

# WORLD VISION GHANA (1979 - 2019)



For nearly 70 years, World Vision has been committed to protecting and caring for children and those in need. From our founder Bob Pierce giving the last \$5 in his pocket to help care for an abandoned Chinese girl in 1947, to then-CEO Stan Mooneyham purchasing a large ship in 1979 to rescue refugee families stranded at sea in Vietnam, World Vision has gone where others would not. Even in the places where it is hardest to be a child, God is there-and we should be there too. So, our mission continues.

Bob Pierce founded World Vision three years after he came face to face with an abandoned child and chose not to look away. Determined the last \$5 in his pocket wasn't enough, he knew more people had to be involved for a long-term solution and broader impact. Initially based in the state of Oregon, the organization focused on missions service for emergencies in East Asia. Today World Vision has become the largest Christian international non-governmental organization working in nearly 100 countries worldwide.



Pierce's prayer laid the foundation for World Vision:  
 "let my heart be **BROKEN**  
 by the things that  
**BREAK THE HEART OF GOD**"

## Overview of WVI operations in Ghana

Thirty-two years after World Vision was founded, the seed of Bob Pierce's vision sown in Ghana. World Vision International started working in Ghana in 1975 in response to economic and social challenges in some parts of the country. Since then, World Vision has remained dedicated to working

with the most vulnerable children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice, inspired by Christian values.

For the last 40 years, World Vision has invested more than US\$ 600 million in transformational development interventions across Ghana.

## Key Milestones

- » December 1979 – the first Child Sponsorship Community Development Project was started in Nkronso near Apedwa in the Eastern Region.
- » 1980 the first Primary school building was constructed at Obeliakua (Obelrakwa) (near Bawjiase).
- » 1982 the first batch of Village Health Workers to support the Primary Health Care centers or the community clinics were trained at Gomaa Health Centre.



- » In 1983 fifty-two corn milling machines were imported and supplied to all projects to promote project-level income-generating activities and ensure sustainability.
- » 1983/84 – World Vision supplied relief items to project communities, specifically targeting children due to acute scarcity of food.
- » 1985- Drilling of 50 boreholes in some water-distressed project communities in the Volta, Eastern and Greater Accra Regions. Twenty-eight (28) out of the fifty (50) wells drilled yielded water. World Vision decided to expand the drilling programme to cover 100,000 people and to include construction of KVIP latrines through Ghana Rural Water Project (GRWP) Phase I.
- » 1989 – World Vision Ghana brought in vehicles and equipment for the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in Western Region. 1990-Hilton Foundation funded the Ghana Rural Water Project (GRWP) Phase II with marching funds from World Vision US in the Greater Afram Plains. In the same year, World Vision Ghana began to re-think its development strategy.
- » 1991 – The first Area Development Programme (ADP) started in the Kwahu South District in October.
- » 1994 – World Vision Ghana chaired the first Inter-NGO Consortium that coordinated NGO relief activities to victims of the Northern conflict that erupted in February.
- » 2000- First Family Sponsorship ADP started in Atebubu District (Brong Ahafo Region)
- » 2001 – In January, GRWP commissioned its offices in Savelugu, Northern Region as part of the extension of Phase III.
- » 2005- The GRWP Project drilled the 2,000<sup>th</sup> borehole in the Kpekuni community in the Gushegu-Karaga ADP
- » 2006- World Vision Ghana supported the vaccination of 4,206,393 rural poultry birds against Newcastle disease and Avian Flu.
- » 2007- World Vision Ghana received \$128,250 from the German Government through WV Germany to support flood victims with relief items in the Bongo District.
- » 2009- World Vision Ghana was adjudged the Best NGO in 2008 at the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana awards.
- » A \$3 million Korea International Cooperation

Agency (KOICA) Educational Project was launched to provide infrastructure, teaching and learning materials as well as capacity building for teachers in the Fanteakwa and Afram Plains Districts.

- » 2016- World Vision Ghana launched a new Strategy (2016 to 2021) with a goal of “contributing to sustained well-being of 4,555,809 people including children within families and communities, especially the most vulnerable.”
- » This led to the development of Technical Programmes such as WASH, Food Security and Resilience, Primary Health Care and Reading Improvement in Primary Education.
- » The Office was operating in 29 Area Programmes (APs)/ Districts in 2016.
- » 2017 - WVG Advisory Council transitioned to an Intermediate Board.
- » 2019 – The Office's name was officially changed from World Vision International (WVIG) in Ghana to World Vision Ghana (WVG).
- » The National Office is currently implementing in 34 Districts including grant projects across 14 out of 16 Administrative Regions in Ghana.
- » New APs opened in Wa West and Builsa South Districts from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019.

## SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILD WELL-BEING

### Education

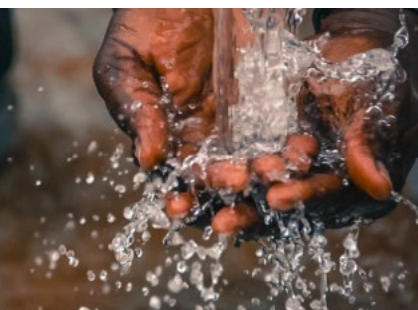
World Vision Ghana works closely with partners such as Ghana Education Service and Ghana Library Board to ensure that children have access to quality education in order to acquire the requisite knowledge and skills, they need to build a better future.



### Key Achievements

- » 1,221 primary school blocks built (1995 to date)
- » 417 nursery school blocks built (1999 to 2014)
- » 219 junior High school blocks built (1994 to 2014)

- » 3,400 teachers trained in improved instructional methods (2013 to date)
- » \$100,439,745.51 Amount spent on Education to date



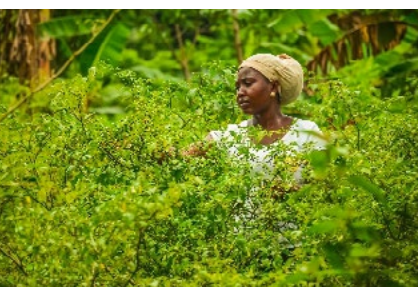
### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

World Vision Ghana has since 1985 been implementing diverse interventions in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in communities, schools and healthcare facilities

to enhance access to WASH services for vulnerable children and their households as well as contributing to the eradication of Guinea Worm in Ghana. World Vision Ghana has a well-resourced Water Quality Laboratory that analyse water samples for both chemical and microbial contamination. In collaboration with partners such as the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), the Coalition of NGOs in the Water Sector (CONIWAS), donors and development partners such as the Hilton Foundation, UNHabitat and UNICEF.

### Key Achievements

- » 3,518 boreholes fitted with hand pumps and 106 Limited Mechanized System (with 477 taps installed) in Communities (1985 till date)
- » 1,087,452 people educated /sensitized on WASH issues in communities (1985-2019)
- » 1,418,182 people provided with access to potable water (1985 till date)
- » \$106,651,826.63 Amount spent on WASH to date



### Livelihood

World Vision Ghana's Livelihood programme seeks to contribute to improved wellbeing by empowering households and communities in using

sustainable agricultural practices, reduce post-har-

vest losses, become resilient to disasters and gain access to micro-credit. World Vision Ghana implements its livelihood interventions in collaboration with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), Department of Cooperatives, National Board for Small Scale Industries (NBSSI), Ghana Irrigation Development Authority and other Civil Society Organization (CSOs).

### Key Achievements

- » \$66,612,396.88 Amount spent on Livelihood to date
- » 5,225 Micro-credit/Savings Groups (Saving for Transformation) formed (2003 to 2019) helping over 130,625 members to access credit facilities to support well-being of over 400,000 children (2013-date)
- » GH¢ 23,139,646 as Saving group total asset
- » 95 major processing centres (local industries) in Sheabutter processing (8), Soap production (3), Cassava processing (8), Honey production (76) benefitting 15,582 people (90% women) [2015-2019].
- » 270,000 people sensitized on Climate Smart Agriculture interventions (2018)

### Health and Nutrition

In partnership with the Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service, Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana, Municipal/District



Health Directorates, communities and CSOs, World Vision Ghana continues to implement interventions that address the healthcare needs of children and their families. World Vision through its efforts assisted reduction of Buruli Ulcer cases in Ghana and also minimized the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS patients through the use of the Channel of Hope- HIV/AIDS model. The Health programme adopts an integrated approach that seeks to promote Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) through community sensitization and education on nutrition, breastfeeding, malaria, diarrhoea



management, immunization and provision of various medical supplies.

### Key Achievements

- » Over 100 Health facilities built across the country (1994 - date)
- » 1,592,624 children had their mothers trained on appropriate supplementary feeding (1995 - 2011)
- » 208,446 people trained in HIV/AIDS issues including support to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (1995-2015)
- » About 1.1million people suffering from Neglected Tropical Diseases (Filiariasis, Yaws, Oncho etc.) treated (1999 - 2007)
- » \$163,762,178.35 Amount spent on Health to date



### Relief and Disaster Management

World Vision Ghana responds to humanitarian emergencies in order to alleviate the plight of vulnerable people through provision of relief items such as food,

water, shelter, medicine and clothing. Communities are empowered to develop disaster preparedness and management plans and also trained in conflict resolution. This is done in collaboration with NADMO, Ghana National Fire Service and other CSOs.

