

SUMMARY

World Vision’s Christian Discipleship Program partners with local churches worldwide to provide programs and resources that encourage the spiritual growth of children. As children and youth are nurtured in caring churches and by loving families guided by biblical principles, they have the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

By the close of fiscal year 2020, the Christian Discipleship Program reached nearly 4.37 million vulnerable children and adults worldwide since 2015. This is due, in part, to your faithful support through fervent prayers and generous financial gifts. Thank you.

Additionally, in FY20, World Vision:

- Provided 64,046 Bibles and other Scripture resources to help families strengthen their faith (see Page 7).
- Began discipleship work in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya (see Page 8).

“[The Do No Harm] training has changed my mind for sure,” said Pastor Isaac Lameck, Global Gospel Church, Kakuma. “Initially, I had negative thinking about some tribes living with us in the camp. I now understand that everybody belongs to God, and we all have equal rights to live. It is wonderful that World Vision is changing my mind so that I may love others.”

The above FY20 achievements were made despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. World Vision staff quickly adapted programming to ensure the safety of all, including holding church leader training in smaller groups, and promoting one-on-one peer-to-peer Bible study with youth. We required social distancing, handwashing, and face masks for all for activities. Still, as you will see in the remainder of this report, our ministry work continued.



Thanks to your generous support of World Vision’s Christian Discipleship Program around the world, children like Loshru, 12 (left), Dorcas, 9 (center), and Ajuma, 11 (right), from Kenya can participate in programs that nurture their spiritual growth. On behalf of them and the many children worldwide you help minister to, thank you.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

4,365,041 PEOPLE have benefited from ministry activities since October 2015, including 908,991 people in FY20. This includes children, parents/caregivers, and community members benefiting directly and indirectly.

+ **463,106** children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities since October 2015, including 149,173 new participants in FY20.

+ **29,666** pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 9,000 new participants in FY20.

+ **4,342** churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 1,169 new churches in FY20.

CENTRAL AMERICA

SUMMARY

World Vision’s Christian Discipleship Project continued to thrive in Central America, despite COVID-19 restrictions. In FY20, our team:

- Developed a 40-hour online course to train youth ministry leaders on mentorship, enabling 83 Salvadoran participants to mentor 553 youth. The virtual nature of the course also allowed for expansion to 20 new churches in the Zacatecoluca Diocese in El Salvador.

In Honduras, 587 youth leaders participated in a similar course, and later mentored youth like Genesis. “This process is one of the best experiences and a blessing, that has ever happened to me,” said Genesis, 18. “It pushed me to get out of my comfort zone.”

- Converted the curriculum for children’s Bible lessons into a manual (to be used within families) and into media programs that were broadcast on radio, TV, and social media, reaching thousands of

children with discipleship messages.

- Taught 2,635 parents/caregivers using World Vision’s Raising Children with Tenderness approach. Our Raising Children with Tenderness program (as well as Celebrating Families program) uses biblical principles of raising children, forgiveness, and healthy relationships to equip parents to be loving contributors to their children’s faith.
- “...There are many children who no longer suffer violence from their parents and now receive love from them,” said Pastor Lazo, a program participant (pictured at right).
- Collaborated with churches to host a festival for children that encouraged the use of art to express God’s care for them during the pandemic. More than 3,100 children participated in the festival.

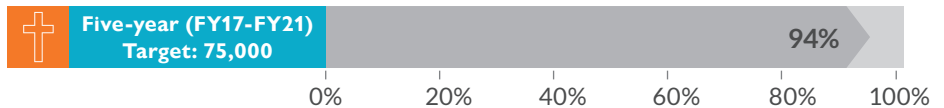
Please join us in praying 1 Peter 1:3-6 for all children and families in Central America. May every child and adult find hope and life in Christ Jesus.



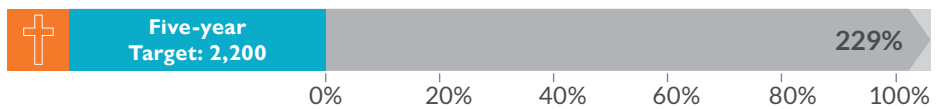
Yolanda Lazo lives in Intipucá, El Salvador with her husband, Pastor Raul Lazo, and their family. She and Pastor Lazo completed World Vision’s Raising Children with Tenderness training in FY20. She shared Pastor Lazo has become a much more loving father since the training. She also said, “I loved being quarantined because it allowed us to spend more time as a family and practice what we learned with the discipleship project.”

