



World Vision Ireland
Our Impact 2022

World Vision Ireland is a proud member of the World Vision Partnership

For almost 40 years, World Vision Ireland has been generously supported by the Irish people, both through the Irish Government/Irish Aid and through private donations from individuals. Support has also come from other major institutional donors such as the European Union and UN agencies. This has allowed us, guided by our Christian values, to deliver projects and programmes to address child poverty in some of the world's most vulnerable contexts, supporting girls, boys and their families to thrive.

We carry out this work as part of the World Vision partnership which has almost 100 offices worldwide.

Globally, World Vision has been implementing child-focused interventions empowering communities for sustainable change for over 70 years. With a dedicated team of 35,000 staff and countless volunteers the global World Vision partnership impacted over 200 million vulnerable children worldwide in 2022, tackling the root causes of poverty and reflecting a global commitment to transformation and hope. This included:

- Providing assistance to one out of every five people in need of humanitarian aid globally
- Supporting three million people and 1,534 schools to access clean, safe water
- Enabling a family to access water and a hungry child to receive lifesaving food every 60 seconds



One of the Irish Aid student beneficiaries at a local primary school in Puntland. 11 year old young boy is in grade 4. Photo Muna Abdi

As World Vision Ireland we impacted over 780,000 people in 2022 including over 480,000 children by:

- **Implementing 40 projects and programmes across 18 countries**
- **Addressing the needs of 480,000 children, 11% being children in emergencies**
- **Responding to emergencies in 9 countries, reaching over 95,000 people, 47% being children**
- **Influencing more than 10 policy changes through our advocacy work nationally and locally**

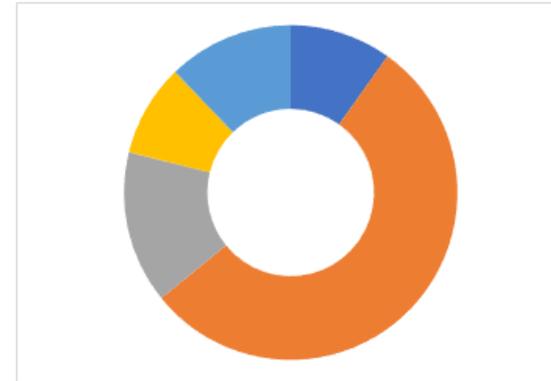
Introduction

In 2022, World Vision Ireland directly reached over 780,000 women, men, girls and boys including over 480,000 vulnerable children across 18 countries. Our response to humanitarian crises covering 9 countries reached over 95,000 people. Children in these countries experienced hunger and poverty while prospects for a positive future were significantly challenged. In the face of all these challenges we worked diligently to apply our insights and adapt our programming to consistently address the needs of the most vulnerable children.

Amidst rising global challenges, we steadily addressed child well-being in developing and fragile scenarios, advocating for change locally, regionally, and globally. In 2022, we noted a growing demand for aid in all operational spheres spurred by factors including climate change, conflict, persistent impacts of Covid 19 and increasing levels of global hunger and malnutrition. The effects of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine extended and were felt well beyond its immediate vicinity, impacting children worldwide. Despite these difficulties, our commitment to long term development persisted, focused primarily on Health and Nutrition, Education, Child Protection and Participation and Resilience and Livelihoods.

This report provides an overview of our comprehensive efforts in the past year, encompassing our development programmes, emergency responses, our approaches and a number of brief case studies.

Children, families and community members reached by sector



	Education	10%
	Health and Nutrition	54%
	Child Protection and Participation	15%
	Resilience and Livelihoods	9%
	Responding to emergencies	12%

