

SUMMARY

Every day, more families are saying “no” to child marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), and other practices that harm children. With support from you and World Vision’s Kenya Big Dream Project, they are working to actively protect children, especially girls, and end practices that keep their communities from thriving. Thank you for empowering this transformation.

In FY22, Kenya Big Dream directly impacted 361,962 children and adults (101% of our annual target), bringing the total to 1,001,303 since the program began in October 2019.

World Vision’s holistic work equips communities to address the root causes of harmful practices by working in education, economic empowerment, child protection, Christian discipleship, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). As change takes root and spreads between neighbors, the work gains momentum, setting the stage for widespread, sustainable impact.

We praise God for what Kenyans have accomplished in FY22:

- 457,826 listeners (168,440 children) learned via radio about child protection and ways to report child abuse. Using radio helps us reach even the most remote areas.
- 805 children (562 girls) graduated from five-day Alternative Rite of Passage ceremonies (ARPs). ARPs are joyful celebrations of a child’s transition into adulthood—one that recognizes their value apart from FGM or marriage.
- 660 children (352 girls) spoke out about harmful practices in their communities through Children’s Assemblies, where children learn how to use their voices effectively to create change.
- 394 students (269 girls) from vulnerable households received school fee subsidies so they could continue their education.



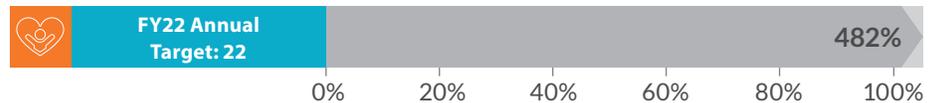
World Vision staff members, community elders, chiefs, and their families gather in Kasepa, West Pokot, to celebrate graduating from the Community Change program, which equips participants to identify the problems they want to overcome, like FGM and child marriage, and work together to find solutions.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES*

805 children graduated from five-day Alternative Rites of Passage (ARP) ceremonies



106 Savings for Transformation groups were established



84 people were trained to lead the Community Change program to address issues that affect the well-being of children



*With COVID-19 restrictions lifting, the project was able to accelerate progress in FY22 and significantly exceed targets.

MORE DETAILS ON IMPACT

Changing harmful practices

Kenya Big Dream is currently working in West Pokot, Baringo, and Samburu counties and will expand to Migori county in FY23. FGM and child marriage have a long history in these counties. But these practices are now being left behind as communities challenge long-held beliefs, listen to the voices of children, and learn new ways to increase their incomes, decreasing the economic pressure to marry off daughters for a bride price.

This period, 80 pastors and their spouses completed Channels of Hope for Child Protection training and learned to speak out about abuse, neglect, and how to protect children. They then trained congregation members to do the same. Together, faith leaders and their congregations have reached 5,393 people with messages on why it is important to end FGM, child marriage, and other harmful practices from a faith-rooted perspective.

So far, 84 people have been trained in the Community Change program, which creates a space for all community members to talk about community needs and plan action steps to address them. These trainers have led this dialogue with 7,631 people. After going through the program, participants reported their attitudes about FGM, child marriage, and child protection changed, and that they have taken concrete actions to protect children, such as building security fencing around schools and providing shelter for children rather than allowing them to sleep outside.

“I really thank World Vision for coming to us with these ideas,” said Chepkolel Jemokol, member of a Community Change group in Kongor. **“We hope that World Vision will even spread these trainings in other areas.”**

Increasing access to education

Together with the Ministry of Education and Kongor Africa Inland Church, Kenya Big Dream created an accelerated learning program for out-of-school children (see the team at right). When students have a gap in their schooling due to poverty or other challenges, the transition back to formal education can be difficult. The Kongor Accelerated Learning Program offers specialized tutoring for six months so that students can return to school confidently. So far, 24 girls and 16 boys are enrolled. **“I love going to school. My dream is to become the best doctor in Kenya,”** said Shanice, one of the students. Now, Shanice’s dream is back on track.