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

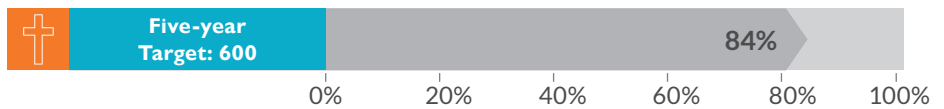
70,156 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 11,163 in FY20.



5,036 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 997 in FY20.



503 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 67 in FY20.



ETHIOPIA

SUMMARY

In FY20, the Ethiopia Christian Discipleship Project worked with local partners to serve children, youth, and parents and caregivers in vulnerable communities. It has already exceeded all of its five-year targets (see graphs below).

In FY20, the project provided 4,770 members of faith-based organizations and church leaders with trainings and workshops. Topics covered included COVID-19 prevention, youth leadership and administration, the role of faith leaders in peacebuilding, and facilitation of World Vision discipleship programs such as Celebrating Families.

“I have benefited from the Youth Leadership and Life Skill training,” said Dawit Alem, leader of youth programming at Sewasew Birhan Orthodox Church. “It [teaches] how to mix with people [different from you], lead oneself and others, and also be effective in life.”

Children, youth, and parents and caregivers also were given the

opportunity to participate in trainings. For example, children learned of their importance and responsibilities in the family structure, and to form godly character. Also, young people completed trainings in leadership, life skills, peacebuilding, child protection, and gender equality. Parents and caregivers participated in trainings such as Celebrating Families and Marriage and Positive Parenting.

All training sessions were held in small groups with proper safety measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

A Look Ahead

In FY21, the Ethiopia Christian Discipleship Project will continue to show the love of Christ by providing trainings and other activities that promote positive transformation of families and communities. We also will increase efforts to raise awareness of COVID-19 prevention and care, including providing hygiene supplies.

Please pray Isaiah 26:12 for Ethiopia. May God grant His peace throughout the land.

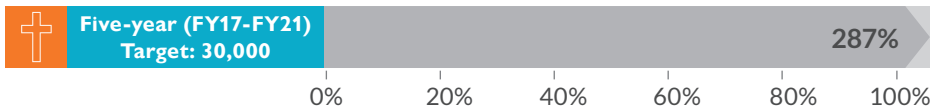


“Life skill training and the peace promoters’ event ... created awareness [of the] interdependence of [a] healthy lifestyle and peace. This motivated us to create awareness among our community [on] how to prevent coronavirus.”

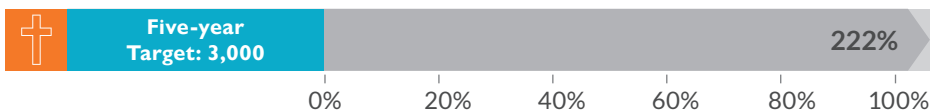
—Meron Mohamed, 16

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

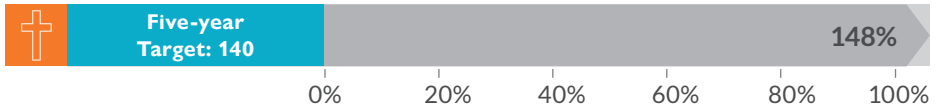
86,015 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 13,477 in FY20.



6,655 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 4,770 in FY20.



207 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, continuing on from previous years.



KENYA

SUMMARY

“Thank you for your continuous support and every prayer you say for the project team and the community as a whole,” said Denis Sabila, director of the World Vision Christian Discipleship Project in Kenya. “Amidst the challenges due to COVID-19, the project still managed to conduct Channel of Hope (CoH) workshops. We also embraced online engagements to continue monitoring key project activities and record impact. God has allowed us to impact the local communities through your generous giving and prayers.”

A Year in Review

With your support, the Kenya Christian Discipleship Project achieved the following in FY20:

- Worked with pastors and local child agencies to ensure children and youth access to activities that help nurture their spiritual growth during the pandemic. Sunday school teachers conducted neighborhood Bible clubs and peer educators worked to connect with youth

nearby. Parents were encouraged to have family time, read and discuss the Bible, and create a loving environment for their children to grow.

- Facilitated child protection workshops for CoH Congregational Hope Action Teams in three program areas. In the Isiolo Oldonyiro program area, faith leaders from churches and mosques gathered to discuss ways to address issues such as abuse, neglect, and exploitation. “I have a responsibility to protect children from abuse,” said Abdullahi, a sheikh and workshop participant. “I commit to end violence against children.”
- Supported pastors seeking theological education through the project’s partnership with Scott University. A total of 343 pastors graduated in November 2020.

