

SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2022 – March 2023 | Mother and Child Health Fund

SUMMARY

The continuing success of our Mother and Child Health programming has spurred us to scale up what has been working so well in existing project areas and expand activities to communities **everywhere World Vision works in Niger and Zambia**. We believe we will save more lives as we improve health facilities and train healthcare professionals and volunteers to create a safer world for mothers, babies, and young children.

In the first half of fiscal year 2023, our teams in Niger and Zambia continued to support ongoing projects that improve health services and education, while also conducting

assessments and laying the groundwork to reach an additional 275 health facilities by 2025.

We are excited by FY23 activities like those in Zambia, which included screening and treating 72,546 children for infectious diseases and malnutrition.

In Niger, 4,075 people were trained to provide health education or screening and care to their neighbors—right in their village—saving them an often long and expensive trip to the clinic.






The following pages include just a few of the highlights and activities that have taken place so far this year.



This healthy little girl is being examined and vaccinated at a health outpost supported by World Vision in Zambia's Chongwe South area program.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

1,388,855 PEOPLE, INCLUDING **304,604 CHILDREN**, have benefited from health education and training, improved mother and child healthcare and nutrition, and a higher quality of care from health facilities that were upgraded and gained clean water access since October 2022.*

-  **16** clinics received support, such as water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities on the premises, staff training, and equipment.
-  **8,985** community health workers and volunteers were trained to provide health information and basic care to their neighbors.
-  **112,811** children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.
-  **1,531** faith leaders were trained and are actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.
-  **510** nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.

*These numbers reflect our work funded by private donors like you, as well as related projects funded by foundation donors, some of which led to exceptional expansion and reach in Zambia in FY23.

NIGER

SUMMARY

A combination of improved healthcare facilities and the work of trained community health volunteers is paying life-saving dividends to people in World Vision area programs in Dosso and Maradi.

In just the first half of the year, trained community health volunteers successfully diagnosed and treated 31,496 children suffering from malaria, pneumonia, or diarrhea. Another 8,769 children were found to be malnourished and were successfully treated, while 1,076 severely malnourished children were referred for more intensive care.

Djibo Abdou, who manages Bellande Health Center, is thrilled by how this project has improved the care his facility can provide.

“Our health center had a lot of difficulties in the availability of drinking water and hygiene and sanitation materials. But we can say thanks to God ... for the availability of water on site,” he said, adding that new latrines with easy access for all, training for community health volunteers and the facility’s staff, and sanitation and hygiene supplies, “contribute to the proper functioning of the [facility] and to the reduction of risks of infection to personnel and patients.”

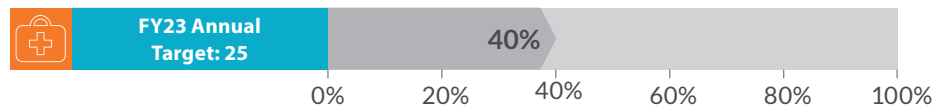
To help families stay healthy and reduce visits to health centers, 114 trained women and men led educational sessions for 32,376 parents (including 14,005 men) on disease prevention, seeking care for young children when needed, and reproductive health services.



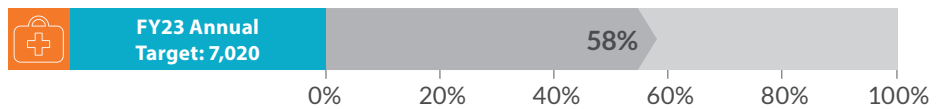
Nurse Roukaya washes her hands at a new sink in the Boulounguey Health Center. The small, community-built center has three rooms and serves 9,200 people from five villages in Niger’s Dosso region. The facility has a new water system for drinking, handwashing, and cleaning needs, as well as sanitary toilets.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

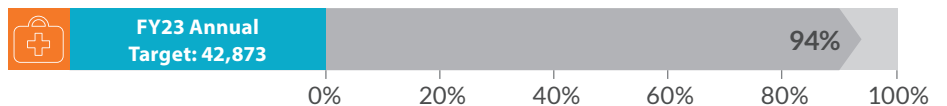
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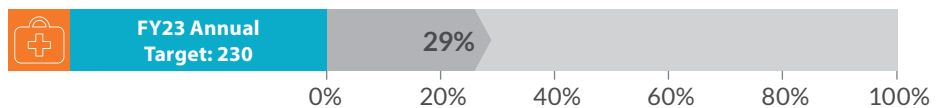
4,075 community health workers and volunteers were actively delivering health information and basic care to their neighbors.



