



WOMEN
and GIRLS

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

Progress Report

October 2024–September 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 35 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 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:

- 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 and harmful social practices
- 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 see how youth forum leaders in the Big Dream to End Child Marriage program are answering God's call to protect girls in their communities.



GLOBAL PROGRESS (October 2022–September 2025)

35,164,433

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



4,686,723

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



1,860,769

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



2,470,283

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



12,545,144

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



12,504,047

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



999,537

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



97,930

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

In Mali's village of Bambougou, shrinking rainy seasons left families struggling to grow food. Hours spent searching for water also stole precious hours away from home and other pursuits that could help put food on the table. Children like Kadiatou's two youngest suffered from malnutrition. The food recommended by doctors wasn't available locally because the gardens couldn't flourish without water.

That changed when World Vision built a water system that now provides continuous irrigation, and we offered classes to help families learn good nutrition practices. Of 16 children diagnosed with malnutrition, 13 fully recovered—an 81% success rate.

"We learned to prepare enriched meals using vegetables from our garden, like fortified porridge," says Kadiatou (pictured right). Today, the garden plots yield okra (Kadiatou is holding a bowl from her crop), yams, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes—providing healthy meals and income for families, transforming life in Bambougou.



Health

Across Zambia, better-trained health staff and improved maternity spaces are giving mothers like Agnes (pictured right) safer, more dignified care.

Agnes had her first child, James, in 2021 at the rural health post in Kadama, Zambia. It was small, ill-equipped, and offered very little privacy or dignity for women giving birth. "I overheard someone [in the next room] saying, 'That woman is groaning like a cow,' which was so offensive to me," she said. As she prepared to deliver her second child this year, those memories still stung. "My experience of giving birth [there] crippled my confidence. However, I had no choice but to go back to the same facility." This time, though, her experience couldn't have been more different.

When her labor started, Agnes was taken to a clean, new maternity wing, with new beds and running water. Toilets and showers meant Agnes and other new mothers no longer had to bring water from home to bathe after delivery or go outside to use latrines.

"The rooms were so spacious and the environment quiet," she said, making Jonathan's arrival a safer, more comfortable experience. "I was tempted to ask the nurse if I could stay longer ... because it had everything," she added with a smile.





Economic Empowerment

For most of her life, Mary lived in the shadows. Born with a physical disability in rural Ghana, she was misunderstood and hidden by stigma. With no stable income, she made the painful decision to have her brother adopt her young son. She survived on the small amounts of money her brother occasionally sent her. Mary’s life began to shift when she connected with World Vision through THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments). She joined a savings group, and with her first \$110 share, started a basket weaving business, earning nearly \$30 a week—her first steady income. She later expanded into fabric weaving. Her success boosted her confidence and community acceptance, allowing her to invest in her business and a peanut farm. Today, Mary is preparing to bring her son home. “Disability is not inability,” she said. “With determination and the right support, anything is possible.”



Child Protection

In Bangladesh, where child marriage threatens girls’ futures, World Vision’s Big Dream to End Child Marriage program is helping families overcome the pressures that push daughters into early marriage. For years, Lucky (pictured right with her daughter) struggled to provide for her four children after her husband abandoned them. Their only asset—a small van her son used for transport work—broke down, leaving the family with no income and increasing pressure to marry off her daughters. Lucky received an interest-free loan from World Vision on the condition she would not arrange child marriage. “It was a blessing,” she said. Repairing the van restored daily income, kept her daughters in school, and renewed their hope.



Emergency Response

Haiti’s growing insecurity has forced more than a million people from their homes, leaving families like Wista and her 5-year-old daughter (pictured right), Judenie, searching for safety. When gangs threatened to overtake her community, Wista fled. “I used to run a small business that World Vision has given me ... but when people said the gangs will take the city ... I had no choice but to leave,” she said. Their escape was grueling. “We walked and walked for miles ... we crossed rivers on a small canoe ... the motorcycles got into accidents,” Wista recalled. Exhausted, they eventually reached a school-turned-shelter. World Vision found them there and provided hygiene and kitchen kits. “After everything I lost, World Vision reminded me that I wasn’t alone. This support gives me strength to face my challenges.”



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