Also, by the close of FY20, the project exceeded many of its five-year targets (see graphs below).

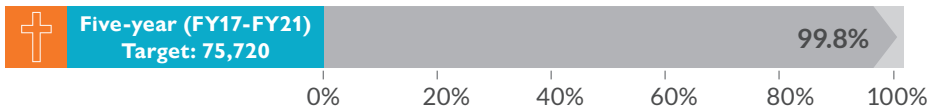


Mercy, a World Vision staff member, speaks with sisters Ajuma, Loshru, and Dorcas at their home in Turkana County, Kenya. They are among the many families that have benefited from World Vision Kenya’s Christian Discipleship Project.

Please pray Psalm 20 for families and ministries in Kenya. May God hear their prayers and supply their every need.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

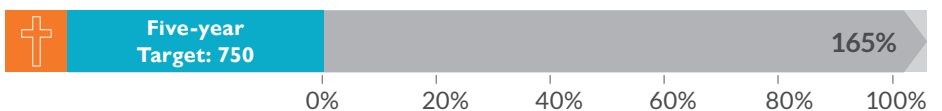
75,569 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 15,374 in FY20.



2,723 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 265 in FY20.



1,238 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 400 in FY20.



PHILIPPINES

SUMMARY

While World Vision’s Christian Discipleship Project in the Philippines completed its fourth year, it has already exceeded all of its five-year targets (see graphs below).

In FY20, the project team adapted rapidly, making sure to comply with government-imposed restrictions to limit the spread of COVID-19. The team distributed workbooks with discipleship activities for children, family study guides based on World Vision’s Celebrating Families workshops, and partnered with radio programs to air Christian discipleship lessons. A total of 99,565 children and youth benefited from these activities.

“[I learned to] always obey your parents,” said Venice, 11. “[And] have faith and always pray to God to be safe every day.”

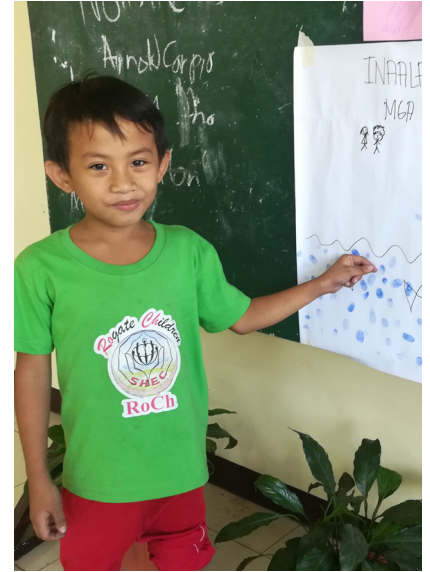
“The story today is good because it is about COVID,” said one parent after listening to a radio program featuring Christian discipleship lessons. “It has strengthened me, especially now that

I am beginning to get discouraged and starting to lose hope.”

The project also ministered to young people through our Dare to Discover workshop, helping them to explore opportunities for their lives and find a sense of hope. One church partner, concerned by the increasing rates of suicide and attempted suicide among teens, determined ways to safely hold an in-person workshop for a small group of youth in Aklan.

Parents and caregivers also participated in activities this fiscal year. The project reached 146,397 parents/caregivers in FY20. “[Our family] learned how to appreciate our bond and our love for each other,” said Marichu Gito, a parent from Bulan Sorosogan. “We also realized that this goes with our valuing of the Lord’s presence and strengthening our dreams.”

Lastly, two webinars were held for 44 churches to equip them to support congregants with mental health concerns due to the COVID pandemic.



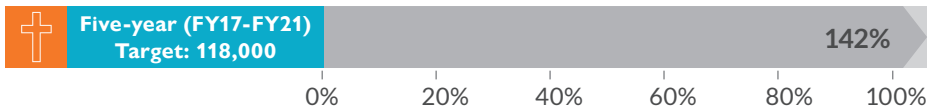
“We must thank God for all the things He gave us. I will take care of the environment. I will not throw garbage anywhere and I will not harm animals or other children.”

