

WORLD VISION SOMALIA

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Message from the
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

In 2024, Somalia faced multiple shocks in rapid succession, leaving little time for recovery. An estimated 6.9 million people, 5 million of them children, were in urgent need of humanitarian assistance amid a critically low funding environment. Children, women and those in makeshift settlements for the displaced, were among the hardest hit.

The year began on a particularly challenging note, as a majority of the Somali population were still reeling from the devastating floods of late 2023, the worst in a century, according to the UN. These floods, caused by months of heavy rains, affected over 1.2 million people and destroyed key infrastructure, including roads and bridges, severely disrupting access to clean water, health services, food, and education. Damaged sanitation facilities further increased the risk of waterborne diseases. The United Nations estimated that 1.5 million hectares of farmland had been washed away, further exacerbating food insecurity.

Despite competing global crises and funding gaps, our donors and Support Offices continued to support us. Their commitment enabled us to respond to the most critical needs. We scaled up food and cash assistance to support families whose livelihoods had been severely disrupted by climatic shocks, economic instability and conflict. We delivered critical nutrition and health

programmes, both at health facilities and outreach to remote locations, ensuring children received treatment and made full recovery.

Security challenges remained a major impediment to delivering our programmes, restricting access particularly to vulnerable communities. However, improvements in security in some locations allowed World Vision to expand into newly accessible areas in Hirshabelle, Galmudug, and Jubaland states, to reach more communities that had long been without access to essential services.

World Vision Somalia continued to prioritise immediate life-saving emergency response, whilst also delivering long-term recovery and resilience-building programmes to empower communities to rebuild stronger and become more self-sufficient. This report highlights programmes across key sectors we prioritised for 2024, including food security and livelihoods, nutrition, health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education, and child protection.

These achievements were made possible through the strong partnership and support of our partners. We are grateful to our donors and partners for their continued investment in our programmes and for supporting the important work we do for the

Somali children, their families and communities. We also extend our gratitude to the communities we serve for their trust in us. None of this would be possible without their partnership and collaboration. The communities we work with in Somalia continue to demonstrate resilience amidst recurring shocks.

They have continuously found ways to adapt, relying on innovative coping strategies and the strength of their social networks. We witnessed extraordinary moments of hope, determination, and transformation in 2024.

In this report, we shine a light on some of these inspiring stories. It is therefore, my honour to share this report with you, and hope that you find it as inspiring as we do.



Suganya Kimbrough
National Director
World Vision Somalia



WORLD VISION IN SOMALIA

World Vision began operations in Somalia in 1993, responding to a humanitarian crisis driven by multiple and intersecting challenges such as conflict, climate disasters, and economic instability, that disproportionately impacted the most vulnerable, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), children, and women. Today, malnutrition and food insecurity remain widespread as the country continues building towards stronger governance. Access by humanitarian organisations to some of the hardest-hit locations remains a persistent challenge.

