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Annual Report

Year Ended 30 September 2008

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Pastor Robert Dunlop

It is with a great deal of pride, gratitude, and not a little sadness that I present this Annual Report for 2008, my final act as Chair of World Vision Ireland. We have seen enormous strides in our work over the last number of years so that we are now engaged with over 500,000 people in Area Development Programmes in Africa along with important relief and rehabilitation projects.

2008 was a particularly noteworthy year as it marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of our work here in Ireland, an event that was marked by a most appropriate and enjoyable celebratory service and reception in Milltown Park.

This year sees the phasing out of World Vision Ireland's involvement with the Gakungu programme in Kenya. Some 30,000 people of Makuyu South District in the Central Province of Kenya benefit and very significant advances have been made since first we began our work, so much so that the community now has the capacity to manage and develop the programme themselves.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our sponsors and donors who continue to help us grow. It is very gratifying that income grew by €1.3million in FY08, enabling us to reach so many more in need.

We are very grateful to Irish Aid - both the officials and the Minister for Overseas Development for their continuing support and encouragement and look forward to deepening this engagement over the years to come.

Many thanks to our Board members for their help, oversight and engagement with our work and to our Patrons for their huge contribution. It has been a delight to work with them.

Thank you to our auditors, Lewis & Co, who carry out their duties independently while clearly showing empathy with our vision.

Finally, thank you to the Director and all the staff of World Vision Ireland who continue to work so hard to fulfill our Vision statement:

‘Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness

Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.’

Robert Dunlop
Chairman

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General Information

World Vision Ireland's programmes are funded from various sources including individual and group donations, the Irish Government, the EU, corporate bodies and voluntary efforts. World Vision carries out its activities primarily by means of Area Development Programmes. The following paragraphs describe these and explain how Government and EU funding is used to support our humanitarian response and development strategy.

Area Development Programme updates

Gakungu Area Development Programme, Kenya

The Gakungu Area Development Programme has been running since the early 1990s and World Vision will be handing over the project to the community in September 2009. The Gakungu ADP supports some 30,000 people in Makuyu South District in the Central Province of Kenya, which is just an hour's drive from the capital city Nairobi.

Over the years, the project, in partnership with the community and local government, has achieved significant positive advances in the living standards of the community through interventions in water, education, health, child protection, agriculture and HIV and AIDS. The last year has focused on preparing the community for the hand-over, with major emphasis on capacity building and strengthening of community management structures.

Before this programme started, communities struggled to access enough water for their domestic needs. Women and children spent hours every day collecting water and carrying it for long distances. World Vision has been working hard to address this project by partnering with community based water organisations to supply water to thousands of people.

The water projects are now fully managed by the Gakungu Water and Makuyu Water CBOs (community based organisations), which are both run by committed and professional volunteers. In the past year, they have managed to bring water to 450 more households and 2 schools, benefiting some 4,000 people. Since the project started, 2 towns, 16 villages, 2 market centres, 4 boarding schools, 7 primary schools, the local health centres and the dispensary now have access to water. The presence of water has positively affected school attendance, as less time is spent by children collecting water. It has even made it possible for boarding schools to be established; this was unthinkable without water.

Water is not just essential for life, but also for livelihoods; its presence has enabled people to own livestock and start kitchen gardens. One community member, Jane Wanjiku, who now has water piped directly to her house, testified to the presence of this water having transformed her life. She was able to purchase cows, who are providing her with milk. She sells this milk, along with the surplus vegetables from the garden she was able to establish.

The difference in Gakungu since the programme began is astounding: 97% of children are in primary school. Thousands of people have easy access to safe water. Malaria has been reduced by 50%. Farmers have learnt to maximise the productivity of their land. But most importantly the community have the skills and know-how to maintain all these development gains, so that when World Vision leaves the area the progress made will not be lost and even be built on.

Mutunguni Area Development Programme, Kenya

Mutunguni Area Development Programme is located in Kitui District in Eastern Kenya. It is a very dry and drought-prone area and the focus of the ADP, as prioritised by the needs of the community, is water, closely followed by improving food security, child protection and health. The programme began in 2005

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and has since built a great relationship with the local government and community, which is key to the successful running of the programme.

One of the striking issues in Mutonguni is the serious lack of water. Schools, health centres, vocational colleges, homes and community groups throughout the area are trying to function without a water supply.

In the past year, the Area Development Programme conducted a capacity assessment of six Community Based Organisation (CBOs) and provided them with training to fill the gaps identified in the assessment. The CBOs have gained valuable management skills, developed their constitutions and started keeping records. They have even begun the process of registering with the government as water providers and are already implementing water projects in their locations. One local group, the Kavoo CBO in Kivani location aims to provide water to the whole area. The group members formed in January 2006 to find a solution to their water problems because their nearest reliable source of water was a 10km trip, which equates to a four hour roundtrip on foot.

World Vision funded this CBO to purchase 2.5km worth of piping and the CBO and community raised enough funding for an additional half kilometre of pipes. They received permission from the Ministry of Water to connect these pipes to the main water pipe that passes through the area. Already the difference is palpable – some 900 people in Kavoo now have access to water within 1 kilometre. The community is digging trenches for laying more piping, with the aim of reaching 6,000 people.

In Kauai, the ADP with the support of Irish Sponsors was able to fund a CBO to lay down pipes spanning out 15 kilometres. Already 200 people are accessing water and eventually we expect to reach 8,400 people through a piping network of 40km. This will dramatically boost food security in the area. Four more CBOs are also being supported and we hope that in the coming years some 40,000 people will benefit.

