



**viva**  
together for children

**Annual Review 2015**

# Together for children

**Every so often we have encounters that change us, with people we don't forget.**

Whilst visiting Guatemala City, I met 12 year-old Joel, who had run away from home to escape sustained abuse at the hands of his father and grandfather.

He ended up living on a rubbish dump – the source of his daily food and the items he scavenged for selling. **Invisible to most people around him, he was seen and befriended by volunteers from a Viva Early Encounter team.** With their help, he is now living in a half-way house provided by a network member, and is being supported to go to school.

As neither of us spoke each other's language we sat and communicated through simple signs about football and other important matters. Joel had two small chocolates, an almost unheard-of treat, **and he chose to give one to me.**

Taking my lead from him, I took my time savouring the chocolate, scraping tiny amounts off it to suck, just as he did. A rare treasure, but one he generously shared with me.

**Life has already been hard beyond imagining for Joel, but his resilience and kindness were unforgettable, as was the combination of expertise, skill, dedication and love modelled by the Early Encounter team.**

Viva exists to serve vulnerable children like Joel and to improve their lives. Our expertise is in bringing together churches and local grassroots organisations to empower them to achieve more together than individually – to change more children's lives in a meaningful way.

**I feel privileged to lead an organisation that is giving new life to so many vulnerable children.** The breadth of our work is immense – 34 partner networks running 179 collaborative programmes in 50 cities across 22 countries to help over a million children.

Yet I shall never be satisfied. We can always do more: more programmes, deeper and longer-lasting change in more places. And the most effective way to do that is by working together in collective action.

For together we are better – investing in changing children's lives across the world.

Mark Stavers

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**Chief Executive**

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**In a world where children are increasingly at risk from poverty, abuse, violence, family breakdown, disaster and trafficking, it's greatly encouraging to see that Viva continues to respond efficiently and strategically to these complex issues, with concern and commitment.**

Viva has almost 20 years of experience in starting and developing **effective, locally-led, action-orientated networks** of small grassroots organisations. It designs collaborative programmes and helps networks to invest in their structure to make long-term solutions possible. It shares knowledge across networks, and mentors and trains local leaders in the networks to change their own society. Children in **Bolivia** are being kept safe from a life on the streets, marginalised girls in **Uganda** are receiving an education and young people in villages in **Nepal** are being protected from trafficking – something even more essential following the major earthquake in April 2015 which has increased their vulnerability. These are but three examples; there are many more.

**This annual review showcases the activities of Viva and our partner networks during 2014-15.** This comprises both the 'big picture' impact we're having in churches, amongst communities and through whole cities as well as the difference we can make to the lives of individual children, young people, families and leaders.

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people whom Viva serves around the world, thank you for sharing the journey with us.

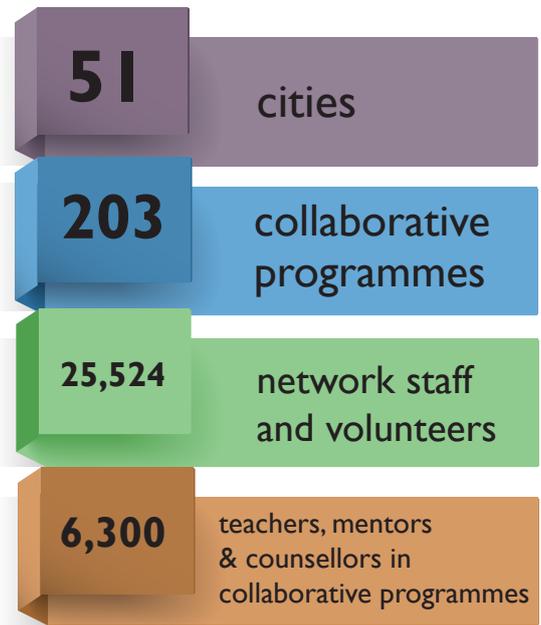
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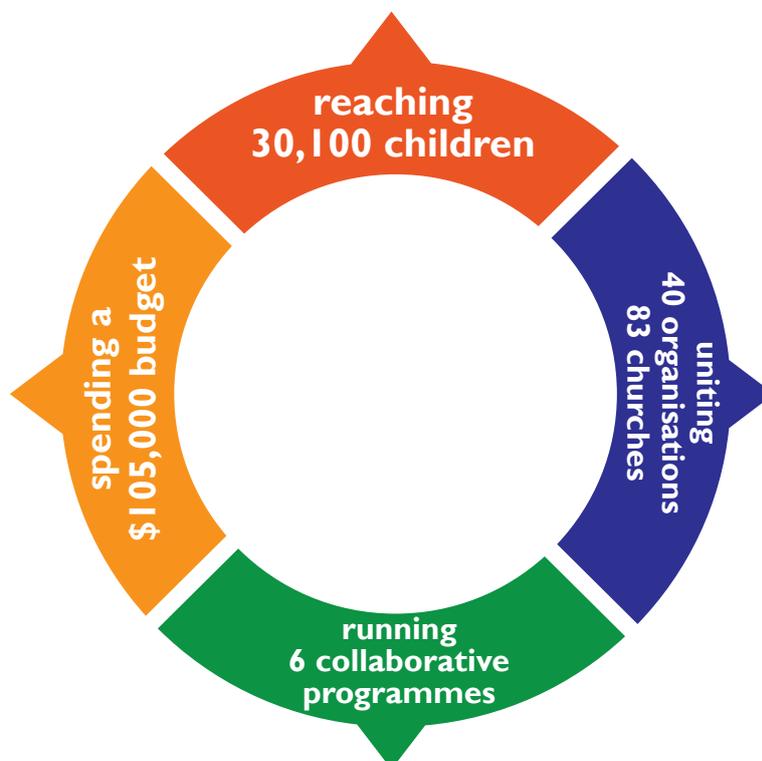
# Viva in numbers 2014-15



