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“Thank you for your continuous prayer, love and cheerful giving to bring hope to the vulnerable. Each child matters. Keep doing what you are doing. May God bless you abundantly and take care of all your needs.”

-SHAVEEN FERNANDO
NATIONAL DIRECTOR, COMPASSION SRI LANKA

A Stronger Start for Children in Poverty

Every child deserves the opportunity to grow into their God-given potential – to be healthy, protected, known and loved. Yet for millions of children living in poverty, the obstacles they face begin early and often shape the course of their entire lives.

That’s why the work of Expand Hope matters so deeply.

Through the Beyond Measure campaign, Compassion’s local church partners are reaching more children in their early years, addressing the greatest threats facing families and removing barriers that prevent young people from flourishing. From expectant mothers and newborns to youth taking their first steps toward independence, your generosity is helping create stronger foundations for lifelong transformation.

Together, we are witnessing remarkable progress. **Since the launch of Beyond Measure, more than 683,000 new children, babies and caregivers have been served through Christ-centered, church-driven initiatives designed to lift them out of poverty.** Every one of those lives represents a story of a child’s potential being nurtured, a family being strengthened and a community being transformed through the love of Jesus.

In the pages ahead, you’ll see how your support is helping reach children early in their journeys, overcoming obstacles that threaten their well-being and providing opportunities that can change the trajectory of their futures.

Thank you for continuing to Expand Hope where it is needed most.

**Because of you, more than 683,000
new lives have been reached.**

435,515
children and youth

123,931
babies

123,896
caregivers

Spotlight on Unsponsored Children: Growing With Consistent Care

Children’s earliest years are filled with countless moments of growth and development that shape the course of their future. From infancy through adolescence, every phase matters – making consistency of care especially important as children grow.

That’s why Compassion is intentionally working to reach children as early in life as possible.

More than 120,000 babies have been welcomed into the Survival program since the launch of Beyond Measure. And today, the average age of entry into Compassion’s programs is just over 3 years old. As these children grow, local churches are walking alongside them through each new season of life by nurturing their health, strengthening their families and helping them build a foundation for the future.

But transitions can be vulnerable moments.

Children who have graduated from Compassion’s Survival program should not have to lose access to the next stages of care while waiting for a sponsor. Likewise, churches should not be forced to pause their ministry simply because funding has not yet caught up with the needs they see around them.

The Unsponsored Children’s Fund helps bridge that gap.

By providing continuity during critical transition periods, it empowers local churches to continue serving children without interruption. This ensures more young lives remain connected to the relationships, support and opportunities that help them thrive, regardless of expected transitions or unexpected funding lapses.

Thank you for making this vital work possible at every step of a child’s development!

Providing Care While Awaiting Sponsorship

Continuity of care and age-appropriate programming, made possible through the Unsponsored Children’s Fund



Pregnancy, Birth,
First Year of Life



Early Childhood,
School Years



Adolescence, Transition
to Adulthood

A Deeper Look:

58%

of all unsponsored children are under age 6

3.2 years

is the average age of entry into Compassion’s program

180,000+

children ages 5 and under are currently receiving support while awaiting sponsorship

Spotlight on WaSH: More Than Infrastructure

The importance of safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH) is easy to recognize.

Every child needs clean water to drink. Every family needs safe ways to manage waste. Every community benefits from healthy hygiene practices that help prevent disease.

But the impact of these interventions reaches far beyond these basic necessities.

Through your support of Beyond Measure, local churches are helping address WaSH-related challenges that affect nearly every aspect of a child's development. Safe water helps reduce preventable illness, keeping kids in school and caregivers in their jobs. Improved sanitation protects community health. Hygiene education equips children and caregivers with habits that can benefit entire households for years to come.

Together, these three elements work hand in hand to remove barriers that can limit a child's ability to learn, grow and thrive.

James Tebyasa, Compassion's Global WaSH Specialist, explains:

"WaSH is more than infrastructure. It's about dealing with the barriers that are actually affecting the thriving of children and youth."

Because of your generosity, churches are not only improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene. They are helping children spend more time getting an education, strengthening families, promoting dignity and creating healthier environments where young people can pursue their God-given potential.