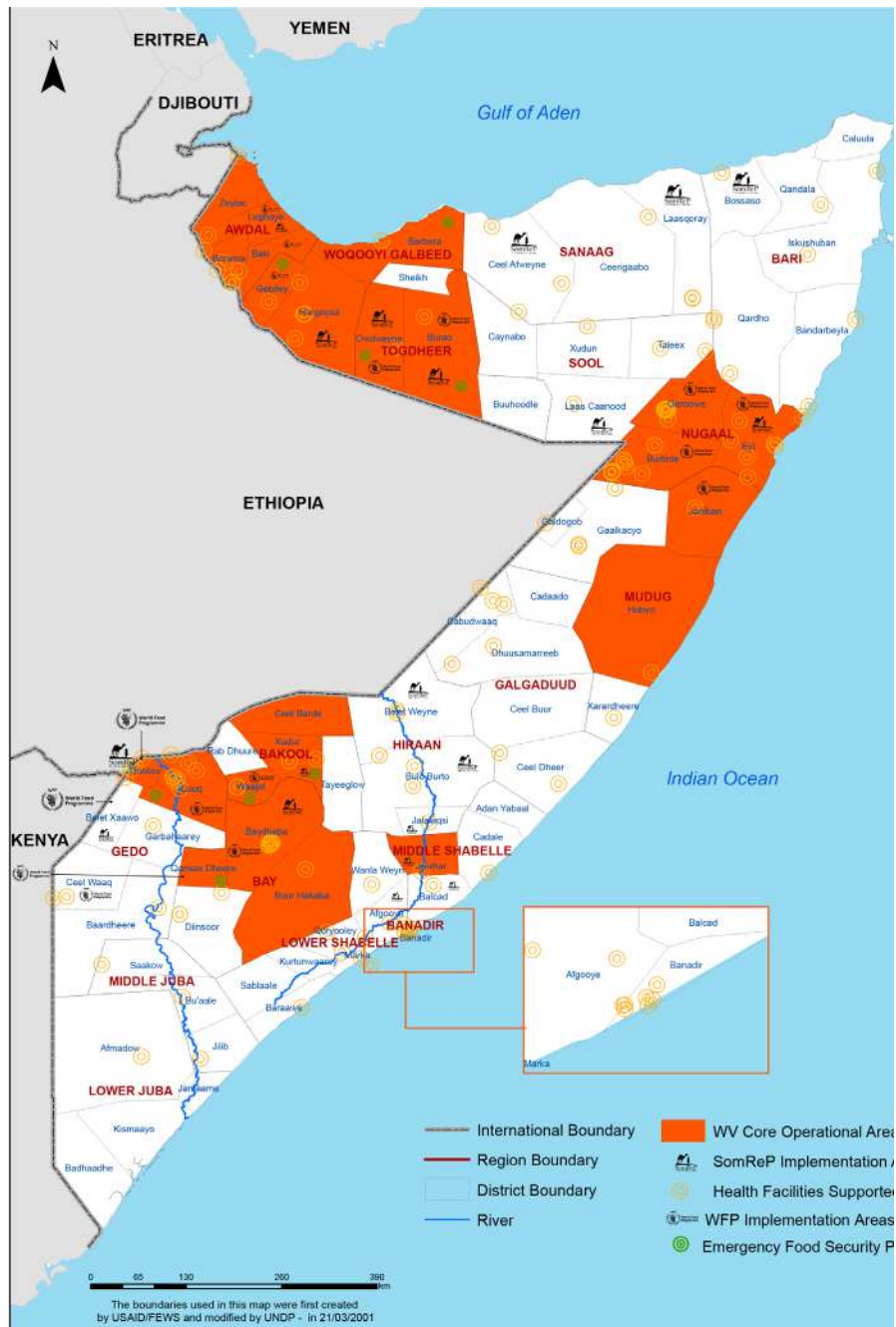
Over the years, we have expanded our presence to operate through a robust network of four Area Offices and 13 sub-offices, enabling us to deliver integrated, multi-sector, and multi-year area-based programs. Our approach blends emergency response, relief efforts, and development programs to create sustainable impact. By working at the household, community, and government or system levels, we help build an enabling environment where children and their families can thrive.

With a team of over 400 dedicated staff, World Vision Somalia implements programmes directly and through a network of local and international NGOs, civil society groups, and academic partners, covering Somaliland, Puntland, Jubaland, Hirshabelle, and Galmudug. We are present in 78 out of the 90 districts. In the 2024 Financial Year, World Vision expanded its operations, increasing its reach and effectively managing \$131.6 million USD across all key sectors. This growth enabled us to deepen our impact and enhance the reach of our programmes, and ensured that we addressed the most critical needs of children. Notably, 62% of this funding was secured from new donors, reflecting growing confidence in our ability to deliver impactful and sustainable programmes.

Our priority sectors include Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Health and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Protection, and Education and Emergency response. Anchored on World Vision's five-year strategic plan all programmes and interventions across these priority sectors are designed taking into consideration the prevailing needs and the context. They are aligned with the Somalia National Transformation Plan and implemented with the aim of improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable in Somalia.

In addition to our core sectors and diverse portfolio of 40+ projects in 2024, including five Field Level Agreements (FLAs) with World Food Programme (WFP).

World Vision Somalia Areas of Operations



FY24 Key Achievements

In FY24, children and communities were empowered through World Vision Somalia's provision of life-saving emergency assistance, and delivery of long-term recovery and resilience-building programmes across key sectors.

Below is a summary of our key achievements.