## What did an average Viva partner network look like this year?

About a third of this budget was contributed by Viva, with another 56% coming from other international sources, leaving 9% raised in-country.

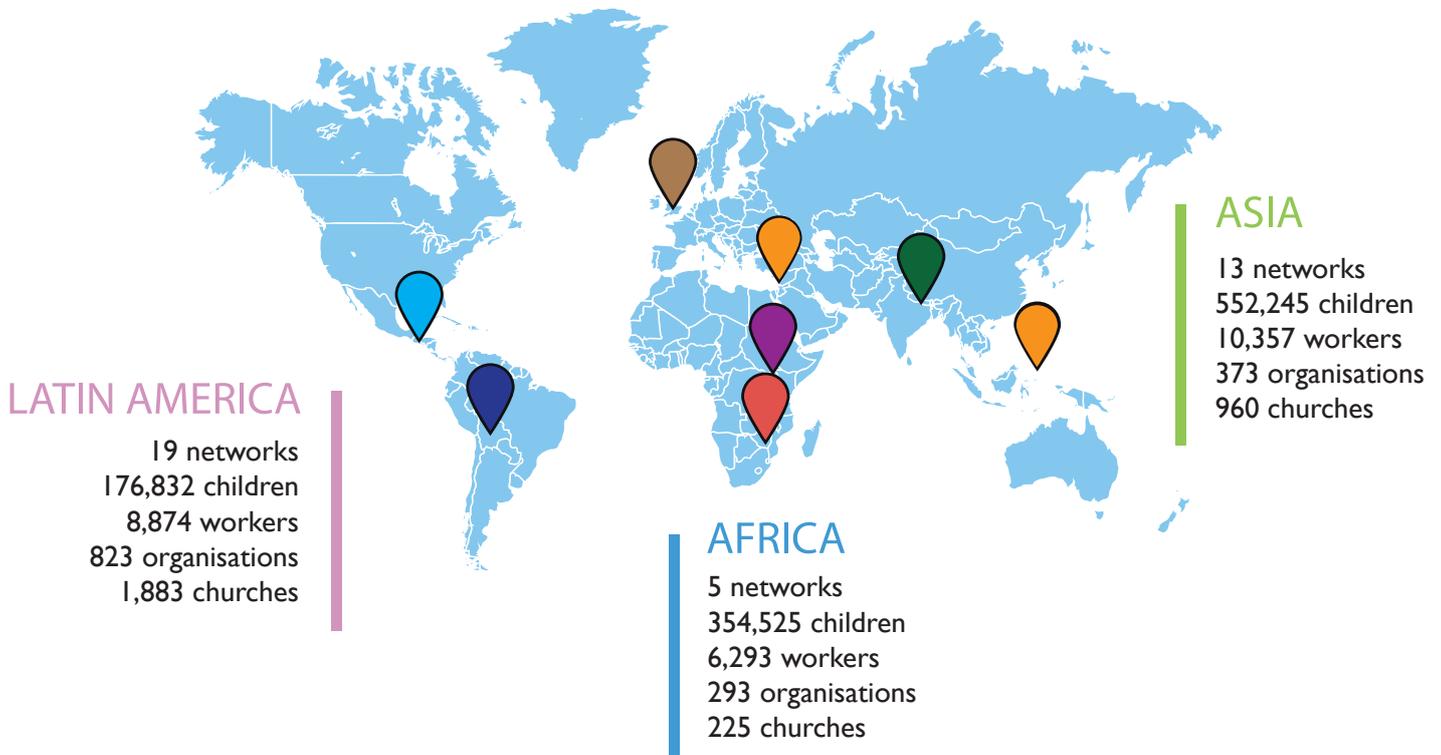
In addition the equivalent of a further £14,000 / \$22,000 / \$HK170,000 was added through volunteer time, donated office space, gifts-in-kind and programme-specific contributions.



On average, the 83 churches participating in the network accounted for almost 5% of all churches within the network boundaries.

However, this proportion varied enormously from less than one in a thousand in Guatemala City to 50 per cent or more in Potosi (Bolivia) or the Kone Kmeng network in Cambodia.

Each programme supported 803 children who were already under the care of network participants, along with a further 1,237 children not previously reached. These children were assisted by a workforce comprising an average of 441 parent volunteers, 16 residential care-workers and 31 teachers/mentors.



