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—help them experience the fullness of life that God intends for us all.

IMPROVING LIVES

World Vision is grateful for your partnership in relieving suffering and building a better world for children. You are an answer to the prayers of families living in desperate circumstances. Together with other compassionate donors, you are helping people in 22 countries lift themselves out of poverty.

This report describes how the lives of children, their families, and their communities have been transformed as a result of Gift Catalog donations. It includes a sampling of progress and accomplishments from October 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020, focusing on the areas of water, health, agriculture, and help for girls and women.

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 spark sustainable improvements. For example, in Zambia, Violet, a widow, once relied on the generosity of relatives and neighbors to provide for her needs. Now, with access to clean water nearby, she is able to grow her own vegetables and even purchase school supplies for her nephew and niece with proceeds from vegetable sales. (See page 3 for more details.)

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. For example, in Uganda, Nkasiima and her brother Christopher have recovered from malnutrition. (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 income to pay expenses such as school fees. For example, in Myanmar, the five goats that Daw Sai Taung received multiplied to a herd of 10 in only 10 months. Income from sale of some of the goats made it possible to buy new clothing for her children, pay their school fees, and improve nutrition for a family of nine. (See page 7 for more details.)
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 2019 and March 2020, World Vision provided clean water to 966,656 people by drilling or rehabilitating 9,392 wells and water points.

AFGHANISTAN

A new water system allows Basir to spend more time on his studies

Basir, 13, lives with his family in the village of Alamtabee in Badghis Province, Afghanistan. He remembers what it felt like to leave his homework and walk to the stream to collect water, a daily routine that usually took about two hours.

One afternoon, as a result of a drought, “the stream water was very low,” Basir says. “It took an hour to fill the jerry cans. With toil, I filled the cans and carried them home.”

But when he returned he was too weary to focus on school. “I was very tired and went to sleep. [The] next day, my teacher in school punished me for not doing my homework.”

When World Vision constructed a new water supply network in Alamtabee, 200 families gained access to clean water. Like others in his community, the water network eased Basir’s burden when collecting water for his family.

Now in the fifth grade, Basir finds he has more energy for his studies. In fact, he enjoys finishing his homework on time. “From the day the network was installed in here,” he says, “my homework is no longer incomplete.”

KENYA

Clean water changes everything for Rosebela

World Vision’s Kenya Water Project is providing children and their families with clean water for drinking, cooking, and bathing—all within minutes, instead of hours, from their homes. In the Bartabwa area, Rosebela Balliat, a mother of eight, used to walk nearly 10 miles round-trip to the Kerio River to get water for her family. The trip could be a treacherous one.

“The mothers miscarried due to the hard labor carrying water from so far. Crocodiles attacked our goats by the river;” she says. “I had to leave our small children with the baby goats in their pen (at home) as I went for water.”

The project supplied solar-powered water pumps, distribution lines, and storage tanks for the government-drilled Ayatya borehole. Now, Rosebela spends only 30 minutes a day getting water for her family, instead of up to four hours.

She makes good use of that water, too. To supplement the income from her husband’s work raising livestock, she has opened a tea shop.

“I didn’t want to stay idle after the water came . . . Our life is much better now,” she says.
WELLS AND WATER SYSTEMS

GHANA

School access to clean water boosts attendance

In rural Ghana, access to clean water in schools can be a challenge. In some cases, borehole wells become inoperative due to mechanical issues community members are unequipped to fix. As a result, students spend a lot of time looking for water during their breaks from class, and many girls skip class altogether during their menstrual cycle because of the lack of access to clean water:

“The borehole rehabilitation at this school has now reduced the burden of walking long distances to compete . . . at the community borehole for water to drink and wash hands,” says Mr. Silvester, headteacher at Mirigu Junior High School in the Kassena area of Ghana.

Since the borehole has been repaired, there has been enough clean water for the kitchen staff to prepare meals for the students. Most important, having a working borehole on school premises is expected to greatly improve academic outcomes. Among boys and girls alike, school attendance and class participation has increased—clear indicators of students’ new appetite for learning.

“[Our] hygiene and sanitation has improved as the burden of [collecting] water from long distances has [been] reduced,” says Clothilda, a student (above, right). “No more delays and even absence from school. Now, we are ready to compete with boys.”

ZAMBIA

New water system gives Violet hope and independence

Violet, a 43-year-old widow, lives in Kayuni village, which is part of World Vision’s Sinazongwe area program in Zambia. She did not have means to make money in order to meet her basic needs. She longed for a day when she could be independent and not rely on support from family or village neighbors.

The extreme heat had dried a nearby water source that Violet used for drinking and gardening. The closest water source was over three miles away, which was too far for her to walk. She began to lose hope and was ashamed she could not purchase even a packet of salt.

