GIFT CATALOG  Meeting Critical Needs Around the World

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Thank you for your contribution to the World Vision Gift Catalog. Your support allows us to reach children and families in some of the most impoverished areas of the world, providing clean water, healthcare, and opportunities to increase family incomes. Gifts like yours, including wells, clinics, and animals—as well as programs specifically designed to benefit girls and women—provide tangible hope toward building a better world for children.

Infant deaths have dropped by an estimated 27% since 2016 in World Vision project areas in Uganda, thanks to improvements to health clinics and other related services. See page 4 for more details.

Access to clean water is foundational and transformative, providing freedom, hope, and opportunity. In this report, you will learn how safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) can be catalysts for sustainable improvements. Now that Nmonili in Ghana has access to piped water outside her home, she says, “the time we used to spend looking for water is now used to support our households and take good care of our children.” (Read Nmonili’s story on page 2.)

Tragically, 5.6 million children younger than 5 die from preventable causes each year, and more than 300,000 women do not survive their pregnancies or childbirth. Thankfully, World Vision’s proven, effective, community-based interventions are saving the lives of mothers and children and building strong foundations for a more promising future. In Zambia, instruction of parents at local health clinics and other settings on how to prepare nutrient-dense meals resulted in a 97% recovery rate for malnourished children. (See page 5 for more details.)

For families living in poverty, receiving a pig or a goat can change the lives of their children forever through better nutrition and opportunities for education. Learn how Lebby, who lost half her crops during a drought in Zambia, has begun to recover by raising goats. (Read her story on page 7.)
WELLS AND WATER SYSTEMS

Water is the most basic necessity of life. Yet every day, nearly 1,000 children younger than 5 die from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation, and unsafe hygiene practices. Your donation to the Gift Catalog was combined with funds from other generous donors to make clean water accessible for thousands of families. Between October 2018 and March 2019, World Vision provided clean water to 1.2 million people by drilling or rehabilitating 9,069 wells and water points.

GHANA

“I have water at my doorstep,” says Nmonili

Thanks to a new mechanized solar water system constructed by World Vision and its partners, Nmonili, a wife and mother of four children, now feeds her family from her vegetable garden.

Nmonili lives in Zokurli B, a suburb of the Zabzugu area in Ghana. Water is now readily available to her through a stand pipe.

Like Nmonili, other members of her community used to walk for almost two miles to draw water from a neighboring community’s borehole. Zokurli B could not meet the global water standard of being within 30 minutes round-trip of access to water.

World Vision and its partners supported the people of Zokurli B and its neighbors by constructing a solar mechanized system that pumps water into overhead tanks in the community. The water is then dispensed to households through stand pipes.

Nmonili recently talked about the struggle her family endured while trying to walk such a long distance to transport water from Zokurli B to Zokurli A.

“There used to be long queues at the borehole because of the number of people who depend on it for water,” Nmonili said. “We could not make enough time to care for our households.”

Other women in the community have also recently established similar gardens.

“Our families can now have fresh vegetables,” Nmonili said.

Nmonili added, “We now have water at our doorstep! The time we used to spend looking for water is now used to support our households and take good care of our children.”

Household members can easily collect water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. Community members are charged with keeping the solar panels in good working order. They regularly clean the solar panels to support the steady flow of fresh water into their homes.

For households in Zokurli B, the solar water system has transformed their lives, and provided them with a more balanced day, affording them time for important responsibilities to be completed at home and in the community.

Nmonili harvests fresh vegetables from her garden. Fresh water is delivered to her community thanks to a mechanized solar pump.

World Vision International President Andrew Morley interacts with Nmonili and helps clean installed solar panels.
MOZAMBIQUE

Disaster survivors gain access to clean water

In Mozambique from October 2018 through March 2019, World Vision provided 9,821 people access to clean water through the construction of 44 wells and water points, and through training in water-treatment techniques to disinfect drinking water. This included 15 wells in communities affected by a devastating cyclone that impacted 1.8 million people in March 2019.

On the Mozambique coast, Cyclone Idai made landfall in the city of Beira and struck the provinces of Manica, Sofia, and Zambézia, killing 602 people and injuring 1,600. World Vision was one of the first nonprofit organizations on the scene, bringing lifesaving support to four villages, including latrine kits, solid-waste management, emergency water treatment, and emergency water supplies. This also included construction five new wells, rehabilitation and disinfection of 10 wells, distribution of 60,000 bottles of water treatment products for use at the household level, and distribution of 10,000 hygiene kits.

Thank you for helping make it possible to support survivors of Cyclone Idai during a time of urgent need.

NIGER

Fetching water is no longer life-threatening for Djamila

The arduous chore of fetching water not only consumed excessive amounts of time and energy for Djamila, 15. Dangerous water collection practices nearly took her life.