World Vision has also trained 24 health centre staff in the integrated management of childhood illnesses bringing the total number of trained personnel in the district up from 3.7% to 15%. Water tanks and latrines have dramatically improved sanitation conditions at the schools.

Mali Area Development Programme, Kenya

Mwala Area Development Programme is located in Mwala District in the Kitui province in Eastern Kenya. This drought prone area is home to some 35,000 people, of whom 65% live in poverty. This year has seen the development of the Mwala programme plan outlining how World Vision will engage with the community and local government and prioritises identified community needs. The major needs in Mwala are water and food security and World Vision plans to engage in these sectors. In order to maximise the sustainability of future interventions in Mwala, the ADP has identified and assessed local community based organisations (CBOs) as potential partners for carrying out project activities. These CBOs have been trained in management and organisational effectiveness and been helped to establish constitutions and maintain proper records.

Shiselweni Area development Programme, Swaziland

The Shiselweni Area Development Programme is situated in the Middleveld region, one of Swaziland's most marginalised areas. The ADP is working with 7 communities and is supporting over 23,000 people. It is now in its eleventh year of operation. The following are some of the ADP's achievements in the last year.

The ADP has completed the construction of two nurses' houses at Kholwane clinic. This means that the government can now send nurses to staff the clinic. This will make an enormous difference to hundreds

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of families who will have access to daily health care, vaccination and maternal health services. The ADP also drilled a borehole, which will supply water to the clinic and surrounding areas.

HIV/AIDS continues to place an enormous burden on the people of Shiselweni. The Area Development Programme aims to support those families who have been the worst affected. Community Care Coalitions have been formed and trained. These coalitions are made up of community members (often including police, health staff, teachers etc); they offer many levels of support to people affected by HIV – psychological support to distressed children and adults, advice and training for income generation and the identification of vulnerable children in particular need of support. The Home Base Care volunteers trained by World Vision continue to provide valuable support to chronically ill people. The volunteers are regular visitors who bring medical supplies, advice, care and support to the sick.

This has been a difficult year for Shiselweni. The rains were again insufficient and harvests were down from an already low 2007 season. Strengthening the ability of farmers to produce essential foods in prolonged periods of drought was a major focus this year.

Four hundred and forty four farmers (of which the majority were women) took part in training on crop diversification and growing drought tolerant foods such as sorghum and cassava. Farmers also received seeds and fertiliser to help them through this difficult period. There was further training on food processing and nutrition for a number of community members.

Female-headed households in Shiselweni have been assisted with simple water collection techniques (small pits and tanks) and backyard gardens with easily managed irrigation systems. These allow the women to grow vegetables such as carrots, onions, cabbage and potatoes which provide both valuable nutrition for the family and a source of income to meet ongoing household expenses such as school uniforms, health care costs and food.

North Rukiga Area Development Programme, Uganda

North Rukiga ADP started in 2003 and aims to improve the quality of life for 70,000 people living in Rwamacucu and Kashambya sub counties in Kabale District in south-western Uganda. It is known as the “Switzerland of Uganda” on account of its scenic mountain views, but poverty and overpopulation is rife. World Vision has been strongly engaged in improving access to education and health care, as well as support services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

With the support of a grant from the Irish government, World Vision, in partnership with the community, have transformed the quality of the educational facilities in North Rukiga. A major lack of classrooms resulted in poor school attendance, overcrowding and poor performance. When World Vision started working in North Rukiga these problems were very apparent, but today the situation has dramatically improved. Over a hundred classrooms have been constructed at primary schools throughout the area, along with latrines and staff rooms. The improvement has been so significant that Kabale is now ranked in the top five districts in the country for educational infrastructure.

The ADP also works to improve the health of the community and reduce the prevalence of diseases. In 2008 the programme trained a further 50 community health workers and 81 nutrition contacts to conduct household visits to provide advice on positive health, hygiene and feeding practices and refer patients to health units. The project also supported the construction of a staff house at the health centre that will house three health personnel. Before this house was constructed, the staff had to travel long distances to get to work, which resulted in absenteeism and poor provision of services. Local accommodation will help ensure efficient delivery of health services and retention of skilled health workers.

To reduce the prevalence of HIV and AIDS and to support families affected by the disease, the ADP established a further two community care coalitions to care for orphans and vulnerable children,

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bringing the total to six. The programme has also provided vulnerable families with piglets and goats, which have helped them earn a supplementary income to meet medical costs.

Lunyo Area Development Programme, Uganda

World Vision Ireland started Lunyo ADP in February 2006 with the aim of improving the quality of life of some 24,000 people, the majority of whom are under 18 years of age. The programme interventions over the years will focus on water, health, agriculture and HIV and AIDS. Lunyo is located in Busia district on the shores of Lake Victoria bordering Kenya.

The major focus of the year was establishing and training the community structures that would partner with World Vision in the implementation of the programme. This ensures that the community learns the skills and gains experience in managing development projects, such that when World Vision eventually leaves the area the gains made will be maintained.

The community elected leadership committees to partner with World Vision and these committees have been trained and are supporting the running of all project activities.

Over 500 people have also been trained in their rights by the ADP and have learnt how to monitor the quality of health and education services that they receive. They can then report these results back to the authorities. This has been a real eye-opener to the community, as they were unaware that it was their right to receive these services. It was also a surprise to them to learn that they could question poor service delivery and bring this to the attention of the government. As one participant remarked after the training "The level and quality of service delivered to us will change now that our eyes are opened".

