

## HOPE AT HOME: CENTRAL AMERICA

### Progress Report

October 2024–September 2025

## SUMMARY

Without a safe way to provide for their families, people in Honduras and Guatemala can lose hope. Overwhelming challenges like violence, poverty, and natural disasters may drive them to seek a better life elsewhere. Our Hope at Home: Central America initiative addresses physical, mental, and spiritual needs, so children and families can flourish where they are.

### Widening our impact

In fiscal year 2025, we increased our impact, expanding Hope at Home to Guatemala. The initiative reached more than 3.5 million people with access to clean water, farming or business opportunities, life skills and job preparation, child protection, and Christian discipleship activities.

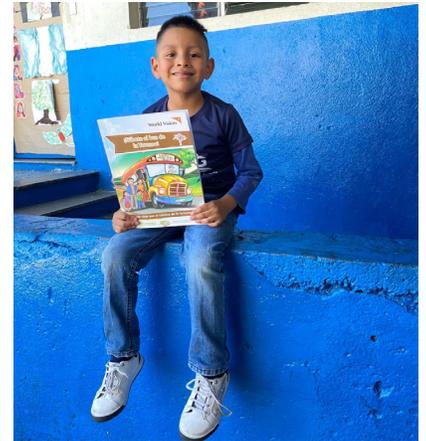
### Mobilizing church leaders

The Church is a vital partner in all of our work. In Guatemala and Honduras, we equip faith leaders to strengthen families and address the root causes

of poverty and violence. Martín Tobar, a family ministry coordinator, said support from World Vision has helped his church become a catalyst for renewal: “Today, more than 60 families pray together every week. We have witnessed restored marriages and young people committed to their faith.”

### Empowering children and families

Whether we’re equipping farmers to increase and diversify their income or empowering children to shape decisions that impact their lives, the result is the same: They begin to envision a future with purpose and hope, in their own communities. “Our work together ensures that only our products travel from Guatemala to the world—not our people,” said Hilda María Morales, Guatemala program manager for THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments).



Before moving in with his grandmother, 5-year-old Ángel (pictured) lived in a home where anger and conflict were common, leaving him quick to react and often at odds with his brother and classmates. Through our Christian discipleship program, he learned about Joseph and the coat of many colors (Genesis 37); the story resonated with him. Learning about forgiveness brought Ángel peace, helping him repair relationships at home.

## PEOPLE REACHED (OCTOBER 2022–SEPTEMBER 2025)

**3,562,421** PEOPLE\* were empowered with access to essential services in Honduras and Guatemala.



**383,664**

people gained access to **clean water** for drinking, better household sanitation, and improved personal hygiene.



**251,181**

producer group members sold value chain products and farmers used improved tools through **economic empowerment activities**.



**8,897**

caregivers, youth, and children learned ways to identify violence and protect themselves and others through **child protection** projects.



**22,740**

young people were equipped with tools and training to enter the workforce through **RISE** (Reaching Independence through Support and Empowerment).



**2,895,939**

pastors, Christian leaders, teachers, parents, children, and youth benefited from training and resources to learn Bible-based life skills and explore or deepen their faith through **Christian discipleship** efforts.

\*Some participants have accessed multiple services. For instance, a church leader may have participated in a children's ministry training and gained access to clean water.

# WATER

## SUMMARY

World Vision is equipping communities in Honduras and Guatemala with access to clean water, hygiene, and sanitation (WASH) in homes, schools, and health clinics.

### Honduras

We crossed the halfway point of our goal to reach 650,000 people with access to clean water in 49 municipalities by 2028, reaching 332,695 people (51% of target), to date. During the reporting period, we:

- Reached 109,226 people with clean water via 74 new or rehabilitated systems, including 15 health centers and 142 schools serving 13,238 children.
- Installed handwashing stations in 9,349 households, benefiting more than 55,000 people, while 6,671 families participated in programs that promote handwashing and healthy habits.

- Taught 8,592 students improved hygiene practices through our partnership with Sesame Workshop's WASH UP! and Girl Talk programs, while 1,700 girls were equipped with menstrual hygiene education.

### Guatemala

Our WASH program serves people in 19 area programs. In FY25, we:

- Installed handwashing stations with soap and water in 1,834 households, benefiting 8,268 people.
- Built or repaired 37 water systems, including pumps, tanks, new piping, and rainwater harvesting for communities without a water source.