OVER 1.25 MILLION

people were reached through food assistance, food security and livelihoods (FSL) programmes



1.4 MILLION

People reached and empowered through our multisectoral interventions



Nearly

850,000

children directly impacted by our multisectoral interventions



Delivered critical healthcare services for approximately **333,875** people through our health programmes

18,019 new patients diagnosed with TB were linked to life-saving treatment



610,000+

people were supported through nutrition programmes



6,624

Children were reached through education projects



More than **930,000** people benefitted directly through our protection activities



Over 468,000

people were reached through emergency response interventions

Close to 85,000

people were reached through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programming



40+

projects implemented across 78 districts in key sectors: food and cash assistance, food security, livelihoods, health and nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene, protection and education

62%

of funding secured from new donors

***Please note that some individuals benefit from multiple interventions presented. To ensure accuracy, the total reach reported represents the overall number of unique individuals served, avoiding any overlap or double counting*

Flagship Projects

World Vision leads three flagship programmes: Somali Resilience Programme (SomReP), a partnership of eight NGOs focused on enhancing community resilience; Global Fund Tuberculosis (TB) programme; and Economic Empowerment for Marginalised Groups' Graduation to Economic Resilience in Somalia (EMERGE), a five-year intervention launched in December 2024 with funding from USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).



The SomReP reached

130,600

people through the provision of quality services, rehabilitating water and livelihoods infrastructure development, and cash-for-work initiatives

Continued to lead in innovations through Somali Innovation Response Lab (SOMRIL) securing two grants:

- i. **US \$1 million** from Innovation Norway to support youth-led finance and plastic recycling. This marks the first time Innovation Norway has funded World Vision and projects in Somalia.
- ii. A **US \$500,000** contract with WFP under the IGNITE platform to scale innovative solutions in addressing challenges in food systems and combating food insecurity.



Supported 16 community-based animal health workers and provided animal health services to **2,400** livestock farmers



Completed the Community-led Capacity Strengthening for Fragile Contexts (C4FC) project across Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan, directly shaping USAID's new localisation policy



Established and strengthened **44 VSLAs**



Improved water access for **84,994** people by rehabilitating **82 canals** and implementing 2 major water infrastructure projects

Supported nearly **4,600** smallholder farmers in adopting water-efficient irrigation systems

Supported approximately **3,200** smallholder farmers in boosting their earnings through agriculture, animal husbandry, producer groups and Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs)



66,946

people participated in Community Action Adaptation Plans (CAAPs)

Global Fund TB Programme

114 TB

MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

supported by World Vision Strengthening TB diagnosis and management systems, ensuring more accurate and timely detection of TB cases

US\$27.5 M

Total value of funding received in the 2024 grant cycle

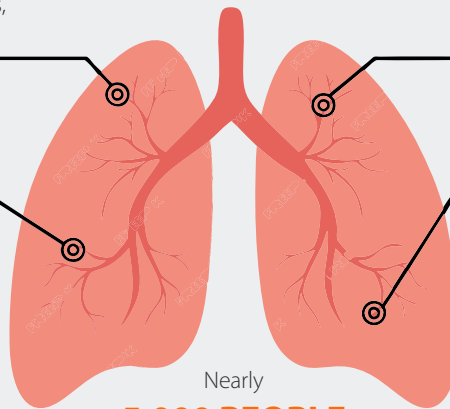
80,000

GeneXpert PCR Tests conducted

Close to **700 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS** including doctors, nurses trained in TB management

Improved monitoring and evaluation frameworks to track progress and adapt interventions effectively

76,000 → 84,000+
Increase in rapid molecular TB testing



5,000 PEOPLE

in contact with TB patients who began preventive therapy

500
FEMALE HEALTH WORKERS
trained on TB detection and referral

Empowering Marginalised Groups through Economic Graduation in Somalia (EMERGE) Programme



158,000

IDPs and host community members across 2 districts will benefit from targeted livelihood interventions, aimed at enhancing food security and building resilience for long-term self-sufficiency

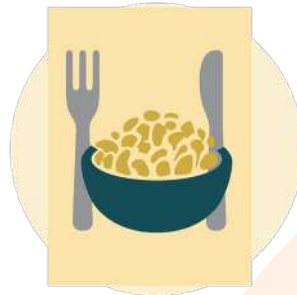
FOOD ASSISTANCE, LIVELIHOODS, AND FOOD SECURITY

A significant proportion of our interventions focused on supporting households whose livelihoods were disrupted by multiple shocks, including drought and the El Nino floods that led to the loss of livestock and crops, the main sources of income and food for many families. To address this, we provided assistance through electronic food vouchers and mobile cash transfers. This ensured that children and their families could meet their basic food and nutrition needs during tough times and helping them survive crises.

