



WOMEN
and GIRLS

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

Progress Report

October 2024–March 2025

SUMMARY

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

To date, **we've reached more than 28 million women and girls** with support that is changing lives. 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

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

—Proverbs 31:25 (NIV)



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



GLOBAL PROGRESS (October 2022–March 2025)

28,103,104

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



3,791,814

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



1,633,476

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



2,469,743

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



10,105,308

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



9,197,574

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



712,952

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



72,131

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

For 12-year-old Frehiwot (pictured right with her mother) in Ethiopia, clean water changed everything. Her mother, Chali, once endured crippling back pain hauling heavy water cans across a dangerous valley to a pump that often failed. When it didn't work, families resorted to unsafe river water. Chali never let Frehiwot help—it was too risky, and she didn't want her daughter to miss school. "The persistent pain and exhaust my mother was in ... used to worry me," Frehiwot said. "I used to think, if I do the house chores ... she would not have to strain her back even more."

Chali's burden lifted when World Vision built a nearly 2-mile pipeline bringing clean water to more than 500 people and installed three water points just minutes from their home.

"Now I can help my mom fetch water," Frehiwot said. "It takes me less than five minutes and less effort, so I can get water whenever we need it." Her mother, Chali, agrees: "Now I can put my attention not on collecting water, but cooking good food so that Frehiwot ... can study." That's ideal for Frehiwot, who dreams of becoming a doctor.



Health

Insecurity, poverty, and food shortages in Niger's Tillaberi region have left many children dangerously malnourished. But in Gotheye, where World Vision has helped open local nutrition centers that provide both food and education, children like Nafissa (pictured right with her great-grandmother) are getting a second chance at life.

Orphaned at birth, Nafissa suffered from chronic malnutrition and fragile health. "Nafissa had to survive only thanks to the milk of a neighbor's goat," says Souha, Nafissa's great-grandmother.

Souha, already elderly and living in poverty, struggled daily to keep her alive. Relief came when Souha was introduced to a World Vision-supported rehabilitation and learning center in Gotheye. "For almost six months, Nafissa's situation has really changed," she says. With nutrient-rich meals made from local ingredients and practical health education, Nafissa began to recover. "Thanks to them, the specter of death is moving further and further away from my little girl," Souha says. Now, Souha feels empowered with the knowledge and support to help Nafissa grow up healthy and strong.





Economic Empowerment

Halfway through fiscal year 2025, THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) 2030 is stronger than ever. After years of foundational work, we're seeing real transformation in the lives of families around the world—like Silvia's in Guatemala.

Silvia (pictured right), from Tojuchoc Village, learned poultry raising through THRIVE. She started with 25 hens and grew her flock to 60, now selling eggs to three stores and a distributor. She also grows her own vegetables. "We are truly blessed because now we don't buy vegetables or eggs ... we have overcome poverty and malnutrition among children."



Child Protection

In rural Kenya, child marriage and other harmful practices like female genital mutilation still threaten girls' futures. But mothers like Jumaso (pictured right with her daughter), married at 15, are helping break the cycle. "I would not wish any of my girls to undergo the pain I went through," she said. "I want them to finish school, have careers, and be married at the right age to husbands of their choice."

In the first half of FY25, the Big Dream to End Child Marriage program (which addresses the root causes of child marriage and holistically equips communities to keep children safe while also lifting themselves out of poverty) reached 31,914 women and girls in Kenya. The program has expanded to Bangladesh, reaching another 27,472 women and girls.



Emergency Response

Eight-year-old Rachida (pictured right between her aunts) fled to Chad with her two aunts after her family was killed in Sudan. Like many refugee families, they first lived in a shelter made of sticks and clothing—offering little protection, especially for women and girls at heightened risk of violence. Everything changed when World Vision gave them a shelter kit. The new structure brought safety and dignity. "I was very happy. I can protect myself from the wind and rain," Rachida says. She now lives with Aunt Gamara, while Aunt Halime and the rest of the family stay nearby. "I love them," she says.

Since April 2023, World Vision has supported 77,557 Sudanese refugees with essential supplies, 11,802 with shelter kits, and more than 128,000 children with safe spaces.



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