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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 through the first half of 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 with the global outbreak of COVID-19. The first case in Honduras was diagnosed in mid-March. Training in hygiene

education, along with construction of household hand-washing facilities, is helping reduce the spread of the disease. Ongoing initiatives to support economic empowerment, child protection, and Christian discipleship are helping build the resilience of entire communities.

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



David, his brother, Noe, and their family now have clean water at home, thanks to the generosity of World Vision supporters like you.

COUNTRY UPDATE

385,183 PEOPLE provided access to essential services since October 2015, including 37,320 people during the first half of fiscal year 2020 (October 2019-March 2020).

1,125 new and rehabilitated wells and water points built



6,671 people accessing financial services



3,956 children and youth directly participating in discipleship activities



FISCAL YEAR 2020 SPENDING

\$2,136,676 spent



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE



Gladys, 3, fill her glass with clean water piped right to her family's home in the Yamaranguila area of Honduras.

Increasing access to clean water, improved sanitation, and hygiene education is contributing to better health and productivity.

With the generous support of donors like you, the Honduras Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Program is significantly improving the quality of life for many vulnerable communities in Honduras.

Your support helps to equip the Honduras WASH team to construct new water systems in communities, build latrines and hand-washing stations in schools, and equip faith leaders, communities, and schools with sanitation and hygiene education.

As seen below, during the first half of fiscal year 2020, the Honduras WASH team greatly exceeded semiannual

targets despite government-imposed restrictions due to COVID-19.

This achievement includes WASH in schools where we provided nine schools with access to water; built 17 gender-separated latrine stalls for five schools; constructed mass hand-washing stations for five schools; engaged children in sanitation and hygiene education programming; and helped establish six school WASH clubs.

Additionally, we equipped one health center with access to clean water, making possible healthy and hygienic practices by patients and staff. Your support is making a difference in the Honduras.

148,830 PEOPLE* provided with access to clean drinking water since October 2015, including 4,895 people during the first half of fiscal year 2020.

*Of these, 2,757 were reached with World Vision U.S. private funding.

1,125 new and rehabilitated wells and water points built

FY20 semiannual target: 1,128

100%

554 sanitation facilities built

FY20 semiannual target: 401

138%

3,288 household hand-washing facilities built

FY20 semiannual target: 1,095

300%

Empowering women and communities in safe sanitation and hygiene

"When I participated in the [sanitation and hygiene] training, I felt a lot of emotion and a spirit of great interest," said Cledia Domínguez. "At the end of the training, the Basic Sanitation Committee was formed. I raised my hand." World Vision intentionally invites women like Cledia to trainings to promote equity and empower them as community WASH advocates. Like Cledia, women now encourage neighbors to practice personal hygiene, housekeeping, safe water storage, and proper use and maintenance of latrines.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



Edward Herrera, 8, dreams of owning his own coffee factory, just like his aunt Marisol and uncle Genri Ramirez, who participate in the World Vision THRIVE program.

Expanding access to capital, technology, and information is empowering farmers to improve their incomes.

Your support of THRIVE project (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) provides services such as improved technology, and technical assistance to help smallholder farmers improve their incomes and support their families.

Already, in the first half of fiscal year 2020, 457 smallholder producer groups have received support services through THRIVE. Of those, 395 groups reported having initial income of \$ 2.1 million, and 62 producer groups shared they had no prior income. After participating in THRIVE, participants reported their gross income had increased by an impressive

213% to \$6.6 million. They improved agricultural practices and use of technology (such as irrigation systems); gained access to financial services through savings groups and small loans from VisionFund; and accessed greater markets by joining producer groups that allowed them to earn better prices for their products by selling to commercial buyers in bulk.

By March 2020, COVID-19 and related government restrictions to combat the disease began to impact operations. Thankfully, THRIVE-trained farmers have learned financial management and to establish emergency savings to withstand a crisis.

76,244 PEOPLE* provided with access to economic empowerment activities since the beginning of the project in October 2016, including 3,118 in the first half of fiscal 2020.

* FY20 data on this page is for the first quarter only. Government restrictions due to COVID-19 prevented World Vision from collecting data at the close of the second quarter. The FY20 year-end report will reflect full annual data.

