

## HOPE AT HOME: CENTRAL AMERICA

### Progress Report

October 2024–March 2025

## SUMMARY

Decades of poverty, violence, and disasters make life extremely challenging for families in Honduras and Guatemala. World Vision's Hope at Home: Central America combines an array of programs to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of vulnerable people.

### Providing holistic help

With support from partners and donors, World Vision equipped 1.5 million people in the first half of fiscal year 2025 with access to clean water, farming or business opportunities, child protection, life skills and job preparation, and Christian discipleship activities.

### Building community compassion

Maria, a participant in our Biblical Empowered Worldview program, is an example of hope restored. "[The program] helped me grow closer to God. I was especially moved by the topic of compassion—now I care

more about the common good," she said. "I think about those in my community who don't have the same opportunities. Whenever someone asks for my help, I try to support them as much as I can."

### Cultivating resilience

Dania and José also gained hope by working with World Vision and partners to bring a water system to their community. "It wasn't easy," said José, who helped dig trenches and build the system. "But we believed."

### Widening the impact in Guatemala

With your support, we are building on our broad success in Honduras and extending Hope at Home to Guatemala. World Vision's Christian discipleship program already serves Guatemalans. The FY25 annual report will include more details and statistics regarding our multisectoral impact in Guatemala.



*These students trained in World Vision's Christian discipleship mentoring program learn how they can positively influence their peers and community members. They mentor other students in developing Christian values. The training helps students build strong relationships and learn in a fun and meaningful way.*

## PEOPLE REACHED (OCTOBER 2022–MARCH 2025)

**1,538,887** PEOPLE\* were empowered with access to essential services in Honduras.



**224,409**

people gained access to **clean water** for drinking, better household sanitation, and improved personal hygiene.



**147,244**

producer group members sold value chain products and farmers used improved tools through **economic empowerment**.



**6,442**

caregivers, youth, and children were empowered to identify violence and protect themselves and others through **child protection** projects.



**12,629**

young people were equipped with tools and training to enter the workforce through **RISE** (Reaching Independence through Support and Empowerment).



**1,148,163**

pastors, Christian leaders, teachers, parents, children, and youth benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and explore or deepen their faith through **Christian discipleship** efforts.

\*Some participants have accessed multiple services. For instance, a church leader may have participated in a children's ministry training and gained access to clean water.



# WATER

## SUMMARY

In Honduras, World Vision aims to finish the job of reaching 650,000 people with access to clean water in 49 municipalities by 2028. To date, we have reached 279,325 people, or 43% of our total commitment.

The government has officially confirmed our work is complete in 16 municipalities, meaning that at least 90% of residents can access clean water within 30 minutes of their homes. In the first half of FY25, we:

- Reached 55,856 people with clean water by constructing or repairing 33 water supply systems across 42 communities. This includes 4,967 children in 61 schools and approximately 23,500 patients and staff at six healthcare facilities.
- Provided 1,930 children with access to sanitation and hygiene facilities in 17 schools. Along with latrine blocks and handwashing stations benefiting all students, menstrual hygiene management rooms now provide girls with

a more dignified, comfortable school environment.

- Established 86 community water committees and trained them to manage water points, establish user fees, and protect the watersheds that supply their communities.

### Water + economic empowerment midterm evaluation

In 2022, World Vision commissioned a study to understand how water, sanitation, and hygiene programming, paired with our faith-based economic empowerment model, improves household and child well-being. The midterm evaluation revealed:

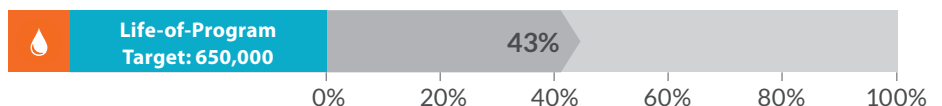
- **Study participants spend 32% less time collecting water** than they did two years ago. This can contribute to increased economic empowerment and free time for women and girls.
- **Households have seen a measurable drop in illness among children under 5.** See caption (right).



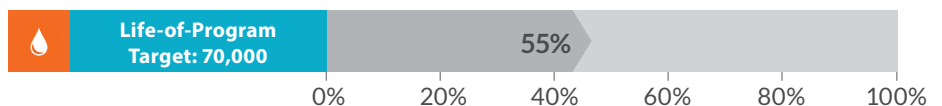
*Access to clean water, improved sanitation, and hygiene practices have a remarkably positive effect on children's health and well-being by reducing waterborne diseases and respiratory infections, both major causes of death in children under 5. The midterm evaluation found families reported fewer cases of diarrhea in children under 5, as well as lower incidences of coughing, vomiting, and fever compared with the control group.*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY28)

279,325 people now have access to clean water



38,523 people now have access to household sanitation



55,753 people now have access to handwashing facilities



# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

## SUMMARY

Our THRIVE 2030 program in Honduras created partnerships, increased participants, and helped farmers improve livelihoods.