There are hundreds of children in Lunyo who have lost one or both parents due to HIV. The major focus of the last year was supporting families affected by HIV and AIDS and providing communities with the skills to prevent the spread of the disease. Nearly 400 vulnerable households were provided with goats, pigs and heifers with the aim of providing them with an additional source of income to cover essential costs such as medicine and education. Recipients of the animals were trained in the management of livestock in order to maximise survival rates and income generation. The first set of offspring will be provided to other vulnerable members with the hope that 700 households will benefit from livestock over the next two years.

As only some 20% of children under five have been immunised, the ADP in partnership with the health centres organised a mass vaccination campaign reaching over 1,000 children. In Lunyo, 70% of women deliver their children without the aid of a trained midwife, which is partially due to the long distance to the health centres and the lack of facilities. Through the additional support of staff from Bank of Ireland the project was able to construct an emergency maternity ward in Bwanika Health Centre, which will help reduce deaths and complications during childbirth.

Busitema Area Development Programme, Uganda

Busitema ADP, which began in 2006, is located close to the Kenyan border in Busia district and is about a 20 minute drive from the Lunyo ADP. The ADP began in 2006 and aims to support some 25,000 people with interventions in HIV and AIDS, water, agriculture and education.

Like Lunyo, Busitema also had a strong focus on establishing and training the community structures that will partner with World Vision in the implementation of the programme.

The focus of this year's activities has been HIV and AIDS. Members of community care coalitions were trained to conduct household visits to orphans and vulnerable children to provide them with support.

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School management committees and peer educators were also trained in life skills and all aspects of HIV and AIDS, and they have already begun promoting awareness of HIV and AIDS in the community.

As healthy eating is a major contributor to life expectancy among those living with HIV and AIDS, the project trained HIV and AIDS support group members on nutrition. The project also distributed drought resistant, improved seeds to 520 households supporting orphans and vulnerable children. It also distributed heifers and goats to a further 165 vulnerable households, with the aim of providing these homes with an additional source of income.

Kwamtoro Area Development Programme, Tanzania

Kwamtoro ADP in central Tanzania is one of our oldest ADPs and for the past 16 years, World Vision, in partnership with the community have made amazing strides towards improving the well-being of the almost 30,000 people in the district. 2009 is an important year for the communities as the ADP prepares to phase out and leave the area by the end of 2010. As such, much of 2008 was spent supporting local structures and groups to continue and sustain the great work started by the ADP in this district.

In 2006 a community run organisation was set up called UMAKWA. This group will take over the continued work towards community goals, once Kwamtoro Area Development Programme leaves the area. During 2008, a second community run group was formed called LAKWAO TSACCOS. This is a savings cooperative group that will help community members save and take out small loans to support new ventures. The ADP has supported these two groups throughout the last year with trainings and outreach activities to inform the community of the importance of participating in these organisations. Currently the community has saved and supported almost €2,500 of their own money that is now invested in these two groups.

The ADP continued to support improved health in the area last year by focussing particularly on women and children. Over 100 orphans and vulnerable children were supported with school fees in order for them to continue their education. The ADP supported a large immunisation drive and during the last year alone, 10,339 children under the age of 5 and 1,760 women of childbearing age were immunised. 34 village health workers were given refresher training on primary health care knowledge and these workers, along with 5 health centre staff were all provided with bicycles to facilitate improved health services in their villages.

The provision and management of safe water points has also been key in ensuring the health of community members in Kwamtoro. During 2008, 400 metres of piping from domestic water points was completed allowing hundreds of people access to clean and safe water. 40 water committee members representing 17 different villages were trained on how to protect these water sources and the management and control of water funds.

Sanzawa Area Development Programme, Tanzania

Sanzawa Area Development Programme is one of our most remote ADPs, located in the Kondoa District of central Tanzania. Since 1999, the team in Sanzawa have been working in partnership with the community to improve the lives of over 20,000 people spread over these far-flung villages. During 2008, the team continued to build on their successes, focussing in on the important areas of health, education and agriculture.

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Thanks to widespread campaigns within the Sanzawa area, the incidence of malaria has halved and malnutrition rates have dropped by almost 30% down to 5% currently. The ADP will continue to work on reducing these figures even further during the coming years.

Sanzawa has continued to focus on primary education in the ADP. Currently there is a 96% enrolment rate in an area that had only 52% enrolment before the ADP began. 2008 saw continued work on improving the quality of learning for children through the finalisation of teachers' quarters in four villages. Almost 20 vulnerable children in the area were supported with school uniforms and texts to facilitate their continued participation in schooling. In Magungu, 2 classrooms that began work last year were finalised, a teachers' office was built and the children have now started studying in these new facilities. Throughout the year, the ADP staff continually sensitised the community on the importance of keeping children – especially girls – in school until completion of their studies.

Already we can see the kind of progress that the past 10 years of work in Sanzawa has meant to the community. Statistics collected before the ADP began showed very low yields per acre from farmers due to lack of equipment and irrigation. For crops such as maize, the yield during 2008 was over four times what it was 15 years ago. Sorghum and cassava crops have also greatly increased and sunflower seeds are now being grown throughout the area, supporting household income levels further.

Sanzawa is in the middle of reflecting on their current progress and preparing their priorities for the next few years. The community will continue to develop their own capacity as they look towards a bright and sustainable future.

Mundemu Area Development Programme, Tanzania

Mundemu ADP started work in partnership with the community in 2002. Since then, the ADP has worked to support over 30,000 community members in the central zone of Tanzania. Already, great strides have been made to improve the living situation for the population living in this area particularly in their priority areas of health, education and agriculture.

Water groups in the village of MayaMaya were formed to support the rehabilitation of a water pump. These groups have been trained on protecting and managing the new water sources. This will ensure that the community have continued safe access to clean water for many years to come.