Where your support went

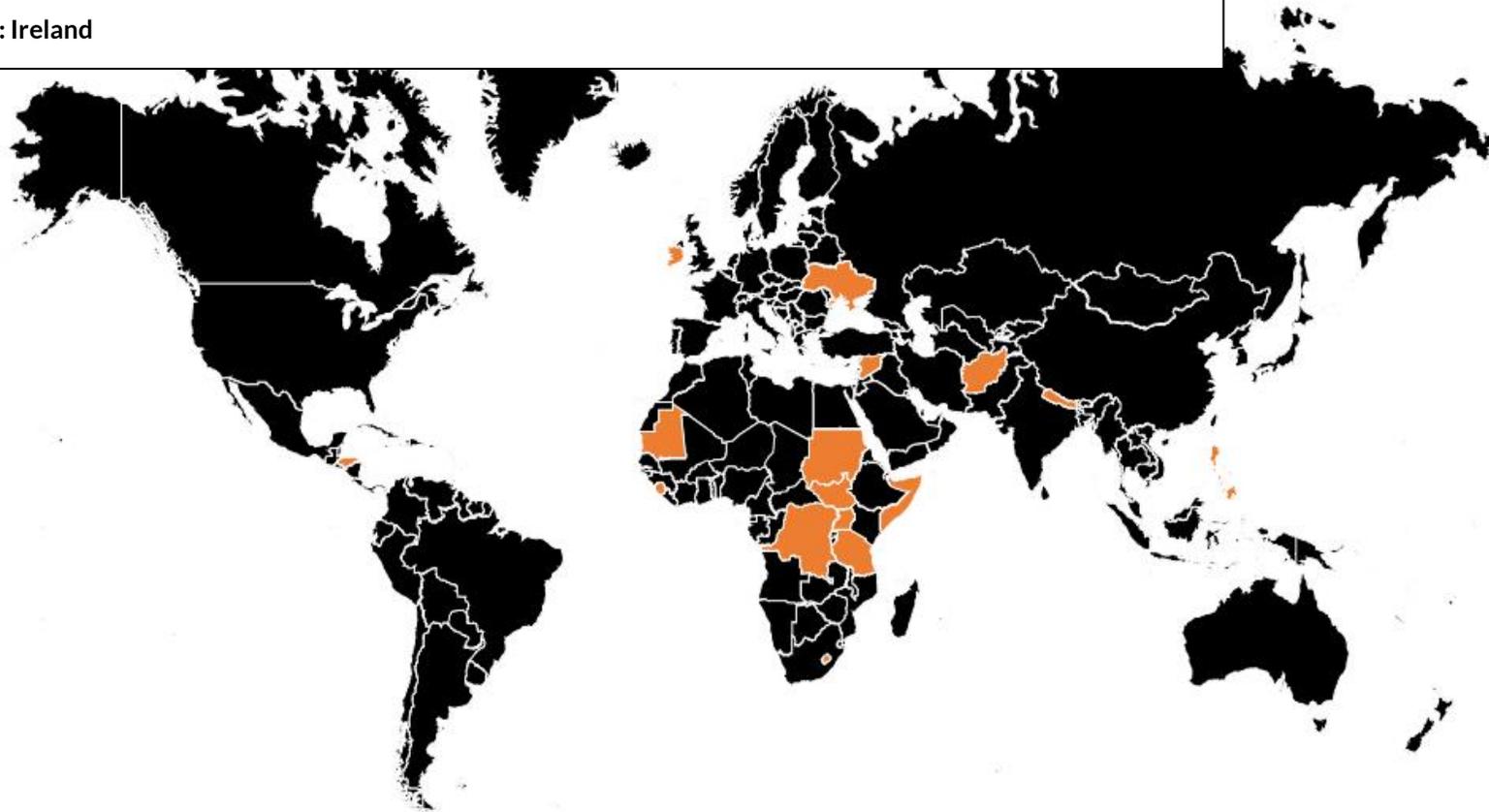
Most fragile - 33%: Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Afghanistan

Very low developing - 22%: Uganda, Tanzania, Mauritania, Sierra Leone

Low developing - 22%: Nepal, Lesotho, Philippines, Honduras

Medium developing - 11%: Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

Domestic - 6%: Ireland



Our Impact



Child Protection & Participation

As an organisation dedicated to the well-being of children, World Vision's core mission revolves around enhancing children's lives. Children are among the most vulnerable groups globally and therefore need to be protected. Children, particularly girls, often bear the burden of inequalities within households, institutions and societies and they face heightened vulnerability during humanitarian crises. They are exposed to various challenges, including violence, teenage pregnancy, child marriage, harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, trafficking, and exploitation. Through our protection and advocacy work, we address the underlying causes of violence against children within communities, aiming to shield children from abuse, exploitation, neglect, and harm, regardless of their backgrounds. Our comprehensive approaches involve collaborating with local authorities, community members, religious leaders as well as with civil society organisations. A pivotal part of our strategy is child participation, which empowers children and amplifies their voices.

