

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2020 – September 2021 | Hope for Honduras Fund

SUMMARY

With your support, Honduran communities are being effectively equipped to improve health, incomes, and youth leadership.

World Vision is pleased to provide this report on accomplishments during fiscal year 2020 in several critical areas of work across Honduras. Together, our efforts are creating a sustainable solution to eliminate poverty and migration.

Our interventions in Honduras have become all the more urgent after two hurricanes and the global outbreak of COVID-19. Training in hygiene education, along with construction of household hand-washing facilities, is helping reduce the spread of disease. Ongoing initiatives to support economic empowerment, child protection, and Christian discipleship are helping build the resilience of entire communities.

Highlights of the fiscal year include:

- 28,188 people received access to clean water through the construction or improvement of 48 water systems.
- Farmers participating in the THRIVE project generated \$2.7 million in gross income and have savings of \$121,247 and emergency funds of \$21,003.
- The number of children participating in peace clubs more than doubled, from 680 to 1,415.
- World Vision’s Raising Children With Tenderness approach was taught to 2,635 parents/caregivers, helping them learn to demonstrate their love and reduce violent discipline.

On behalf of children and families across Honduras, thank you, and may God bless you for your partnership.



Kenia Lara is a mother and farmer from Jamastrán, Honduras. She grows corn, beans, onion, and watermelon, and sells her produce to large markets including Walmart. World Vision provided the necessary technical assistance to help her farm thrive.

COUNTRY UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

422,909 PEOPLE provided access to essential services since October 2015, including 105,224 people during fiscal year 2020 (October 2019-September 2020).

 **6,423** new and rehabilitated water points built in fiscal 2020

 **1,604** farmers using improved agricultural technology in fiscal 2020

 **4,324** children and youth directly participating in discipleship activities in fiscal 2020

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

SUMMARY

We are pleased to share with you that the five-year Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) business plan that was completed in fiscal year 2020 resulted in bringing clean, sustainable water to 172,123 individuals (86% of target) in our program areas, and ensuring 95,451 people (227% of target) gained vital hygiene education.

Contributing to that progress was work in FY20, which focused on building strong partnerships with local government and community leaders, ensuring that the interventions you've helped make possible will continue long into the future.

World Vision completed the pilot project on water governance in collaboration with other nongovernmental organizations, government leaders, and service providers. Now, leaders have access to WASH data via the completed Rural Aqueduct Information System as well as experience working with organizations to evaluate and address WASH needs in the communities they govern.

World Vision also advocated for the local government to create a technical water and sanitation task force to maintain

sanitation standards, manage micro-watersheds, and avoid duplicating efforts. Community members were directly involved in school sanitation efforts through parent associations.

This year, we equipped 188 faith leaders with messages on how WASH integrates with faith principles by helping us care for others. Catholic and Protestant churches worked together to support WASH projects by helping resolve conflicts and leverage funds for hygiene materials.

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- 28,188 people received access to clean water through the construction or improvement of 48 water systems.
- 8,145 people were provided with basic sanitation through 1,625 new latrines.
- 45 schools were reached with clean water in partnership with water management boards, parent associations, and community teachers.
- 42 sex-separated latrine stalls were built in 14 schools to improve sanitation.
- 5 health centers were reached with safe water, benefiting 4,251 patients and staff.



“Together with my parents, we pray every day that the COVID-19 disease will disappear soon so that I will be able to attend school again. ... I will have to wash my hands well with soap and water at school, but thanks to World Vision I will be able to do it because they built us a latrine block with a sink in our school.”

—Emely, 5, Honduras

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES*

* COVID-19 restrictions, especially school closures, as well as delays in procuring construction materials, impacted our ability to reach FY20 targets for access to clean water.

OUTCOME	PEOPLE REACHED IN FY20	PERCENT OF TARGET
Access to Clean Water	28,188	49%
Access to Household Sanitation	8,145	94%
Hygiene Promotion	55,595	612%

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SUMMARY

Because of your faithful support of the THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) project in Honduras, smallholder farmers have been empowered to begin their journey to sustainably provide for their children by improving income and resilience to emergencies—like the COVID-19 pandemic.