Work to improve the quality of education for the children in Mundemu ADP continued in 2008 as the ADP supported the construction of latrines in primary schools in Chibaya. These new sanitation facilities will greatly improve both the quality of education and level of health for children in the area. Increased levels of privacy will help enrolment rates – especially for girls and improved sanitation will promote a decrease in opportunistic diseases. Trainings for primary school teachers and school committees were also conducted last year, focussing on the rights of children to education – particularly girls.

Farmers in the arid zone of Mundemu have received training this year on improved farming methods to increase their household production levels. This number included both men and women and training topics ranged from how to keep improved breeds of livestock, to how to plan for the upcoming agricultural seasons in terms of banking and cash inputs needed. The groups were also provided with training on how to prevent diseases in livestock and how to identify potential markets for improved breeds.

These trained farmers will pass on this knowledge to others in their area and in this way, more and more people will have improved knowledge on how to increase their agricultural production.

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Ndala Area Development Programme, Tanzania

Ndala Area Development Programme has just completed its second year of work to improve the lives of the community living in the Tabora region in Northern Tanzania. Over the past year, the community in partnership with the ADP have focussed in on priorities affecting their region and have gained great ground in the areas of Food Security, Health and Leadership Development

Farmer Field Groups were strengthened during 2008; over 60 new groups were set up leading to a total of 108 groups by the end of the year. 1,620 men and women are now participating in these groups and sharing experiences about improved farming practices. All these farmers were supported with improved maize seeds and the ADP in collaboration with the local district government distributed about 2,000kgs within these farmer group structures. After the most recent harvest in 2008, farmers recorded a bumper crop with an average increased yield of about 500kgs per acre of maize planted than other farmers nearby.

The community in Ndala are already looking towards a future of self-reliance and they are eager to start these processes early. During 2008, Ndala community members formed a TSACCOS or savings organisation. The ADP supported this process by providing training on management of these funds. Already the members have set up a formal bank account in nearby Tabora and collected over €1,000 to start initial loans and savings schemes.

Next year, Ndala ADP and the community will continue to work together to improve areas such as water, health and education. This is the start of the journey for Ndala as they build better systems and structures for them and their children for years to come.

Guerrou Area Development Programme, Mauritania

Since 2002, the Gerrou ADP has been working to support the lives of over 30,000 people scattered throughout this large area. Over the past year, the ADP in partnership with the community turned their attention towards the critical issue of food security. Education was also prioritised and knowledge about HIV and AIDS continued to be spread.

Food security has been identified by the community within Gerrou as the key challenge for the coming years. The ADP is extremely arid and there is little variety or opportunities for crops. This has an adverse effect on the nutrition and well-being for the whole population – especially that of children. In Gerrou, fertile land for planting is scarce and those that do own viable land are not always using it to its full capacity. The ADP worked with the government to provide support and training to land owners and farmers about laws that would allow this land to be rented out for agricultural use. Through this, farmers would be able to grow crops on the land and improve both food crops for local families and also increase the availability of crops to nearby markets for other communities to purchase. Training was also provided to farmers on suitable farming techniques and adequate fertilisation of land. In all these farmer groups, women made up over half the numbers.

Tools and seeds such as rice and sorghum were also provided to these farmers; women's cooperative groups in the area also received fencing equipment to keep out the inevitable creep of sand and the movement of animals that is common in this nomadic culture. The presence of this fencing has already had a positive impact as the 2008 saw a notably higher yield of harvest in comparison with last year.

Work to promote quality education continued last year with support from the Irish government. In addition to the new structures being completed, the ADP formed student clubs to continue promoting health, sanitation and ongoing enrolment of children – especially girls. Desks and other classroom materials were also provided.

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Mbagne Area Development Programme, Mauritania

Mbagne Area Development Programme, located in the southern Brakna region will start sponsorship during 2009. In 2008 the ADP committee was formed and the community focussed on designing their priorities for the coming years. The key areas of concern for the men and women of Brakna are food security, health and education. Services in the region are poor and the climate is unpredictable. In partnership with the community, the new ADP will help to support valuable investments in key areas that will benefit the lives of households for years to come.

Imperi Area Development Programme, Sierra Leone

Imperi Area Development Programme has just completed its second year of work in partnership with the community. This was an important year for the ADP as they finalised what the priority areas for their focus should be. Through meetings, workshops research and voting the community agreed that Education, Health, Agriculture and Water and Sanitation were the most urgent issues. These 4 areas will take priority in the plans for action for the coming years. As these plans began to take shape during 2008, work on these vital needs was already beginning.

During 2008, Imperi continued to support primary education for children through funding from the Irish Government. In addition, the ADP worked to increase knowledge within the community about the importance of access for all to education. The ADP supported the construction of ramps at a number of existing primary schools such as Kakalay and provided training to teachers and communities about how to provide quality schooling for children who are disabled in the area.

Girls in this area are often vulnerable and so the Area Development Programme held awareness raising campaigns about the importance of inclusion of these girls. 5 billboards were designed and displayed throughout the community to keep this message in people's minds. Literacy levels are low in Sierra Leone – particularly for women and this work will ensure that this situation does not continue for future generations.

To continue to improve the health situation of the communities in Imperi, the ADP worked closely with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. Community vaccinators were provided with bicycles so they could reach the remote and often inaccessible villages in the Imperi ADP. In addition, the ADP provided a small canoe to a riverside clinic in Victoria to speed up the access of local community members who may have no other methods of reaching health care.

