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Progress Report

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GLOBAL HEALTH SUMMARY

Your support for health programming is helping us to scale up what has been working so well in Niger and Zambia to include reaching communities everywhere we work in Ghana as well.

We promised this work would save more lives as we improve health facilities and train health professionals and volunteers to create a safer world for mothers, babies, and young children. A three-phase study conducted with the University of North Carolina in Zambia's Luwingu District from 2019 to 2022 bears that out:

Every health facility in our program areas now has piped water on site. This means cleaner, safer environments for patients and staff members. By comparison, in neighboring districts where we didn't work, only 33% of facilities have piped water on site.

Training hard-working community health workers to diagnose and treat malaria is keeping young children alive. In 2019, only 17% of these valued volunteers had thorough training, and by 2023, that number had risen to 97%. Equipping these visiting health workers with rapid diagnostic tests for malaria (up from 8% to 95%) and drugs to treat those infected (up from 3% to 95%) further improved care.

Our targeted sites initially had no community health workers trained to diagnose and treat pneumonia, but that increased to 55%. Those equipped to treat children with antibiotics increased from 6% to 83%.

Health clinics also have improved sanitation facilities on site, and in 2025, 93% had flushing toilets—most separated by gender (86%).

In Zambia* we met our goal of reaching every community where we have programs. Work in Niger is ongoing, and we are ramping up to provide similar programming in Ghana—thanks to donors like you.

Esnart's first baby was born at Zambia's Kalama Rural Health Center before upgrades were made. She said the room was dark, with no privacy. "It was very uncomfortable and stressful," she said. "But this time, I delivered in the new maternity annex. The place is beautiful, clean, and private. Thank you, World Vision, for this incredible transformation."

** This milestone is the result of our Finish the Job campaign in Zambia, which focused on 29 sites. We are now extending this approach to new communities across the country.*

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

234,313 **PEOPLE, INCLUDING 118,288 CHILDREN AND YOUTH*,** in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Niger, and Zambia have benefited from health education and training, improved mother and child healthcare and nutrition, and improved care from health facilities that were upgraded and gained clean water since October 2025 (3,681,478 since October 2022).

GLOBAL LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE ON UPGRADED CLINICS

Goal

3,000 clinics upgraded between 2023 and 2030, including 277 in Ghana.

Actual

1,331 clinics have been upgraded since 2023 (44% of goal), including 72 in Ghana.

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GHANA

SUMMARY

While our water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) teams have been hard at work in Ghana for several years, in fiscal year 2026, World Vision launched a complementary project that helps improve the quality of healthcare for families in rural and underserved areas.

We begin by bringing clean water to health facilities, schools, and households and then provide extended training to facility staff members and volunteer community health workers.

Clinics and volunteers also receive supplies, such as malaria test kits and the medicines needed to treat children for malaria, diarrhea, and pneumonia.

Aside from clean water, World Vision also ensures access to toilets and handwashing with soap, which improves hygiene and safety for patients and staff.

Off to a good start

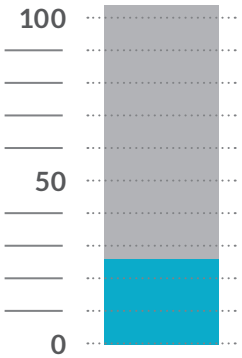
During the first half of this year, our health programming was in the early stages, with a strong focus on training healthcare providers. Health facility staff members and community-based nutrition leaders took part in training to strengthen their ability to prevent and treat malnutrition among infants and young children in the communities they serve.

When family members have better knowledge about preparing foods that are affordable and locally available, they can give their young children a stronger, healthier start in life.

We can already report progress on improving access to clean water at health facilities. As program activities ramp up, we will be able to share more about the impact of healthcare programming on children and their families.

Medical staff members at the health post in Wudzedeke now have clean water at points of service thanks to a new water system. The post gained not just water, but showers (as seen in the cover photo) and toilets.

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE FOR GHANA



Goal

272 clinics gain access to clean water between 2023 and 2032.

Actual

72 clinics have gained access to clean water (26% of goal).

FY26 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR CAMPAIGN HEALTH WORK

NIGER

The project greatly exceeded several targets that aim to improve the health and well-being of mothers and young children.

Support for health workers

For the first time, the government of Niger funded support for community health workers—a strong step forward in sustaining health services at higher levels in rural communities.

Increased confidence in these frontline healthcare providers led parents to seek care from them as a first resort for 31,263 children under 5, reaching 136% of our target. Also, 3,350 children (163% of target) were screened for malnutrition and referred for appropriate care.