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**CHILD REACH IS UP 16%** – reflecting the general growth across all networks



**NETWORK PARTICIPATION IS UP 41%** – with two-thirds being church congregations



**RESEARCH-DRIVEN PROGRAMMES ARE UP 45%** – networks have sought significantly more advice from a broader range of stakeholders



**A QUARTER OF NETWORKS** consider the biggest issue facing them to be ‘violence and abuse’



**61% OF CHILDREN WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMES** were reached by the network for the first time this year



DATA PUBLISHED HERE IS TAKEN FROM VIVA'S NETWORK HEALTH CHECK (NHC), A TOOL DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSTANTLY EVOLVING WORLD OF NETWORK DEVELOPMENT. NHC'S STATISTICS ALLOW VIVA TO IDENTIFY PATTERNS AND TRENDS WHICH INFORM ITS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMATIC STRATEGIES.

# Preventing child trafficking // Nepal

## **Nepal is emerging as a regional hub for human trafficking in Asia.**

As many as 15,000 girls every year are estimated to be transitioned across Nepal's open border with India and sold into prostitution. More than 200,000 Nepalese girls are now believed to be in India after being trafficked, with a further 30,000 young girls and women employed as sex workers within Nepal itself.

Trafficking is most prevalent in the rural districts of Nepal that lag behind in terms of literacy, health, access to road transport, and other basic indicators, and where unemployment is high.

Selling children and women for money is often viewed as the only desperate hope for economic independence and a higher standard of living for the wider family.

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**Viva's partner network CarNet Nepal is reducing the risk of trafficking and sexual exploitation through several collaborative programmes, with a particular focus on supporting the education of children and economically empowering women.**

Child development centres have provided a safe place for children to do their homework and to develop their social skills. Children receive uniform once a year, as well as a school bag full of materials.

Over 250 women from the poorest households have been trained in setting up and running small businesses such as pig-rearing, small grocery shops and providing tailoring services – which not only helps them and their children but also positively impacts their communities.

They received loans and peer support in a savings group, and as a result more than half have seen their family income rise by an average of 40 per cent.

CarNet Nepal has also helped to ensure the women's children return to school, now that their mothers are earning enough money to send them.

Crucially, there have been no reports of children going missing from the villages since this work began and their families were shown how to keep them safe.

People trafficking is the fastest growing means by which people are enslaved and one of the largest sources of income for organised crime.

**The trafficking of children is on the increase.** Statistics are difficult to obtain, but a UN report last year states that **children now comprise nearly one third of all detected trafficking victims**, a five per cent rise compared to 2007-2010 and a figure estimated by UNICEF to be at 1.2 million.

## **CARNET NEPAL 2014-15**

85,000 children  
2,500 workers  
500 churches  
30 organisations



*“ Now I have realised that I have to send my children to school for their better future. I have hope in my daughter and I will send her to school regularly. ”*

Additionally, over the last year:

- 86 creative awareness-raising campaigns have been run
- 180 churches were trained in ways to protect children from abuse
- 5,000 children and over 800 parents now know how to spot and stop abuse, who to contact and how to get help
- 15-20 girls are being counselled every day through frontline centres initiated by the network and run by the government's Network on Anti Human Trafficking.

These collaborative programmes are the result of 500 churches joining together in the network to tackle the root causes of child exploitation in a country where the Christian faith is growing more rapidly than in any other part of the world.

CarNet Nepal's anti-trafficking work took on greater significance after the major earthquake in April 2015, with the disaster further increasing children's vulnerability. Trained church volunteers are providing counselling and psychological first aid to displaced children in remote villages in partnership with a programme called Operation Safe. This followed the network's emergency response of medicines, water supplies, blankets and rice to thousands of seriously-affected households.

***“We believe that the power of 500 churches working together with one voice in collective action can change the lives of children across this nation.”***

Brian Wilkinson, Viva's Head of Network Development

BRIAN HAS WORKED FOR VIVA FOR 17 YEARS, BRINGING A STRATEGIC OUTLOOK AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE FROM TEN YEARS AT JOHN LAING CONSTRUCTION, AND FIVE YEARS AS A DIRECTOR WITHIN LAING HOMES.



# Acting to end child violence // Bolivia

## **An adolescent boy in Latin America is 70 times more likely to be murdered than if he was living in the UK.**

Six million children on the continent suffer severe abuse each year. Despite being rich in natural resources, Bolivia is one of the region's poorest countries. And it is desperation caused by poverty, coupled with a culture which doesn't traditionally respect child rights, that leads to eight out of ten children and young people becoming victims of violence, according to UNICEF.

Most violent abuse of children in Bolivia happens either in the family home or in the child's place of work, which makes the protection of children difficult for authorities; most of the time, these criminal acts are not reported. Many parents believe that corporal punishment is essential to educating a child properly, which manifests later as family-based violence. Children forced onto the streets to escape a violent and abusive home life often encounter further violence through gang culture and are criminalised and mistreated by other adults because of their vulnerability.