### Second year of THRIVE 2030

In the first half of FY25, we:

- Gained two new partners: EFI Solutions, an aromatic products exporter, and Cultivos del Norte, a Tabasco chili processing and export company, to bring better market opportunities to farmers.
- Registered 10,722 households (86% of the life-of-program target) and reached 77,152 participants.
- Adjusted program targets after the FY24 registration revealed smaller family sizes across THRIVE countries. Early programming in Honduras focused on cajas rurales, group-owned rural credit cooperatives that differ from World Vision savings groups. As programming shifted toward savings groups, related indicators initially lagged, affecting

targets like market access and group lending. With ongoing monitoring, we expect to get back on track in FY26.

- Helped producer groups reach sales of \$1.94 million, mostly through price increases in the coffee value chain, exceeding the FY25 goal of \$1.8 million. Sales included \$850,647 by individuals and \$1.09 million by groups.
- Guided 340 members of producer groups to grow crops for farm-based markets, including eight markets at the international level, 133 at the national level, and 199 at the local level.

**Building on the launch of THRIVE Plus** THRIVE Plus, designed for producer groups that are more prepared to engage with buyers, established a partnership with HALBA Foundation, part of the Swiss chocolate producer Chocolats HALBA.

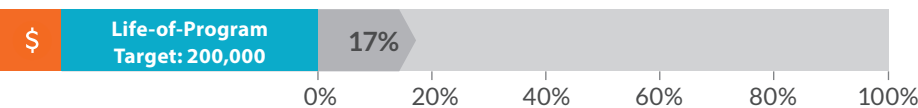
We also registered 1,234 THRIVE Plus participants who represented 558 households.



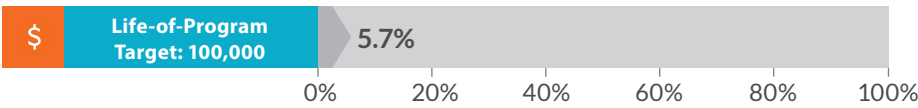
Growers in the Association of Agricultural Producers of Gocia once planted in a disorderly way, resulting in price drops and significant losses in income. Through THRIVE 2030, they reorganized and established strategic connections with buyers. Two growers carried out the first market-aligned planting in greenhouses and open fields within the tomato value chain, harvesting nearly 6 tons, for a gross income of \$3,870. With technical support from THRIVE 2030, growers have increased production by 25%—from 8 pounds per plant to 10 pounds.

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY24–FY30)

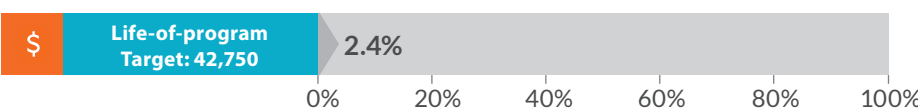
34,337 people were trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview



5,678 people are participating in savings groups



1,032 people have received market knowledge and access training



# CHILD PROTECTION

## SUMMARY

World Vision’s child protection work in Honduras highlights the increasing role of children and youth in shaping safer communities while ensuring that protection systems respond effectively to violations of their rights.

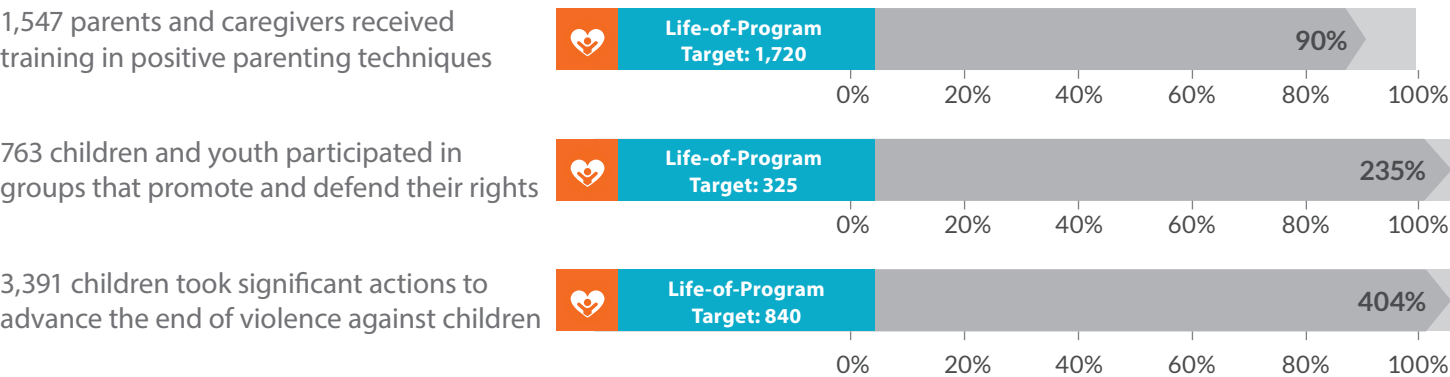
In the first half of FY25, we:

