

# WOMEN and GIRLS

# **EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS**

#### October 2023–September 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** 23 million women and girls. With your partnership, we'll equip and empower a total of 150 million women and girls over the next five years.

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:

- Lifesaving access to clean water close to home
- 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–September 2024)

| 23,824,653          | <b>WOMEN AND GIRLS</b> were reached through World Vision's projects across all sectors and countries.*   |
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| 3,214,345           | women and girls gained access to <b>clean water</b> close to home, significantly reducing the time they spend walking and hauling water.   |
| 1,438,538           | women and girls gained access to <b>healthcare.</b>  |
| \$ <b>2,120,033</b> | women and girls benefited from access to <b>financial services</b> , savings groups, agricultural training, technology, and markets.   |
| <b>†</b> 7,904,385  | women and girls benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and to <b>explore or deepen their faith.</b>  |
| 8,425,175           | women and girls impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises received <b>lifesaving,</b><br><b>emergency support services</b> such as food assistance, protection, and livelihood training. |
| õ 653,090           | women and girls benefited from programs that educated community members, <b>increased protection</b> , and challenged harmful cultural norms such as child marriage.                         |
| <i>69,087</i>       | women and girls benefited from <b>education</b> programs, including literacy, life skills,<br>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**

When it comes to access to clean water, women and girls represent two of the most vulnerable populations—and women and girls who experience disabilities remain at even higher risk.

Rayan (top right), age 9, has already experienced this. Rayan was born with short stature, a condition she shares with her father, yet homes in her community in Iraq are rarely built with accessibility in mind. Rayan and her family have struggled with comfortably using bathroom facilities at home. Recognizing these challenges, World Vision stepped in to make essential modifications. Now, for the first time, Rayan and her family have facilities designed to meet their specific needs.

Suad (bottom right), who is 48 years old and has disabilities that limit her mobility, has also felt the physical demands and emotional strain of not having accessible bathrooms nearby. But now, with new health facilities near her living space that accommodate her needs, she's rediscovered a sense of autonomy and confidence.





#### Health

Pregnancy and childbirth are dangerous for women and girls who live in poverty. But when quality health facilities and care are available, the benefits are lifesaving for women—and their children and families.

For years, the Kapililonga Health Post, which serves about 1,506 people each month in rural Zambia, didn't have reliable access to clean water. As a result, doctors couldn't easily clean their instruments, mothers who'd delivered babies went days before bathing, and there were no showers or flushing toilets.

Today, the construction of bathroom facilities (top right), a 2,600-gallon water tower, and 12 water access points (middle right) have transformed conditions. Diana Mubanga (bottom right), a midwife at the post, says, "The infrastructure ... has not only improved hygiene and sanitation but has also revolutionized maternal care, instilling confidence in both healthcare providers and expectant mothers."

That had very personal ramifications for Diana, who decided to have her own baby at Kapililonga. "My delivering at my local health facility inspires confidence in the mothers in the community, and I could hear them say, 'Oh, if the midwife can deliver here, so can I.'"





#### **Economic Empowerment**

Women make up 43% of the agricultural labor force in developing economies, yet 32% of them have no access to financial services. THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) fills that gap, equipping women with training, loans, and savings groups.

At just 10 years old, Yessica (right) had to leave school to labor in western Honduras' sand mines. Then, she attended a World Vision youth training, learning about farming—and her value in God's eyes. Today, Yessica is a leader in her community. And by diversifying her crops, she's grown her income, earning enough to support herself and care for her grandmother.



### **Child Protection**

In Kenya's rural communities, many children work instead of attend school, leaving them vulnerable to violence, female genital mutilation, and child marriage. Our Kenya Big Dream program is helping to change perspectives on harmful cultural norms and traditions—for this generation and the next.

In FY24, school attendance across four counties grew by 10,856 students from the baseline years. Of the 82,917 students enrolled over the life of the program, 49.9% have been girls. These young women (right) are students in an accelerated learning program in Lenkima, a community with high numbers of working children.



#### Emergency Response

Around the world, long-term emergencies like the refugee crisis strain societal safety nets, leaving women and girls more susceptible to illness, lost educational opportunities, and gender-based violence.

Women and children—like Ktoma and her two children (right) account for 87% of those who have fled to Chad to escape intense fighting in Sudan. Our team reports that 40% of children who arrive at World Vision's emergency clinic are acutely malnourished. In response, we've offered holistic services—food, healthcare, shelter, child protection, water, sanitation, and psychosocial support—to more than 333,000 refugees (including 194,000 children) in Chad to date.



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