In FY20, the Honduras THRIVE Project:

- Created and implemented an agricultural reactivation plan for the poorest farmers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic—since lockdowns prevented travel to purchase inputs. Farmers received agricultural kits with improved grain seeds (corn or bean), fertilizer, and other resources to boost crop production.
- Provided technical assistance to farmers in collaboration with local partners and volunteers.

Given COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, we led virtual meetings, developed a YouTube channel with instructional videos*, and used apps (such as Goteo) to provide farmers with information to monitor and improve crop growth.

- Helped farmers grow from savings groups into producer groups to improve access to markets and strengthen household resilience. We provided trainings in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and personal development.
- Implemented farmer-field training schools for young people to encourage entrepreneurship, build agro-ecological capacity, and reduce migration.

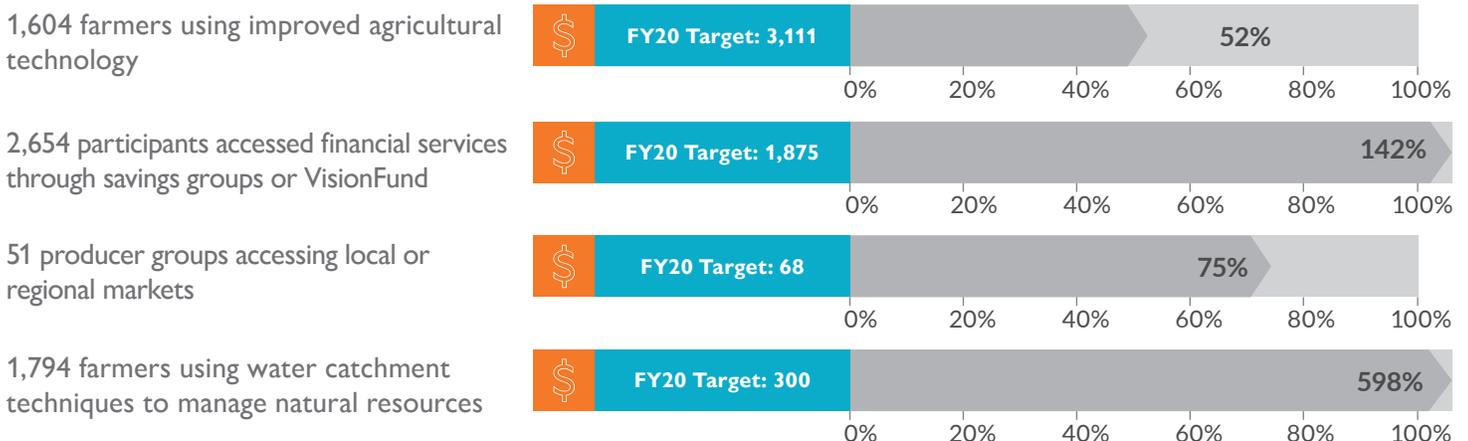
Through THRIVE, farmers generated \$2.7 million of gross income and have savings of \$121,247 and emergency funds of \$21,003.



Ariel, 6, loves the sweet taste of honey from her father Felix Bautista's beehive. Thanks to multiple World Vision interventions (THRIVE and clean water for irrigation), Felix has a successful business and savings, and also is a leader in their community. On behalf of Felix and joyful Ariel, thank you for making THRIVE possible in Honduras.

*See instructional videos at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW2lvYecFR19JCsAw8rhVQ>.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



CHILD PROTECTION

SUMMARY

In fiscal 2020, the Honduras Child Protection project built strong momentum in working with children, parents, churches, and local governments to create a safer environment for children. After a temporary slowdown due to an outbreak of COVID-19, the project pivoted to online meetings to increase awareness and engagement in local child protection initiatives.

In the third year of a five-year project, the number of children participating in peace clubs more than doubled, from 680 to 1,415. This occurred after the formation of 18 additional clubs that began implementing violence prevention plans, training peers in peacebuilding, and completing service projects.

“I have had the opportunity to learn a lot, especially on the subject of self-care measures,” says Marcos, a leader

of a peace club in San Manuel. “There are parents who do not advise their children, and it is important that we understand these issues.”