Violet’s hope for survival was diminishing, but after a mechanized water system was constructed for the community, in partnership with World Vision, her life changed.

Once the water system was complete, Violet was encouraged by the water point committee to start gardening again. Since then, she has been able to sell produce from her garden to meet her basic needs and pay her user fees to help with the operation and maintenance of the water system. She can even purchase school supplies for her nephew and niece, using money made from her garden sales. Violet also joined a savings group in her village after attending a training facilitated by World Vision.

“Thank you ... for providing our village with clean water,” Violet says.
HEALTH CLINICS

World Vision’s mother and child health projects are saving lives. Between October 2019 and March 2020 in Zambia’s Luwingu district, 2,511 women and children gained access to maternal and child health and nutrition services at local clinics and through community health workers. In Uganda, infant deaths in project areas have dropped by an estimated 27% since 2016. Your support is making a lasting difference for mothers and babies.

ZAMBIA

Water and sanitation improvements transform a health clinic

Until recently in southern Zambia, women who gave birth at the Kayuni Rural Health Center faced unsanitary conditions. “I dreaded giving birth [there],” says Teresa Siambulato, a mother of four. “I went for hours without bathing because there was no readily available water.”

Health personnel and expectant mothers relied on a well that dried up in the hot season, forcing relatives to fetch water from a stream nearly a mile from the clinic. A toilet was not accessible either. Instead, pregnant women had to use a pit latrine to relieve themselves.

Faith Chinyama, a midwife at the clinic (pictured at right), says the poor water access made it difficult to keep the clinic clean and safe. “The environment made the mothers and babies prone to infections,” she says.

Thankfully, generous donors made it possible for World Vision to provide running water in the clinic’s delivery room, flushable toilets and bathing facilities, and additional medical improvements for safe births and improved infant care.

“I could not believe that I was in the same place,” Teresa says, after delivering her fourth child at the clinic. “I was able to take a shower immediately after delivering and use a flushable toilet inside the labor ward. I felt safe throughout the whole time.”

UGANDA

Transport voucher system saves a baby’s life

During the rainy season, it is hard to make it out of the village of Kigorobya in Uganda’s Hoima district due to the condition of the roads. This creates a special challenge for expectant mothers attempting to reach the nearest health center.

This was the case for Beatrice while pregnant with her youngest child, Joseph (pictured at right on her lap). Her labor began at 11 a.m. Thankfully, due to a transport voucher system set up by World Vision, a farmer named Gerald was available to drive her to the center in time for Joseph’s birth at 1 p.m.

Joseph seemed fine at first, but the next day he had breathing problems and was referred to the main hospital in the district. Once again, Gerald was available to provide a ride. Joseph was immediately treated upon arrival at the hospital.

Poor healthcare access in rural areas is one of the biggest contributors to maternal and infant mortality in Uganda. Under the transport voucher system, people who have a car or motorcycle are identified to offer transport services to health centers in their communities. Midwives give the cash vouchers to expectant mothers.

Beatrice received a voucher during a prior clinic visit. It made a huge difference for her and Joseph.
HEALTH CLINICS

ZAMBIA

New maternity annex brings modern conveniences to rural area

After the birth of her first child at Kafunka Clinic in eastern Zambia, Mafunase Mwanza was so disappointed in the experience that she promised herself she would never deliver there again.

At the time, the clinic had a small delivery room with one bed. Two pregnant mothers were already there. One was giving birth on the bed, and the only trained nurse at the clinic had to deliver Mafunase’s baby on the floor. To make matters worse, the delivery room had no water, toilet, or bathroom. Patients had to walk to a nearby well and latrine.

True to her word, Mafunase delivered her second child at home, where she had more space, privacy, water, and a toilet nearby.

Then World Vision completed a new maternity annex at the clinic with registry and exam rooms, as well as delivery and postnatal wards. When Mafunase became pregnant a third time, she changed her mind and gave birth at the new maternity annex.

“It was the best experience ever,” she says. “It was as if I was giving birth from a big hospital in the city. The place was very clean with running water, space, and many beds. The toilet and bathing rooms were separate but inside the wards. Even though giving birth is so painful, I don’t mind doing it again and again from the new maternity wing,” she says, smiling.

UGANDA

Siblings recover from anemia as their village learns how to improve nutrition

Until recently, Nkasiima and her brother Christopher (pictured) could barely walk or talk. Their sole source of food was cassava, a tree root that their grandmother fed them once a day. They were anemic and suffered from malaria and eye infections.

After a World Vision community worker learned of their condition, a meeting was held with the children’s family and local leaders in their village in Kikuube district. Another relative, Margaret, agreed to begin caring for the children, and they were transported to a nearby health clinic for assessment and treatment.

On admission to the clinic, Nkasiima weighed 22 pounds, about seven pounds below normal for a 6-year-old. Christopher, 4 years old at the time, weighed nearly 20 pounds. They were enrolled in an outpatient feeding program and granted access to a 20-day supply of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), a fortified form of peanut butter.