Our Impact and Reach



Close to **486,000 PEOPLE** were reached through food assistance programmes and other emergency related interventions



764,455 CHILDREN

were reached through food assistance programmes and other emergency related interventions



Nearly **48,000 ADULTS** were reached through Food Security and Livelihood Programmes and other emergency related interventions

Nearly **35,000 CHILDREN**

were reached through Food security and Livelihood programmes and other emergency related interventions

US\$376,325 was raised across 308 savings groups with an average savings rate of **US\$ 1,221** per group



More than **6,200 ACTIVE MEMBERS** of Savings for Transformation groups

Aproximately **131,670 PEOPLE** were engaged in Climate Change Adaptation (CAA) through SomRep



1,755 FARMING HOUSEHOLDS received agricultural inputs and training to improve crop production

3,165 HOUSEHOLDS benefitted from livestock inputs to improve herd quality and size



574 HECTARES OF LAND improved Good Agricultural Practices



Scan to Read Stories of Transformed Lives

While we celebrate these achievements, we recommend greater investment to strengthen long-term resilience. Continuing climate instability and limited access to resources highlight the urgency for sustained, area-based interventions. We therefore advocate for increased and sustained investments in climate-smart agriculture, social protection systems, and community-led initiatives to build a more resilient future for Somali communities.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

In 2024, we expanded our health and nutrition programming, scaling up to 266 health and nutrition facilities across all the 78 districts where we work. This expansion enabled us to deliver life-saving services, including treatment of sick children and mothers with acute malnutrition, maternal and child healthcare, and life-saving vaccinations for children under-five. We also strengthened health systems by training health personnel and equipping health facilities with essential medicines and medical equipment.

We worked closely with the Ministry of Health to strengthen the health systems, improve the diagnosis of infectious diseases, and enhance surveillance and response mechanisms, helping manage outbreaks of TB, cholera, and measles.

To further strengthen local healthcare systems, we provided salaries and incentives for health workers, supported community health workers, and invested in continuous capacity building especially for frontline health workers to ensure long-term sustainability of these programmes.

Our Impact and Reach

206,610
MEN AND WOMEN

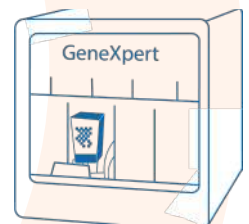
benefited from comprehensive health and nutrition interventions, including strengthened primary healthcare services, immunisations, and maternal and child health support



94%

TREATMENT
success rate of all forms of TB

Nearly **5,000 PEOPLE** in contact with TB patients who began preventive therapy



127,265

CHILDREN

were reached with health and nutrition services, including treatment for acute malnutrition, immunisations, and access to primary healthcare. These efforts contributed to a reduction in under-five mortality and improved nutrition outcomes

STRENGTHENED SYSTEMS AND DECENTRALISATION:

Supplied GeneXpert and Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube (MGIT) machines to enhance molecular diagnosis and decentralised the management of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), ensuring wider access to accurate diagnostics and treatment

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WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

We prioritised sustainable water solutions in schools and communities, equipping health facilities with reliable water distribution and storage systems to ensure uninterrupted access to clean water for medical care, infection control, and hygiene.

One of our biggest accomplishments was constructing reliable water supply systems, ensuring that children and their families had reliable access to clean and safe water for drinking, household use and other needs. This reduced walking distance to water sources, especially for women and girls, saving them countless hours that they used to spend collecting water from distant water sources, but also reducing congestion and waiting times at water points.

During the floods, we distributed water treatment equipment and purification tablets, conducted water trucking, and installed storage facilities while training communities on household water treatment. To improve sanitation, we promoted latrine construction, installed handwashing stations, and conducted mass campaigns on hygiene education, clean-up efforts, and latrine use.

