
Community development

Creating sustainable futures for families living in extreme poverty

World Vision's unique, integrated model of development has been fine-tuned for more than 60 years. It is the foundation on which our work is built.

We work with communities over a 10- to 15-year period to address 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. Communities are enabled to take the lead in their own development so that at the end of this period, when the community members feel they are ready, we transition out, leaving them to continue their development on their own.



Changing lives, one community at a time

To change children's lives, you need to change the world they live in. Over the past 20 years, children in the communities of Tillican, Goubli N'Kaba, Nueva Vision and Koro have experienced this change and transformation. This financial year, we said a bittersweet goodbye to these communities, who now have the

skills, knowledge, and tools to continue their own development. We celebrate the life-changing initiatives which have improved access to education, water, healthcare, and nutrition. We now go where we are needed most, knowing these communities are committed to creating better futures for their children.

Tillican, Nicaragua

In 2005, Nicaragua was struggling with the effects of poverty and natural disasters, and recovering from the aftermath of political instability. Today, with over 20,000 lives transformed, the Tillican community is equipped and ready to rally around its children, and to continue with the responsibility of building on solid foundations to create a strong future.



"I hold the World Vision team there in the highest regard, and feel incredibly proud to have been just a tiny piece of the puzzle that has brought this community to this point of self-sustainability."

- New Zealander Johnny Lineham, Tillican Child Sponsor on his visit to Tillican.

Goulbi N'Kaba, Niger

In 1999, families in Goulbi N'Kaba struggled with the effects of seasonal drought, food insecurity, unstable means of income, and lack of access to clean water and medical attention. Today the community sees education as a priority, and improved farming techniques have increased food supplies and family income. Over 63,000 lives have been transformed and the future is looking bright.



"If World Vision was not there to offer me this second chance, life would certainly have been hard for me."

- Harouna, an ex-sponsored child using his World Vision training and passion for mechanics to support himself, and even help others.

Highlights



97.8%

of rural households have access to clean, safe water from new wells and water pump



1156

children aged 6-12 learned healthy habits and disease prevention from community health volunteers



360

youth participated in life skills and vocational training

Highlights



71

farmers associations helped farmers improve agricultural activities and learn how to grow their businesses



22

health centres are providing medical attention to children and their parents and caregivers



75

new boreholes are providing children and families with clean, safe water

Nueva Vision, Honduras

In 2005, families in Nueva Vision faced challenges of seasonal drought, food insecurity, and lack of access to clean water. Today, 13,000 lives have been transformed. Numerous youth initiatives have addressed gang violence, teen pregnancy, HIV, and issues around child protection. The youth of Nueva Vision have gained the skills to take their community forward.



"The future is a much brighter one, one filled with hope and continued success."

- Guillermo Atonia Aguilar, Nueva Vision Programme Manager, stands proudly with students from his community, grateful for Kiwi supporters.

Highlights



360

toilets along with 43 water systems and 10 wells are improving children's health and girls can attend school



582

households have healthy diets thanks to educational programmes and agricultural support



209

children and youth are mobilised to lobby local government on issues that concern them

Koro, Mali

In 1997, the children of Koro often had minimal access to clean drinking water and healthcare. Children were often sick with waterborne diseases and malnutrition rates were high. Today, immunisations have prevented common diseases, and caregivers know how to recognise and respond to different childhood illnesses. Over 124,000 lives have been transformed.



"We are confident for the future because now we know how to manage malnutrition and we will continue to take care of our children."

- Mariam, full of confidence and joy, holds her son Idrissa in her arms.

Highlights



17

new boreholes and the rehabilitation of existing water sources doubled safe water access for families year-round



91%

of children under five sleep under treated mosquito nets, reducing the spread of disease such as malaria



166

teachers have received teacher training and are now helping students improve literacy skills

Partnering in the Pacific

As a Pacific nation, New Zealand has a responsibility to our Melanesian neighbours, many of whom are unable to meet their basic daily needs. Papua New Guinea (PNG), the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu have the lowest human development index rankings of all 14 Pacific countries and comprise 82 per cent of the Pacific population. One in three people live in poverty, and many communities lack access to education.

With over 30 years' experience working alongside communities in the Pacific, we are a trusted partner of the New Zealand Government, which helps fund a lot of our work in the region.

This year, we asked New Zealanders to turn their attention to the plight of families living in our corner of the world – in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands – through our Hidden Pacific Campaign. In partnership with the New Zealand Herald, stories of struggle from families living in the region moved New Zealanders to donate over \$250,000.

Our key programming areas include health, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), education, economic development, disaster management (disaster preparedness, response and recovery), and addressing gender-based violence.



Children enjoying their new Early Childhood Education centre in East Malaita, Solomon Islands.



Rodney addressing the community at the opening of a new Early Childhood Education centre in his local area.

When Rodney, an Early Childhood Education (ECE) teacher, saw the need for an education centre in his local area, he started a school right in his own home.

With the help of the community, World Vision, and the local government, Rodney's dreams of providing good education to every child in his community became more of a reality. A new local ECE centre has opened in his local area and now the education needs of the community children can be met.

Rodney shares, "I am really happy with the help of World Vision, I started to teach these children in a new building with more space and good learning environment. This is my school and I am looking forward to taking in more children who deserve to be educated."

Highlights of our work in the Pacific and Timor Leste in 2017



>200,000
people, including
80,000 children,
reached by our work
across four countries



>2.3 million
contributed by
the New Zealand
Government

Highlights of our work in East Malaita, Solomon Islands



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Early Childhood
Education (ECE)
centres are built and
fully operational



65%
of children are enrolled
in ECE centres, up
from 16% at the start of
the project

Highlights of our work in Hanuabada, Papua New Guinea



40
truckloads of rubbish
were removed from
Hanuabada's shoreline
in a community
clean-up activity



3000
hygiene kits were
distributed, and safe
handwashing and
hygiene practices were
promoted