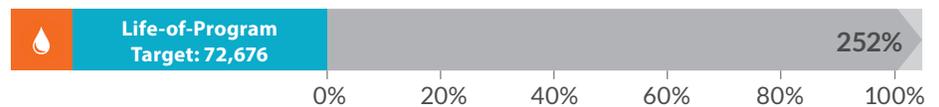
In FY26, we'll launch the next phase of the WASH program, expanding into new areas and focusing our efforts to maximize impact.



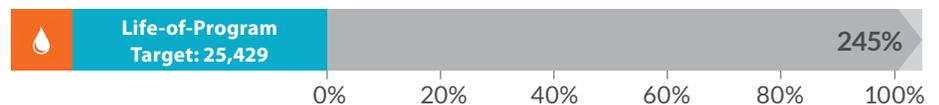
*Sandra (center), spent years working in tobacco fields, struggling to provide for her family as her health declined. Through a World Vision workshop in Honduras, she learned to make hygiene products including soap, shampoo, and deodorant. What began as a strategy to save money became a business venture, which has tripled her income.*

## GUATEMALA PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY21–FY25)

183,046 people now have access to clean water

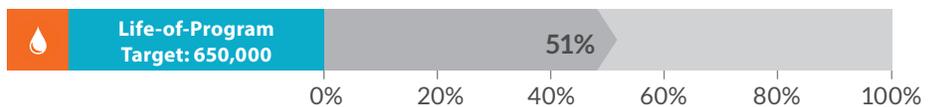


62,448 people now have access to household sanitation



## HONDURAS PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY28)

332,695 people now have access to clean water



44,775 people now have access to household sanitation



# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

## SUMMARY

Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) programs in Honduras and Guatemala are helping people change mindsets, save money, invest in businesses, provide for their families, and improve children’s lives. In FY25, we accomplished the following in Guatemala and Honduras:

### Guatemala

- Equipped 63 producer groups to increase their marketability through improved packaging and labeling. THRIVE assisted with nutritional analyses so groups could include nutritional information, a key first step to reaching wider markets.
- Added 266 new saving groups, comprised of 9,478 people, reaching 117% of our annual goal. Group members more than doubled their cumulative savings goal of \$373,192.

- Adapted Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) materials for local contexts, achieved 90% of our training target for the year, and began encouraging more men to participate by hosting weekend workshops.

### Honduras

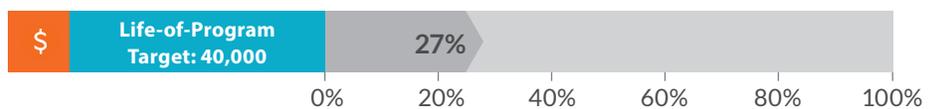
- Saw participating farmers record an amazing \$3.2 million in sales, far exceeding their target of \$1.7 million.
- Formed 263 producer groups (38 over target). These groups developed production plans in response to national and international market needs, increasing their profits.
- Equipped 291 savings groups to transition from using paper records and cash boxes to the DreamSave app, a secure digital system.



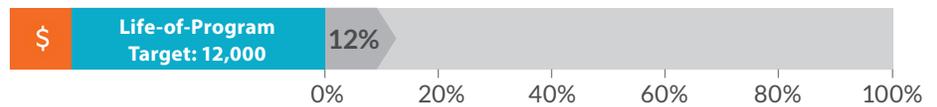
*Helmy (pictured), a 30-year-old mother of three in rural Guatemala, joined the Monte Alto Hermón savings group in 2023 and quickly became a leader, serving on the management committee as record keeper. With a loan from her savings group, Helmy launched a small store supplying everyday goods. And, to diversify her income, she started selling prepared foods at the local school.*

## GUATEMALA PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY24–FY30)

9,478 people are participating in savings groups



1,485 people have received market knowledge and access training

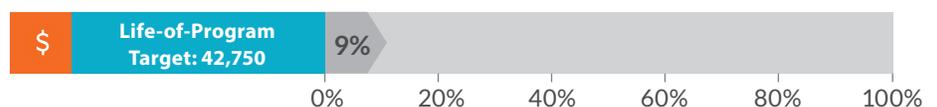


## HONDURAS PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY24–FY30)

14,060 people are participating in savings groups



3,832 people have received market knowledge and access training



# CHILD PROTECTION

## SUMMARY

Our child protection programming is currently focused in Honduras, where we're empowering children, teens, and their families to shape local solutions to the violence and risks that affect them every day. In FY25, we:

- Offered 1,439 boys and girls safe places to experience belonging and hope at 81 peace clubs. Through activities like arts festivals, sports tournaments, and youth entrepreneurship workshops, young people strengthened their leadership and conflict resolution skills. Peace clubs have become places where children make new friends, express their creativity, and encourage each other.
- Established 33 Child-Friendly Spaces, providing emotional support, learning activities, and opportunities to build self-esteem and resilience for more than 665 girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 9.
- Promoted the participation of 186 children and youth in municipal protection councils, ensuring their voices influence child-focused policies.
- Strengthened 10 Municipal Councils for Children and Youth comprised of 250 members nationwide. Their advocacy contributed to 10 municipal violence-prevention plans, each one reflecting children's priorities and ideas for safer neighborhoods.
- Referred 135 cases of child rights violations to government authorities, an important step toward ensuring children receive timely protection and support. With strengthened coordination between local leaders, schools, health centers, justice officials, and community groups, we are helping communities respond more effectively when children are at risk.



Keisy (pictured), 17, has emerged as a strong youth leader in her community, coordinating the Municipal Council for Children and Youth and supporting local peace clubs. "Everything started to change the day some friends invited me to a talk organized by World Vision. That day marked a before and after in my life," she said. She discovered her voice, built confidence, and now represents other young people in national and regional forums, working to create safer, more hopeful spaces for kids like her.

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY23–FY26)

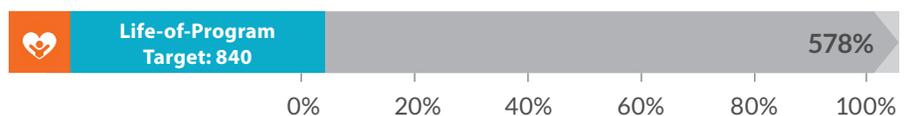
2,175 parents and caregivers participated in positive parenting workshops



1,010 children and youth participated in groups that promote and defend their rights



4,859 children took significant actions to advance the end of violence against children



## SUMMARY

When youth can't envision a good future for themselves, their hope fades. World Vision's RISE (Reaching Independence through Support and Empowerment) is changing that. In Honduras and Guatemala, RISE helps young people become agents of positive change in their own lives and communities.

### Opening doors to brighter futures

In a region where poverty and violence often limit choices, migration can feel like the only option. RISE offers a different path: education, employment, and entrepreneurship close to home. Through two innovative models—Teen Ready and Youth Ready—young people gain life skills, confidence, and practical tools to shape their own futures.

### Highlights from fiscal year 2025

This year set the stage for lasting impact. In Honduras, a partnership with the Ministry of Education equipped us to scale Teen Ready across classrooms nationwide. Now, teachers across the country are fostering life skills and confidence. Across the region, churches hosted and facilitated Teen Ready sessions and mentored Youth Ready participants—opening safe, values-based spaces that strengthen character and sustain engagement.

### Innovations driving change

For older youth, Youth Ready created pathways to advance into jobs, launch businesses, or continue their studies. Innovative tools—such as microfranchises and virtual-reality interview practice—expanded access to competitive markets. Cross-sector partnerships with companies, nongovernmental organizations, and local governments opened opportunities, while Joven Salud, an online mental health platform, provided emotional and psychological support.

### Looking ahead

In FY26, RISE will expand into new high-vulnerability areas—urban neighborhoods and rural zones most affected by violence and poverty—while deepening work where we already operate. We'll strengthen partnerships with ministries of education and private-sector employers. As more youth graduate, we expect to see more getting jobs, starting businesses, and continuing their education—creating ripple effects in families and communities. To accelerate progress, we'll scale innovations like microfranchises, immersive job-interview training, and online mental-health support. Our goal remains clear: equip vulnerable youth not just to persevere, but to thrive.



Mery (pictured), 22, from El Progreso, Honduras, once struggled to pay for her university studies. "Continuing my studies became almost impossible," she said.

Then World Vision's RISE project stepped in with an educational voucher. "It was just in time ... to regain the hope that dreams can come true when someone believes in you." Through Youth Ready, Mery gained confidence. "I used to doubt myself ... but today I can say with certainty: I am capable," she said. She not only stayed in school—she's about to graduate with a degree in business management and now volunteers to train other youth.

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (FY25)



**6,926**

adolescents ages 12–17 participated in Teen Ready in FY25 in Guatemala and Honduras.