—Jomar, age 8, participant in the Christian Discipleship Project

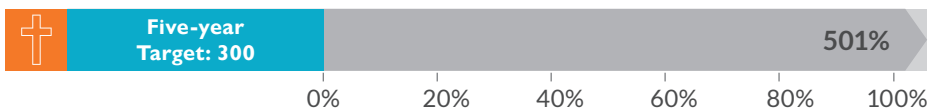
Please pray Psalm 121 for families in the Philippines. Across the land, may God continue to keep and preserve them.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

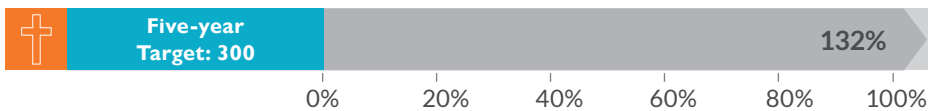
167,509 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 99,565 in FY20.



1,503 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 282 in FY20.



397 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 50 in FY20.



ZIMBABWE

SUMMARY

In Zimbabwe, the well-being of children and youth has been greatly impacted by the effects of COVID-19. They have endured school closures, uncertainties of family livelihoods, and some have faced domestic violence in homes that have reached breaking points after extended periods of being locked down. The Zimbabwe Christian Discipleship Project worked to serve vulnerable children, families, and community members, sharing a message of hope in time of crises. The project team:

- Mobilized 1,444 children to form small prayer groups, promoting spiritual growth and unity as well as ongoing social interaction to mimic that seen in school settings.
- Trained 331 youth on Dare to Discover and 574 young people on Empowered Worldview (EWW) models. Dare to Discover encourages youth to explore their faith and identity in Christ. EWW uses Scripture to encourage youth to see themselves as beloved

children of God with God-given talents, causing them to grow in their self-confidence and ability to make healthy decisions. “The Christian Discipleship Project is helping us a lot,” said Alfred Ngondo, 16. “We are forming groups that we can help each other and learn from each other.”

- Engaged 667 parents and caregivers in Celebrating Families workshops in four program areas. “After receiving the Celebrating Families training, I decided to cast my burdens to the Lord,” said Pretty Tlou, 27. “The teachings made me a praying woman who puts her family and marriage in the hands of God.”
- Organized and led men’s forums in six program areas. Using the Bible, participants were led to examine ways to spiritually nurture their families, including avoiding violent and harmful behaviors.

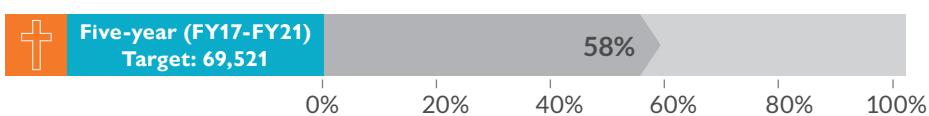


Peter Chikwariro smiles as he enjoys time with his family. He attended a World Vision-sponsored men’s forum and learned to value his wife and children, and to be a positive example in their home.

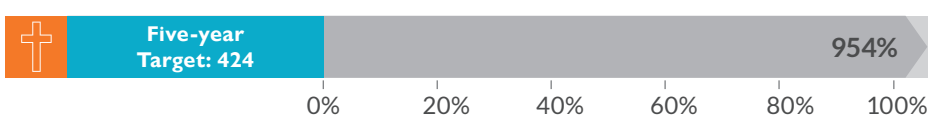
Please join us in praying Colossians 3:15 for ministry partners and families in Zimbabwe. May the peace of God rule in their hearts.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

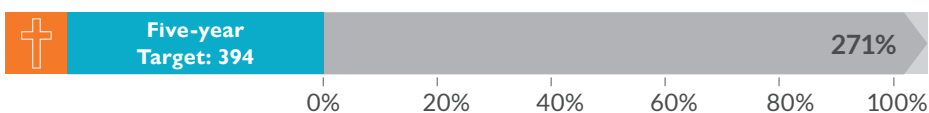
40,324 children and youth directly participated in discipleship activities, including 9,534 in FY20.



4,046 pastors and church leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, including 2,686 in FY20.



1,067 churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth, including 652 in FY20.



INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND*

SUMMARY

As you support World Vision's International Bible Fund, you help place Bibles into the hands of vulnerable children and families. With God's Word readily available, families can study and grow together, deepening their faith and understanding of Christ and the Christian life.

In FY20 alone, 320,230 children and adults benefited from 64,046 Bibles received through this fund. Families in Guatemala, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe received full Bibles, New Testaments, children's Bibles, study materials, and/or local language audio Bibles (distributed based on cultural practices or literacy levels).

