# GEOGRAPHY OF HUMAN WELL-BEING: A DIVERSE AND CONNECTED WORLD



Introduction and overview

- I. What is poverty?
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### NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION (NGO) AID ••••



### **WORLD VISION**

World Vision is a non-government organisation (NGO) that works with people around the world to help eliminate poverty and its causes. It works with the United Nations, governments, other NGOs and local communities to improve human well-being.



### WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION?

World Vision was founded in the USA during the Korean War in the 1950s. World Vision Australia began in 1966 and now works in more than 50 countries around the world.



**Community development:** World Vision works alongside poor communities to find solutions to problems like malnutrition, lack of safe drinking water, illiteracy, unemployment and disease. In 2014, World Vision Australia worked on 282 projects in the Asia-Pacific region, 346 in Africa, 86 in the Middle East and 84 in Latin America. These included economic development projects, agriculture cooperatives and water and sanitation projects.







Community development work in Flores, Indonesia. In partnership with World Vision, the local community built a 27 kilometre pipeline that now brings safe drinking water to over 6,000 people.

**Humanitarian relief:** World Vision provides rapid emergency relief to the victims of war, conflict, flood, drought, earthquake, famine or other natural disaster. Workers in the field provide food, shelter, medicine and other immediate needs. This is followed by rebuilding programs to enable people to protect themselves better from future disasters. In 2015, this included work in response to the Vanuatu cyclone, the Nepalese earthquakes and the conflict in South Sudan, Syria and Gaza.

**Advocacy and education:** World Vision seeks to raise awareness of human need through education programs and campaigns in Australia. These challenge people to take action – such as letter writing, fund-raising and visiting Members of Parliament. World Vision also seeks to influence business and government policy affecting developing countries.





# HOW DO AUSTRALIANS HELP THE ORGANISATION?

My company works with World Vision to provide materials and support to strengthen local communities in developing countries.

My family sponsors a child in a developing country and I write letters to encourage and support her.

I use World Vision's education materials in the classroom to help educate young people about global issues.







I do the 40 Hour Famine and organise other kids at school to do it as well. This provides financial support for important projects overseas.

I volunteer my time and energy to support World Vision campaigns. I write letters and sometimes meet with my Member of Parliament.





### HOW DOES THE ORGANISATION WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT PEOPLE?

- provides emergency food, shelter, medicine and care in times of disaster
- improves health care and education
- provides access to safe drinking water and sanitation
- increases agricultural production
- improves prevention, treatment and care of disease
- encourages gender equality
- addresses issues like climate change and peace building
- supports and cares for orphans and vulnerable children
- provides loans to develop small businesses
- educates Australians to eliminate poverty and its causes
- helps governments and businesses to address poverty





## FOR YOU TO DO



I. Complete the chart below using the information above.

WHAT IS THE NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE GLOBAL ORGANISATION?	WHAT DOES THE ORGANISATION DO?	HOW DO AUSTRALIANS HELP THE ORGANISATION?	HOW DOES THE ORGANISATION BENEFIT PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD?

**2.** Research a United Nations organisation (for example, UNDP, FAO, WHO) online and complete the table below.

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**3.** Watch the animation What are the different types of aid? and visit http://dfat.gov.au/aid/where-we-give-aid/Pages/where-we-give-aid.aspx. Complete the following table:

COUNTRY/REGION	IMPACTS
Myanmar	
Indonesia	
Syrian Refugee Camps	
Pacific Island Nations	
Timor-Leste	