Getting the word out

To capitalize on the influence of local leaders, the project trained 208 traditional and religious leaders, including 41 women, to champion healthy behaviors and encourage families to seek care when needed, surpassing our goal (106% of target).

ZAMBIA

Health teams in Zambia maintained strong performances through the project's final months, ending their work on several high notes.

Reaching more women and children

The project aimed to improve the health of 41,144 children under 5, and surpassed that number by 6%. A third-party evaluator associated this with substantial improvements in health outcomes, including a reduction in deaths for children under 5.

Nearly 52,000 women (115% of target) learned about the importance of early and full prenatal care, delivering in a health facility, and recognizing danger signs during pregnancy. More women completed four or more prenatal visits (up from 52% to 88%), demonstrating growing trust in the health system and community volunteers. Skilled attendance at birth reached 99.6%.

Water access

A new water system in Salinga serving the health center and community is the project's 40th, meeting our overall goal.

New mothers at Kalama Rural Health Center in Zambia can wash their hands at an indoor sink after this project constructed a new maternity wing at the facility, improving care and health for patients and staff members.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES* (FY26)

97,867 children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.

2,193 community health workers and volunteers were equipped to provide health information and basic care to their neighbors.

1,605 nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.

208 faith leaders were trained and are actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.

28 health facilities (eight in Ghana, 14 in Niger and six in Zambia) gained water systems and other support, such as sanitation and hygiene facilities, staff training, and equipment.

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PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

ROTARY/GATES HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE

This program is a child health initiative that expands access to lifesaving, community-based care for malaria, pneumonia, and diarrheal diseases through trained community health workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Mozambique, and Zambia. It is co-funded by Rotary International, the Gates Foundation, and World Vision.

Support for health workers

In **Zambia**, 2,089 community health workers have been trained, and nearly 1,500 have been deployed. They are managing the majority of childhood illnesses in communities, including more than half of malaria and diarrhea cases and 70% of pneumonia cases.

In **Mozambique**, 44 health workers and 232 health volunteers have been trained across Tete and Manica provinces. Health workers provide case management and the volunteers promote behavior change, improved sanitation, and seeking care quickly for illnesses. Health workers also received 461 supply kits to improve diagnosis and treatment.

In addition, 25 journalists were trained to deliver health messages through local newspapers and radio stations.

The **DRC** program is scaling up rapidly, now reaching 14 health zones in Kasai Province. A network of 810 community care sites are being set up, and 1,103 community health workers (68% of goal) have been trained to deliver health services to community members at these grassroots health posts.

The program is improving supply chains across all three countries to ensure more reliable access to the tools needed to diagnose and treat illnesses.

MULTIPLE MICRONUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTATION

Zambia's Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation (MMS) project helps pregnant women obtain essential vitamins and minerals, improving maternal nutrition, reducing anemia, and giving babies a healthier start in life. In the first half of FY26 the project:

- Provided 97,557 women with a bottle of MMS at their prenatal care appointments.
- Trained 1,900 healthcare providers from 776 facilities in 29 districts on MMS.
- Increased demand for the supplements, with more than 99% of pregnant women in our program areas using them.
- Supported the launch of a national behavior-change strategy with counseling materials and other tools used during community gatherings.
- Started tracking 483 women to measure how consistently they use the supplements.

A trained community health worker explains the benefits of multiple micronutrient supplements to a Zambian woman.

Health volunteers in the Democratic Republic of Congo receive bicycles that will help them reach the communities they serve through the Rotary/Gates Healthy Communities Challenge.

THANK YOU

Your support is helping to bring long-needed improvements to health facilities in rural and remote communities of Ghana.

Ramicah is a midwife who has served for seven years at the health post in Wudzedeke. When she first arrived, she was shocked to learn the only water source was a nearby open dam. Like her patients, she suffered from diarrhea, rashes, and other waterborne illnesses.

She also lamented that she could never get her uniform as white as she felt it should be, as it took on the tint of the brown water in which she washed it.

That changed when World Vision constructed a mechanized water system that delivers clean water to points of care and added sinks, toilets, and showers at the facility.

Ramicah and other staff members can now clean equipment effectively, reducing health risks and providing better care. She praises these changes as a precious gift from God, and adds happily that her uniform is now as crisp and clean as it should be.

We also thank God and you, our donor partners. May you be richly blessed for sharing your blessings with others. Through your partnership, communities are enjoying improved access to healthcare, clean water, and hope for a future where all children thrive.

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