World Vision provided bedding, mosquito nets, food, and clothing for the children, plus two days of training for Margaret in food preparation and handling. At the same time, other children in the village were assessed for malnutrition, resulting in similar instruction for additional parents.

Within 16 days, Nkasiima gained more than 4 pounds, while Christopher gained more than 2 pounds. They were no longer anemic, and their eyes had healed. Thank you for helping make this type of recovery possible for such precious children.
ANIMALS

A goat. A pig. A cow. One animal can change the life of a hardworking family—giving them the boost they need to start a successful business that will feed and educate their children. Between October 2019 and March 2020, Gift Catalog donors like you provided struggling families in 18 countries with animals, providing economic stability. But most of all, your gift created hope for these families and the confidence that they can improve their lives.

CAMBODIA

Chickens enable father to stay home, stop migrating for work

In the Thmar Pouk district of Cambodia, growing rice and migrating to the Thailand border for work were Sek Chhouern’s means of providing for his family. However, they didn’t prevent annual food shortages of up to four months. So when he was offered an opportunity to participate in a World Vision training program in raising chickens, he embraced it.

Chhouern learned how to build proper housing for chickens, feed them, observe good hygiene, and provide necessary medicine. Over time, as he implemented these practices, he noticed that his chickens lived longer.

More than just survive, though, Chhouern wanted to thrive. After visiting a successful chicken farm and learning about chicken breeding and adding value to farm products, he made a change. Chhouern decided to begin incubating eggs and selling baby chicks. The result was significant. His income jumped from $550 per year to $226 per month.

Chhouern continues to explore the possibilities with chickens. He has quadrupled the number of hens under his care, from 50 to 200. “Without [this] project, I might still be migrating,” he says.

UGANDA

Goats provide a means to support a boy’s education and future plans

Egumai, 14, has a dream. He wants to become a nurse and help save lives. This became clear after his father passed away. He doesn’t want to see the lives of others cut short the way his father’s was.

Egumai knows he needs to do well in school in order to have any hope of becoming a nurse. He studies hard. Despite the closure of classrooms due to an outbreak of COVID-19, he is progressing in his studies by listening to instruction over the radio and completing his lessons.

He and his mother, Martina, now have an improved means to pay for his education through raising goats. Egumai’s household was selected when World Vision began inviting vulnerable families in Uganda’s Arua district to participate in a training program in raising livestock.

After Martina received training in animal disease control and prevention, animal housing, breeding, nutrition, and marketing, along with two goats, she passed the knowledge along to her son. She ensures Egumai takes proper care of their flock, which recently expanded to three goats. He also tends a small garden with eggplant and other vegetables.

On behalf of Egumai and Martina, thank you for making it possible for vulnerable families to improve their welfare and pursue a brighter future.
ANIMALS

MYANMAR

Livestock training helps family overcome major barriers

Daw Sai Taung’s household in the Hseni township in Myanmar includes nine people: herself, her husband, two sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. That’s a lot of mouths to feed.

She and her husband, U Gam Jar, once struggled to provide for their family by raising cattle, pigs, and crops. Looking back, she said they faced two critical challenges: access to veterinary care and proper feed for their livestock.

“It [was] difficult to get a veterinarian for a shot at a time when the diseases occurred,” she says. As for feeding the livestock, the conventional local practice was not optimal. “Here, people collect kitchen leftovers and banana trunks as feed,” she says. Using those items, it took up to two years for the family’s animals to reach a market weight.

Support from World Vision helped improve the productivity of their farm. There are now trained livestock extension workers in the village who can help treat diseases. Daw Sai Taung received instruction in animal husbandry, including proper nutrition. The better feed she is raising for her livestock is enabling them to reach a market weight in just eight months, rather than two years. She also received five goats, which multiplied to a herd of 10 in only 10 months.

Income from the sale of livestock is enabling Daw Sai Taung to pay for education and new clothing for her family, and thankfully, feeding all those mouths has gotten easier, too.

UGANDA

A war refugee pursues peace and prosperity

At age 17, Charity Denaya and some of her younger relatives fled from a war in South Sudan and settled in a refugee camp in Uganda’s Arua district. She became the head of the household for three siblings and a foster child.

Establishing a new life has not been easy, but Charity has made steady progress with aid from World Vision. She has received psychosocial support, life-skills training, and agricultural assistance. Recently, she began generating income by raising chickens, ducks, and goats.

In 2019, after completing training in raising livestock, Charity received 10 four-week-old chicks. She fed them a balanced diet and obtained veterinary care from neighbors who were trained as animal health workers.

In June 2020, Charity sold eight of her chickens. She used the proceeds to buy a mattress, some ducks, and a goat that has since given birth to another goat.