Our Impact and Reach

127,265 CHILDREN

benefited from improved WASH services, which contributed to their improved health and education outcomes and reduced the risk of water-borne diseases

206,610

PEOPLE

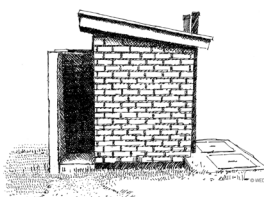
gained access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services, enhancing their overall health and well-being



Installed **260** new **water collection** points and rehabilitated 11 existing ones, increasing access to clean water for more vulnerable populations

Constructed **900** **sanitation facilities**, in IDP camps, reducing open defecation and supporting public health in these areas

Water Quality Monitoring: Collected and tested a total of **272** water samples in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (MoEWR) to inform on water quality and safety standards



Constructed

36

improved gender-separated latrines benefitting **3,485 children** (1,082 boys and 2,403 girls) in 24 schools. Latrines were built with ramps and wider rooms to make it accessible by people with limited mobility and wheelchair users

Nearly **33,400** **PEOPLE** had access to hand washing stations with soap and water available within the communities

2,700

CHILDREN

across five schools had constant supply of clean water in their schools

1,482 **adolescent girls** benefitted from menstrual hygiene kits

760

boys and girls actively participating in school health clubs across 19 schools

Successfully rehabilitated seven new water supply systems and nine hand pumps for shallow wells, **providing communities with reliable access to clean water**



EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION

Through our influence and networks, we advocated for children's well-being at all levels, strengthening of community-based child protection systems to safeguard children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and harmful practices. We also provided survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) with access to timely, safe, and confidential services through our Referral Pathways, ensuring psychosocial support and holistic care for them.

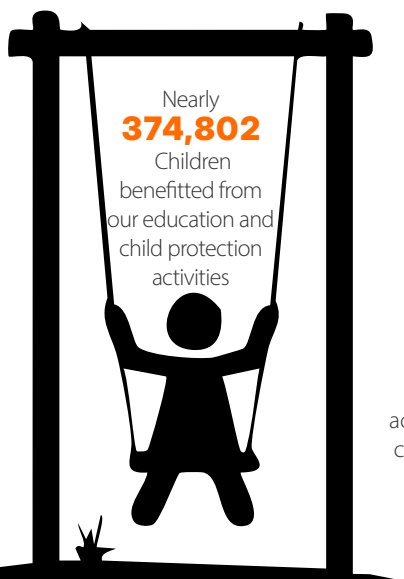
To strengthen protection, we launched both internal (targeting our staff) and external campaigns to raise awareness about safeguarding. These campaigns were aimed at educating staff and community members on their roles in preventing, reporting, and responding to harm or abuse affecting children and vulnerable adults. We highlighted our Do No Harm approach, teaching participants how to detect violence, respond appropriately, and report incidents effectively.

In the education sector, our reading clubs continued to thrive, building on the successes of 2022 when we first introduced this concept across 21 communities. Through the reading buddy system, advanced readers supported their struggling peers, and this helped to foster a collaborative learning environment among the children. Parents too, played an active role, engaging in reading activities alongside their children, both in the reading clubs and at home, extending literacy development further beyond formal settings.

Our Impact and Reach

2,000+

school-going children benefitted from donated furniture through our Gift In Kind (GIK) programme, improving their learning environment



Nearly **374,802**

Children benefitted from our education and child protection activities



564,898 ADULTS were reached through our education and protection programmes



Over **1,083** attended **Child Friendly Spaces** and engaged in play, literacy, numeracy, and life skills education

1,500

parents and caregivers actively participated in reading clubs alongside their children, thus promoting a culture of literacy at home

104 TEACHERS

received monthly incentives, addressing the challenge of teacher shortages in vulnerable communities



11,255 households

were reached with messages on GBV and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) through community awareness campaigns