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## **Viva's seven partner networks in Bolivia are each reaching out to vulnerable children in their communities, and supporting and strengthening struggling families.**

A major focus of the work is in promoting child rights and shifting mindsets through the [Buen Trato \(Good Treatment\) Campaign](#), which has now been running over eight years.

The Campaign is changing adults' attitudes to the abuse and exploitation of children and promoting positive practices in young people's relationships with each other. The children taking part have endured difficult lives but, through the support of the network, they are being empowered and equipped with life-skills.

Supported by local project leaders, these [child advocates take to the city streets to talk with adults about how they treat their children](#) and to give them a license of good treatment, mirroring a police campaign which checks up on valid driver's licenses. Adults who have behaved badly towards children pledge to change their ways. Awareness-raising marches are organised in public places.

Last September alone, 11,000 children reached more than 60,000 adults with the message of how to treat children better, and that month has now been declared the month of good treatment for children.

Violence claims a child's life every five minutes. A 2014 study by UNICEF UK found that more than three-quarters of child deaths due to violence each day are the result of interpersonal violence, rather than conflict.

In 58 countries, more than half of younger children are violently disciplined in their homes or at school. According to the report, only 41 countries have implemented an explicit ban on violence against children, while only two per cent of countries have a comprehensive legal framework to prevent violence.

### **BOLIVIA'S SEVEN PARTNER NETWORKS 2014-15**

42,800 children  
1,640 workers  
188 organisations  
201 churches



*“ The man I talked to told me that it is difficult to put good treatment into practice in his daily work, but that it is good to treat people well. He advised me to keep fighting for worthy causes. ”*

The Campaign has had a significant impact on authority figures. Last year, at the invitation of UNICEF, child leaders and ambassadors from our partner network Red Viva Cochabamba were involved in the review and development of proposals for both the regulation of the Code for Children and Adolescents and the International Convention for Children’s and Adolescents’ Rights.

The Campaign is also successfully taking off through Viva’s partner networks in Paraguay, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. Across the region last year, more than 25,000 children were involved in advocating this message of ‘no more violence’.

In parallel, the Zero Tolerance Campaign sees adults in five Bolivian cities campaigning against the sexual abuse of children. Three-quarters of churches in these five networks are actively involved in this work, and last year, in partnership with the government and NGOs, the Campaign reached more than 6,000 parents and 15,000 other adults.

**“My dream is that together we can all be that community of protection for children and adolescents. I thank God that the Church is part of this transformation in children’s lives.”**

Inés Caballero, Viva’s former Network Consultant in Bolivia

INÉS WAS WITH VIVA FOR 17 YEARS UNTIL 2015, AND WAS A NETWORK CONSULTANT FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS. SHE CONTINUES TO HAVE A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITHIN THE NETWORK. INÉS HOLDS POSTGRADUATE DEGREES IN PREVENTING VIOLENCE, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL PROJECTS.



# Educating marginalised girls // Uganda

**In Kampala, Uganda's capital city, urban growth and the rising cost of living, combined with cultural traditions, is leaving four in ten girls living below the poverty line, as second priority to their brothers when it comes to education.**

Research has shown that only a quarter of girls complete primary education by the expected age and less than one in five advance to secondary school. Around 15 per cent of women are illiterate.

Many girls are also vulnerable to abuse, violence and harassment, both at home and at school, and after puberty many marry and become pregnant, thus ending their education. Around a third of girls become mothers before reaching adulthood.

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**In 2013, Viva and CRANE, our partner network in Uganda, secured a grant with the British government's Department for International Development (DFID) to provide 20 Creative Learning Centres for 4,000 marginalised girls in Kampala, as part of DFID's global Girls' Education Challenge. The programme's initial three-year grant was successfully extended to four years in 2014.**

The centres are proving to be innovative and influential. Girls who have dropped out of school are restarting their education, with an emphasis on numeracy, literacy and vocational skills. Hundreds of girls are getting the opportunity to take books out of the mobile library.

Support has been given to help them pass examinations and continue through the school system. **Girls are being empowered – and are learning how crucial reading is to their future education and employment.**

In this past year 1,081 girls have been engaged in learning in the 20 centres, and 663 girls so far have graduated to other forms of learning (mainstream or vocational education).

Of a total of 929 girls tracked since the programme began, almost 60 per cent have returned to education, and of that number a quarter were able to sit for end-of-year school examinations.

Lessons provide a more engaging and creative way of learning than most schools in Uganda offer – and it is hoped that they will be a foundation for long-term change in the country's education system.

According to UNESCO, 61 million primary school-age children were not enrolled in school in 2010. Of these children, nearly half were never expected to enter school and a quarter attended school but left.

Children from the wealthiest 20 per cent of the population are four times more likely to be in school than the poorest 20 per cent. More than half of the world's out-of-school children are girls and two-thirds of illiterate people are women.

## CRANE, Uganda 2014-15

70,480 children  
3,462 workers  
112 organisations  
24 churches



*“ I became pregnant, and was helpless with no hope of going to school. CRANE helped me get back to school and I am soon sitting my leaving examinations. My life is now going to change; I want to be an engineer. ”*

The 20 centres are also more inclusive than most other schools. There are very few government places for children with special educational needs, so this programme is challenging the status quo. Of those with special educational needs in the centres, 40% have achieved reading targets and 80% have achieved numeracy targets.

