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Responding in a Changing World

Whether facing unexpected challenges or pursuing new opportunities to serve children more effectively, local churches must continually adapt to meet the needs of the communities around them. This kind of responsiveness requires flexibility, wisdom and a willingness to learn and grow.

In the following letter, **John Nkubana, the national director of Compassion Rwanda**, reflects on why these qualities matter so deeply – and how your partnership helps local churches remain resilient, responsive and effective in a rapidly changing world. Thank you for making this vital work possible.

“I want you to know how deeply grateful we are for your partnership and how tangible your impact is at the community level. Your support is not abstract. It is seen in healthier children, more resilient families, stronger churches and communities that are steadily moving from vulnerability toward stability and self-reliance.

The challenges we face today are increasingly complex. A changing climate, public health pressures, land scarcity and economic vulnerability mean that progress is often fragile. A single shock, whether a flood, illness or crop failure, can reverse years of hard-won gains for a family. Continued and flexible financial support is therefore not only helpful, but essential to protecting progress and ensuring that transformation is sustained over time.

At the same time, I want you to know that this is a season of real opportunity. The alignment between national priorities, the growing capacity of local churches and improved systems for data, accountability and partnership create a unique window to achieve deeper, more scalable impact. With sustained investment, we can move beyond short-term relief to long-term, generational change, helping families not only survive, but truly thrive.

Finally, I want you to know that your partnership is not only financial, but also relational and mission driven. Your prayers, encouragement and long-term commitment strengthen and motivate frontline staff, volunteers and churches who serve daily in challenging contexts. Together, we are not only addressing poverty, but we are also helping to restore dignity, build hope and raise a generation equipped to lead their families and communities into a more resilient future armed with the mission of ‘releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name.’”

-JOHN NKUBANA
NATIONAL DIRECTOR, COMPASSION RWANDA

When Conflict Erupts, Children Feel It First

Conflict does not have to happen in a child's neighborhood to affect their daily life.

In recent years, families served by Compassion have faced the ripple effects of conflicts both near and far. Instability in the Middle East and Eastern Europe has contributed to rising fuel costs and supply chain disruptions that impact communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America. In places like Myanmar and Haiti, ongoing violence has displaced families across borders and created new barriers to accessing food, health care and education. Elsewhere, economic shocks and political instability have made it increasingly difficult for vulnerable households to meet basic needs.

For families already living in poverty, these pressures can quickly turn everyday challenges into serious hardship.

The impact is often felt most deeply by children.

When household budgets shrink, nutritious meals become harder to afford. Medical care may be delayed. Transportation costs can make it more difficult for children to attend school or participate in Compassion activities. In communities already facing poverty, even small disruptions can threaten years of progress.

Yet this is precisely when the local church becomes most important.

Because of your generosity, Compassion's Frontline Church Partners are able to adapt as circumstances change – helping families navigate uncertainty while continuing to provide the care, encouragement and hope children need to thrive. They are also able to provide timely, targeted support for these extraordinary situations faced by children and families, such as life-saving nutrition, medical care, safe housing and many other forms of direct relief.

Your support helps ensure that when children are impacted by conflict near and far, churches remain a steady and stable source of hope.

The Ripple Effects of Conflict Today

When conflict escalated in the Middle East in early 2026, most of the families Compassion serves were thousands of miles from the fighting.

Yet many still felt the impact.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most important shipping routes and a critical passageway for global oil supplies. As the conflict disrupted shipping and energy markets, fuel prices surged around the world. The effects quickly spread far beyond the region itself.

In East and Southern Africa alone, analysts project that nearly 18 million additional people could be pushed into acute food insecurity if elevated fuel prices persist. Similar concerns have emerged across Asia, West Africa and Latin America as transportation costs increased, supply chains faced disruptions and food prices continued to rise.

These economic shocks are devastating to families already living in poverty, severely limiting their access to education, health care, reliable food sources and other essential goods.

This is one example of why flexibility matters.

As circumstances change, local churches must be prepared to respond to challenges that emerge with little warning. Your support of Accelerate Action helps make that possible – equipping churches to adapt, continue serving children and protect hard-won progress when the world around them changes.



Building on What Works

One of the most powerful opportunities in ministry is investing resources into building and scaling what is already working.

As local churches learn more about the needs of the families they serve, they also gain insight into which approaches are producing the strongest outcomes. These lessons create opportunities to strengthen our impact, expand effective interventions and help even more children thrive.

In Zambia, one of Compassion's newest program countries, lessons learned from Compassion's Survival program in other parts of the world have provided a springboard for rapid, extraordinary impact on vulnerable mothers and babies. More than 6,100 babies and caregivers have been reached by these efforts so far, with many more to come in the near future.

A recent study of these new Survival programs in Zambia is shining a light on the profound difference they are making.

More mothers are giving birth with the support of skilled health care professionals. More caregivers are engaging their children in early learning activities. And more families are adopting healthy nutrition practices that support children's growth and development.

These results are encouraging not simply because they represent improvement, but because they provide a roadmap for even more future impact. As Compassion continues to learn from programs like this one, successful approaches can be adapted and expanded to help even more mothers, babies and caregivers thrive.

In this way, your support helps Compassion identify promising approaches, strengthen effective ministry and continue pursuing better outcomes for children throughout Zambia and around the world.



Zambia's Survival Program: A Better Start for Children

96%

of mothers delivered with the help of skilled birth attendants

71%

of infants achieved minimum dietary diversity (up from 49%)

82%

of caregivers engaged children in learning activities at home

96%

of caregivers reported praying with or for their children regularly



Thank You for Accelerating Action

“We would like to express our deep gratitude to our donors for walking alongside the church during a complex and challenging season. Your faithful support makes it possible to create safe spaces where children and youth are protected, nurtured and encouraged to discover their God-given potential. Because of your partnership, churches are able to respond to real needs with compassion, wisdom and intentional care, offering children and families alternatives rooted in hope rather than fear. Your prayers, generosity and commitment continue to be a tangible expression of God’s love in the lives of the most vulnerable.”

-KLEBER LORA

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PROGRAM, LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

