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## Economic Empowerment Executive Briefing

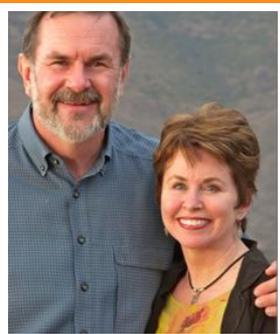
### August 2016

Greetings!

World Vision is delighted to send you our Executive Briefing for Economic Empowerment. You are an integral part of our work to end extreme poverty by 2030, so we want to keep you updated on our progress!

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"The Holy Spirit walked among us in Tanzania! God brought together key donors and WV leaders to plan and share the vision of how we can empower smallholder farmers through the expansion of THRIVE. We look forward to see how He continues to guide us."

Robin and Stu Phillips  
NLC Signature Initiative Leaders for Economic Empowerment

### The 1st THRIVE Forum – Tanzania in August 2016

The first World Vision “THRIVE” Forum was held in Tanzania from 7-11 August. The Forum was an example of multi-tasking at its best, as it brought together:

- A Vision Trip to see the Economic Empowerment work in Babati, Tanzania.
- A learning event, where World Vision National Directors from Zambia, Malawi, and Rwanda joined their Tanzanian colleagues, along with regional colleagues from West Africa and the Regional Leaders from East and Southern Africa.
- A community-building event, including key donors, VisionFund staff, National Office field staff, and World Vision U.S. staff.



The Forum began in Arusha on the evening of the 7th of August, with welcomes from Chris Glynn of WV USA and Margaret Schuler, Regional Leader for East Africa. Introductions of the many participants followed, as did the organization of the participants into “teams” (identified by animals i.e. Lions, Elephants, Rhinoceros, etc.) for ease of seeing more and reporting back to the larger group. An overview of the rationale for focusing on the economics of poverty as a foundational issue, as well as the basics of the World Vision THRIVE model gave the group the high level overview of what we were going to see, experience, and delve into. Then, we were treated to a history of the THRIVE programming in Tanzania by National Director, Tim Andrews. Tim took the group through the dynamics and basic decisions made in Tanzania.

Monday morning we loaded into vehicles and headed to the three area development programs making up the Babati cluster, with most groups seeing various aspects of the Biblical Empowered Worldview. Some groups not only saw training in action, but they also met families whose personal interactions have been transformed by the training. Others got to speak to farmers who had travelled to Yatta, Kenya, to observe the impact the Biblical Empowered Worldview had on Yatta—an important trip in order to gain the knowledge and inspiration to replicate the THRIVE Model at home in Tanzania. One farmer we met saw his annual income grow from \$1,000/year to \$10,000/year, because he followed the example he saw in Yatta of cultivating water resources in order to build a reliable drip irrigation system, and intensive raising of diverse vegetables.



The groups reconvened from Monday through Wednesday night at the Sopa Lodge, located in Tarangire National Park. While perhaps not ideal from a pure logistics perspective, staying at this lodge meant each person spent about 90 minutes each evening, and 90 minutes each morning travelling through a park filled with elephants,

zebra, lions, leopards, gazelle, and far too many other birds and animals to mention. It was an unexpected treat!

Each evening consisted of debrief reports from each group on what they had seen that day and learned about both the model and its implementation, dinner, and a presentation from one of the National Directors about their experience with the THRIVE model in their country. Not only was the learning from what we observed in Babati rich and meaningful, but the inter-National Office learnings were powerful. One that stood out to me was the experience from Fordson of Malawi, who shared how the churches of Malawi have not only embraced the expansion of the Biblical Empowered Worldview, but also its application to the church embracing the need to care for creation in Malawi. Malawian agriculture is suffering because of the high degree of deforestation (resulting in lack of available water in the soils, in wells and springs, and in the rivers and streams) and lack of concern with soil fertility and management. The church has embraced the message that God's people need to care for God's creation, so that creation can thereby fulfill its role in caring for God's people. In short, World Vision Malawi is massively multiplying its impact through partnering with the churches, a good model for all THRIVE countries. The final evening consisted of significant feedback from donors and staff on the work, the model, and the approaches we saw. The discussion was full and frank, and we dealt not only with the aspects of what was clearly working extremely well, but also the challenges and opportunities to do even more.

The final day was spent travelling back to Arusha, where all the participants in the THRIVE Forum were invited to observe the opening part of the first face-to-face meeting of the company a number of our donors have purchased, Quality Food Products, soon to be merged with and renamed the Great African Food Company.

While the details need to be finalized, we expect to have another THRIVE Forum in the next 12-18 months, likely in another of the THRIVE countries.

Special thanks need to be extended to key World Vision staff who made this a truly successful and memorable event. Esther Chidodolo from WV Tanzania and Kaitlin McGarvey from WV U.S. did the lion's share of the on-site visit preparation, the creation of materials, and the various aspects of the logistics. Pamela Shao of WV Tanzania was our on-the-ground host, showing and discussing the various aspects of the work that she and her team were undertaking. Finally, Kathryn Compton from WV USA engaged in all aspects of the visit, interacting with staff and donors, and providing Vision Trip oversight. Her work was both spectacular and invaluable.

Christopher Shore  
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World Vision

## Newsflash

- Thank you to everyone who joined our most recent Donor Leader call! If you missed our August Economic Empowerment Donor Leader Call, please click the link below to listen to a recording. This month we provided a debrief of the THRIVE Forum, and heard NLC Partner updates regarding THRIVE in Tanzania and Zambia as well as the OneVision Technology Fund:

[Play recording](#) (29.47 min)

If you would like to be invited to the next call, please contact your rep!

- Join us on a life-changing journey to see God at work in a community impacted by poverty. Experience the impact of your support in the lives of children and families around the world. Contact your World Vision representative if you are interested in joining our trip to Zambia in November.

## Zambia: November 7-11, 2016

- [2016 SEEP Network Annual Conference](#): This event will afford exciting new opportunities to engage with key themes and key players in inclusive market development. We will be hosting a reception for WV staff and donors on the evening of September 20. Please contact Kaitlin McGarvey ([kmcgarve@worldvision.org](mailto:kmcgarve@worldvision.org)) for more details.

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### Prayer Request

- Pray that all of the collaborations, leanings and problem solving from the THRIVE Forum will bear fruit. Pray that THRIVE will continue to grow and impact people across the world, particularly in Zambia, Rwanda and Malawi where World Vision is beginning to implement THRIVE.
- Pray for God to continue to use the Biblical, Empowered World View to transform mindsets and lives.
- Pray as protests are occurring in the Amhara region in Ethiopia where a project supported by the Helmsley Trust Foundation is located. These protests could delay training, monitoring support for beneficiaries and various projects. Our staff in Ethiopia are closely monitoring potential civil instability to safeguard the lives of our beneficiaries and staff.
- Praise God as the following achievements have taken place in the Amhara region of Ethiopia despite protests:
  1. Communities around Rib River are well protected from flooding thanks to dike retention wall built, which has allowed farmers to plant crops during rainy season. Community overall knowledge on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) has significantly improved as a result of workshops and trainings organized by the project.
  2. Increases in House Hold (HH) incomes are reported as a result of local value chain development, savings group formation, and improved farming/agricultural practices.

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