Through our Child Protection and Advocacy model, we have achieved significant milestones. Our efforts have led to the promotion of adolescent well-being, decreases in child marriage, the promotion of positive parenting practices and general awareness on children's rights. These accomplishments extend to children expressing increased feelings of security within their living environments. Our diverse models, such as the Peace Road curriculum, spiritual nurturing of children, the Channels of Hope Model (implemented in Sudan and Somalia), child participation initiatives and awareness-raising essay writing competitions have all contributed to these successes.

Adolescent children engaging in our Peace Road curriculum have reported positive transformations resulting from life skills training. Their participation in school clubs and community awareness

initiatives has not only enriched their own lives but has also educated parents about child rights and protection. By training communities including local leaders, parents, guardians and children in positive parenting and child protection we have fostered positive shifts in family dynamics and attitudes toward safeguarding children. Through Women and Child Protection Committees, World Vision Ireland is actively heightening awareness and building the capacity of communities to prevent and respond to violence against women and children, all aligned with the broader goals of child protection. In 2022 this has included:

- 115,365 people, including 67,077 children have directly benefited from our Child Protection and Participation programmes
- More than ten policies influenced, including four climate policies which were implemented in Tanzania through SAUTI youth advocacy
- In the project area in Syria, amidst the difficulties caused by conflict, the World Vision Ireland supported Safe Spaces became symbols of hope, offering emotional support and helping people recover from trauma
- 6 Junior Councils were formed in Tanzania
- An increase in the number of Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) cases reported to authorities due to our advocacy work specifically in Lesotho
- An increase in community led monitoring of child friendly standards in 14 police stations in Lesotho
- 2 child courts renovated and transformed into child friendly courts in Lesotho
- 77 youth (47 male, 30 females) Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) focal points elected to various village management committees in Tanzania

Education

In the past three years, the global education system has faced serious challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic, conflicts, climate issues, hunger and displacement. These factors have made communities more vulnerable, particularly women, children, people with disabilities and teenage mothers among other already vulnerable groups. Prolonged school closures and increased poverty also contributed to an increase in child abuse with higher rates of child marriage, teenage pregnancies, domestic violence and neglect being witnessed.

World Vision Ireland's education programme is dedicated to making sure children, especially those in difficult situations, can access high-quality education in safe environments using appropriate and sometimes novel approaches. These approaches include "Unlocking Literacy" which aims to improve reading skills, "Learning Roots" which focuses on enhancing early childhood education and development and "Citizens Voice and Action" (CVA), which encourages participation and accountability in service delivery. Initiatives such as "Child Friendly Spaces" (CFS) encourage play, learning, and provide emotional support for children. We also placed a strong emphasis on "Early Childhood Development" (ECD) and created safe learning environments including safe spaces dedicated to women and girls. Teacher training, as a key component in improving the quality of education, continued to be an important area of support in all education interventions. World Vision Ireland also worked with partner communities in developing school infrastructure, including providing furniture, building and renovating classrooms and putting in place essential water and sanitation facilities.

In 2022, implementation of the four-year Humanitarian Programme Plan (HPP) (2019 to 2022) funded by Irish Aid, was completed. Through this programme World Vision Ireland was able to support more than **140,000** children affected by long-lasting conflicts in

Puntland, Somalia, Melut in South Sudan, Sudan's Blue Nile region and in North West Syria.

Through the programme, we achieved significant positive outcomes. Improved school infrastructure, training of teachers and the provision of school supplies all encouraged learning and set the groundwork for a better future for girls and boys. Our efforts did not stop in the classroom; the programme also raised awareness and was able to get communities actively involved in supporting the education of their children. In 2022, 77,139 people benefited from our education programme including 47,532 children.

