



2019/20
Annual
Report







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Dear Friend,

Looking back on the last 12 months, the year can clearly be divided into two very different periods of time, especially with the global pandemic which has affected every one of us in some way. As the CEO of a not for profit, I had to make some tough decisions regarding staff as well as decisions about how we communicate and promote with the travel restrictions in place.

World Hope International's holistic approach to development saw us able to quickly adjust our programs, from providing the community with education about the virus, COVID-19 to facilitating resources such as clean water and soap for handwashing. Increasing our capacity for affordable clean water through TapEffect in Cambodia was a priority as well as facilitating education resources for students studying from home. Our staff in the Philippines were able to continue care for the survivors of trafficking by phone and video conferencing and purchase of groceries for those unable to leave their homes.

A highlight has been our partnership to support the opening of Nomad Mougulu High School in Papua New Guinea. Accessible education for young people in this region has been out of reach previously, however, in April this year after a delay due to COVID-19, 78 young people began grade nine.

All of this is because of your support, which enables WHI to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity, and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family and their community.

Together we are providing a future.

With Hope,

Ruth Thomas
CEO

A woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored lace jacket over a pink shirt and a colorful patterned skirt, is standing in front of a wooden structure. She is turning a small metal water tap, and a stream of water is flowing out. In the background, a young child in a yellow shirt is looking towards the camera. The setting appears to be a rural or developing area with wooden walls and various household items hanging on them.

Our Mission and Vision

World Hope International (WHI) is a Christian relief and development organisation working with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering, and injustice.

Our vision is to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity, and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family, and their community. WHI supports all people regardless of ethnicity, gender, race, or religion.



We are working alongside vulnerable populations around the world to provide opportunity, dignity, and hope through market-based and community-driven solutions. Providing programming through clean water and energy, global health, protection, and social ventures, our projects empower, protect, and build resiliency. When people have sustainable solutions in place, a future not only becomes imaginable; it becomes possible--and that inspires a powerful hope.

Our Work

Clean Water & Energy

- Across **5** countries, **40,171** individuals gained access to safe drinking water services.
- Farmers and families of the Thera Metrey project in Cambodia received the installment of **100+** toilets and access to water to benefit **428** people.
- TapEffect in Cambodia has signed up **19** villages which includes **1,100+** households, 9 schools and 2 health centers to connect clean water providing **6,300** people with easily accessible drinking water in their homes.
- COVID19 awareness and handwashing demonstration with soap distribution were conducted house to house by WHI staff reaching **175** households in Cambodia.



TapEffect

World Hope International's **TapEffect project** piloted a piped water system in Mondulkiri Cambodia. Households in the region previously had to use natural springs or wells or else purchase untreated water at a high price. Now, **97 households** across the remote villages of the region are connected to clean water.

Having water tapped into schools has helped schoolchildren stay in school and increased the success of World Hope's Project Konsae - a school feeding program. With the increased sanitation education and clean water right in the school and the ability of community members to cook meals on-site for the children, the school dropout rate went from **22 percent to zero.**

Mother of 6 and school feeding program cook, N. Dep, shared that prior to the feeding program, her children regularly suffered stomach problems and bouts of diarrhea and she lost her third-born. Now, not only do the children get hot food, but they have learned to wash their hands routinely, wash their dishes and utensils, and have access to clean water for safe drinking and other sanitary needs.



Global Health

- Conducted visitations with **1,008** children with disabilities in clinic, made **1,138** home visits in Sierra Leone while supplying **321** pieces of specialised equipment to children.
- **379** school meals were provided to students in the Philippines and Cambodia.
- In the Philippines, **300** people received deworming medication.
- **161** children received nutritional support through child sponsorship in Sierra Leone and the Philippines.
- Through the Enable the Children program, **9** rehabilitation therapists were trained on in-home based therapies while **391** local stakeholders were sensitised about the needs of children with disabilities.
- COVID19 awareness and handwashing demonstration with soap distribution were conducted house to house by WHI staff reaching **175** households in Cambodia.
- Covid19 prevention and First Aid Training were conducted for **9** teachers in **3** schools.
- **78** students in PNG received a full health check and COVID 19 prevention training prior to beginning classes.
- **120** females (**20** high schoolers & **100** senior primary schoolers) received reproductive health education in PNG
- **6** schools provided with pantry items and fresh fruit so students are not hungry.