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## SUMMARY

World Vision’s Christian discipleship programs in Guatemala and Honduras nurture children’s faith and strengthen families. FY25 highlights include:

### Guatemala

World Vision partnered with churches to support youth transformation networks, where 3,364 teens and young adults find mentors who help them grow in faith and develop leadership skills—an approach that’s building a new generation of Christian leaders.

More than 63,000 children participated in discipleship activities, including Bible studies and Sunday school classes. Celebrating Families workshops equipped 2,229 parents with positive discipline and communication skills based on biblical values.

### Honduras

Our staff partnered with churches and pastors to promote compassion

and connection in homes and communities, reaching 72,006 children and 52,755 parents with biblically based programs that teach love, forgiveness, and positive parenting. Church partnerships grew, with 228 churches now using World Vision’s discipleship resources to help families experience peace and build stronger relationships.

### Looking ahead

In FY26, we’ll plan the next phase of our Christian discipleship programs, strengthening the focus of our work. We’ll do this by discerning new program directions, identifying areas of greatest need, and seeking the right community partners.

We’ll also begin phase two of an external study with Baylor University, evaluating the impact of World Vision’s partnerships with local churches on children and youth’s spiritual development.



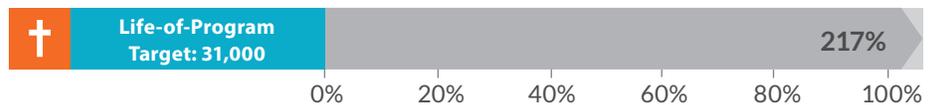
At La Merced School on the outskirts of Antigua, Guatemala, children from families living in overcrowded urban settlements face daily risks from violence, poverty, and instability. Through our Christian discipleship program, Sandra Ramirez (pictured) walks alongside these children and their parents, helping them discover God’s love and build healthier family relationships.

## GUATEMALA PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY26)

271,727 children and youth are hearing about their purpose and identity in Christ

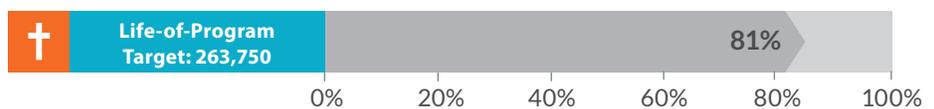


67,439 parents and caregivers learned ways to create caring, supportive home environments

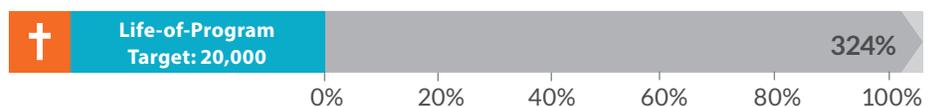


## HONDURAS PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROGRAM: FY22–FY26)

212,994 children and youth are hearing about their purpose and identity in Christ



64,836 parents and caregivers learned ways to create caring, supportive home environments



## FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE

Don Antonio (below, left) knew scarcity. He had scraped by for 40 years, growing only corn and beans in his hometown of Morocelí, Honduras. He farmed the only way he knew how, and prayed the rains would come. Some years were good. Most were not. “Almost every year was a struggle,” he said, “but we had no other choice.” Still, he did everything he could to provide for his family, especially his granddaughter, Génesis (pictured below with Don Antonio), who had already endured more loss than a child should. But THRIVE offered him a different path.

“World Vision trained us in Biblical Empowered Worldview, and that changed everything,” he said. “It brought us closer to God, taught us to have a clean heart, to help others, and to work together.” Through THRIVE, Don Antonio and neighboring farmers formed a producer group and diversified their crops, planting tomatoes and jalapeños. His annual income is now eight times what it was before THRIVE. He can provide for his granddaughter, save for emergencies, and invest in his dreams. He’s traded scarcity for abundance.



*In Guatemala and Honduras, the THRIVE program partners with smallholder farmers and small business owners to build secure livelihoods and significantly increase income.*

*THRIVE starts with BEWV, inviting participants to encounter the biblical truth that God has made us in His image and we are worthy, valuable, and capable of change. Farmers are equipped to see the resources available in their communities and adopt opportunity-driven mindsets. These core principles change hearts, then lives.*



## THANK YOU

Your support is enabling families in Guatemala and Honduras to overcome barriers to reach their God-given potential, right where they are. Thank you for helping empower communities to create lasting change and experience the abundant life God desires for everyone (John 10:10).



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