

Transforming children's lives

World Vision New Zealand is part of the World Vision International partnership, an independent Christian relief, development, and advocacy organisation working to overcome poverty and injustice. Collectively, the World Vision International partnership has staff and programmes operating in more than 100 countries, with 95 per cent of staff being local. This global reach provides opportunities for us to rapidly scale up best practice, to advocate for the world's most vulnerable, and be on the ground when disaster strikes.

We are united in our desire to seek justice and overcome poverty for children everywhere. Love drives us to serve people in need regardless of race, gender, age, location, religion, or social status. It's the heart of the Christian story that motivated our founders and continues to motivate and guide our staff and organisation today. Right now, more than 50,000 Kiwis share in World Vision New Zealand's work – with many diverse stories that motivate them to partner with us. We are grateful for their support and are committed to enriching the connections with the people at the heart of our work, and with each other.

Community development

Creating sustainable futures for those living in extreme poverty

Most of World Vision's community development work takes place in clusters of communities within geographic areas of 10-20,000 people. These are called area development programmes (ADPs). Over a period of 10 to 15 years, community development addresses not only immediate problems such as inadequate food and water supplies, or poor hygiene and health, but also long-term challenges such as food security, education, and economic stability.

This is the most effective way to help communities take ownership of their own development and reach self-sufficiency. Success is ultimately measured by how well the changes benefit children. In the 2016 financial year, we continued working in 34 ADPs around the world, supported primarily by child sponsors.

Humanitarian and emergency relief

Responding to the needs of those affected by conflict and disaster

When conflict or disaster strikes, World Vision seeks to save lives, reduce suffering, and build resilience.

Around the globe, pre-positioned supplies and experienced staff are ready to respond to immediate needs such as the lack of food, water, shelter, and safe spaces for children. But our goal, wherever possible, is investing in medium- to long-term recovery and rehabilitation. Local World Vision staff members help families to rebuild their lives and restore livelihoods in ways that empower communities to become more resilient to future crises.

In the 2016 financial year, we responded to seven new and continuing emergencies in areas such as Fiji, Nepal, Syria, and South Sudan.

Advocacy and education

Championing the rights of the vulnerable

Advocacy takes many forms and works at different levels to bring about change. Our aim is to encourage everyone to engage in the fight against poverty and injustice.

One approach is educating communities about their rights and how to access government services. Another involves supporters speaking up on issues that can be addressed by our own government or society. Education forms the groundwork of advocacy, raising awareness and understanding about global issues that leads to sustainable social action.

In the 2016 financial year, advocating for child rights was central to much of our development and emergency relief work.



Putting children first

The overarching goal of all our work is the sustained well-being of children within families and communities, especially those who are most vulnerable. World Vision has developed 15 outcomes to help us track aspects of child well-being as a way of measuring the impact across all of our work.

The 15 outcomes are:

- Children are well-nourished
- Children are protected from infection, disease, and injury
- Children and caregivers access health services
- Children read, write, and use numeracy skills
- Children make good judgements, can protect themselves, manage emotions, and communicate ideas
- Adolescents are ready for economic opportunity
- Children access and complete basic education
- Children grow in their awareness of God's love in an environment that recognises their freedom
- Children enjoy positive relationships with peers, family, and community members
- Children value and care for others and the environment
- Children have hope and a vision for the future
- Children are cared for in a loving and safe family and community environment, with safe places to play
- Parents or caregivers provide well for their children
- Children are celebrated and registered at birth
- Children are respected participants in decisions that affect their lives

Investing for impact

In the 2016 financial year, World Vision New Zealand supported projects in 31 countries around the globe, many of which are among the most vulnerable according to the Human Development Index (UN Development Programme). Communities are selected based on the level of need, population size, potential risks, and community participation, among other factors.

CENTRAL AMERICA

We continued working in just two countries, allocating about 2.5 per cent of our funding for development, emergency relief, and advocacy work there.

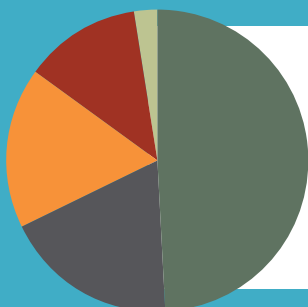
Honduras
Nicaragua

AFRICA

Development work in this region remained a significant focus for World Vision New Zealand. We invested about half (49.3 per cent) of our funding for our development, emergency relief, and advocacy work in the following countries.

Democratic Republic of Congo	Rwanda
Ethiopia	South Sudan
Kenya	Sudan
Malawi	Tanzania
Mali	Uganda
Niger	Zambia
	Zimbabwe