Charity also saved up enough money to pay her school fees and enroll in a secondary school. She plans to buy a radio so she can receive remote instruction while classrooms are temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

Meanwhile, Charity is serving as a peer educator in her camp. “I only pray that World Vision supports more people like me and takes them to the level they have taken me,” she says.
HELP FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

World Vision sees every child as a child of God. Every girl and every boy are 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 helping men and boys to see beyond traditional gender roles that limit girls and women.

BANGLADESH

A childhood restored

Amena, 11, loves to draw, sing, dance, and play with her friends. Not too long ago, she rarely had time for these activities. Instead, because of her family’s severe poverty, she was working in a restaurant in the city of Khulna.

After a World Vision worker discovered her plight, a meeting was scheduled with Amena’s adoptive parents. The mother, Parul, attended a presentation on the negative consequences of child labor. This led to a decision to withdraw Amena from work and send her to school.

To aid in the transition, World Vision provided Amena catch-up education on reading, writing, math, good manners, and hygiene. For public school, she received a stipend, a uniform, a school bag, and other supplies.

Meanwhile, Parul received business training and some pantry supplies to start a small shop. She now sells groceries, tea, and prepared foods, and is able to pay school fees for Amena and her two brothers.

Amena is enjoying her studies and time with her friends. One day, she hopes to become a police offer to help protect childhood for others.

HONDURAS

An improved livelihood for Secundina’s family

Secundina Aquino and her husband Juan spent many long hours under the sun trying to raise a sufficient amount of beans, coffee, and corn to provide for their 10 children. However, there was never enough left over to sell, and their crops did not meet market quality standards.

When World Vision opened a farming school in their community, Secundina was among an initial group of 10 people who chose to participate. They learned how to make proper soil beds, irrigate efficiently, and diversify crops to reduce vulnerability to pests and disease.

Secundina and Juan are now applying what she learned in farming school and have added tomatoes to their crop rotation. Their older children are helping tend their fields.

Secundina also joined a savings group that helped improve her communication and collaboration skills, taught her the power of saving, and reminded her to trust God above all. “I learned a lot of things that are priceless, because the knowledge will remain with me forever, and I can teach my children,” she says.
HELP FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

INDIA

Two sisters are reunited after an attempted abduction

Every Sunday afternoon, Jamila (pictured, left) and her sister Salima (right) attend a Girl Power Group meeting. World Vision helped launch the group to ensure girls in their neighborhood do not go missing.

One day, much to the horror of Jamila (left), who serves as the group’s leader, it was her own sister who was missing.

Personal safety is one of the many things taught in the group. Rohima, a member, says, “[How] does trafficking take place? The boy might ask you to elope with him. He might ask you to get on his bike.” Jamila adds, “don’t get married young. It’s those girls who are vulnerable to trafficking.”

The day of Salima’s disappearance coincided with a Hindu festival that draws large crowds. Jamila and her brother searched a few homes that Salima often visited. Then an uncle called to say he had seen Salima on the village bridge with two boys and a neighbor’s daughter. A short time later, the uncle walked back and found the girls there alone.

Later, Salima shared that the neighbor’s daughter asked if they could be friends. Then, after school, she asked if Salima would accompany her as she went to a bank. On the way, two boys on motorbikes joined them. “They were trying to force me to sit on the boy’s bike, and I refused,” Salima says. In the end, a lesson learned through the Girl Power Group helped save Salima.

UGANDA

Parenting class helps strengthen a family

Kyakuwa Mabel, a mother of four, a hairdresser, and a salon owner, had a broken relationship with her 5-year-old son, Sselunga Shadat. After her pastor, Kazozi Moses, participated in a World Vision workshop on positive parenting skills, he thought it would benefit her as well.

“World Vision asked me to send them five members of my congregation for the training,” the pastor says. “I knew the training would greatly benefit parents in my church.”

After the training, Kyakuwa reflected on her parenting. “I realized that, as a parent, I was not doing a good job,” she says. “I was not relating well with my children.”

For instance, with Sselunga Shadat, “I never seemed to get through to him. I would shout at him,” she says. Her children were falling sick and were emotionally unstable. “I realized that if my children had an issue ... they would not speak to me,” she said.

In the training, Kyakuwa learned how to create an environment that foster a child’s overall well-being. Since applying her learnings, she says, “my son’s attitude has changed. I speak better to him and all my children.” Now, she says, “my children trust me and can tell me anything.”

Kyakuwa’s neighbors have noticed a difference, and, likewise, have been motivated to change how they relate with their children.
YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For tens of thousands of families in 22 countries around the globe, your generous support 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 Cambodia and Myanmar 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.

Shanta, left, of Bangladesh, returned to school after World Vision provided training in tailoring that her mother Sahinoor (right) used to begin generating increased income.