Alfred has been raised by his mother and grandmother as his father died at the time of his birth. He is delayed in his development and has a left-sided weakness. Before his mother met the Enable the Children team in Freetown, she shared that she held a lot of discouragement and grief over her son's condition. All that changed, though, when Enable the Children staff started working with their family and Alfred began to exhibit improvement from therapeutic exercises.

One of World Hope's 118 sponsored children in the ETC sponsorship program, Alfred also receives funding to pay for his school fees, alleviating the burden of cost from his family during the year. Thanks to the generosity of his sponsor this year, he received a few new clothes and food supplies, as well.

In 2019, Enable the Children launched a series of successful sports events in the community that have even led to positive conversations with the Special Olympics committee. Isha Johansen, the President of the Sierra Leone Football Association, announced a partnership with Enable the Children, and children in the program were able to meet and play alongside their national soccer team, the Leone Stars. This new development could lead to some exciting prospects in Disability Sports - and is an incredible advocacy opportunity for diversity and inclusion. "I love seeing peoples' minds be changed by the determination of the human spirit," shared Robert Brugler, a member of the support staff with Enable The Children (ETC).

In September, Alfred was thrilled to be able to join 24 other children in getting to meet the Leone Stars. It was a special honour for Alfred to not only see some of the best players in the country up close, but to also pass the ball back and forth and spend time with the players.

For a child who loves football and has had a rough start to his young life, being part of Enable the Children and getting the chance to meet the Leone Stars was a great experience for him-- and a story echoed through many of our 800+ current patients who benefit from the services and encouragement of the Enable the Children Program.



"I am not sure what would have happened to me and my son if Enable

the Children had not got involved. My son has improved so much and now he is playing football with the Leone Stars. Usually people move away from me because of my son's condition, but you embrace him for who he is"

-Alfred's mother

Food for kids

According to Foodbank Australia's Rumbling Tummies report, more than 1 in 5 Australian children have experienced food insecurity in the past 12 months. For students who are coming to school without breakfast or lunch, Food for Kids is making a difference.

Beginning in 2018 with just one school, World Hope International partnered with Axis Church, a local Wesleyan Methodist Church, to implement the program through the schools in the Northlakes Qld region. Working together with school Principals and Chaplains to make sure vulnerable students are studying with food in their tummies. Now Food for Kids is in 6 schools with plans to continue growing.

- During 2020 approx. **2,500** lunches were supplied to **6** schools in a 15 week period.
- During COVID lockdown - **57** breakfast/lunch hampers were provided to vulnerable families over 5 weeks.



Protection



- In Papua New Guinea **29** young women and **21** young men participated in a life skills and empowerment programme.
- **1** High School resourced with **78** new students (**22** females and **56** males) enrolled in Western Province of PNG
- **284** community members were trained on child protection and referral mechanisms, and **210** participants attended dissemination workshops for current data on child trafficking to spread awareness throughout communities in Sierra Leone.
- Special interest clubs were introduced through school curriculum in Cambodia - sports, cultural drama, English language and computers. Due to school closures with COVID 19, these have been run as out of school activities.
- In the Philippines, **119** children were assessed regarding their psychological functioning, **127** children received therapeutic services, and 84 children were assessed to be reintegrated, while **132** social workers were trained in OSEC related topics.







Sofia's Story

Since 2017, World Hope International (WHI) has been working in the Philippines to introduce therapeutic interventions for survivors of Online Sexual Abuse of Children (OSEC)—a complicated form of abuse which continues to impact survivors in a detrimental way long after they have been removed from the abusive situation.

Sofia* wrote that she already forgave her abusers and would encourage them to change for the better. She told them “not to lose hope, and to make use of the second chance given to them.” She also said she has learned now to “seek for justice/help, and if you are an abused person, you must report it to the authorities, especially if you discover that you are a child experiencing OSEC.” Finally, she charged her family to “be strong despite the difficulty of the sudden life changes due to the untoward incidents. Depression happens, but these trials are temporary,” and that we should all remember “that a person’s trust, faith, and hope in God will help conquer [these trials].”

