

WOMEN
and GIRLS

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

October 2023–March 2024

SUMMARY

World Vision intentionally focuses on women and girls in every aspect of our work. We know that holding women and girls back prevents families, communities, and entire countries from breaking the cycle of extreme poverty.

To date, we've reached more than 16 million women and girls through our work. With your partnership, we'll equip and empower **150 million women and girls by 2030**.

As women and girls realize their potential, a ripple effect begins:

Children are better cared for, families are stronger, and communities are more prosperous.

By 2030, we pray to see:

- Women and girls released from the danger and burden of traveling long distances for clean water.
- Health facilities upgraded with sanitation and clean water.
- Families equipped to improve their livelihoods.
- Children protected from violence.
- People supported amid humanitarian crises.



Scan this QR code to watch a video about how our work empowers women and girls.



GLOBAL PROGRESS (October 2022–March 2024)

16,017,416

WOMEN AND GIRLS* were reached through World Vision's projects across all sectors and countries.

 **2,148,441**

women and girls gained access to **clean water** close to home, significantly reducing the time they spend walking and hauling water.

 **902,956**

women and girls gained access to **healthcare**.

 **1,556,473**

women and girls have benefited from access to **financial services**, savings groups, agricultural training, technology, and markets.

 **5,439,838**

women and girls have benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and to **explore or deepen their faith**.

 **5,702,755**

women and girls impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises received **lifesaving, emergency support services** such as food assistance, protection, and livelihood training.

 **218,739**

women and girls benefited from programs that educated community members, **increased protection**, and challenged harmful cultural norms such as child marriage.

 **48,214**

women and girls benefited from **education** programs, including literacy, life skills, livelihood training, early childhood development, and investments in safe schools.

**This total includes participants reached through World Vision's privately funded programs and our publicly funded emergency response programs. Some women and girls have participated in more than one program.*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS REPORTING PERIOD



Clean Water

Around the world, 1 in 4 people don't have soap and water for handwashing at home. This disproportionately affects women and girls, whose exposure to illnesses and other health risks is higher through chores like cleaning, preparing food, and caring for sick family members.

Edelayda (right) saw this all too often in her community in northern Nicaragua. "When I recognized that we had sanitation problems in the community, I wanted to do something to change it," she recalls.

Having volunteered with World Vision since she was 16 years old, Edelayda has become recognized as a leader in her community. When she heard about World Vision's healthy family, school, and community methodology, she immediately offered to serve as a volunteer promoter. In this role, she pays weekly visits to families, training them on topics like water purification, handwashing, house and latrine cleaning, garbage management, and caring for the environment.

"It has been a wonderful experience working with families ... seeing that together we can have better results," she says.



Health

Almost 800 women died every day in 2020 from preventable causes associated with pregnancy and childbirth. That's why we're focused on training local health workers, updating healthcare facilities, introducing hygiene and sanitation practices, and educating and supporting pregnant women and their children.

Three years ago, doctors and nurses at the Bouloungué Health Center in Niger were delivering babies by the light of their smartphones. The clinic (top right) had no running water, latrines, incinerators, or electricity.

Today, a water tower with solar panels (middle right) supplies clean water to the center, along with an extension to the village. Electricity means doctors and nurses no longer work in the dark at night. And a new incinerator safely and efficiently eliminates hazardous waste.

In 2021, the clinic treated nearly 9,000 people for the year. In January 2024 alone, the clinic had served 9,975 people.

Zara (bottom right) gave birth at the center in 2021 and returned in 2023 to deliver another baby. "I couldn't believe my eyes," she says. "Everything had changed so dramatically."





Economic Empowerment

Globally, 740 million women don't have access to financial services. THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) equips them with Christ-centered training, loans, and savings groups.

Angela (right) was heartbroken when her husband died, leaving her alone to raise their two young children. Through THRIVE training, she says, "I learned that when I have love, I can help others." She also learned about diversifying her income and started a poultry business. Today, she's moved from a mud house to a modern one, sent both her children to college, and inspired her daughter to start her own jewelry business.



Child Protection

Every minute, 22 girls under the age of 18 are married. Our Kenya Big Dream program empowers girls and provides education that's shifting communities' perspectives on issues like child marriage, female genital mutilation, and menstruation.

Many girls in Samburu County in central Kenya overcame the challenge of attending school—but not of attending school while menstruating. Through the program, girls accessed dignity kits (right) containing sanitary pads, along with soap, toothbrushes, and other toiletries. "Boys would laugh at me," says Faith, one of the students who received a kit. "But now, I can hold my head high and pursue my dreams without fear."



Emergency Response

Humanitarian crises disproportionately impact women and girls. From armed conflicts to climate-related disasters, World Vision is standing with the most vulnerable.

In 2024, we're redoubling our efforts in Haiti. In addition to deepening hunger, a rise in gang violence has exacerbated gender-based violence—especially the abuse of girls and women—and closed over 1,000 schools. "Restoring safe conditions to provide humanitarian aid in Haiti is urgent," states Joao Diniz, World Vision's leader for the region. "Failure to do so anticipates a deterioration in the living conditions of children." In response, we're delivering food, clean water, and psychosocial support to Haitian children, like the one pictured at right.



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