Like other girls in her community, Djamila, 15, was used to waking up early to make a two-hour trip to gather 50 liters of water from the village’s only well. After school each day, Djamila and her friends, made the journey at least once more.

Djamila calls the day an accident occurred her “black day.” As Djamila was pulling up the bucket from the open well, she lost her balance and fell nearly 200 feet.

Everyone there assumed Djamila was dead. After much effort, they were able to pull her, unconscious, out of the well. Although she had a broken leg and was in a coma for some time, she was alive. But a long road to recovery awaited her.

Understandably, Djamila was afraid she would have to return to the open well once she recovered. Thankfully, while she was recovering, World Vision built two new wells in her community.

“I am happy I no longer go to the [open] well,” she told the water technicians installing the new wells. “World Vision has put end to the risk of falling in the [open] well in my village.”
World Vision’s Mother and Child Health projects are saving lives. Between October 2018 and March 2019, 255,289 women and children in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services at local clinics and through community health workers. In Somalia, 22 health facilities received support through training for staff, donated pharmaceuticals and supplies, and new equipment. Through similar support in Uganda, infant deaths in project areas have dropped by an estimated 27% since 2016. We’re also excited about an increased number of births taking place in Ugandan health facilities with skilled medical staff in attendance, from just 56% in 2016 to 85% today. In Zambia, 75% of women in World Vision project areas now seek prenatal care during the first half of their pregnancies, up from 42% in 2016. Your support is making a lasting difference for mothers and babies.

UGANDA

Renovations improve healthcare services

Since October 2018, in response to support for improved access to healthcare, 12,029 women in Uganda have delivered their babies at a health facility with skilled nurses or midwives. This occurred in part due to renovation of existing health clinics.

World Vision worked alongside health facilities to make necessary improvements to gain accreditation as a Baby Friendly Health Initiative facility. Such facilities meet standards set to provide quality mother and newborn care. So far in the first six months of the current fiscal year, 11 facilities in the target area have gained this status, against a target of eight.

To improve safety, World Vision helped 33 health facilities gain access to a water source on the premises, against a target of 34 for the year. In addition, 27 health centers installed handwashing facilities.

Some of the improvements were the result of advocacy by 280 members of Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) groups. Under this approach, communities learn how to lobby local government for improvements and services. Related changes included:

- Construction of a well at Mparagasi Health Center.
- Renovation of a maternity ward at Kikuube, including installation of a solar-powered water system, electricity, and new equipment.
- Renovation of maternity facilities at Kigorobya Health Center IV, along with a pledge by government officials to add a new water reservoir to help eliminate water shortages.

Above, new mothers enjoy a renovated maternity ward in Kigorobya, Uganda. Below, a maternity ward in Kikuube received new equipment, a water system, and electricity.
Zambia

Residents helping clinics expand

Support for improvements at health clinics in Zambia contributed to better healthcare for thousands of women and children in the first half of World Vision’s current fiscal year.

When World Vision started a health project in Zambia in 2016, only 42% of women in targeted communities sought prenatal care during the first half of their pregnancy, but that has increased to 75%. Another impressive result is a 97% recovery rate for malnourished children enrolled in community-based nutrition programs that teach parents how to prepare nutrient-dense meals.

These achievements are due in part to the involvement of neighborhood health committees (NHCs). So far this year, 54 committees have received support and training on their roles and responsibilities, resulting in the following improvements:

- In Musosolokwe, an NHC mobilized construction of bricks for a mother’s shelter and maternity wing at a health facility. Such shelters are vital in attracting expectant mothers to the facility for delivery, since many travel long distances and need accommodations until their babies arrive.
- In Chikomeni, three NHCs support nutrition volunteers as they enroll malnourished children in a program to teach mothers and caregivers how to prepare the most affordable, nutritious meals for them. So far this year, 243 malnourished children have been enrolled in the program, and 210 have been successfully treated and brought to a healthy weight. The NHCs also are leading efforts to make bricks to construct buildings to house immunization activities targeting young children.

Meanwhile, community-level advocacy efforts are bearing fruit. In Katete, a Citizen Voice and Action group began advocating for adequate staffing at the local health center. To accommodate new staff, the community organized to mold nearly 2,500 cinder blocks for a two-unit staff house for the health center.