- Strengthened child protection mechanisms through supporting the restructuring of 10 Children’s Municipal Councils. This World Vision initiative gives children space to share their ideas, build confidence, learn about their rights, and help shape their communities. Members support initiatives that benefit children at local and municipal levels. Each council consists of 25 children and adolescents, totaling 250 members nationwide.
- Engaged 1,747 children, adolescents and youth in 81 peace clubs, which offer artistic and cultural activities to promote leadership, children’s rights, and peacebuilding in communities.
- Noted the referrals of 51 cases of child rights violations or abuse to various government agencies. This reflects improved community awareness of the protection system and empowerment to take action.
- Welcomed 186 children, adolescents, and youth into the Municipal Councils for the Guarantee of Children’s Rights, established by national law. Children participated in forums and decision-making processes that influence municipal child protection strategies.
- Trained faith and community leaders in child protection and positive parenting models, helping caregivers adopt nurturing and nonviolent disciplinary practices. We promoted women’s involvement aimed at increasing female representation in municipal councils, as well as parenting initiatives engaging men.



Ángel (in green) grew up without his father, amid other challenges. “World Vision came into my life ... just when I needed a safe space the most,” he said. Joining a peace club, he learned about empowerment and leadership. “I was able to share with other youth who were going through experiences similar to mine,” said Ángel, who later became a coordinator of one of our Children’s Municipal Councils. “I began to understand that perhaps this was my purpose: to serve and lead.”

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY23–FY26)



## SUMMARY

Across El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, a quiet transformation is unfolding. In classrooms, community centers, and small businesses, young people are rewriting their stories—thanks to World Vision’s RISE (Reaching Independence through Support and Empowerment) program. This report will highlight the Teen Ready model in RISE.

In the first half of FY25, more than 5,700 youth gained life skills, job training, and access to education and employment through Teen Ready and Youth Ready. With support from churches, local governments, and nearly 400 trained mentors and facilitators, RISE is turning potential into purpose and creating lasting change.

**Finding purpose through Teen Ready**  
Teen Ready, our locally driven curriculum for adolescents ages 12–17, is designed to motivate learning and equip teens with skills to thrive as adults. Developed by regional facilitators, the curriculum helps prevent school dropouts and fosters growth through art, sports, science, and technology. Teen Ready

promotes positive identity, social integration, vocational discovery, and a sense of purpose.

### Impacting teens in FY25

So far in FY25, 3,866 adolescents in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have participated in Teen Ready. The program builds protective factors that help youth stay in school and avoid risks like violence, gangs, and early dropout.

In El Salvador, 1,094 students developed personal growth plans, and the Teen Ready curriculum is now embedded in public schools. In Guatemala, 1,574 students participated through 11 schools, supported by 62 trained teachers and 134 facilitators. In Honduras, the Ministry of Education is scaling Teen Ready nationally through the Súper Pilas initiative, with a target of 10,000 students and 630 teachers.

With strong uptake in classrooms, local training networks, and national education systems, Teen Ready is gaining momentum as a proven model for early intervention and adolescent development.



*Professor Trinidad of José María Casco Basic Center in Tegucigalpa says Teen Ready has sparked a remarkable transformation in his students. “At first, they were shy, defiant, and disruptive—damaging furniture and showing no respect for authority,” he recalled. “But thanks to Teen Ready, we now have bright, lively young people who are developing confidence, respect, and high expectations for their futures.” The program’s focus on life skills and entrepreneurship is helping these students envision new possibilities. “I’m very satisfied with what the youth have achieved, and I believe they will go on to make a positive mark on their communities and generations to come.”*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (FY25)



**3,866**

adolescents ages 12–17 participated in Teen Ready in the first half of FY25 in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras



# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## SUMMARY

World Vision’s Christian discipleship program equips pastors and participants to help children and youth know Jesus and grow stronger in their faith.