The centres are having an impact on family life: almost three-quarters of girls surveyed reported that the attitude of their parents has now changed and they are now supportive of their daughter remaining in education.

Teacher training is important: the 40 teachers receive three days of training each quarter. Each centre also has two mentors, and they receive two days of training each quarter.

With over 100 church and organisation participants, CRANE is the only Christian network in Uganda with such a significant representation in the highest levels of education. The centres are one of a suite of six DFID-supported programmes in Kampala, which means that CRANE is part of the bigger civil society response to poverty across that city.

**“Each network member has the same vision, goal and is contributing to the bigger picture. PriceWaterhouseCoopers has praised the high-class, effective programme we are delivering.”**

Miriam Friday, Viva's Network Consultant for Uganda

MIRIAM JOINED VIVA IN 2007, AND HAS DEVELOPED INITIATIVES IN CHILD-LED ADVOCACY, USING MUSIC AND MEDIA TO COMMUNICATE CHILD RIGHTS, AS WELL AS PEER EDUCATION FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN SLUMS. SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY A CAREFORCE FIELD OFFICER AND A CLASSROOM TEACHER.



# Strengthening families // Zimbabwe

**One in four children in Zimbabwe have lost one or both parents due to AIDS and other causes, and there are an estimated 100,000 child-headed households in the country.**

Zimbabwe's social protection system has been eroded, leaving children extremely vulnerable to exploitation, violence and abuse, and with little access to justice and social welfare. Data suggests that 48 per cent of women and 37 per cent of men in the country think that family violence is acceptable.

Families are struggling and there has been a significant rise in the number of cases of divorce, child abuse, drug abuse and domestic violence in Harare, Zimbabwe's capital city.

**Viva Network Zimbabwe is strengthening families and protecting children through a programme entitled 'Foundations for Family', in partnership with Family Impact.**

During 2014, 25 churches in three communities of Harare took part in two days of training followed by workshops. This was focused on five key family values:

- Everyone in family
- Committed couples
- Valued children
- Sexual purity
- Christ-centred family

Forty-five church leaders were equipped with the skills to share the material with over 900 families in their communities.

Over 100 family gatherings were held by churches, mostly during holiday time last August. Many of those attending already had plans to meet at that time but said the training had helped them to be more focused to build their families in godly ways. Afterwards, five extended families committed to meet with each other at least once every year.

Additionally, the network was invited by Faith Media Centre to share about the subject of families on the world day of prayer, and information about ways to build more stable families was disseminated to more than 300 people.

After sharing the programme materials, several church pastors testified that they were beginning to see deep-rooted social issues that affect families, such as poverty and migration, addressed.

There are children all over the world whose families are struggling, broken or absent.

Every year, 275 million children are victims of violence in their own homes, places that are supposed to offer protection and affection.

132 million children across the world are on record as 'orphans' and every 2.2 seconds one more orphan 'ages out' of the care system with no family to belong to and no place to call home.

**Viva Network  
Zimbabwe  
2014-15**

25,000 children  
519 workers  
62 organisations  
111 churches



“ Our marriage was strained, and my husband had become depressed and was drinking too much. Through attending one of the Foundations for Family training courses, I saw the need to bring our family back together. Although it wasn’t easy, we are now reunited, and my husband has also become a Christian. ”

The programme has had an impact in a number of other ways, including:

- Pastors at six churches reported that the leaders of their **men’s, women’s and youth fellowships** had used the Foundations for Families material to teach, and that it enhanced their meetings because it was timely and relevant to what members needed.
- A **working group was formed in response to local need in the area of Epworth** to deal with family issues since they realised there was a need to do so.
- Around 70 per cent of churches have seen **increased members’ attendance** in other programmes because of Foundations for Family.
- Sixteen men from one family **gathered to pray for and reconnect** with every member of the family. They recommitted to give time to their families and support each other.

**“Our hope is that, through mobilising our members, the network will influence families and build a supportive environment so that, collectively, we will raise valued children in Harare.”**

Jonathan Chikumbu, Network Consultant for Viva Network Zimbabwe

JONATHAN HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED WITH THE EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF ZIMBABWE, THE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY, THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE, AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL OF ZIMBABWE. HE HOLDS A MASTERS IN POPULATION STUDIES AND A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK.



# Giving children an identity // Guatemala

## **An estimated 600,000 children in the poorest communities of Guatemala do not have a birth certificate.**

Without this paperwork, unregistered children are essentially invisible to the state because they do not have access to basic rights such as education, health care and citizen participation. This makes them highly vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

More than 20 per cent of Guatemalan children are forced to work to contribute to their family's income. 35% of young Guatemalan girls are married before the age of 18. Every day 40 children are orphaned because of violence and a new case of sexual violence against a child is reported every two hours. When he visited the country in 2015, UNICEF UK Ambassador and actor Michael Sheen called it "one of the most dangerous countries in the world to be a child."