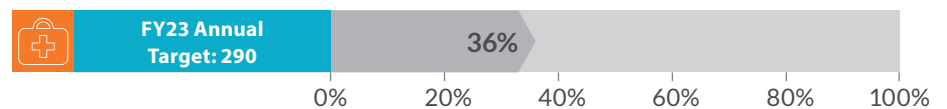
40,265 children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.



66 faith leaders were trained and are actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.



105 nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.



ZAMBIA

SUMMARY

Building on achievements in the Luwingu district, World Vision began work this year to expand our life-changing interventions across 15 districts in Zambia. Much of our team's work in the first half of the year focused on scaling up staffing and operations.

Now, families in far more communities will experience improved health through activities like a campaign that screened and treated more than 72,000 children for infectious diseases and more than 130 for malnutrition.

These improvements to mother and child well-being are happening because the project emphasizes training community health volunteers to share information on good health practices, disease prevention, sanitation, and hygiene. Some receive more extensive training, enabling them to

identify and treat common illnesses such as malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea.

Isaac Soko is an environmental health officer who focuses on disease prevention. He said he is grateful for our work in training community members to promote strong sanitation and hygiene practices, which "... will ease my work and also help prevent diseases such as diarrhea among under-5 children. God bless World Vision and the donors."

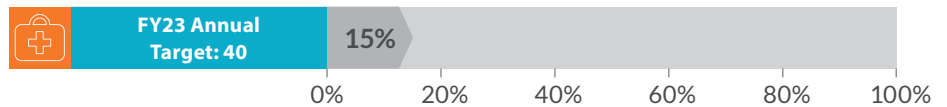
As our project improves local health facilities, residents in surrounding villages are being equipped to serve on 152 neighborhood health committees and participate in planning, coordinating services, and ensuring children and their families have access to essential care, either at a facility or through the work of trained health volunteers.



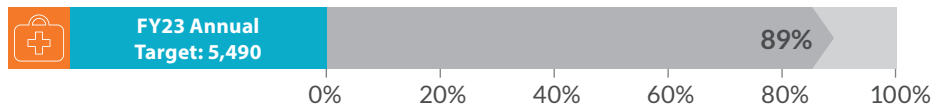
Janet's second child was born at home because she was too far along in labor to get to the clinic, and she nearly died from complications. Young Blessing was born in the new maternity wing at the Bunda Bunda Health Post in Lusaka province. Janet said she is thankful for the safe delivery and the new shower room, where she could bathe after Blessing's birth.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

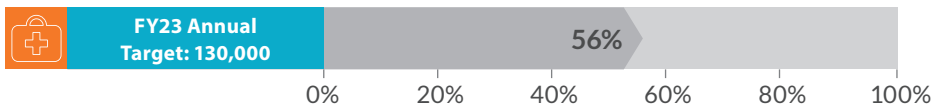
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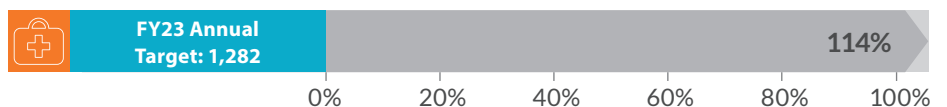
4,910 community health workers and volunteers were actively delivering health information and basic care to their neighbors.



72,546 children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.



1,465 faith leaders were trained and are actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.



405 nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.



FINANCIALS

Mother and Child Health Fund

\$15,025,841 program-to-date funding

\$10,374,232 program-to-date spending

69%

These figures represent funding for programs that began during the Every Last One Campaign and are still in process, as well as programs begun as part of our new campaign during the first half of fiscal year 2023 (October 2022 through March 2023).

THANK YOU

World Vision joins children and families in Niger and Zambia in thanking you for your faithful support of health projects in their communities. Your gift is saving the lives of pregnant women by helping us promote good prenatal care and delivering their babies in a health facility. It protects their babies and young children by training health volunteers to recognize and treat common childhood illnesses that can turn deadly without medical care. When you share Christ's love with others, you are helping to bring about true transformation. Good health is vital for families to thrive and create strong communities for future generations.



Nigerien community health volunteer Salifou (right) visits young Hadi, whose mother explains he has had a fever and dry cough for two days.

*Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from Him.*

—Psalm 127:3 (NIV)



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