

CHILD
PROTECTION

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2022 – September 2023 | Child Protection Fund

SUMMARY

As a partner of World Vision, your investment helped to strengthen protective environments for children and address issues that cause them physical, emotional, and mental harm. Since 2016, **World Vision has reached more than 5.6 million people through our child protection projects.** This report covers highlights from our work in Kenya and Guatemala during FY23.

Amplifying children's voices in Kenya

In Kenya, we are empowering children with knowledge of their rights and practical skills to protect themselves and one another. In FY23, youth in all project areas participated in children's assemblies to discuss child protection issues and advocate for their needs, giving them a platform to speak on issues affecting them. **Nearly 60% of adolescents reported that their voices have been heard in their**

communities, more than double the percentage recorded three years ago when the project began.

The Kongor Accelerated Learning Program (KALEP) continued to gain momentum. KALEP provides six months of intensive instruction for children denied the opportunity to receive a formal education, while equipping them with skills needed to continue their schooling. **Of the 40 students from the first cohort, 39 graduated from KALEP in FY23,** with 37 of them placed in formal primary school classes. The other two graduates, both older than 18, are pursuing a Bible school education.

Celebrating our impact in Guatemala

The Community Roots Project came to a close in FY23, wrapping up nearly seven years of work to create safer communities and opportunities for youth to thrive at home (see page 3).



Sammy's life seemed limited before he received the opportunity to attend KALEP, which offers specialized tutoring to children who have never received a formal education. "Since I tasted education, I can never go back to herding cattle," said Sammy.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

346,601 PEOPLE,* INCLUDING 144,970 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, have been protected by partnering with families, communities, faith leaders, and governments in FY23 to address the root causes of violence.



515

people participated in Biblical Empowered Worldview training in Kenya, learning to embrace their value in God's eyes and believe in their own abilities. This lays a foundation for lifelong change, including improved livelihoods.



3,225

at-risk youth in Guatemala received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education.

*This report reflects two sets of data: first, the status of programs which began during the Every Last One campaign and are still in process; second, a summary of activities and people reached through our new campaign in FY23 (October 2022 through September 2023).

KENYA

SUMMARY

In FY23, all Kenya Big Dream project areas deepened work to protect vulnerable children and eliminate child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). The project increased efforts to change attitudes and behaviors, educate children, improve livelihoods, and advocate to protect children.

With your faithful support, World Vision reached 103% of target participants in FY23, directly impacting 272,137 children, youth, and adults. Since Kenya Big Dream began, we've reached nearly 1.3 million participants in West Pokot, Baringo, Samburu, and Migori counties.

Engaging with boys and men is critical to changing attitudes that will help bring an end to child marriage. In FY23, the project engaged morans, the young male warriors of the Samburu tribe, in Biblical Empowered Worldview. The

moran warriors created skits and songs to build awareness in their communities about the dangers of child marriage and FGM. **The morans also encouraged parents and caregivers to take their children to school and stop illegal practices that they themselves had ceased.** Their changed attitudes were remarkable, as their previous activities included cattle rustling and "beading" of girls to claim them for early marriages.

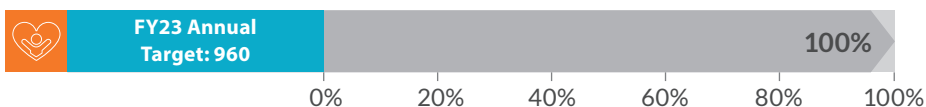
Sixty-nine former cattle rustlers formed savings groups after completing Community Change (C-Change) and other trainings in West Pokot and Baringo counties. The men, known as reformed warriors, agreed to stop stealing. Sixteen bought motorbikes with income from providing transportation services, and then began traveling to advocate against female genital mutilation and community conflicts.



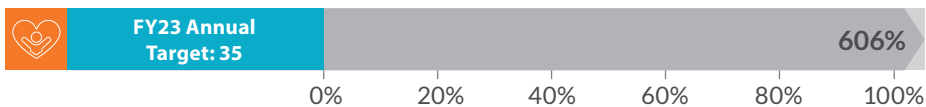
Alternative Rites of Passage ceremonies, part of Kenya Big Dream, help end child marriage and ensure a safe transition to young adulthood by addressing entrenched practices like FGM and other forms of violence. The approach creates a way for children, like those graduating (above) in Samburu County, to be protected and informed about their rights, while helping their parents commit to their education.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

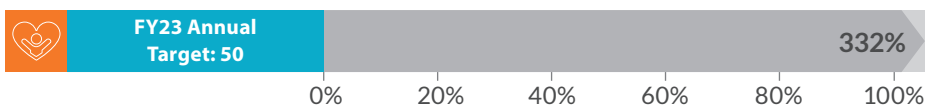
960 children graduated from five-day Alternative Rites of Passage (ARP) ceremonies.