## **More than 5,300 marginalised children in Guatemala have been officially registered during a nine-month period, thanks to the dedication and influence of Viva Guatemala.**

Generous gifts by Viva supporters coupled with grants from trusts and foundations enabled Viva to create and develop the programme. Significant partnership funding from Toybox has enabled [new registration centres to open in six different cities across Guatemala](#).

In contributing to the rent and equipping of the offices, the network secured the agreement of the National Registry of Persons (RENAP) to provide paid staff. The results have been surprisingly high and will enable the network to press for even more investment from the government to support this work.

With Viva's technical and financial support, the network has been running a birth registration programme called '[I Exist](#)' for three years and in this time has [directly registered more than 1,400 children](#).

Using the expertise of its members, and in liaison with RENAP, the network has been able to help children through the registration process. However, until recently it has only been able to impact a relatively small number of those that needed help, focused on Guatemala City, as the regulations for older children tend to be much more complicated.

The government centres are able to have a [much wider impact](#), dealing with larger numbers, as they are registering a large proportion of children whilst they are new-born with both parents present.

[This will at least help stem the increasing numbers of unregistered children whilst better ways are found to process the older children's more complex cases.](#)

The births of nearly 230 million children under the age of five worldwide have never been officially recorded – that's over a third of all births in urban areas.

Without birth registration, children are not recognised by the authorities and struggle to access basic services like education and healthcare.

### **Red Viva Guatemala 2014-15**

3,000 children  
300 workers  
55 organisations  
30 churches



“ I was given two days in which to prevent my daughter being taken away from me. Thanks to Viva and RENAP, I sorted out the registration and now I have my daughter with me and she is even safer than before. ”

A training initiative has also been launched to equip midwives to talk with families about the importance of birth registration.

Raising community awareness about the issue is foundational to the work, and churches are being empowered to be advocates and places where parents can get information.

The government's renewed commitment to 'I Exist' has been a great encouragement and a recognition of Viva's growing influence on child and family issues in the country.

Roxana Valdeti, Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala, says, “Viva is the only organisation in our country committed to supporting every part of the birth registration process – from the location of parents to producing children's records. Many families and children are benefiting as a result.”

**“Viva has a very strong network platform which means we can deliver lasting change for children in Guatemala.”**

Carmen Álvarez, Director of Viva Latin America

CARMEN JOINED VIVA IN 2002. SHE QUALIFIED AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR WITH A PHD IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH, AN MA IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THEOLOGY AND A BA IN LAW. SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR UNICEF AND WORLD VISION.



# Doorsteps // UK

**Viva has been challenged to explore how it can use its overseas experience to inspire lasting change for vulnerable children in the city in which its international office is situated.**

In Oxford, one in four children live in poverty and the city is still reeling from the findings of Operation Bullfinch, and a series of arrests of traffickers who groomed and abused young girls over a number of years.

‘Doorsteps’ has started just as Viva starts anywhere in the world – mapping the needs of local children, finding out what the Church is already doing and considering how any gaps could be addressed. The initiative is led by Katy Thompson, a Network Consultant who has been with Viva since its foundation.

After gathering data from over 200 adults and young people, and holding a conference attended by 70 people, the study found the five major issues facing local children, young people and families to be: unstable family life and struggling parents; low self-esteem; lack of vision or aspiration for life; difficulty entering employment and household poverty.

The Doorsteps team produced a 58-page report which highlighted a mismatch or gap between churches’ aspirations and what they are actually doing. Considerable time is spent on activities with young people who already come to church, and are not generally as vulnerable as some others in the local community. However, three-quarters of churches surveyed want both to make an informed response to the needs of children and young people, and to have a more meaningful connection with those doing similar work.

After the report’s public launch in May 2015, a peer network of active churches is forming with a challenge to the public sector to consider pilot project ideas. Drawing on this research, we have produced a free Doorsteps resource booklet, which aims to help UK church leaders see the unique contribution they can make in tackling local needs, and identify practical action steps.

**“By fostering social networks, particularly for those who may be excluded, churches can help to provide the glue that binds people together. That is vital to growing stronger, more resilient communities in which people can flourish”**

Katy Thompson, Network Consultant

KATY HAS WORKED FOR VIVA SINCE 1994, WHEN SHE JOINED THE CHARITY AS EXECUTIVE FIELD CO-ORDINATOR. SINCE 2012 SHE HAS BEEN A NETWORK CONSULTANT WITH VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND STARTED PROJECT-MANAGING THE OXFORD DOORSTEPS INITIATIVE IN 2014.



In the UK today, one in six children live in poverty.

Nationally ten per cent of children are victims of neglect, with 50 children taken into care every day.

One in ten 5 to 16 year-olds have a diagnosable mental health disorder and 1.6 million children are growing up in households where no one is in work, leading to a rise in the use of food banks.