Sherbro Area Development Programme, Sierra Leone

Sherbro Island Area Development Programme is located off the mainland of Bonthe District. During 2008, initial staff positions were filled and the community launched the assessment process. The community provided the new team with office space and workshops were held to introduce the ideas of ADPs and child sponsorship. The ADP committee was formed while the staff worked hard to collect figures and statistics giving an idea of the current context and standard of living on the island. The high level of participation and strong sense of partnership that has been shown throughout this process resulted in a formal decision to continue through design and full commitment to this Area Development Programme in the future.

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IRISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING

The Irish Government supports World Vision Ireland programmes and projects through two types of grants.

- 1) The Civil Society Development Fund (CSDF). In July, World Vision Ireland received the second year's funding of a two and a half year grant under CSDF. The amount received for the 12-month period was €1,435,200. The strategic focus on this multi-annual programme is on the promotion of the rights of children, particularly the right to education, health and protection. The programme is being implemented in seven countries – Tanzania, Uganda, Somalia (Somaliland), Mauritania, Kenya, Senegal and Sierra Leone. It also includes two region wide initiatives – in East Africa on capacity building in the education sector and in West Africa on gender mainstreaming. The programme emphasises the importance of community participation, capacity building and the role of women and girls in development.

We have facilitated workshops on child protection and FGM. These have allowed us to share experiences gained through interventions in Somalia and Kenya with all the other partners. Major progress has been made on the child protection activities in Kenya and we work closely with the Government on this. It is hoped that many activities such as the training of police and health staff to have the skills to deal with abused children can be taken up and replicated in many other parts of Kenya. Children and their families now have a much greater understanding of their rights and increasing numbers feel able to discuss violations openly and even report cases. Elsewhere, hundreds of children now have access to education and to clean water. They are now studying in new, safe classrooms and the teachers have a proper space to work in. We also ensure that latrines are built at all the schools, with separate facilities to ensure privacy for girls.

Children are often the greatest promoters of health messages and this programme has supported dozens of children's health clubs – groups who share important messages with their peers and families.

- 2) Relief and rehabilitation grants allow us to respond effectively to disasters around the world and to assist communities in rebuilding their lives after the terrible experiences of war, famine and natural disasters such as earthquakes or floods. In FY 08 World Vision received Irish Government grants for emergency situations due to displacement in Somalia and in response to cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. On the recovery side, projects helped to rebuild the education and health systems in Somaliland and southern Somalia and to increase farmers' drought resilience in two different locations in Kenya – Kwale and Maragua. Others projects include support for IDPs in Uganda and Peace building in Sudan. A third phase for the Disaster Prevention and Capacity Building project in Sudan was also approved during the year.

Somalia

With the support of Irish Aid, Somalia has become one of our most important focus countries. Two major health rehabilitation programmes in Bay / Bakool and Baki / Lughaya are now in their third year of operation.

Somalia continues to present some of the worst health indicators in the world. The lack of a central administrative structure has translated into increased lawlessness, sporadic violence and general instability. Little development has taken place in the country that is home to over 6 million people. The infant mortality rate is estimated to be 132 per 1,000 live births, while child and maternal mortality are estimated at 224 per 1,000 live births and 1,600 per 100,000 live births respectively. The average life expectancy is estimated at 47 years, and literacy levels barely reach 17%.

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These two programmes have been tackling the country's major health problems and have achieved notable results in

- Reducing the level of TB and treating hundreds of patients.
- Improving the health care system by training community health workers such as traditional birth attendants, nurses and midwives. All health care staff have been trained or retrained and vaccination campaigns have protected thousands of women and children from disease. Training has been a key element of these projects as it is the local health staff who will guarantee continuation of quality health services for years to come.
- Increasing access to quality primary health care – over 100 health posts have been established and supported and five clinics/maternal health care centres have been rehabilitated, treating thousands of people, primarily women and children.
- Health campaigns have raised awareness about issues such as nutrition, vaccination, water usage and storage, treatment for diarrhoea and maternal health.

Two new projects were funded this year in Somalia:

The Mogadishu IDP response project responded to the needs of the tens of thousands of people who fled their homes in Mogadishu following serious outbreaks of violence in the city.

Support from the World Vision Ireland office benefited 1,998 households (12,000 people) in the Bay and Middle Juba regions of Somalia. Every family received blankets, plastic sheeting for shelter, sheets, mosquito nets, cooking pots, plastic basins, cups and soap. These basic items make an enormous difference to a family who has fled with nothing.

Medical supplies were also made available to clinics struggling to cope with the influx of people and a mobile clinic was set up to reach people scattered in the countryside. Immunisation was amongst the many services provided by the main and mobile clinics. In addition, specialised staff provided counselling services for children who were traumatised by the events they had lived through. Many had seen people being killed, families had been robbed on their journeys and their lives had been generally uprooted. Children were often separated from their fathers who in many cases stayed behind to try to protect the family property and belongings.

The Somaliland Education Rehabilitation project was established to try to rebuild the devastated education system in Baki and Lughaya districts. Somalia has some of the world's worst statistics when it comes to education with extremely low enrolment, an almost complete lack of infrastructure and a serious shortage of trained teachers.

The projects aims to increase enrolment in 22 primary schools, particularly enrolment of girls. It is also working with and training the school management committees to improve their skills and systems. New classrooms are being built and furniture provided. Ongoing teacher and management training is key to the success of the project. The project is also supporting the local education department staff to develop an Education Management Information System.

EUROPEAN UNION FUNDING

World Vision Ireland's Mutonguni Poverty Reduction project in Kenya is now in its second year. This intervention, which is funded under the co-financing budget line, greatly complements the work of Mutonguni ADP. The project is building the capacity of the Mutonguni community to respond to disasters and improve their livelihoods.