World Vision’s corporate partners have been furnishing vital equipment, pharmaceuticals, and supplies that enable clinics in Zambia to offer better care. So far this year, donations have included:

- For families and volunteers—soap for families with children younger than 5, men’s and women’s underwear, men’s T-shirts, women’s sweaters and long pants, and feminine hygiene pads.
- For health facilities—stethoscopes, vitamin A, albendazole (for tapeworm), sterile gloves, cord clamps, mucous suckers, delivery beds, tables, linens, pillows, office chairs, shelves, bookcases, file cabinets, floor mats, curtains, cups, paint and paintbrushes, and desks.
A goat. A pig. A cow. One animal can change the life of a hard-working family—giving them the boost they need to start a successful business that will feed and educate their children. Between October 2018 and March 2019, Gift Catalog donors like you enabled struggling families in 21 countries to receive animals, providing economic stability. But most of all, your gift created hope for these families and the confidence that they could improve their lives.

**ECUADOR**

*Alpacas are helping improve income and conserve environment*

In the moorlands of Ecuador’s Chimborazo province, the ecosystem is rather delicate at an elevation of more than 12,700 feet. The residents of the community of Galte Bisñag were beginning to wonder what was contributing to the degradation of their soil and water. World Vision helped address one key cause by encouraging farmers to raise other animals besides cattle and sheep, whose split hooves tear up the fragile pasture.

Manuel Capito, 55, is among those now raising alpacas, which are more well-suited to the local landscape and whose wool can be harvested for conversion into blankets and clothing. With support from World Vision, Manuel received training in raising alpacas, and he now serves as a trainer for other interested local farmers.

“We currently have 35 alpacas in the community,” he said. “From the wool and fiber of the alpacas, the women in our community have formed a group of garment weavers that serve for our children’s clothes and for selling. My wife Maria and my 18-year-old daughter Rosa have strengthened their abilities to contribute to the economy of our family, especially for the education of our children, and [to] the leadership of women in the community.”

**MONGOLIA**

*Cows and training are boosting livelihoods of vulnerable families*

In northern Mongolia, near the country’s border with Russia, World Vision is helping 100 vulnerable households improve their health and income through training in livestock management, nutrition, parenting, and financial management. Each participating household also is receiving three cows.

Gandemberel, his wife, and their three daughters are among those benefiting from the assistance in the Tsagaan-Uul area. World Vision has trained the mother how to make dairy products from cow’s milk, how to sew, and how to manage the family’s savings. She also now serves as a leader of a local savings group with 12 members.

Gandemberel is very grateful for the assistance. Of his wife, he said, “She learned many things. Also, she can make family members’ clothes now. This project is very helpful for the herder family’s life.”

Families in the community of Galte Bisñag are grateful for training in raising alpacas as a sustainable livelihood.

Gandemberel and his wife are generating increased income, thanks to the assistance they have received.
**SRI LANKA**

*Fatima begins raising goats to increase family income*

In the Mundalama area of Sri Lanka, Fatima Fazna and her husband care for three children. The husband is a carpenter and Fatima works as a day laborer at a vegetable export company, since the carpentry income fluctuates quite a bit. Still, their combined income is insufficient to meet the family’s needs. It was therefore a great relief when Fatima was selected for participation in a World Vision project to support the raising of livestock. She received training in raising goats and in business management.

In response, Fatima set out to start a successful goat farm with the help of her husband and children. She received three female goats, one male goat, and materials for building a goat shed. She carefully tended the goats, and now they have increased to nine goats. Fatima plans to sell the next generation of goats and to increase her flock to 15 goats in the coming months.

“My children love the goats,” she said. “They run home from school to play with them. I thank [you] for providing me with this opportunity, which has brought happiness back to my household.”

**ZAMBIA**

*Goats enable Lebby to keep her children in school*

Lebby Chilube is among 3,000 small-scale farmers in Zambia benefiting from a project to help improve incomes through the raising of livestock. She is a single mother who cares for four children in Siamabbonka village in the Moyo chiefdom. Her family’s main source of livelihood has been growing rain-fed crops including corn, soybeans, and groundnuts.

Unfortunately for Lebby and her children, a prolonged dry spell during the 2018-2019 farming season cut her agricultural production in half. Lebby was able to find other means to feed her children, but could not find sufficient cash to pay their school fees. Previously, crop sales covered the fees. This put her in a deep quandary.

The receipt of five goats from World Vision, along with training and other assistance, came at just the right time for Lebby. The goats have since multiplied to 11.

“Thank you, World Vision, for the support of goats,” Lebby said. “The problem of paying school fees for my children is now history. I’m now sure that all my children will complete grade 12. The goats will do the magic,” she said.

Thank you for helping create a brighter future for Lebby and her family.
World Vision sees every child as a child of God. Every girl and every boy is deserving of love and protection. Yet traditional stereotypes often rob girls from living out the full potential God wants for them. Girls are often the first taken out of school to work when a family is in need. Caring Gift Catalog donors like you are changing that. Your support is helping girls receive an education and is enabling men and boys to see beyond traditional roles that limit them.