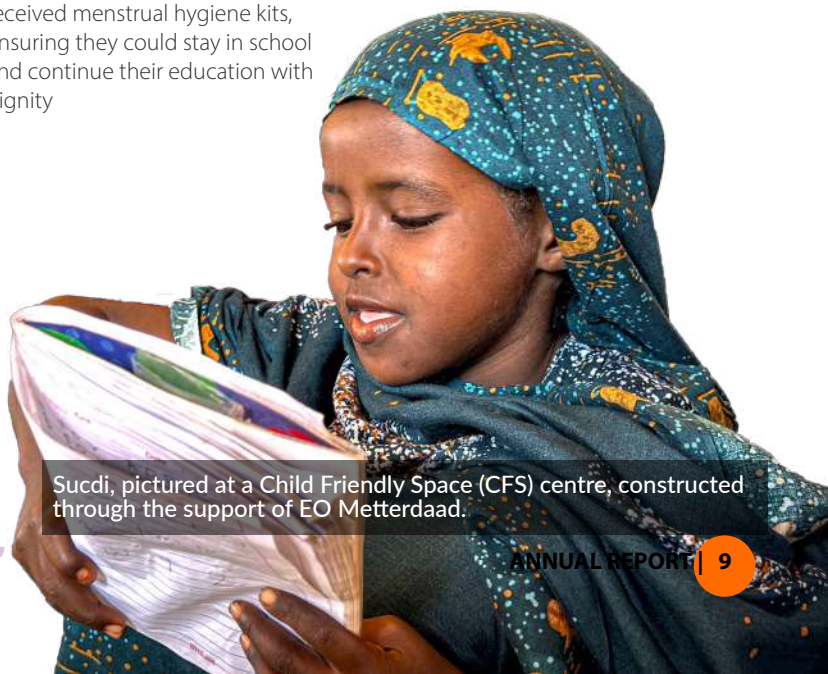


Adolescent girls in **21** schools received menstrual hygiene kits, ensuring they could stay in school and continue their education with dignity

120 TEACHERS

received specialised training to create violence-free learning environment for children

Approximately **3,470** boys and girls gained access to inclusive, quality education using the Unlock Literacy evidence-based approach, enabling them to read with comprehension and develop a love of learning



Sucdi, pictured at a Child Friendly Space (CFS) centre, constructed through the support of EO Metterdaad.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In November 2023, World Vision Somalia designated the devastating floods triggered by El Niño rains between October and December, a Category 3 emergency. The floods affected over 1.2 million people, displacing more than 330,000 and washing away an estimated 1.5 million hectares of farmland. Critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, water sources, health facilities, and schools, was destroyed, severely disrupting transportation and access to food, clean water, and healthcare.

World Vision was among the few humanitarian agencies present in the hardest-hit areas of southern Somalia, leading evacuation efforts and delivering lifesaving assistance. In partnership with the World Food Programme, we launched Somalia's first-ever boat-based emergency response, reaching flood-affected communities along the Juba and Shabelle rivers. This intervention successfully evacuated over 200 families trapped in low-lying areas. Our response also focused on providing water treatment solutions and distributing hygiene products to affected families, helping to mitigate the risk of disease outbreaks.

Our Impact and Reach

Through our emergency response efforts, we reached an estimated 468,922 people, nearly half of them children, cushioning them from the worst effects.

We provided:

- Clean and safe water and improved access to household hygiene and sanitation
- Emergency food and cash assistance including nutritional support
- Safe and appropriate shelter materials through our GIK programmes
- Essential healthcare services including medicines
- Community awareness campaigns on early warning, flood preparedness and mitigation strategies



A World Vision staff member takes stock of the prepositioned relief supplies in one of our warehouses, assessing our preparedness efforts to ensure timely support.



World Vision staff cross the Juba River to deliver critical food supplies to families in Luuq, southern Somalia, affected by devastating floods.

ADVOCACY AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

We continue to strengthen our engagement with government, partners, and communities, driving advocacy, policy, and governance discussions. As a thought leader on child rights, we convened high-level policy engagements, championed humanitarian access, and advocated for sustained, flexible funding. Collaborating with four child rights organisations under the Joining Forces Alliance, we led the drafting of an Advocacy Position Paper to combat violence against women and girls in Somalia. Joining Forces is an alliance of the six largest child-focused international NGOs, united to end violence against all children and secure their rights.

We championed increased investment in disaster risk management, system strengthening, social cohesion, and livelihood adaptation, advocating for crisis modifiers as essential tools to help communities withstand recurrent shocks.

As an active member of the Humanitarian Country Team, we leveraged our platform for high-level advocacy. A key milestone was our election as Chair of the Somali NGO Consortium Advocacy Working Group, leading 85+ member organisations in advancing the well-being of Somali children.

WORLD VISION SOMALIA LAUNCHES THE ENOUGH CAMPAIGN TO END HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

In July 30, 2024, World Vision Somalia launched the ENOUGH Campaign in Mogadishu. The launch was well-attended, with representation from the Government; including the Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia as the Chief Guest, distinguished ministers and members of parliament, UN country representatives from WFP, OCHA, UNICEF, and FAO, civil society organisations, local and international organisations, children's rights advocates, donors, and World Vision East Africa leadership.

The ENOUGH Campaign is World Vision's efforts to mobilise our humanitarian and development partners and peers' collective voice against child hunger and malnutrition through a comprehensive approach. It seeks to make children visible and heard in hunger, nutrition, and food security-related policies. In a culture where children are usually on the margins of any participation, this was a significant win for them, and speaker after speaker commended World Vision for placing children at the centre of the launch.