“ I’m immensely grateful for Viva producing this report and for gathering churches together with other voluntary and public sector organisations to ask the fundamental question ‘What can we do together?’. As resources become even more limited we have got to get more skillful about pulling together. ”

Rt Rev Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester and Acting Bishop of Oxford

# Lebanon // Philippines // Africa conference

**For six months in 2014, Viva offered support to the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) through a partnership with Food for the Hungry.**

Lebanon is host to more than one million Syrian refugees, almost half of them children. LSESD works with churches in both Lebanon and Syria who are trying to meet the needs of children and families through practical support as well as education projects and child friendly spaces. **Viva's initial research showed that Syrian children are seriously at risk, facing physical and sexual violence, involvement in armed conflict, child labour and exploitation, and psychosocial distress.** LSESD's church partners needed further training and support to put in place child protection measures both to enable them to help children to deal with the difficult experiences they had been through and to prevent further harm to children.

In July and August 2014, 77 pastors, children's workers and other staff from 14 LSESD church partners in Lebanon and Syria took part in training on **child protection and psychosocial support for children.** This year Viva is continuing to work alongside them in their work to give Syrian children a hope and a future.

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**When Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in November 2013, Viva's partner network Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN) responded quickly through its network of 80 partner churches across Samar.**

After initially offering practical relief in terms of food and shelter, the network recognised the clear need to help children psychologically deal with the difficult experiences many of them had been through in the typhoon. During 2014, **more than 3,300 children participated in 'Operation Safe'**, five-day activity camps filled with games, stories, singing and dancing, to enable them to share their experiences in a safe environment. The strength of the network's response in this context is that its members are churches rooted in their local communities.

Six months after the typhoon, one in three children had not returned to school, mostly teenagers who were being held back by increased family commitments. The network has worked with over 100 families to help children return to school and is providing support groups for parents. Four schools are conducting on-going **supplementary tutorial classes for 1,000 children.** The programme is being implemented in co-operation with the country's Department of Education.

**In February 2015, 19 consultants, co-ordinators, staff and board members from five countries on the African continent met for four days at Viva's Africa Networker Conference in Uganda.**

The conference focused on topics including child protection, network sustainability, leadership and governance, identity, communications and monitoring and evaluation.

It was a crucial time for those representing Viva's partner networks in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa – serving a total of 350,000 children – to plan, to share, to pray and to be inspired.

David Nefdt, a Board member of Connect in South Africa, said, *"I thoroughly enjoyed the enriching and informative discussions on the various ways in which we can keep children safe and protected. I hope and pray that this meeting will prompt a closer collaboration amongst networks in Africa."*



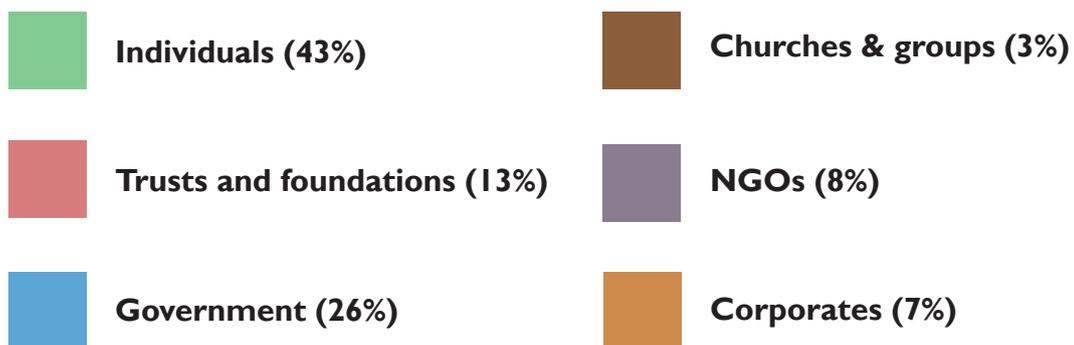
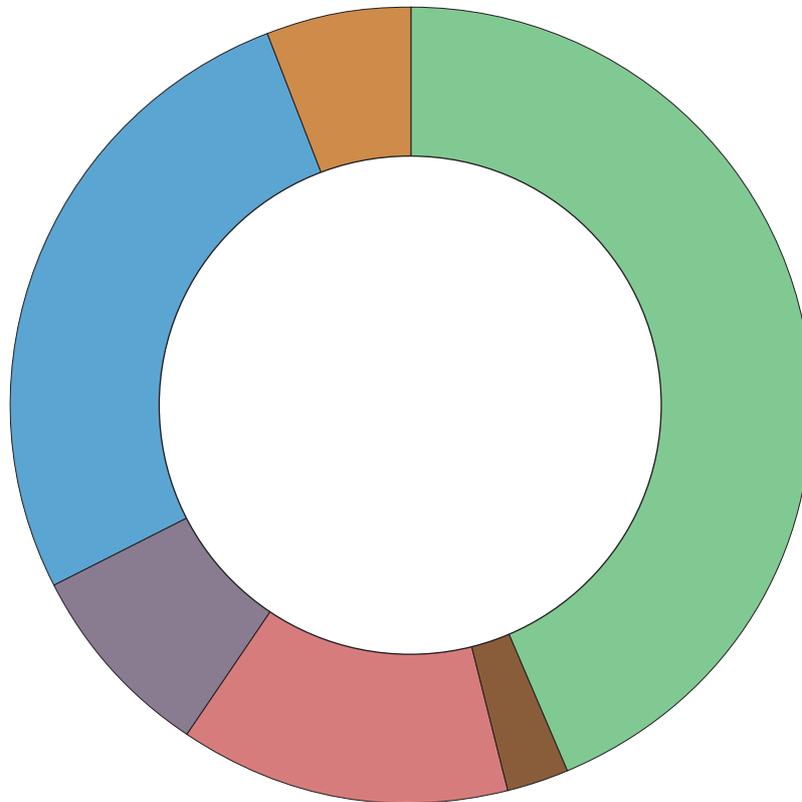
Global income: £1,669,421