For therapists charged with the daunting task of helping children heal, for children fighting trauma and searching for peace and happiness, and for communities ravaged by this terrible form of trafficking, this new therapy tool is beginning to bring healing—and hope.

*Name changed to protect her privacy



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Social Ventures



- In Cambodia, **182** mushroom grow houses were run by **122** different families to support the livelihood of **556** individuals and benefit the community.
- These farms produced **67,812 kg** of mushrooms earning **\$223,190 AUD**
- **29** participants (**17** men; **12** women) trained on mushroom farming
- **117** participants (**77** men; **40** women) participated in the annual celebration to recognise Sisters Community Development Program and Thera Metrey's farmers with farmers and stakeholders
- **87** people (**35** male; **52** female) were actively involved in prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) program
- **75%** of mushroom producers have access to toilets
- **77%** of mushroom producers have access to water



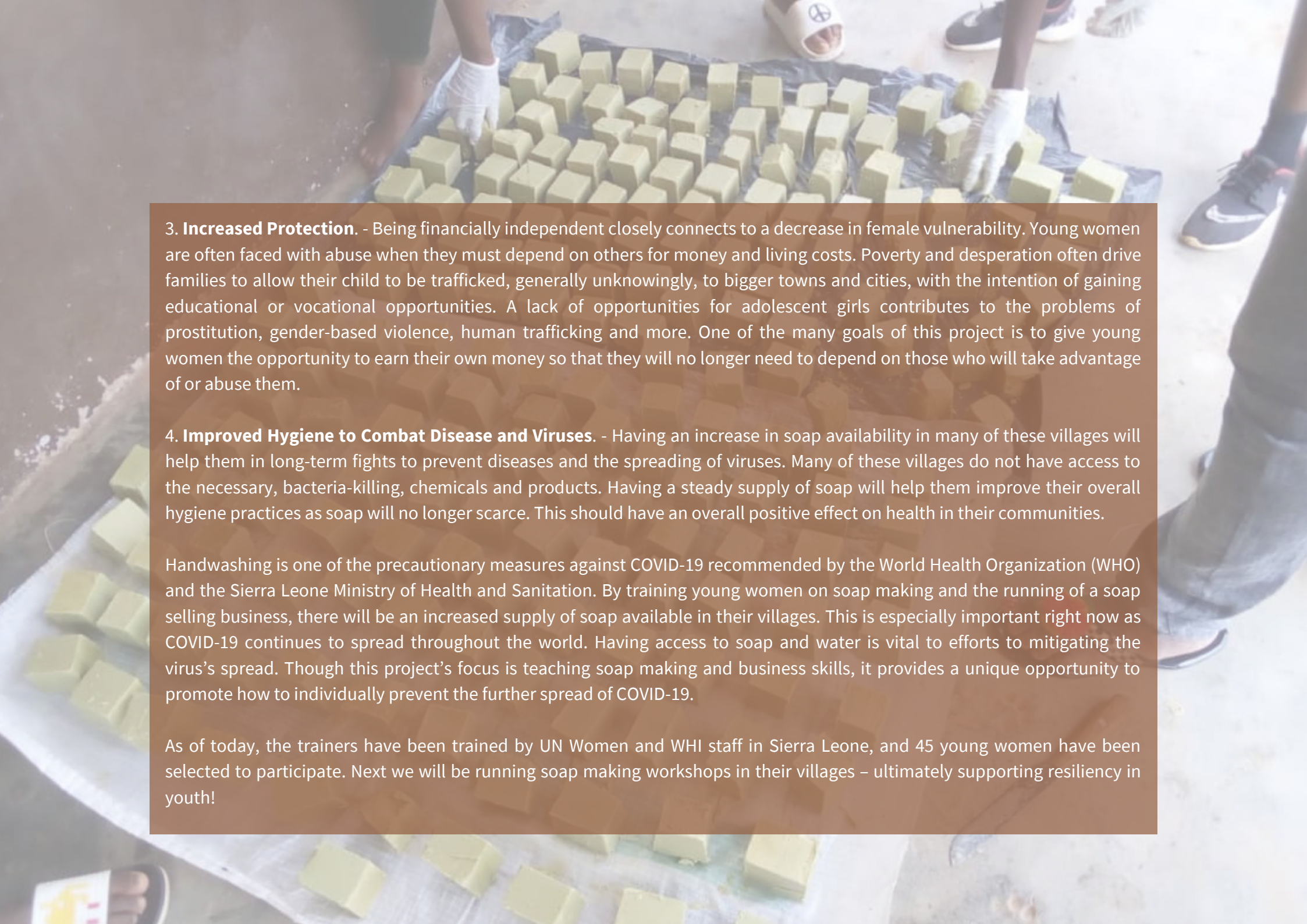
Soap making for Resilience

This project, funded by the IFC, incorporates the World Hope International Global Alliance's response to COVID-19 with a social venture, protection, WASH, and global health and is the outcome of our desire to work holistically, meeting as many connected needs in a community as possible.

So how does this new initiative meet WHI Australia's mission and combine all these sectors? **One word: Soap.** By teaching young women how to run their own soap making business, it can improve their access to the following four things;

1. Entrepreneurial Skills - This initiative is not just about learning the actual technical skill of making soap. We believe that you must look at the big picture and support people appropriately. This means that we are dedicated to teaching these young women how to run their own businesses within their communities, as well as the practical skills of making the soap—which includes everything from how to make a hygienic product to what shape it takes and how to package and sell it. Business skills and financial responsibility go hand in hand so we are committed to partnering with these young women to ensure trainings and support in all these areas.

2. Financial Independence. - By having skills in soap making and entrepreneurship, these young women will have the opportunity to be financially independent. Soap is a sustainable product to be selling as it gets used up by the consumer, creating a healthy cycle of demand. Currently the demand for sanitisation products like soap has spiked – and this creates a viable business opportunity that women, youth, and persons with disabilities can take advantage of to earn a living in these uncertain times.



