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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy NGO dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. All of the operations are focused on benefiting children by improving not only the physical, but also the spiritual and psychological conditions of their livelihoods. In addition to the traditional development work, World Vision has a child sponsorship program allowing donors to support a child and his or her community, as well as a microfinance subsidiary Vision Fund, which helps poor families through small loans and other financial services.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Child's Rights, Equity and Justice
- Humanitarian Affairs
- Health and Nutrition
- WASH

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

World Vision's Health and Nutrition programmes serve more than 26 million children in almost 60 countries, plus millions more through its advocacy initiatives. The organisation focuses on where there is the greatest burden of mortality, illness and malnutrition: pregnant women, newborns and children under five. Its Health & Nutrition 7-11 strategy focuses on evidence-based, cost-effective preventive practices that address the primary causes of maternal and child mortality, illness and malnutrition. World Vision's holistic approach to its emergency and development work means 'health programming' includes ensuring communities have access to proper water, sanitation and hygiene, essential nutrition, protection from infection and disease, and access to essential health services. This might be through service delivery, but increasingly World Vision experts are working with communities, organisations, businesses and authorities at a range of levels to provide guidance and training and to co-create sustainable, scalable solutions for good health. World Vision also encourages and enables families and communities to identify the barriers to good health where they live, and to hold their local leaders and government accountable to deliver their part. The organisation partners with global health coalitions, donor agencies, leading academic institutions and UN organisations. It is deeply invested in the Every Woman Every Child movement having pledged to invest \$3 billion in health programming, humanitarian health emergency responses, operational research and advocacy at all levels to improve women's, children's and adolescents health between the years 2015 and 2020.

### **GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

The executive office of World Vision International is located near London, UK, with liaison offices in Brussels, Geneva and New York, and regional offices in East, Southern and West Africa, East Asia, Pacific Region, Latin America and Middle East. The organisation is governed by a board of directors consisting of 24 members, and the current chair of the board is Ms. Donna Shepherd. The President of World Vision International is Andrew Morley. The Geneva office works in close collaboration with other Geneva-based organisations such as WHO, UNHCR and ICRC.

### **FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

Almost 80 per cent of World Vision's annual budget comes from private sources. The remainder comes from governments and multilateral agencies. In addition to cash contributions, World Vision accepts gifts in kind, typically in the form of food commodities, medicine and clothing.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

For the Health and Nutrition 7-11 Strategy, see: <http://www.wvi.org/health/7-11-health-strategy>

Additionally World Vision International has dedicated online resources for health and nutrition. For all other resources see: <http://www.wvi.org/resources>

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