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Directors' Report Year Ended 30 September 2008

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2008.

Review of the Year

A detailed review of the aims and activities of World Vision Ireland is set out on pages 3 - 13. Child sponsorship income continued to grow steadily - details appear in the financial statements. Total income for the year amounted to €9,488,752 (2007 - €8,187,072).

Reserves

The Board has determined that the appropriate level of free reserves which are not invested in tangible fixed assets should be equivalent to 90 days expenditure, approximately €500,000. Our policy is, therefore to maintain reserves at that level by means of annual operating surpluses and judicious management of expenses and of our foreign exchange risk (as most of our commitments to the field are denominated in dollars) and by general purpose appeals from time to time.

Risk Management

The directors examine the major risks that World Vision Ireland faces each year. Systems have been developed to monitor and control these risks so as to mitigate any impact that they may have on the organisation in the future.

Books of Account

Suitable procedures and personnel ensure that proper books of account are kept - normally at the principal place of business - in compliance with Section 202 Companies Act 1990.

Directors

During the year Cathy Honan and Tara Doyle were appointed to the board.

General

The directors acknowledge their accounting responsibilities under the Companies Acts, and their other corporate governance obligations. To the best of their knowledge they have complied with all of these. In relation to these financial statements, there were no contingent liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date other than those disclosed, nor have any events taken place since that date which would necessitate their revision or annotation.

Future Developments

We look forward to maintaining the current level of funding and activity as we demonstrate that World Vision Ireland is uniquely equipped to provide assistance to a world in need.

On behalf of the Board

William Prentice)
) Directors
Kieran Moylan)

31 January 2009

WORLD VISION OF IRELAND

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members

We have audited the financial statements on pages 16 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and surplus or deficit of the Company. In so doing, they are required to comply with prescribed Irish accounting standards and suitable accounting policies, applied consistently, to be prudent and reasonable in their judgments and estimates, and to adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

Their responsibilities also include keeping proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the Company and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. Auditors are required to form an independent opinion on the financial statements and give their report.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board in Ireland and the United Kingdom. This included examining, on a test basis, the evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the significant estimates and judgments used by the directors, and the appropriateness, application and disclosure of the accounting policies adopted.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, and we evaluated the overall presentation of the information given.

We report solely to the company and its members as a body. No responsibility to any other party is assumed.

Opinion

Having obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary, our opinion is that:-

(a) proper books have been kept by the Company and the financial statements, which are in agreement therewith, give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 30 September 2008 and of its results for the year then ended and give, in the requisite manner, the information required by the Companies Acts 1963 to 2006;

(b) the information given in the Report of the Directors on page 14 is consistent with the financial statements.

Lewis & Co

55 Lansdowne Road
Dublin 4
30 January 2009

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

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**Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 30 September 2008**

	Notes	Restricted Funds €	Unrestricted Funds €	Total 2008 €	Total 2007 €
Incoming resources					
Voluntary Income	2	3,630,385	1,985,774	5,616,159	4,561,146
Irish Government grants	3	3,100,611	81,238	3,181,849	3,041,157
European Union	4	316,672	-	316,672	462,738
Other Agency Funding	4	374,072	-	374,072	122,031
Total incoming resources		<u>7,421,740</u>	<u>2,067,012</u>	<u>9,488,752</u>	<u>8,187,072</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds	6	778,743	646,368	1,425,111	1,299,110
Charitable activities	5	7,018,001	721,652	7,739,653	7,007,203
Governance costs	6	33,069	27,447	60,516	54,812
Total resources expended		<u>7,829,813</u>	<u>1,395,467</u>	<u>9,225,280</u>	<u>8,361,125</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(408,073)	671,545	263,472	(174,053)
Transfers between funds	11	400,000	(400,000)	-	-
Total funds at 1 October 2007		<u>147,326</u>	<u>635,847</u>	<u>783,173</u>	<u>955,579</u>
Total funds at 30 September 2008		<u>139,253</u>	<u>907,392</u>	<u>1,046,645</u>	<u>781,526</u>

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

It is the policy of World Vision Ireland to distribute funds to specified projects as quickly as possible. Delays in aid projects occasionally arise which necessitate the holding back of remittances. At the year end all restricted reserves were committed in full to selected overseas projects.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 30 January 2009 and signed on its behalf by

William Prentice
Director

Kieran Moylan
Director

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**Balance Sheet
as at 30 September 2008**

	Notes	2008	2007
		€	€
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	17,530	22,499
Current Assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	102,439	77,895
Cash at bank and in hand		1,301,035	1,159,247
		<u>1,403,474</u>	<u>1,237,142</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(374,359)</u>	<u>(476,468)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,029,115</u>	<u>760,674</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>1,046,645</u>	<u>783,173</u>
Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds			
General	11	907,392	635,846
Restricted Funds	11	139,253	147,327
		<u>1,046,645</u>	<u>783,173</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 30 September 2008

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. They are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board, as set out by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. The financial statements take into account the statement of recommended practice (SORP) approved by the Accounting Standards Board entitled "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued during the year 2005, the Charities Acts 1961 and 1973 and the Companies Acts 1963 to 2006.