Some of the achievements from all our education programming in 2022 include:

In Somalia

- School attendance increased from 35% to 50%
- Increased literacy rates - 80% of grade 3 children are now considered skilled readers compared to 62% at baseline

In South Sudan

- An increase in the number of children successfully completing primary school, with over 2,000 children finishing their government exams in 2022

In Uganda (Busitema Area Programme)

- Primary school attendance significantly increased by 18% in 2022, reaching an impressive 87.8%, surpassing the national average of 69.3%
- The school dropout rate fell from 5.7% in 2021 to only 2.4% in 2022 through promotion of home-based learning. This effort not only continued the learning process but also encouraged a real love of reading amongst children.

Improving Access to Education

Fourteen-year-old Samuel lives with his mother, his three brothers and his sister in Busitema, Uganda.

Samuel was one of a number of children identified by the World Vision Ireland programme as having dropped out of school to engage in child labour. With the advent of a child protection intervention, 114 children in total (29 girls and 85 boys) were identified as having left school to take up work, most notably in open cast gold mines. With World Vision support the children received psychosocial support and were supported to return to school. Their parents (182 women and men) were trained and supported through savings groups enabling them to undertake small businesses to support their children's basic needs. Thanks to this support, Samuel is now back in school and his mother is able to sustain the family and support his education through her vegetable selling business that the savings group enabled her to set up.

"I am now back in school and I enjoy studying, thank you World Vision for the great support for us to resume education which is key for the future"
Samuel

Samuel's mother, Annet is equally positive about World Vision's support *"I am happy for World Vision's psychosocial support and encouragement to our children enabling them to go back to school, the empowerment given to us to save money in groups has helped me to be able to pay school fees for my children but also provide their basic needs."*



Health and Nutrition

According to UNICEF, in 2022 more than half of all children under 5 affected with malnutrition were living in Asia (52% stunted) and Africa (43% stunted)¹. Escalating levels of humanitarian crises including conflicts, climate change impacts, epidemics and persistent global hunger have affected millions of children and women, putting them at risk of malnutrition, affecting their survival, growth and development. The lack of access to nourishing and affordable food, as well as clean water, remains a critical concern as do disruptions in vital health and nutrition services and challenges in maintaining proper feeding, caregiving and hygiene routines.

World Vision Ireland's health and nutrition interventions in 2022 focussed on enhancing dietary diversity, improving health, nutrition, hygiene and sanitation practices and strengthening local health systems and structures. We employed various approaches to address the root causes of malnutrition at child, household and community level. These included training and facilitating Community Health Workers who work directly with mothers and caregivers of infants and supporting community groups such as Mothers' Groups, Men's Support Groups and Nutrition and Counselling Groups, all with the aim of strengthening community support networks. Through these initiatives we encouraged the growth and consumption of nourishing foods, promoted education in nutrition and endorsed improved sanitation and hygiene practices. In cooperation with local governments, we rehabilitated and constructed over 30 water and sanitation facilities in schools and health centres, directly benefiting over 5,400 people with access to clean and safe water and/or toilet facilities.

¹ [UNICEF-WHO-The World Bank: Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates \(JME\) — Levels and Trends – 2023 edition - UNICEF DATA](#)

In 2022, World Vision Ireland completed the implementation of our 6-year AIM Health Plus Programme in Uganda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Mauritania. The programme, funded by Irish Aid, directly benefited 109,336 pregnant women and 229,006 children under two years of age, with approximately two million people also indirectly benefiting from improved nutrition and health services.

Some of the achievements from all our health and nutrition programming in 2022 include:

- In total, 424,378 people had improved health and nutrition outcomes. This includes 300,189 children (60,256 aged under five years)
- Malnutrition among children aged 6-59 months reduced significantly in Mauritania (4.5% in Guerrou and 2.3% M'bagne), Tanzania (7.9% in Mundemu and 7.1% in Sanzawa) and Nepal (13% reduction)
- In Nepal, children's dietary diversity increased from 41% at baseline to 50%
- Over 600 Community Health Workers were trained and are providing supervised household level support to parents and caregivers.
- More than 80 care and support groups were facilitated to promote nutrition campaigns
- More than 180 health workers were trained in the supervision of Community Health Workers

Improving Children's Health

Catherine is thirteen and is in standard six at Wita Primary school in the World Vision Ireland supported Ndala Area Programme in Tanzania. Her parents are both farmers and livestock keepers. In her community most people depend on agricultural for their activities, relying on rainfall for crop production.