3. Increased Protection. - Being financially independent closely connects to a decrease in female vulnerability. Young women are often faced with abuse when they must depend on others for money and living costs. Poverty and desperation often drive families to allow their child to be trafficked, generally unknowingly, to bigger towns and cities, with the intention of gaining educational or vocational opportunities. A lack of opportunities for adolescent girls contributes to the problems of prostitution, gender-based violence, human trafficking and more. One of the many goals of this project is to give young women the opportunity to earn their own money so that they will no longer need to depend on those who will take advantage of or abuse them.

4. Improved Hygiene to Combat Disease and Viruses. - Having an increase in soap availability in many of these villages will help them in long-term fights to prevent diseases and the spreading of viruses. Many of these villages do not have access to the necessary, bacteria-killing, chemicals and products. Having a steady supply of soap will help them improve their overall hygiene practices as soap will no longer scarce. This should have an overall positive effect on health in their communities.

Handwashing is one of the precautionary measures against COVID-19 recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation. By training young women on soap making and the running of a soap selling business, there will be an increased supply of soap available in their villages. This is especially important right now as COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the world. Having access to soap and water is vital to efforts to mitigating the virus's spread. Though this project's focus is teaching soap making and business skills, it provides a unique opportunity to promote how to individually prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

As of today, the trainers have been trained by UN Women and WHI staff in Sierra Leone, and 45 young women have been selected to participate. Next we will be running soap making workshops in their villages – ultimately supporting resiliency in youth!

Our People

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

*For the Financial Year Ended
June 30th, 2020*

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INCOME

Donations: \$209,129

Grants/Government Funding: \$22,000

Other revenues: \$12,734

TOTAL INCOME: \$243,863

EXPENSES

Charitable Programs: \$135,836

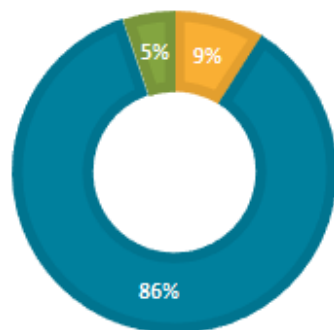
Management & Administration: \$83,089

Fundraising: \$21,342

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$240,267

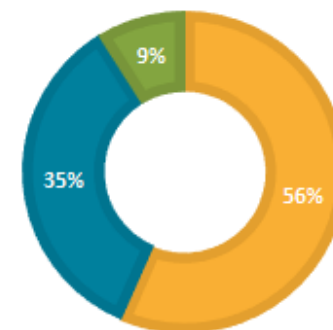
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