Bibles for Guatemala

Bibles provided: 45,000

Beneficiaries: 225,000 (including children, parents, teachers, churches)

Use of Bibles:

Children's ministries, trainings on World Vision's Raising Children with Tenderness, and family devotions

Bibles for Mozambique

Bibles provided: 8,600

Beneficiaries: 43,000 (including children, parents, teachers, churches)

Use of Bibles:

Kids' clubs, Bible study groups, resource for pastors facilitating World Vision's Christian Discipleship programs (Celebrating Families, Channels of Hope for Child Protection), and household Bible study

Bibles for Zimbabwe

Bibles provided: 10,446

Beneficiaries: 52,230 (including children, parents, teachers, churches, schools)

Use of Bibles:

Reading camps, Sunday schools, kids' clubs, resource for churches facilitating Christian Discipleship programs (such as Dare to Discover, Empowered Worldview), and household Bible study

"I am very excited about having a Bible from World Vision," said Faith Mharadze, 13, from Zimbabwe. "This is the first time I have owned a Bible."



"I like that my mother reads the Bible to me because I can know more about God and it helps me to know what is good and bad."

*—Anderson, age 8,
(pictured above at right)
Guatemala*

BENEFICIARY UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

941,550 PEOPLE have benefited from Bibles provided through the International Bible Fund since July 2016, including 320,230 people in FY20. This includes children, parents/caregivers, and community members.



188,310

Bibles made available since July 2016 (64,046 in FY20).

*Bibles provided through this fund are often distributed for use in the Global Christian Discipleship Program but are funded and accounted for independently.

KENYA: KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP PROJECT*

SUMMARY

A total of 196,666 registered refugees and asylum-seekers reside in the Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement (UNCHR, 6/2020). They have traveled from neighboring countries (Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Burundi, Somalia, South Sudan), leaving behind conflict, violence, and unrest. The majority of the residents are women, children, and youth.

In FY20, World Vision launched a two-year Transformed Church for Transformed Communities Project in the Kakuma Refugee Camp. Our aim: To improve the well-being of vulnerable children and families by partnering them with local churches who will engage them in Christian discipleship activities.

Getting started

World Vision conducted an assessment, learning the needs of vulnerable families in the camp and capacity of local partners. We then led a three-day startup workshop where we

educated partners on their role in the project and introduced them to our Christian Discipleship biblically based models— including Celebrating Families, Christian Discipleship of Children and Youth, Do No Harm, and Empowered Worldview. We also worked with camp administrators to mobilize families to participate in the project.

Year One Implementation

In the first year (FY20), the project team:

- Trained 25 faith leaders as master trainers. These leaders then equipped 71 additional faith leaders to teach families peacebuilding skills using the Do No Harm model.
- Trained 135 partners to facilitate Celebrating Families. They, in turn, guided 841 parents and caregivers through the biblical principles of parenting and to engage their family in daily Bible devotions.
- Held small-group Bible club sessions with children, adhering to COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures.



“I am grateful to World Vision Kenya for training Bible club teachers and Sunday School teachers from the Kakuma Refugee Camp. Our Bible clubs are now strengthened. The material [also helps with] spiritually nourish[ing] all the children. God bless World Vision and its donors!”

—Calistus, pastor

BENEFICIARY UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

84,691 PEOPLE have benefited from ministry activities in FY20. This includes children, parents/caregivers, and pastors/faith leaders benefiting directly and indirectly.

+ **9,580** children and youth directly participated in Christian discipleship activities in FY20.

+ **406** pastors and church leaders were trained in Christian Discipleship models in FY20.

+ **68** churches engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth in FY20.

FINANCIALS

Global Christian Discipleship Fund Program-to-Date Spending (October 2015 through September 2020)

\$11,225,755 program-to-date funding

\$10,886,187 spending-to-date

97%

International Bible Fund Program-to-Date Spending (July 2016 through September 2020)

\$1,622,639 program-to-date funding

\$1,386,101 spending-to-date

85%

Kenya: Kakuma Refugee Camp Project-to-Date Spending (October 2019 through September 2020)

\$223,987 project-to-date funding

\$149,170 spending-to-date

67%

THANK YOU

Like you, World Vision desires for every child to know and experience the unconditional love of God. That is why our partnership in ministry is so important. Together, we make possible the Christian Discipleship Program for children and youth around the world—youth like Sarai from Honduras (pictured at right). As children and youth participate in training and discipleship activities with our local church partners, and their parents and caregivers are taught to nurture spiritual growth, families have the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

So, thank you for being a faithful ministry partner and being a shining example of God's love to children, youth, and families worldwide.



Sarai Galo Hernandez, 16, holds her most valuable possession, her Bible, at her home in Honduras. Sarai is active in her church youth group and teaches Sunday School. Her favorite verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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