Meanwhile, since the project began, parents and caregivers of more than 6,000 children have received instruction in the Parenting with Tenderness curriculum. This has been life changing. One mother, Erika, says she used to discipline her children with physical punishment, but now abstains from that and focuses more on correctly teaching them. Erika has begun training other parents in the curriculum in San Manuel.

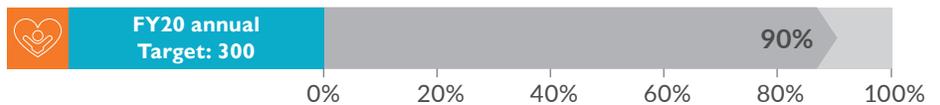
Local churches are playing a pivotal role in instructing parents in the curriculum and supporting child protection councils. Eleven additional church partners joined the project in the past year, bringing the total number of church partners to 51.



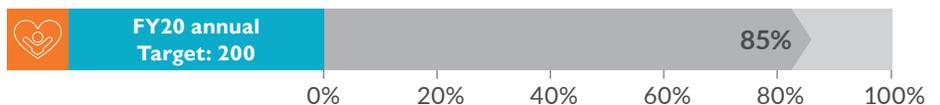
Yenifer (left), a member of a child protection council, is enjoying planning and executing activities to help improve the lives of children in her community.

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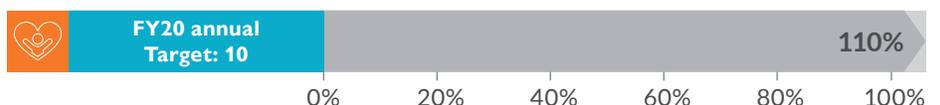
270 girls and boys report taking action to prevent violence against children in their communities.



170 parents and caregivers show they better understand positive parenting and nonviolent discipline.



11 churches are taking action to protect children.



YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

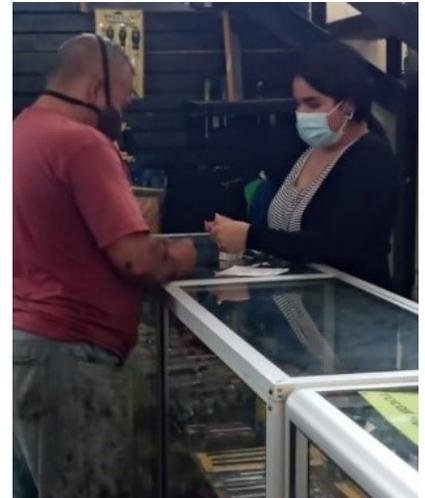
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World Vision is helping vulnerable young people in Honduras to discover their potential, plan for their future, and gain the skills, support, resources, character, and confidence they need to succeed in both work and life.

In fiscal 2020, the challenges brought on by COVID-19 forced the Youth Workforce Development project to rethink and accelerate development of the Youth Ready mobile app. The curriculum was reworked and repurposed to comply with the country's social distance measures while remaining effective and engaging for youth. As a result, 218 people were part of the first cohort to successfully pilot the revised curriculum, which includes use of WhatsApp and Zoom. Similar World Vision projects in six other Latin American countries are now also using the Youth Ready app.

To help advance youth along the pathways of employment, entrepreneurship, and education, the project established important new partnerships. Five companies owned by the UNICOMER business group, as well as a hardware store, agreed to begin offering internships. The Chorotega Cooperative began offering microfinance loans to youth entrepreneurs. Meanwhile, 15 youth were reintegrated into the formal distance education system through organizations such as the Honduran Institute of Radio Education and INTUR Foundation.

The negative economic impact of COVID-19 contributed to significant job loss among prior Youth Ready graduates. In response, the project provided gift cards for food and other basic supplies to 525 families, as well as training and counseling in setting up home-based businesses.



After completing training in the Youth Ready program using a mobile phone application, Genesis, 19 (above, right), obtained a job at Ferreypro Hardware in a community near Tegucigalpa. Genesis hopes to eventually start her own business and create job opportunities for other youth.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



In fiscal 2020, 218 people from ages 15 to 25 completed training to prepare themselves for future employment, entrepreneurship opportunities, or continued education.



Of those who completed the training, 59% (128) chose the employment path, 34% (75) decided to start their own business, and 7% (15) will continue their studies.