The program also supported students with practical items for school: 1,420 students received school supplies, and 1,817 received school furniture such as desks, chairs, and dorm beds. Another 8,364 students (4,838 girls)



*“I will provide for [my children] until they finish school, get good jobs, and also help transform our community,” said Chapartil Musa, who joined a Savings for Transformation group to help improve her financial situation. “Thank you, World Vision, for also teaching us the negative effects of FGM. We refuse to do it, and we will condemn those who are supporting it. **We say ‘no’ to FGM and early child marriages!**”*



World Vision staff members celebrate the opening of the Kongor Accelerated Learning Program in Baringo County.

received kits containing sanitary napkins (for girls), undergarments, soap, toothbrushes, and other items to help students attend school confidently and prevent girls from missing class during their periods.

When a family faces extreme poverty, they may struggle to envision a bright future for their children. FGM followed by child marriage might seem like the only option to secure a daughter's future. But through Kenya Big Dream, families are learning that education is a path to better futures for boys *and* girls. As education becomes more valued and accessible, more families are choosing to keep their children in school and abandon harmful practices. We can see the result of this mindset shift in the classroom as school enrollment numbers for boys and girls are increasing in our program areas.

Reducing poverty

Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) teaches people to understand their great worth in God's eyes and to embrace the opportunities around them. To date, Kenya Big Dream has equipped 228 people as BEWV champions. These champions have trained 3,803 total households (1,211 households in FY22) with BEWV's messages of worth, agency, and empowerment that help families grow their incomes and reduce the pressure to have a daughter marry to obtain a bride price.

This period, 60 households in West Pokot and Baringo counties (like the Karanis at right) reported an increased income because of what they learned in BEWV. **"World Vision opened my mind and my eyes to look for resources,"** one BEWV participant said.

As of FY22, Kenya Big Dream has formed 106 active Savings for Transformation groups with 2,414 members in West Pokot and Baringo. These members now have access to financial resources, benefiting 7,503 children (3,764 girls). Of these members, 1,536 report increasing their incomes as a result of their participation. "There was a time when I had nothing in my house to feed my children," said Sabina Gilbert. "It was hard to get one meal a day. **But I learned that if you have a serious problem, come to your [savings] group and they can help."**

A Savings for Transformation group in Kasei formed with the goal of starting a catering business. Members were trained in baking, and they now sell scones, queen cakes, and bread to local households and schools. The profits benefit the group's combined 65 children, ensuring they have food, clothes, and can pay school fees. In Phase I, livelihoods training from Kenya Big Dream equipped 3,327 people to adopt new income-generating activities.



Before they participated in Biblical Empowered Worldview, Mr. and Mrs. Karani faced extreme poverty. They lived in a grass thatched house, and many of their children had never been to school. But their lives changed after they embraced their own abilities and potential. They now live in a semi-permanent house with a latrine, and all their children are either enrolled in school or are a part of the Kongor Accelerated Learning Program.

*"We became serious businesswomen," said Sabina Gilbert about the women in her savings group. **"Our husbands no longer say that we are ordinary women. They say, 'You are educated.'"***

CHALLENGES

There have been two major challenges this implementation year:

- **Ongoing insecurity:** All three program locations face serious security threats involving community rivalry, cattle rustling, and robberies, including the holdup of a school bus that resulted in injuries to some children. To maximize safety and mitigate the impact on program activities, we are working closely with the national police to get reliable security information and clearance before engaging in activities.
- **The current extreme drought:** The drought is rampant in all three program locations, affecting participation at activities and trainings. Insufficient rainfall has caused an acute depletion of vegetation. In some instances, communities are forced to migrate in search of pasture and alternative sources of income.

In response, we contributed to the county emergency response by supporting 580 households with cash assistance in 13 of the most affected villages in Samburu. We also provided school fee subsidies to 200 girls and 100 boys from vulnerable households. In West Pokot and Baringo counties, we provided 300 women with energy-saving jikos—portable stoves that require very little firewood. Jikos help conserve trees, reduce carbon emissions that have negative health effects, and reduce the amount of time women and children spend searching for firewood, leaving them more time for education and income-generating pursuits.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Assessments:** In the first quarter of FY23, we will complete assessments to measure results and ensure our programs are reaching all community members, including those traditionally overlooked. These assessments help us ensure our work is effective and sustainable.
- **Partnerships:** Our partnerships and collaboration with state and non-state stakeholders, such as the Directorate of Children’s Services, Kasei Trinity Baptist Church, Perur Rays of Hope, and Samburu Girls Foundation, are key to the project’s sustainability. Partnerships allow us to coordinate for greater impact, reach more people without duplication, and collaborate for more effective advocacy. We also plan to strengthen our partnerships with faith leaders, who are respected voices in their communities and play a key role in influencing families to abandon FGM.



