internships that led to full-time positions.)



THANK YOU

Your ongoing advocacy and support means that men, women, and children are building lives of fulfillment, abundance, and peace in Honduras. With better infrastructure, families can access clean water and maintain good health. Through business training and financial services, parents are using their God-given skills to provide for their families. By learning how to break cycles of violence and acquiring professional skills, the next generation of Honduran youth is bringing restoration and creating promising opportunities for the future. In all of this, the Church is being built up, and people are experiencing transformation through the good news of Christ.

From urban centers, where children in vulnerable neighborhoods have opportunities to learn and grow in violence-free environments (above), to rural regions, where kids have access to clean water for the first time, World Vision is working to help Honduras feel like home for generations to come. As 42-year-old Nelda Diego, coordinator of a well-being committee in La Ceiba area project, put it, “I am very excited to know that World Vision will be carrying out activities in our community, so that our children can empower themselves of their rights and participate in spaces for learning in a playful way.”

With your ongoing partnership, we’ll continue building on this solid foundation to reach thousands more people in Honduras with the tools and support they need to live more positive, productive, and hope-filled lives.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

—John 10:10 (NIV)



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