1.2. Income

All resources raised by World Vision Ireland are used in furtherance of its charitable objectives as a Christian humanitarian relief and development agency. World Vision Ireland is a member, along with other World Vision offices, of the World Vision Partnership, a not for profit corporation registered in the State of California U.S.A., whose board is representative of the world wide partnership. The term "partnership" is used to signify shared mission and Christian values and is not meant to be interpreted in the legal sense of the word, in that World Vision entities are not partners in the legal sense. World Vision Ireland is autonomous in developing its own organisational objectives, strategies, plans and budgets. World Vision Ireland has established bilateral relationships with several Southern World Vision offices for the purpose of carrying out development programmes. It is the policy of World Vision Ireland to distinguish restricted income from unrestricted. Restricted income refers to funds given subject to donor imposed conditions or implied by nature of the appeal. See also note 2 below.

1.3. Incoming Resources

Child Sponsorship

World Vision Ireland's principal recurring source of income is Child Sponsorship income, which is donated on a regular basis, usually monthly, and is primarily received from individuals. Sponsorship money goes to assist children and their communities within Area Development Programmes (ADP). A typical ADP would involve such components as education, health and training, water procurement, food security, agricultural development, and micro enterprise amongst others. Each sponsor is linked to one or more children within each ADP and receives regular information about that child and the community's progress. Not less than 80% of the sponsors' donations is treated as restricted income and is applied to the ADP and to associated costs of the project. Sponsorship income is recognised when received. Interest earned on sponsorship monies awaiting transmission to an ADP is credited to unrestricted funds.

Irish Government and European Union

In general, grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. With certain projects, or at certain times, World Vision Ireland may agree to commit funds to a project prior to approved grants being received. Grants are applied in accordance with the instructions of the donor, and, if required are supplemented by an allocation from unrestricted funds.

Donated goods and services

Donated goods and services (if any) are included in income and expenditure at the estimated market price in the country of origin, on the date of receipt or, if later, the year in which they are distributed.

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1.4. Resources Expended

Expenditure is analysed between charitable expenditure, fundraising, and governance. Costs which directly relate to each activity are allocated to that activity. Costs that are not directly attributable to one particular activity are allocated on an estimated basis. Such allocations are made by reference to an estimate of staff time used in each activity, head count, floor area or other appropriate basis.

Expenditure includes VAT when charged.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost of tangible fixed assets, less estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives, on a straight-line basis (unless otherwise stated) at the following annual rates:

Office furniture	-	10% Straight Line
Office equipment	-	20% Straight Line

1.6. Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

2. Voluntary Income	Restricted	Unrestricted	2008	2007
	Funds	Funds		
	€	€	€	€
Committed giving schemes	3,068,916	767,229	3,836,145	3,102,145
Tax recovered	-	748,763	748,763	548,554
Corporate donations etc.	180,736	-	180,736	136,377
Emergency appeals	119,296	-	119,296	82,850
Bank interest	-	39,569	39,569	25,661
Other donations	261,437	430,213	691,650	665,559
	<u>3,630,385</u>	<u>1,985,774</u>	<u>5,616,159</u>	<u>4,561,146</u>

Committed giving schemes comprise mainly Child Sponsorship income, used for World Vision Ireland's ADPs in Tanzania, Kenya, Swaziland, Mauritania, Sierra Leone and Uganda.

Corporate donations came from staff funds, trusts and foundations for projects in Kenya, Mauritania, Tanzania, Sierra Leone and Somalia.

Emergency appeals raised funds for Myanmar.

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3.	<u>Irish Government Funding (Irish Aid)</u>	Amount 2008
	Emergency and Rehabilitation funding	€
	Kenya Maragua Food Security Project	170,000
	Kenya Kwale Food Security project (phase iii)	275,000
	Kenya Turkana Nutrition	157,184
	Myanmar Cyclone response	250,000
	Somalia IDP response in Mogadishu	225,619
	Somalia Reconstruction of Primary Education in Awdal region, Somaliland	252,959
	Swaziland Shiselweni Drought Resilience	230,887
	Uganda Emergency Flood Response	185,000
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		1,746,649
	Civil Society Development Fund	
	Programme focussed on the rights of children	1,435,200
	Total Irish Government Funding	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 3,181,849 <hr style="width: 100%;"/>

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4. European Union Funding

		Amount 2008 €
Bosnia	Advance Human Rights for Roma minorities (EIDHR)	185,612
Tanzania	IPCHAY HIV / AIDS project	20,000
Kenya	Mutonguni Poverty Reduction project (co-financing)	111,060
Total European Union Funding		316,672

Other Agency Funding

UNDP	Sudan: seeds and tools	3,894
World Food Programme	Food distribution (Somalia GFD, Uganda PADER, Burundi SF, S. Sudan)	6,701
		10,595

Donated goods and services

World Food Programme	Food distribution (Somalia GFD, Uganda PADER, Burundi SF, S. Sudan)	363,477
Total Other Agency Funding		374,072

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5. Charitable activities

	Restricted Funds €	Unrestricted Funds €	2008 Total €
Remittances to overseas programmes			
Angola	-	7,342	7,342
Bosnia	185,622	69,326	254,948
Burundi	67,230	-	67,230
DR Congo	15,603	21,793	37,396
Kenya	1,542,157	80,629	1,622,786
Mauritania	447,846	18,013	465,859
Myanmar	308,174	2,741	310,915
Senegal	175,773	15,957	191,730
Sierra Leone	374,387	8,976	383,363
Somalia	699,105	74,818	773,923
Sudan	58,432	71,861	130,293
Swaziland	569,102	18,013	587,115
Tanzania	955,041	65,830	1,020,871
Uganda	1,030,864	26,480	1,057,344
East Africa Area	34,303	-	34,303
West Africa Area	48,700	-	48,700
Africa (Gender Capacity)	15,000	-	15,000
	<u>6,527,339</u>	<u>481,779</u>	<u>7,009,118</u>
Associated costs	79,159	5,714	84,873
*Partnership costs	129,389	-	129,389
	<u>6,735,887</u>	<u>487,493</u>	<u>7,223,380</u>
Programme support costs	237,362	197,014	434,376
Advocacy, education and research	44,752	37,145	81,897
	<u>7,018,001</u>	<u>721,652</u>	<u>7,739,653</u>
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	Direct Expenditure	Allocated Expenditure	2008 Total
Remittances to overseas programmes	7,193,554	29,826	7,223,380
Programme support costs	106,420	327,956	434,376
Advocacy, education and research	47,745	34,152	81,897
	<u>7,347,719</u>	<u>391,934</u>	<u>7,739,653</u>
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* Partnership costs are World Vision Ireland's contribution to costs incurred by the World Vision partnership for planning and co-ordinating the world wide programme.