3,440 farmers using improved agricultural technology



6,671 people accessing financial services



9,676 people provided with increased access to markets



COVID-19 and economic empowerment

The COVID-19 crisis is impacting every country where World Vision operates, including Honduras. Since the beginning of the outbreak, World Vision has leveraged our 70-year history of emergency response to help children and families across the globe. In Honduras, economic empowerment activities such as providing access to loan capital for savings groups and business owners through tailored microfinance products are crucial to helping children and their families not only survive this pandemic, but emerge resilient, with durable hope for the future.

CHILD PROTECTION

Roberto, 16, chose to become a barber rather than a gang member. Juan, 15, overcame his shyness and started serving on a children's council to help make his community a safer place. Jonathan is serving as a peacebuilder in his neighborhood and attending a music program.

These changes occurred during the third year of the Honduras Child Protection project, which is working with children, parents, churches, and local governments to create a safer environment for children.

"I am grateful to God," Juan says. "The trainings we received are strengthening our vision of the future and leadership."

In the first half of fiscal 2020, 1,187 children learned how to better protect themselves, 163 parents learned how to raise their children with tenderness, and 57 church leaders learned how to teach the Parenting with Tenderness curriculum.

Community awareness and enforcement of children's rights increased through public assemblies, operation of child protection committees in six municipal districts, and strengthening of child protection systems in 12 communities.

The project's 50 current church partners are playing a critical role in training parents and supporting children through their involvement in child protection committees.



Jonathan (center) is involved in a peace club and attending a music program supported by World Vision.

To date, 2,800 children have directly benefited from project activities, and 5,458 children have indirectly benefited through training of parents. Your gifts are helping create brighter futures for these families.

10,917 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 2,800 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, have benefited from ministry activities since June 2017, including 1,519 people in the first half of fiscal 2020.

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



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



50 churches are taking action to protect children.



The Honduras Child Protection project works to strengthen children's participation in peacebuilding and violence prevention. "I have surpassed myself as a person," says Juan (right), who joined a peace club and a children's council in Tegucigalpa. "I did not know that I could be a leader."



YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Gabriela Flores, 23, serves as a cashier at Café Tano Coffee Shop—a permanent position secured after her Youth Ready internship.

Youth are advancing as they plan for the future and pursue fulfilling lives.

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 October 2019, World Vision launched a second phase of the Youth Ready program, which creates improved economic opportunities for youth by positioning them to find jobs, self-employment, continued education, or education reinsertion opportunities. An additional 5,000 youth are targeted over four years in the cities of Choluteca, La Ceiba, and Tegucigalpa, following a prior phase that reached 1,773 youth.

In the first half of fiscal 2020, we sought greater engagement from religious and community leaders and identified prospective partners to help with outreach to marginalized populations. Gleaning from lessons learned in the first phase, we offered daycare to training participants with children.

In mid-March 2020, the global COVID-19 health crisis reached Honduras, resulting in countrywide closures. World Vision developed an alternative implementation strategy to ensure continued services. We digitized the curriculum and are using WhatsApp as a mobile software tool to communicate, follow up with, and monitor youth progress.

376 PEOPLE from ages 15 to 25 began the new phase of the Youth Ready program, in which they will be trained on topics including communication, decision making, and other soft skills to prepare them for future employment, entrepreneurship opportunities, or continued education.

The prayers of mentors make a difference for José

José, 15, is ready to make a change and is not afraid to ask for help. At age 11, he dropped out of school after experiencing a serious, months-long illness. Later, he fell into severe depression and started consuming drugs and alcohol with friends on the streets. When the Youth Ready program became available in his neighborhood in Tegucigalpa, José decided to participate. He said an initial workshop “helped me to be clear about what my focus should be,” and he committed to continue. “I will begin to congregate in the church, thanks to the mentors who came to pray for us.”



Moving from fear to action for a better future

When Glenda, 19, a victim of extensive bullying during her childhood, shared her life story with a small group of peers during a Youth Ready workshop from the first phase, she was overcome by the positive response. “I feel like the queen of this group, because I had never been told that I am a precious jewel,” she said. Glenda, who aspires to become a lawyer, has resumed her studies and is now pursuing a college degree, thanks to a scholarship from the INTUR Foundation.