Catherine describes how, before the World Vision Ireland supported intervention in her school, toilet facilities were very poor and there was frequent diarrhoea and other disease outbreaks. The school had only one pit latrine with three stances to be used by all 490 students (260 girls and 230 boys) and nine teachers. This, she says, affected attendance at school and it eventually affected student performance as well.

" With World Vision's help our school now has improved latrines and hand washing facilities for girls and boys. This has really improved our comfort and learning. Now, students feel safer and more protected from diseases. I enjoy my school environment and we are now very comfortable at school"

The Wita primary school Head Teacher agrees, saying "we are very happy for what World Vision have done in our school, we suffered a lot from poor access of water, poor sanitation facilities and waterborne diseases. Our school attendance, children's health and academic performance have improved compared with before."



Resilience & Livelihoods

In 2022, a combination of economic challenges and the adverse effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and unpredictable weather patterns, resulted in an alarming rise in food insecurity worldwide. The additional strain that had been caused by the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated economic pressures and increased instances of violence against women and children.

World Vision Ireland, using holistic models such as Savings for Transformation (S4T), cash-for-work initiatives, climate-smart techniques, infrastructure development for livelihoods and the Ultra Poor Graduation (UPG) model worked diligently to empower households, particularly those headed by women. These efforts aimed to enhance access to profitable, safe and sustainable livelihoods and employment and involved various complementary activities including reforestation, afforestation, the establishment of savings groups, income-generating interventions, unconditional cash transfers and training in climate smart techniques to adapt to changing weather patterns. All of these approaches were designed to elevate the economic well-being of households and in turn improve the well-being of children.

Some of the achievements from all our resilience and livelihoods programming in 2022 include:

- Overall, 69,836 people benefited from livelihoods interventions including 20,980 children

In Nepal

- The Ultra Poor Graduation approach (focussed on those with the lowest incomes in target communities) contributed to a notable \$30 (€28) increase in target households' income

- 40% more households now have access to financial institutions In Tanzania
- 106 savings groups were established and accumulated a total savings of 289.3 million Tanzanian shillings (approximately €116,000)
- Youth led advocacy in Tanga led to tree harvesting regulations being revised in Korogwe district, curbing the misuse of tree harvesting permits
- In Mundemu, the average household's water collection distance reduced from 5.6 kilometres to less than 400 meters

Across all programme countries

- Improved water supply for livelihoods (farming, kitchen gardens etc) for 675 households through construction of irrigation schemes and water pumps
- Over 25,750 trees including fruit trees such as mango and orange were planted in partnership with communities to improve livelihoods and nutrition

Responding to Emergencies

Humanitarian emergencies can emerge from a variety of situations including political crises such as wars and civil conflicts as well as environmental disasters like floods, droughts, earthquakes and numerous other factors. In 2022, the global humanitarian situation deteriorated due to multiple factors such as the wars in Ukraine and Ethiopia, global hunger, drought in East Africa, high global living costs and the lingering impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. These challenges pushed a significant number of people into extreme need. Vulnerable families in regions struggling with severe hunger faced the prospect of starvation while the impacts of conflict saw millions of people displaced from their homes and countries. In response, we contributed to the work of the World Vision partnership which delivered humanitarian assistance to over 30 million people in response to 59 natural and manmade disasters across 52 countries.

World Vision Ireland teams responded to over 11 emergencies in 9 countries. We responded to emergencies related to disease such as the Covid 19 pandemic by provision of PPE, awareness campaigns, construction of hand washing facilities, covid vaccinations and mobile outreaches. In response to climate related emergencies such as droughts, flooding, storms, cyclones and earthquakes we supported the distribution of seeds to promote food production, emergency cash transfers, psychological support, the provision of education materials and the renovation and rehabilitation of school infrastructure

including water facilities and toilets. We contributed to the World Vision global partnership investment of approximately US\$2.7 million to support four spotlight projects including the Child Rescue Projects in Afghanistan, DRC, Honduras and Philippines. Below is an overview of our impact responding to emergencies in 2022:

- Over 95,353 people were reached including more than 52,000 children
- 95.7% of target households in Mauritania were able to maintain 3 nutritious meals a day
- 6,000 households in Ukraine were supported with seed distribution
- 9,231 people received emergency cash transfers in Uganda, Somalia and Mauritania
- Over 6,500 children were provided with learning kits for school
- 19 Peace Clubs were created with over 900 children receiving peace building lessons in Philippines and Honduras
- 1,329 farmers were empowered to become more productive and self-sufficient in DRC
- 2,496 parents were trained in new skills to help nourish their young children in DRC and Philippines
- 138 malnourished children were treated in clinics in DRC
- Over 15,000 children gained access to clean water and hygienic toilets in their schools in Philippines and Afghanistan
- In Afghanistan over 36,000 children receive vital medical care
- Over 100 teenage girls received hygiene kits

Our Approaches



Addressing the nexus

In 2022 we continued to see increases in the levels of child deprivation and poverty across the world, particularly in many of the fragile contexts we work in. In fragile contexts, children suffer extreme levels of violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect. Working flexibly across the Humanitarian, Development and Peacebuilding Nexus (HDPN) unleashes the potential for deeper, transformational change, even in the most challenging contexts.

We continued to apply our approach to adaptive nexus programming in fragile contexts throughout 2022. Our nexus programming approach is designed to enable World Vision to address immediate survival needs and build towards a better future for vulnerable children and families in fragile contexts. Transcending the traditional humanitarian/development/peacebuilding divide means combining working "in" fragility (the work of protecting lives, ensuring the survival of the most affected and most vulnerable children and protecting their rights), while contributing to their recovery and resilience after crises by working "on" fragility (addressing the root causes of fragility so that progress towards peace and stability becomes possible). Responding flexibly to this kind of volatile change requires humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors to work flexibly together towards collective outcomes for children.

In 2022, we supported the implementation of nexus programming across 5 project sites in some of the world's most fragile contexts - DRC, Afghanistan, Honduras, Philippines and South Sudan. This was enabled by our generous childhood rescue donors and support from the Irish Government/Irish Aid.

The people of Afghanistan continued to experience ongoing conflict and unrest affecting millions of young lives. Despite the immense challenges, World Vision continued to stay and deliver for the communities we serve. In difficult circumstance, our nexus approach

helped us to be able to deliver results for children and their families - through World Vision Ireland support 36,000 children now receive vital medical care, 353 vulnerable families received vouchers to buy essential food items and 8,000 students now have access to water and hygiene facilities at their schools.



Ruth and Holiness members of Mapalo Youth Saving Group, Zambia. Photo Credit: World Vision

Citizen Voice and Action (CVA)

Accountability is a central principle for good governance. World Vision Ireland sees social accountability as a core component of achieving a more just and equitable world for the most vulnerable children. We look to empower communities – including women, young people – to hold their governments accountable for services promised. Citizen Voice and Action (CVA), World Vision’s proven approach to social accountability, provides a structure for this engagement.

CVA brings local communities alongside service providers for evidence-based constructive dialogue and collective action towards significantly improved service delivery and service quality and to influence public policies. CVA works by first informing citizens about their rights and then equipping them with a set of tools designed to empower them to engage in local advocacy to protect and enforce those rights.

Over the year in review, we supported CVA actions across 9 projects including our flagship European Union funded social accountability projects – Sustainable Actions Uniting Tanzanian and Irish Youth (SAUTI-Youth) and Citizen Voices Addressing Violence Against Children (CVAVAC) implemented in Tanzania and Ireland, and Lesotho respectively.

SAUTI is the Swahili word for ‘voice’ and the SAUTI-Youth programme focuses on the empowerment of youth to be strong voices in and for their communities and to monitor government commitments on climate action. The project places working with young people and children at the centre of the action as they are important stakeholders for climate action and actively participate in advocacy, national

adaptation and mitigation actions and international negotiations. Having them at the heart of this project is not only enabling their participation rights but acknowledges that they will live the future realities of any environmental decisions made today. Major successes in 2022 included:

- 17 youth led joint Action Plans on climate are being implemented in Tanga, Tanzania, focusing on civic participation, climate smart agriculture, reforestation and water source protection.
- Four climate policies have been influenced with policies/revisions being implemented
- Youth led advocacy strongly influenced the revision of the tree licence permit guideline in Korogwe, Tanzania (curbing misuse of permits)