212 savings groups were established.



166 people were trained to lead the C-Change program to address issues that affect child well-being.



GUATEMALA

SUMMARY

FY23 was the final year of the Community Roots project, which brought together local government, business, and community leaders to create safe environments for children, reduce irregular migration, and offer opportunities for youth to thrive at home. Thanks to generous partners like you, World Vision reached more than 530,000 people over nearly seven years.

During FY23 we transitioned project ownership to communities and completed a small number of projects, such as refurbishing parks and sports fields, to provide safe places for people to engage in positive activities.

From the beginning, Community Roots focused on equipping communities to carry on the work of creating safe environments where children, youth, and families can flourish even after the project ended.

The project established and supported 98 community violence prevention committees to prepare and implement plans to prevent violence and irregular migration, which will continue to be used in the future.

Structures put in place to protect and care for children and youth, such as community-based referral and support networks, comprehensive care clinics, and alternative education centers, will also continue to operate after the end of the project.

Community Roots' impact has spread to new areas of Guatemala, too. The National Civil Police were trained to use ADAPT Plus—a process in which residents identify the key issues facing their community—nationally to support other communities in developing their own plans to prevent violence and irregular migration.

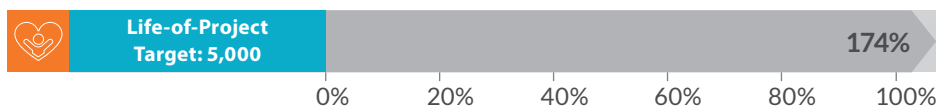
World Vision also developed sustainability plans with private and public sector partners, and many of these alliances will continue operating beyond the life of the project. For example, through partnerships with local technical institutes, 197 youth received scholarships for vocational training. New scholarships will continue to be awarded after the project's closure.



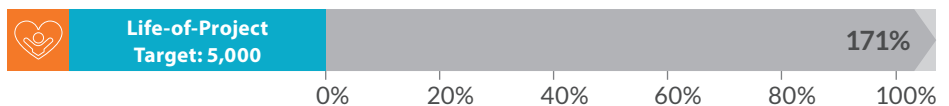
Allan, 16, (with his mother) did not let his disability stop him from participating in a vocational training course on making preserved meats and sausages. He also took courses that equipped him to start a small business with his mother. “My new business has really helped me with my health, my income, and my diet. I feel that my whole family has benefited,” said Allan.

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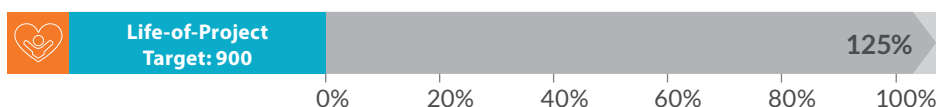
8,689 children and youth received scholarships to attend school or vocational training.



8,543 at-risk youth received services such as counseling, psychosocial support, and education.



1,122 youth obtained internships, employment, or became entrepreneurs.



FINANCIALS

Child Protection Fund
(October 2016 through September 2023)

\$17,597,690 program-to-date funding

Program-to-date spending: \$17,111,679

97%

CHALLENGES AND LOOKING AHEAD

Kenya: From October 2023 through March 2024, we plan to:

- Continue to support the cohort of 39 students who graduated from KALEP in FY23 as they pursue their education. Students on the KALEP waiting list will form the next cohort.
- Introduce a social norms assessment tool to implement in the project. World Vision received training in the tool through our partnership with Georgetown University. We also will identify community members to help with project monitoring.
- Complete a Gender Equity and Social Inclusion assessment in Migori County, as well as assessments to establish a project baseline and potential local value chains.
- Develop a working agreement with the University of Nairobi to become a learning partner in the project.



THANK YOU

In the words of Moses Chepkonga, a World Vision project manager for Kenya Big Dream in Baringo County, “this initiative is a dream come true for many children in this area who have always wanted to go to school.”

Thank you for investing in hope for children and families and giving them the opportunity to dream of a better future, free from violence. May you be blessed for partnering with us to help protect vulnerable children so they can experience the fullness of life God intends for them.

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you; ... See, I am doing a new thing!”
—Isaiah 43:5, 19 (NIV)



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