This past year:

210,000+

estimated people benefited from WaSH interventions

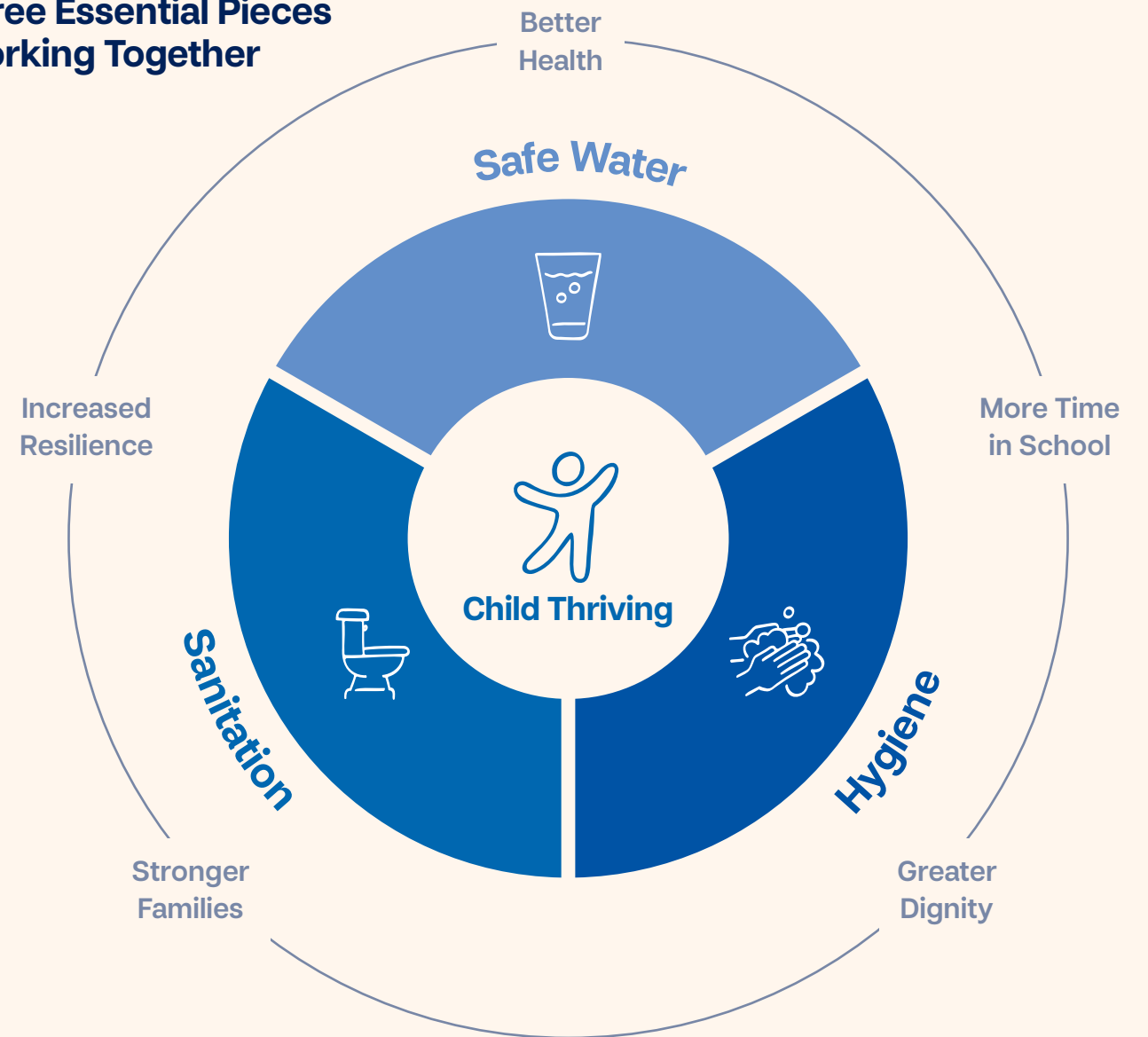
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WaSH projects were implemented in high priority areas across Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean

100%

of interventions targeted the unique needs of each community, including a variety of solutions such as boreholes, latrines, water treatment systems, storage tanks, piping systems and education.