**BANGLADESH**

*Empowering a family to improve the lives of their children*

For a year after their father had a stroke, Priority, 12, and her sister Moumita, 19, worked in a candle-making factory. Their mother started a business selling spices but could not afford to pay their school fees, so they quit school. Priority said that at the factory, “we worked squatting on the floor for nine hours a day, six days a week, and earned $48 a month to buy food for our family.”

World Vision intervened in multiple ways. The parents received a cash grant, produce, and business training to expand their grocery, as well as training in positive parenting. Priority received life skills education to help her gain confidence, and her younger brother began attending a Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Center. The family’s income improved. This enabled the father to afford medication, recover, support the family business, and find a job as a security guard. Priority and Moumita returned to school.

At school, Priority excelled in math and began dreaming of becoming a physician. Her mother Jhumki said, “Thank you, World Vision, for creating an opportunity to raise our income and help ourselves.”

**INDIA**

*Combating child marriage*

Mounira, 17, lives in a rural village in India near Kolkata. “In the village, they talk about the girl child and increase [or exaggerate] her age,” she said. “They subtly instill fear in the parents and ask, ‘Will your daughter ever get married?’”

Mounira recently completed 10th grade. She juggles multiple responsibilities at home. In the morning, she cooks breakfast and lunch for her grandparents and younger brother, since her parents live in Kolkata. Traveling to school requires three hours round-trip. After she returns, she walks for an hour to fetch water, cares for the family’s chickens, makes clothing for sale, and studies until sunset.

One day, her father returned from Kolkata to announce her wedding. Mounira was shocked. During a prior visit to the city, a family with a son of marrying age noticed her. Later, they convinced her father that she was ready to marry. Mounira, a member of a World Vision Girl Power group, knew the dangers of child marriage and what happens through pregnancy at a young age. Her friends suggested she call a local child helpline, but she feared this would result in her father going to jail. Instead, she spoke with him. She shared how she wanted to complete her education, reminded him that child marriage is illegal in India, and asked him to resist pressure to give her away. It worked. He informed the groom’s family that she was no longer available. That’s girl power!
KENYA

Hope after forced marriage

Cherop*, 14, always wanted to be a doctor. A few years ago, this dream was nearly wiped away. “My brothers and father informed me that I had to stop learning so I could get circumcised and be married off,” she recalled. “The money from my dowry would then be used to pay school fees for my brothers.” Despite her pleas, Cherop was forcefully married off. She struggled physically and mentally when she became pregnant. One morning, her body finally caved. “I collapsed,” she said. “And when I woke up, I was in the hospital, had already been operated on, and had a baby. The doctors said that if I hadn’t been brought there on time, I would have lost my life.”

The experience shook Cherop. It motivated her to seek a better future for herself and her child. She moved back in with her parents. “Once the baby was much older, I [fled my parents’ home] and left the child there with my mother,” she said. “I had to go, as I was afraid my family would take me back to the husband I had run away from.”

After walking for two days and sleeping in the forest, she reached a World Vision office. World Vision enrolled her at Morpus Primary School, a boarding school. At the school, girls in her situation receive psychosocial support, life skills training, and assistance in navigating the complex experience of family reconciliation. If possible, they reunite with their parents and their own children.

* The girl’s name has been changed in this story to protect her identity.

SOUTH SUDAN

Bicycles empower girls and women to access services

Josephine Bekita was smiling with excitement. In South Sudan’s Yambio County, her dream to own a bicycle just came true. She aims to become a nurse, and “going to school is now easy for me,” she said.

Josephine was among 300 girls and young mothers who recently received bicycles through the support of generous Gift Catalog donors. “Thank you, World Vision, for remembering us,” said Sinoyosa Agbiamamu, 16. “We now feel empowered to move on with our access to education and other services. We shall make it.” Sentina Ngbagida, 18, another bike recipient, said, “I want to become the Minister of Health some day.”

During a handover ceremony for the bicycles, Mesfin Loha, World Vision’s national director in South Sudan, and Pia Phillip Michael, the Minister of Education, Gender, and Social Welfare for Gbudue state, exhorted the recipients to work hard, stay active in their communities, and use the bicycles to better themselves and others.
YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For tens of thousands of families in 28 countries around the globe, your generous donation has brought hope, reflecting Christ’s love and light when life seemed darkest.

Girls in Bangladesh and India are staying in school rather than marrying too young or being forced to work to support their families. Children and families in Uganda and Zambia have better access to quality healthcare. Mothers in Ghana and Niger no longer have to walk for miles to get access to clean water. Parents in Mongolia and Sri Lanka can provide abundantly for their children’s needs.

These lights of hope are the result of your compassionate giving. Thank you for partnering with World Vision to make a difference in the lives of children around the world.

People such as this mother and son in Bolivia are deeply grateful for your generosity.