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP



In the San Miguel district of Tegucigalpa a young girl joins in a time of worship and prayer for the children of Honduras.

Faith leaders, parents, and caregivers are learning how best to encourage and enable children to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Expansion of World Vision's Christian Discipleship project to new areas in Choluteca and Francisco Morazán, along with inclusion of additional church partners, enabled the project to exceed its targets for the first half of fiscal 2020.

Boys and girls who participated in Christian discipleship activities, such as vacation Bible schools, are showing better behavior and harmonious relationships with their friends, other children, and families in the community. Parents and caregivers who attended the Balm of Tenderness training shared that they have started to abandon violent and hostile attitudes and practice new parenting

habits to reduce violence in their homes. Teachers who participated in KIDStory training improved their capacity to facilitate child-friendly and violence-free ways of teaching children about the Word of God.

"In teaching, sometimes we can be violent and mean," said Elvin Bustillo, an educator in Francisco Morazán. "Now I do it correctly, so they learn how to reduce violence against children in their families and the community."

Thank you for helping Honduran churches reflect God's love in these significant ways.

147,043 PEOPLE benefited from ministry activities since October 2016, including 27,412 during the first six months of fiscal year 2020.

3,956 children and youth directly participating in discipleship activities



410 pastors and church leaders trained in theology and children's ministry



33 churches and faith-based organizations engaged in Christian discipleship of children and youth



A Sunday school class sparks a change in Kevin's life

Kevin, 11, of Sabana Grande, was once a rebellious child. He disobeyed his parents. He resisted helping with chores and doing his school homework. One day, he chose to attend a church where a Sunday school teacher was using the "Bus of Tenderness" curriculum that World Vision provided. "I realized I was not on good terms with God and needed to change," he said. He began acting differently, saw his family relations and school performance improve, and feels happier. "I learned to behave as God wants me to, and that has returned the love of my parents."





CHANGING HEARTS

In seeking to help hurting youth in their community, a pastor and his daughter deepen their commitment to each other.

Karla, 14, and her father, Pastor Pedro, live in a community that is participating in World Vision's child protection project in Honduras. With World Vision's support, they are making a difference in the lives of children in their community. "I'm part of the youth club [called] Building Friendships. ... We work with children and teenagers on topics that will change their lives," Karla said. "Due to the lack of a strong income, many parents spend most of their time working, leaving their children by themselves at home. This makes them an easy prey for gangs that unfortunately rule the neighborhood."

Following her father's example, Karla became a leader in her community. World Vision provided training in leadership, children's rights, family values, and building self-esteem. She started inviting others to join the youth club, discover opportunities for personal development, and learn about God, just as her father taught on Sundays.

Unfortunately, Karla and Pedro's relationship was not that strong, since he spends a lot of his time working at church. He wasn't taking time to talk to Karla or recognize she was making a big change in their community. Karla admired her father, but couldn't find a way to talk to him, having the same communication issues the youth she trained had with their parents.

One day Pedro was invited to a World Vision training session on a

curriculum called Raising Children with Tenderness, where participants learn how to listen to their children with love, identify any issues they might be going through, and help address them. "During that training, I understood what my daughter was trying to do for the first time," Pedro said. "I wanted to tell her how much I love her and how I was going to support her."

In the training, Pedro watched a skit in which a father talks with his son with love and care. Suddenly, the son shows his arms, which are cut and injured, to his father, who begins to cry and hug his son. The son reaches out to his father for love and confesses he tried to commit suicide. Everyone watching the skit was in shock. "That day I came back home and hugged Karla," Pedro said. "While I was crying, I told her how much I loved her and how we were going to support and reach other youth in the community. I [asked] her for forgiveness for not paying attention to her and for leaving her alone when she needed me."

Because of the training, Pedro and Karla are now working together to help improve the lives of children in the neighborhood. Seventy children are part of the youth club, and more than 30 parents from their church are receiving instruction from Pedro in the Raising Children with Tenderness approach. "We are rescuing many youth who were part of gangs," Pedro said, while hugging Karla. "Hopefully soon our neighborhood will be an example to others."

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