*“We have learned a lot, especially on child rights and laws, self-esteem, positive and negative cultures that have really expanded my knowledge on what is good and bad,” said Pastor Joshua Sitet of Kasei Trinity Baptist Church. **“As a church, we are glad to partner with World Vision Kenya through Kenya Big Dream Project to ensure that our children are protected from all forms of violence.”***

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE (FY20-FY24)



Community Change groups from Baringo County celebrate their graduation. Group members use their training to talk to their neighbors (who are not part of a group) about the dangers of FGM and child marriage and the importance of keeping children in school.

THANK YOU

In Kenya, your generosity has changed the future for girls, women, and their families. In the U.S., your support for Kenya Big Dream has demonstrated to others that real change is possible, inspiring them to join the movement and equip us to reach even more. Thank you for being a catalyst for change across two continents. May God bless you.

“Our children are now empowered. They go to school and will go to college. We’ve taught our children what we’ve learned in our training and these practices [FGM and child marriage] are ending.” —Savings for Transformation group member



Girls in Samburu Primary School dance together joyfully.



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FINANCIALS

Program spending October 2021 through September 2022

Description	FY22 Spending	FY22 Funding	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Funding
Outcome 1: Girls and boys play active role in influencing change among their peers, parents, and communities in ending FGM and child marriage	\$ 989,581	\$ 1,079,752	\$ 1,662,033	\$ 1,805,367
Child-led education and active engagement in ending FGM and child marriage enhanced	132,154	140,577	283,102	303,494
High-risk girls develop skills and resilience for positive asset development, including learning the importance of healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies	109,173	177,561	170,642	241,177
Survivors and extremely high-risk girls access appropriate educational and vocational training opportunities	157,989	231,425	291,962	373,154
Reduce barriers to education for vulnerable girls	590,265	530,189	916,327	887,542
Outcome 2: Households are empowered to protect, nurture, and support girls and boys so they are free from all forms of maltreatment	527,633	484,376	1,192,069	1,128,247
Enhanced capacity of community members to implement Biblical Empowered Worldview in the community	70,868	74,529	118,853	125,313
Targeted households (including those with extremely high-risk girls and women who no longer perform FGM) have completed livelihoods training and received productive assets	224,349	173,288	512,009	486,196
Households increase their savings and access to financial services through participation in Savings for Transformation	129,143	129,105	330,863	285,394
Parents/caregivers provide parenting support for their children at different development stages	103,274	107,454	230,344	231,344
Outcome 3: Communities provide a safe, protective, environment in which girls and boys can thrive	505,047	528,035	946,790	1,071,845
Communities leading public awareness, education, and mobilization on ending child marriage and FGM	295,974	306,221	618,744	640,942
Faith communities actively engaged in protecting children and transforming harmful behavior, attitudes, and practices	171,537	175,141	286,651	379,461
Community-based reporting and referral mechanism promoted for combating FGM and child marriage	37,536	46,673	41,395	51,442
Outcome 4: Strengthened formal systems and structures at national and subnational levels for child protection	363,327	452,071	730,742	890,832
Child protection information management promoted at all levels to improve planning	60,893	59,966	75,220	72,352
Strengthened capacity of duty bearers to enforce laws and provide services that protect children through social accountability	36,884	41,324	129,131	152,725
Strengthened external engagement and networking with government and non-state actors on ending child marriage and FGM	89,203	87,982	166,297	171,465
Enhanced monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning practices on ending child marriage and FGM	176,348	262,799	360,094	494,290
Subtotal	2,385,589	2,544,234	4,531,634	4,896,291
Management and fundraising	795,196	848,078	1,510,545	1,632,096
Total	\$ 3,180,786	\$ 3,392,312	\$ 6,042,179	\$ 6,528,387