### Key Achievements

- » Provision of water, support for agricultural ventures and other income generating activities to refugees at Buduburam (1991-2000)
- » 4660 flood victims supported with food and non-food items across selected Districts in Northern Ghana (2008-2010)
- » 800 houses constructed for flood victims in the Bongo District (1999-2008)
- » 12,482 disaster victims supported with relief items through collaborations with NADMO and Inter Agency Working Group on Emergencies (2019)
- » 163 shipments of medical equipments/ supplies, school supplies, personal items etc worth \$120

million donated to health facilities, schools, disaster victims etc. (2003-2009)

- » \$1,833,102.23 Amount spent on Disaster Management & Relief to date

### Child Protection and Advocacy

World Vision Ghana works with partners including the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and other like-minded Civil Society Organizations and Development partners to uphold child rights. World Vision Ghana's Child rights work



is premised on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, The Children Act of Ghana, World Vision Ghana's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and the Bible. In addition, Advocacy is an integral part of World Vision Ghana's ministry as it enables the organization to contribute toward tackling the root causes of poverty and community empowerment.

### Key Achievements

- » Over 3million people reached via media platforms with End Child Marriage Now! Messages (2018)
- » 284 functional kids clubs/ child parliaments in all APs promoting child-led advocacy 416 Faith Leaders engaged in action to end child marriage (2017-date) Contributed to review of the Children's Act, the Criminal Offences Act and the Juvenile Justice Act during national consultation events organized by MGCSP (2018-2019)
- » \$ 2,702,624.48 Amount spent on CP & A to date

### Strategic Areas for Collaboration

In collaboration with government institutions, the Church and other CSOs and stakeholders, World Vision Ghana endeavors to implement relief, transformational development and advocacy interventions that seek to complement the efforts

of national, regional and local governments in contributing to improved child wellbeing and socio-economic development at large. Some of the proposed areas for improved collaboration with the government through the Ministries, Departments, INGOS/NGOs and other institutions include:

- » Sharing of information and resources to achieve greater impacts.
- » Engagements on SDGs, National Development Plans and the role of INGOS/NGOs in contributing to the achievement of national goals and priorities.
- » Local resource mobilization to augment government's developmental programmes in response to the rapidly changing donor funding in favour of less developed economies and fragile contexts.

- » Explore sustainable livelihood opportunities for women and youth.
- » Support implementation of the National Strategic Framework on End Child marriage in Ghana (2017-2026) and other Child rights policies and legislations.

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# Faith & Development (F&D) Project Models

**Celebrating Families**  
*A Journey Together*

World Vision

**Goal:** Equipping families to create a safe and loving environment for children’s well-being and nurture.

“Can you please tell our parents to put us back in their hearts?”

“Can you teach us how to raise and properly care for our children?”

**SNC: Holistic child development**

World Vision

- **Spiritual**
- **Socio-emotional**
- **Cognitive**
- **Physical**

Creation/Nature

Answers to prayers

Acts of love & kindness

**AWARENESS & CONSCIOUSNESS**

Fostering children’s spiritual development throughout their life cycle

**Channels of Hope (COH): Addressing Critical Issues**

World Vision

- COH is a project model that catalyses individuals and the wider faith community to meaningfully respond to local issues and challenges to help ensure that children can better thrive in their communities.

**Water, Sanitation And Hygiene**

World Vision

**WASH SERMON GUIDE**

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE ISSUES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HOLY BIBLE

Living Our Faith Everyday

WV Ghana F& D Impact, 2019-2020

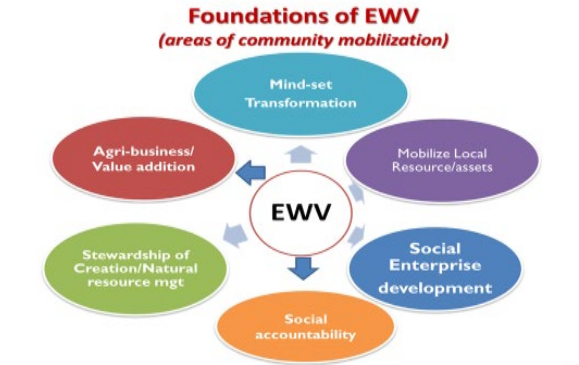
15,500 children and 4,200 adults reached with Spiritual Nurture of children messages.

100 Staff, 4,300 adult partners and 900 children transformed through the CFC to provide safe and loving environment for their children’s and families’ well-being and nurture.

800 pastors /church leaders trained in delivering WASH sermons

8,250 People (7140 parents, 390 youth and 720 children) empowered through the Empowered World View model to improve their individual, family, and community. Over 500 faith leaders empowered in child protection, advocacy, and Maternal and New-born Child health through the COH model.

Over 500 pastors /church leaders and 100 children trained in Faith response to COVID-19 and 70 pastors and health professionals trained and provided with tools for providing mental health and psychosocial support



for children, families and communities during COVID -19 and other crises or emergencies.