Three Essential Pieces Working Together



Teaching Healthy Habits

For some children, Compassion's WaSH programming provides their first lessons on how diseases spread and how simple practices like hand-washing can help prevent illness.

In many low-income communities, schools lack adequate sanitation facilities or opportunities for hygiene education. By equipping children and caregivers with practical knowledge, local churches help create healthier foundational habits that can benefit entire households for a lifetime.



Basics That Restore Dignity: Oneida's Story

For years, Oneida worried constantly about her children.

The bathroom at her family's home in the Dominican Republic was little more than a makeshift latrine. It frequently overflowed, filling the house with foul odors and exposing her children to contamination, illness and danger. The conditions became so difficult that Oneida and her children often avoided being inside, even when she wasn't working.

"The bad smell bothered me, and it bothered the children. My daughter specifically got sick very often because of this condition," Oneida recalls.

Without a safe place to bathe or use the restroom, even the most basic daily routines became a source of stress. Illnesses were common, and inviting friends or neighbors into the home felt unthinkable.

"I didn't feel good here in the house. Sometimes I had to spend the whole day outside with the children when I didn't have to work, because inside it was very, very disgusting," she says.

Then everything changed.

Through a Compassion-supported intervention, Oneida's family was one of three households in their community to receive a new bathroom. What seemed like a simple construction project became something far more significant: a restoration of safety, dignity and hope.

The impact was immediate. The children became healthier. The home felt welcoming again. For the first time, Oneida's family had privacy and peace of mind.

For Paola, the local Compassion center director, the transformation was about more than a bathroom.

"You can't imagine how it felt seeing the family, seeing the children's faces, the mother's happiness. It allowed us to move forward and pray with faith that we would see those children being healthy, happy and secure in their home."

Today, Oneida's story serves as a reminder that sometimes the most basic interventions can have the deepest impact – restoring not only health and safety, but the dignity every child and family deserves.



See more of Oneida's story
by scanning the QR code.



"I remember when I received the news that now I was going to take a bath inside and have my own bathroom. I felt like a queen."

-ONEIDA

Spotlight on Education: Learning Begins at Home

Children's futures are shaped long before they enter a classroom.

Research consistently shows that a parent's level of education is a strong predictor of a child's educational outcomes. Yet many caregivers living in poverty have had limited access to educational opportunities themselves, making it more difficult to provide the support and learning experiences that help children thrive.

That's why Compassion invests not only in children, but also in the caregivers who influence them most.

Through parent education initiatives, local churches are equipping caregivers with practical knowledge, tools and resources that help create nurturing environments where children can learn, explore and grow. Parents gain confidence in supporting their children's development, while age-appropriate books, educational materials and play-based learning resources help transform everyday moments into opportunities for learning.

Because of your generosity, caregivers are becoming active partners in their children's development – strengthening foundations for future success and helping create new opportunities for the next generation.

When parents are empowered, children are better positioned to flourish.



Strengthening Families in Tanzania

In Tanzania, local church partners are expanding positive parenting initiatives to help address some of the challenges facing children and youth today.

The need is significant. According to national data, 1 in 3 women in Tanzania marries before the age of 18, while 1 in 4 girls ages 15 to 19 has already begun childbearing. Church partners have also reported thousands of cases of teenage pregnancy among girls who are served by Compassion-supported programs.

While these challenges are complex, caregivers play a critical role in shaping the choices and opportunities available to children.

That's why Compassion is supporting a nationwide effort to promote positive parenting practices, strengthen family relationships and equip caregivers with the knowledge and tools needed to create healthier home environments. Through this focus on educating parents and caregivers, churches are working to reduce the risks that can lead to child marriage, teenage pregnancy and school dropout.

This initiative is anticipated to reach more than 1.7 million caregivers across Tanzania – a massive undertaking that has the potential to leave a generational impact on at-risk children. Thank you for helping make this possible!



Thank You for Expanding Hope

“We are deeply grateful for our donors’ partnership in this mission. Your support enables us to serve vulnerable children, youth and families across the region and world, strengthening things like health, WaSH and livelihoods. As we expand programs and strengthen Frontline Church Partners, your contributions continue to make a tangible, Christ-centered impact on communities, empowering the Church to serve sustainably and effectively.”

-JOEL MACHARIA
SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AFRICA