Similarly, in Lesotho our CVAVAC project places children and young people at the centre in addressing violence against children through increased awareness and improved, efficient and child-appropriate justice services. Achievements in 2022 included:

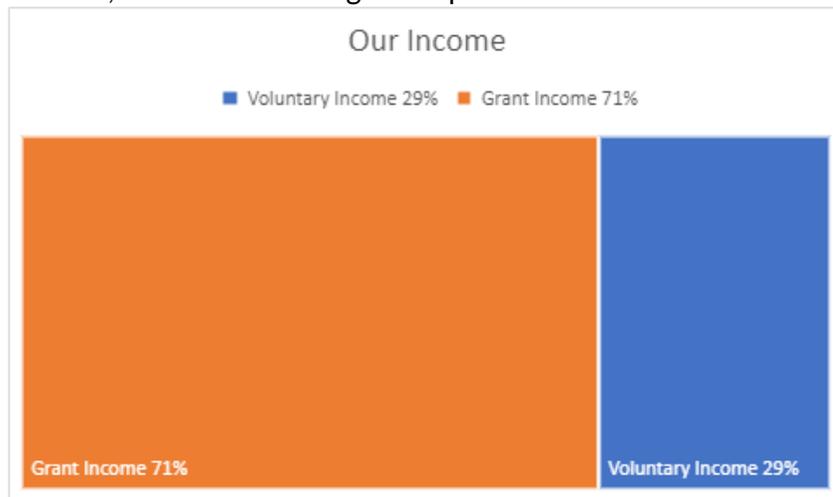
- 2 court rooms were turned into child friendly courts and there has been an increase in the number of child abuse cases reported to the authorities
- 2,148 cases involving children were recorded in the target areas
- The project successfully translated and helped the enactment of key child protection legislations - the counter domestic violence Act, the harmonisation of rights of customary widows act and the protection and administration of custom at initial schools

Our Finances

In Financial Year 2022 (Year Ending 30th September 2022) World Vision Ireland's income was €8.7m and related expenditure was €8.6m. At Year End, the organisation had restricted funds of €151,870 in line with our reserves policy.

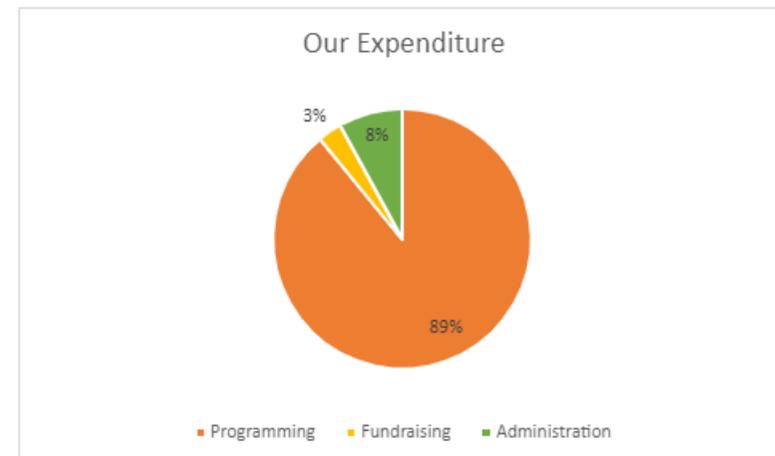
We are thankful for the generous support received from our institutional donors (Irish Aid/Department of Foreign Affairs, European Union, United Nations, ElectricAid and Bank of Ireland Staff Funds) and the Irish public for their ongoing support.

We achieved our Triple lock certification in 2022. This status is awarded to charities that uphold the highest standards in transparent reporting, ethical fundraising and strong governance structures. This recognition is the gold standard for Irish charities, offering assurances to donors, members and the general public.



All the resources entrusted to us are effectively and efficiently invested in the lives and futures of children. We are always working to keep our overheads low.

In 2022, we used 89% of our total operating expenses for programmes that benefit children, families, and communities in need, 3% was used for fundraising efforts and 8% for administration expenses.





“Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness. Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so”

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