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6. Costs incurred in Ireland

	Basis of allocation	Cost of generating funds	Direct charitable expenditure	Governance	2008	2007
					€	€
Depreciation of tangible assets	Headcount	1,720	3,035	215	4,970	4,970
Auditors' remuneration	Direct	-	-	8,555	8,555	7,605
Salaries including pension costs	Headcount	197,493	397,301	40,820	635,614	557,648
Travel and subsistence	Headcount	28,310	49,965	3,546	81,821	86,635
Marketing costs	Direct	1,100,791	2,328	-	1,103,119	1,020,555
Advocacy	Direct	-	13,125	-	13,125	5,666
Secretarial, recruitment & training	Headcount	11,766	20,767	1,474	34,007	36,442
Office occupancy and supplies	Headcount	47,506	63,335	4,027	114,868	83,354
Equipment, computer and leasing	Headcount	15,001	26,476	1,879	43,356	27,817
Finance and bank charges	Direct	22,524	24,814	-	47,338	33,763
		<u>1,425,111</u>	<u>601,146</u>	<u>60,516</u>	<u>2,086,773</u>	<u>1,864,455</u>
Allocated costs included above		<u>182,965</u>	<u>391,934</u>	<u>51,961</u>	<u>626,860</u>	

7. Employees	2008	2007
Number of employees		
The average number of employees during the year was:	14	12
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs	2008	2007
	€	€
Wages and salaries	551,372	486,275
Social security costs	56,443	49,664
Other pension costs	27,799	21,709
	<u>635,614</u>	<u>557,648</u>

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8. Tangible assets	Office Furniture €	Office Equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At 30 September 2007	22,826	17,320	40,146
At 30 September 2008	<u>22,826</u>	<u>17,320</u>	<u>40,146</u>
Depreciation			
At 30 September 2007	9,126	8,520	17,646
Charge for the year	2,281	2,689	4,970
At 30 September 2008	<u>11,407</u>	<u>11,209</u>	<u>22,616</u>
Net book values			
At 30 September 2007	13,700	8,800	22,500
At 30 September 2008	<u>11,419</u>	<u>6,111</u>	<u>17,530</u>
9. Debtors		2008	2007
		€	€
Other debtors and prepayments		102,439	77,895
		<u>102,439</u>	<u>77,895</u>
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2008	2007
		€	€
Trade creditors		53,887	-
Loan from World Vision International		250,000	250,000
Other creditors and accruals		70,472	226,468
		<u>374,359</u>	<u>476,468</u>

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11. Reserves

	Restricted reserve €	Unrestricted reserve €	Total reserves €
At 1 October 2007	147,327	635,846	783,173
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(408,073)	671,545	263,472
Transfer of unrestricted funds	400,000	(400,000)	-
At 30 September 2008	<u>139,254</u>	<u>907,391</u>	<u>1,046,645</u>

Sufficient resources are available in cash or near-cash form to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with its purpose.

12. Directors' remuneration

As charity trustees, the directors received no remuneration for their services. Directly incurred expenses are reimbursed, if claimed, and in 2008 totalled €Nil (2007: €Nil).

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**Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 30 September 2008**

	€	2008 €	€	2007 €
Income				
Sponsorship and childcare	3,836,145		3,049,911	
Irish Government	3,181,849		3,041,157	
European Union and other agency funding	327,267		584,769	
Other voluntary donations, fundraising etc.	1,740,445		1,485,574	
Donated goods and services	363,477		-	
Bank interest received	39,569		25,661	
		<u>9,488,752</u>		<u>8,187,072</u>
Expenditure				
Salaries	635,614		557,648	
Promotional and support expenses	956,519		910,527	
Newsletter	112,312		72,005	
Travel, subsistence and motor expenses	81,821		86,635	
Printing, stationery and office supplies	12,582		14,310	
Postage and telephone	46,549		38,023	
Secretarial, recruitment & training expenses	34,007		36,442	
Advocacy	13,125		5,666	
Rent and leasehold improvements	80,570		50,322	
General repairs	7,405		13,139	
Light and heat	3,390		4,309	
Insurance	1,577		1,274	
Computer, equipment leasing and maintenance	43,356		27,817	
Bank charges, exchange losses and H.P. interest	44,421		33,763	
Audit and accountancy	8,555		7,605	
Depreciation - Furniture	2,281		2,281	
Depreciation - Equipment	2,689		2,689	
		<u>(2,086,773)</u>		<u>(1,864,455)</u>
Net incoming resources before remittances		<u>7,401,979</u>		<u>6,322,617</u>
Remittances				
World Vision field projects		(7,138,507)		(6,495,023)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for year		<u><u>263,472</u></u>		<u><u>(172,406)</u></u>