Investment per region



49.3%	AFRICA
18.7%	ASIA
17%	MIDDLE EAST/EUROPE
12.5%	PACIFIC
2.5%	CENTRAL AMERICA

MIDDLE EAST/EUROPE

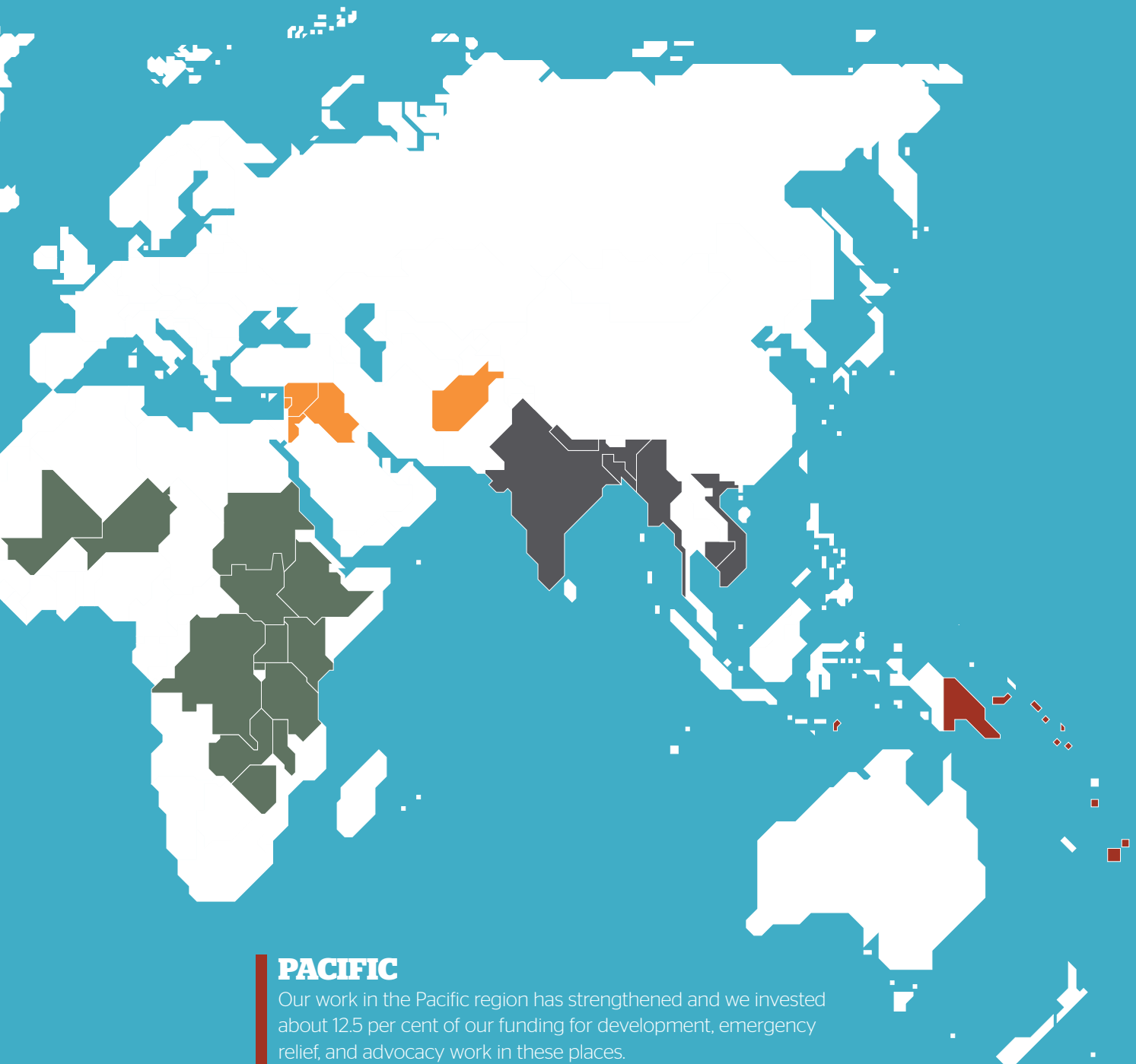
Our work in this region has increased, mostly due to the Syria refugee crisis, with refugees crossing borders into Jordan and Lebanon. We invested about 17 per cent for our funding for development, emergency relief, and advocacy work in these places.

Afghanistan
Iraq
Jordan
Lebanon
Syria

ASIA

In Asia, we invested 18.7 per cent of our funding for development, emergency relief, and advocacy work in these countries.

Bangladesh
Cambodia
India
Myanmar
Nepal
Vietnam



PACIFIC

Our work in the Pacific region has strengthened and we invested about 12.5 per cent of our funding for development, emergency relief, and advocacy work in these places.

Fiji
Papua New Guinea
Solomon Islands
Timor-Leste
Vanuatu



Good news from Nicaragua and Zambia

Thanks to over 3,000 child sponsors, more than 36,000 people in two communities will now lead their own development journey. After years of work, it's a great milestone to celebrate!

Aguas Azules, Nicaragua

Life for the lake-side communities of Aguas Azules was a struggle 16 years ago, with sick children, poor healthcare, and low adult literacy. Since then, with the support of New Zealand child sponsors, families now have access to safe drinking water, education for their children, and children are healthy and well-nourished. Community members have established local committees to ensure their isolated communities have ongoing sustainable access to medical care, school supplies, and other basic needs.

“Our economic development programmes in particular have really helped people. Savings groups have been set up to help school graduates and adults develop skills and earn an income. These groups have continued to grow over the years, and many members have started their own successful businesses.”

Rosanna Keam

Former World Vision New Zealand Country Programme Manager



Aguas Azules highlights

Primary school-aged children enrolled in school



Access to clean safe water



Average monthly household income



Mporokoso, Zambia

Ten years ago, most families in Mporokoso struggled to grow enough food and their drinking water came from dirty rivers and streams. But thanks to support from child sponsors in New Zealand and Australia, and the hard work of the Mporokoso community, there have been significant changes. Improved farming techniques and piped clean water have resulted in nutritious meals and improved health.

Savings groups now provide low-interest loans to meet schooling and healthcare needs, with some families even starting their own small businesses. In October 2016, the Mporokoso Health Post opened, providing local medical care and maternity services. This community is well on its way to being able to sustain this development for themselves, and World Vision Australia will continue to support them through the final stage.



Mporokoso highlights

Access to clean water within 1km of home



Households with enough to eat



Primary school-aged children enrolled in school