During the first half of FY25 in Honduras, we:

- Worked with the Ministry of Education to train 415 teachers in Celebrating Families, which seeks to ensure that families—especially the most vulnerable ones—enjoy positive and loving relationships, with hope and vision for the future. The teachers work in 194 schools. This joint effort strengthens our shared commitment to improve the quality of education while encouraging families to be active partners in their children’s learning journey.
- Reached 11,697 parents and caregivers through those same 415 teachers, this time drawing on their training in Raising Children with Tenderness, a

multifaceted approach focused on preventing violence against children. The approach, developed locally by World Vision in Latin America, promotes loving and caring relationships in three key areas: between parents and children, between other adults and children, and among children and their peers.

- Helped 28,869 children participate in experiences that nurture their Christian faith through Raising Children with Tenderness as implemented by 150 churches and 94 schools.

Celebrating Families and Raising Children with Tenderness promote active listening, deep reflection, meaningful analyses of the family experience, and concrete decisions about parenting styles. As a result, participants strengthen emotional bonds and improve the quality of relationships within the home, contributing to more loving and supportive environments for their children’s development.

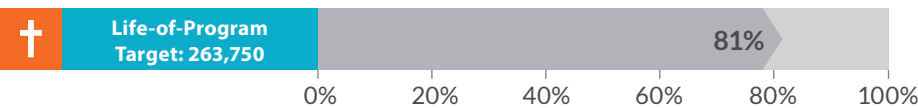


Our Christian discipleship training and experiences show the importance of family. “We sometimes forget that we also have families and life stories that we need to heal, nurture, and value in order to help others. And it is here that you have provided us with tools,” said Claudia Lizeth Fuentes, director of Love and Hope Homes, a World Vision partner.

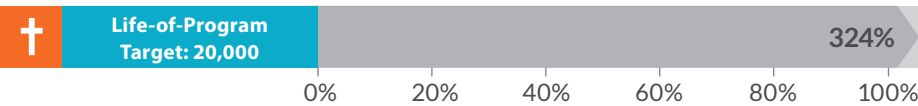
“[The programs] led me to reflect on my family and the foundations I’m building within them. And on the dreams and hopes of our children,” said Carlos Donaldo Rivera Gonzales, director of the Juan Raudales Portillo Educational Center.

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY26)

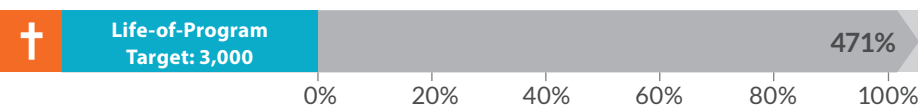
212,994 children and youth are hearing about their purpose and identity in Christ



64,836 parents and caregivers learned ways to create caring, supportive home environments



14,144 church leaders were equipped to protect children and shepherd their faith



## HEALING THROUGH THE “BALM OF TENDERNESS”

Iris (below, with arms raised), is a volunteer catechist— a teacher of the principles of the Christian faith—at Holy Archangels Parish in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. She calls her role “my most important and, at the same time, challenging mission.” Iris shared that, “Educating children in the first steps of faith and in their first spiritual encounters and experiences, with the goal of forming little disciples for Christ, is a complex task.”

Iris uses Balm of Tenderness, our approach rooted in the belief that tenderness can heal and transform communities, especially those affected by violence, poverty, and trauma. “Balm of Tenderness has been a beautiful experience that helped me to grow both personally and spiritually,” she said. “This training process helped me to develop greater empathy and understanding toward others, especially my children, and also helped me to provide mentoring support to parents.”

By putting into practice what she teaches, Iris has gained healing and insight. “I am grateful to World Vision for giving us this space to strengthen myself on a personal level ... while also making me aware of what I need as a mother to be a better person,” she said.



*World Vision's Christian discipleship for children project made significant progress in Guatemala during the first half of FY25. Our Celebrating Families workshop, implemented in partnership with Catholic and Protestant churches, promoted positive parenting and stronger family structures. The workshop reached 201 people, including 122 faith leaders. Overall, 592 faith leaders in Guatemala have been impacted by our project's interdenominational partnerships, strengthened community and youth leadership, and progress toward transformative parenting.*

*Our FY25 annual report for Hope at Home: Central America will include updates on our impact in water, economic empowerment, RISE, and Christian discipleship efforts in Guatemala.*



## THANK YOU

Your faithful support of Hope at Home: Central America helps children and their families meet physical and spiritual needs. We truly appreciate your partnership with us to equip vulnerable people to live fuller lives.



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