For those seeking employment, cooperative agreements for internship opportunities were established with six companies.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SUMMARY

In fiscal 2020, God opened new doors for the Christian Discipleship Project in Honduras, as remote learning opportunities (created due to COVID-19) actually enabled us to expand the project's impact to additional churches in new areas of Honduras.

World Vision converted the curriculum for children's Bible lessons into a manual (to be used within families) and into media programs that were broadcast on radio, TV, and social media, reaching thousands of children with discipleship messages. The resulting cost savings made it possible to develop additional training kits for use in local churches.

Youth ministry is more vital than ever before to encourage hope and purpose as the pandemic drags on and teen suicide rates increase. We created an online course to

train youth ministry leaders on mentorship, enabling 587 participants to reach out to additional youth. The virtual nature of this course allowed us to reach more churches. One participant, Ángel Cadenas, 27, was grateful to learn how the adolescent brain functions and said he appreciated an emphasis on how "to affirm the positive things that young people do."

World Vision's Raising Children With Tenderness approach was taught to 2,635 parents/caregivers, helping them learn to demonstrate their love and reduce violent discipline. In communities where neighbors have lost family and friends due to COVID-19, these trained parents and caregivers have managed to serve and comfort those who are suffering, especially the children.

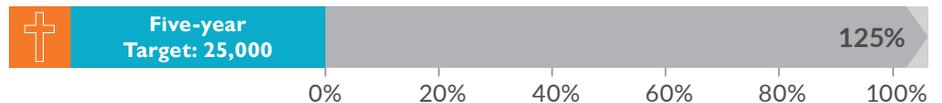


"This process is one of the best experiences, and a blessing, that has ever happened to me. It pushed me to get out of my comfort zone ... Thank you World Vision and the people who make it possible."

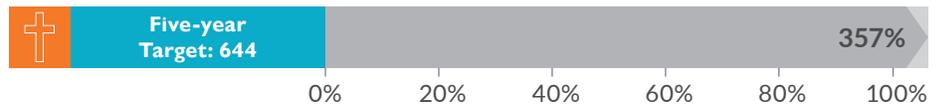
*—Genesis, age 19
Participant in Virtual Discipleship class
Tegucigalpa, Honduras*

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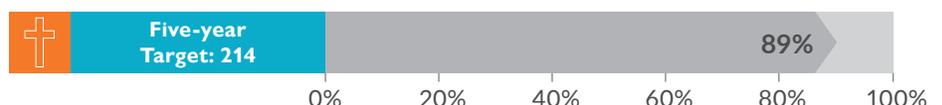
31,265 children/youth participated in discipleship activities



2,300 pastors/church leaders trained in theology and children's ministry



190 churches engaged in discipleship of children and youth



KEY LEARNINGS

COVID-19's impact and the need in some instances to switch to virtual trainings was an enormous challenge in a country where internet access is unreliable and many people are unfamiliar with working online. However, the creativity of project teams in finding solutions, such as producing engaging, printed materials that can be used by families, enabled them to reach more people than originally anticipated.

Likewise, the WASH project was interrupted in March due to COVID-19. But by June, the project had reactivated with safety protocols that met both World Vision and national guidelines. Staff increased efforts to promote hygiene, transitioning in-person trainings to virtual and educating 55,595 people (six times the original goal of 9,000) on the importance of handwashing to protect themselves.

Some project teams found synergy in working more closely together to develop virtual trainings, as well as making use of skills and talents on other teams. One example was a collaboration between the Christian Discipleship and Youth Workforce Development teams to use Moodle, an online education platform, for project workshops.

THANK YOU

Your support of World Vision projects in Honduras has helped strengthen families and given children the security of stable living conditions. Thank you for sharing God's love through your obedience to His Word to serve the least of these. And thank you for your ongoing partnership in ministry with World Vision in Honduras.



Ana Jarquín's community needed a plumber for its new water system, a job traditionally done by men. But when no one volunteered, she spoke up.

"Women are also capable of doing jobs that men have normally done," Ana says. "God has made us equal in all conditions to work for the good of our community and for the benefit of our children."



Agricultural training helped Alejandro (right) improve production and income. "In this place, we have everything we need for a good life," he says.



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