During the launch, the children presented the following declaration:

As children representing the voices of the Somali children, we request the government of Somalia and partners to include children in all initiatives aimed at ending child hunger and malnutrition, the children declared.

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See Us, Hear Us:

Ensure that our needs and voices are visible in all policies related to hunger, nutrition, education and food security. We deserve to be part of the conversation, not just statistics.

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Nourish Our Future:

Please prioritise services that provide us with better food security, better nutrition, and better resilience. We want to grow up strong, healthy, and hopeful.

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Understand Our Struggle:

We are glad that a representative from the Ministry of planning and National Bureau of Statistics is here. We want you to shine a light on the reality of child hunger and malnutrition in Somalia.

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Be our heroes!

Fund programmes that provide nutritious meals, clean water, and education.



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Partnerships and Collaboration

The impact that we highlight in this report would not have been possible without our valued partnerships and networks. Through these collaborations, we were able to address critical challenges affecting children, expand our reach to new locations to reach more people in need and deliver timely assistance.

We are especially grateful to our partners and supporters, whose strong presence and unwavering support have been invaluable in tackling urgent issues like child hunger, humanitarian access constraints, insecurity and funding challenges. Your collective efforts in advocating for humanitarian access and sustained funding for the Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan were important to avert worse outcomes.

We are profoundly grateful for the sustained funding from our donors, which enabled us to expand our programmes, reach more children, and provide critical support, sometimes in the most challenging circumstances. As stewards of these entrusted resources, we remained steadfast in our commitment to ensure their effective use and that every dollar, every resource we received went towards fulfilling its intended purpose and transform the lives of children and communities we serve.

We are especially grateful to the communities we we serve, whose trust, engagement, and participation was vital to the success of our programmes. We deeply appreciate the religious leaders who worked alongside us, particularly to address the issue of aid diversion, raise awareness on its impact, and joined in our efforts to enhance accountability in aid delivery.

Government Partnership

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Somalia, both the Federal and Federal State Members; and the Somaliland government through their various ministries and agencies including the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SODMA), with whom we engaged at different capacities to support and advocate for the well-being of Somali children.

Our warmest gratitude for the good relations and partnership we enjoy and providing a supportive operating environment that has enabled us to reach the most vulnerable children with basic services to support their well-being.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Spending by Sector



Name	Amount	
Agriculture and Food Security	22,771,704	17%
Child Protection	175,000	1%
Education and Life Skills	140,000	1%
Emergency Response	903,926	2%
Food Assistance	65,417,091	51%
Infectious Disease	16,060,031	12%
Maternal, New-born, Child and Adolescent Health	1,404,908	1%
Nutrition	4,504,901	3%
Programme and Project Management	5,685,729	4%
Water	10,880,567	8%
Grand Total	US\$ 127,943,857	100%

DONORS AND PARTNERS



World Vision

World Vision Support Offices

1. United States
2. Australia
3. Canada
4. United Kingdom
5. Germany
6. Taiwan
7. Hong Kong
8. Korea
9. Japan
10. Netherlands
11. Ireland
12. Finland
13. New Zealand

Local Implementing Partners

In 2024, we worked with the following local implementing partners to enhance our reach:

1. Sustainable Development and Peace Building (SYPD)
2. Diversity Action Network (DAN)
3. Isha Human Rights Organization (IHRO)
4. Puntland Minority Women Organisation (PMWDO)
5. Somali Women and Child Care Association (SWCCA)
6. Serving Together for Social Development (STS)
7. Rural Education and Agriculture Development Organization (READ)
8. SADAR Development and Resilience (SADAR INSTITUTE)
9. Peace Action Society Organization for Somalia (PASOS)
10. Somali Youth Volunteers Association (SOYVA)
11. Shaqadoon Organization
12. SAACID Organization
13. Somali Children Welfare and Rights Watch (SCWRW)
14. Vision Corps Initiative
15. ZamZam Foundation
16. African Relief Development (ARD)
17. Mandhere Relief and Development Organization (MARDO)
18. CeRID (Centre for Research and Integrated Development)
19. Taakulo Somali Community
20. Somali Relief and Development Action (SRDA)
21. Child Protection and Development Organisation (CPDO) - Somalia

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