\$2,476,812

HK\$19,206,408

£1,559,523 / \$2,313,763 / HK\$17,942,044 (2013-14)



**It's been another good year fundraising for our work with very similar income to last year.**

A significant item was the generous donation of a property by one of our supporters. Our aim for 2015/16 is to maintain current income and invest in relationships with funders for the future.

**Maintaining the same level of income whilst reducing expenditure means our financial**

**position at the year end is more secure than previous years.** There was a surplus of £239,302 on unrestricted funds compared with £11,091 last year. This gives us reserves of £244,063 which allows us to have a secure base to build our work with vulnerable children in the coming years.

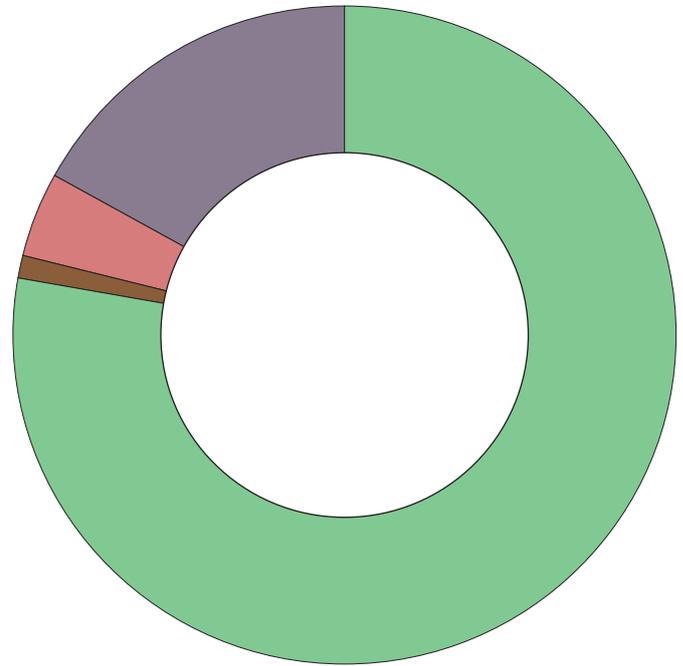
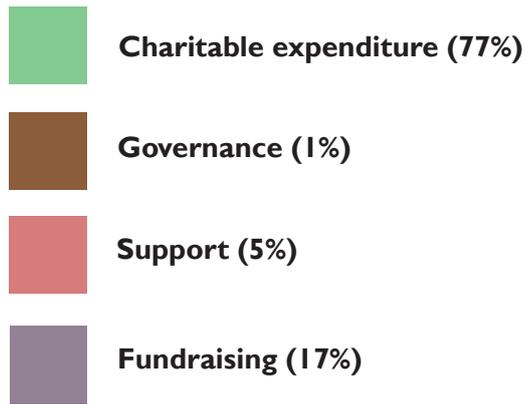
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Global expenditure: £1,433,343

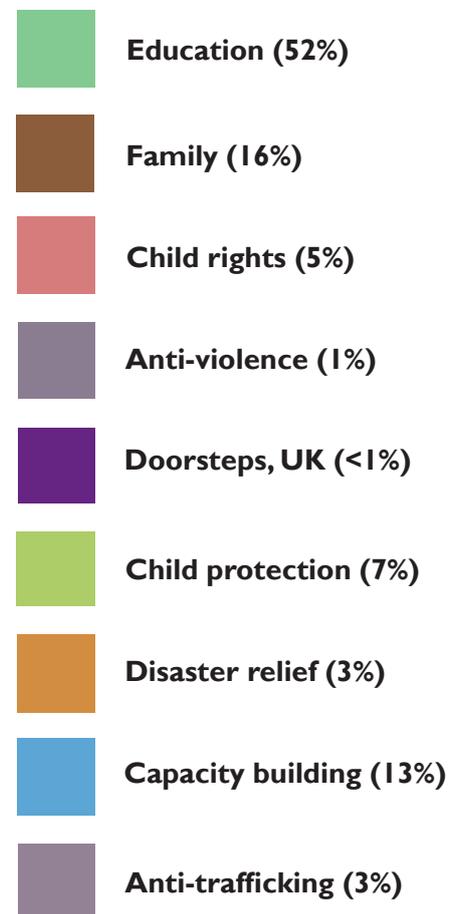
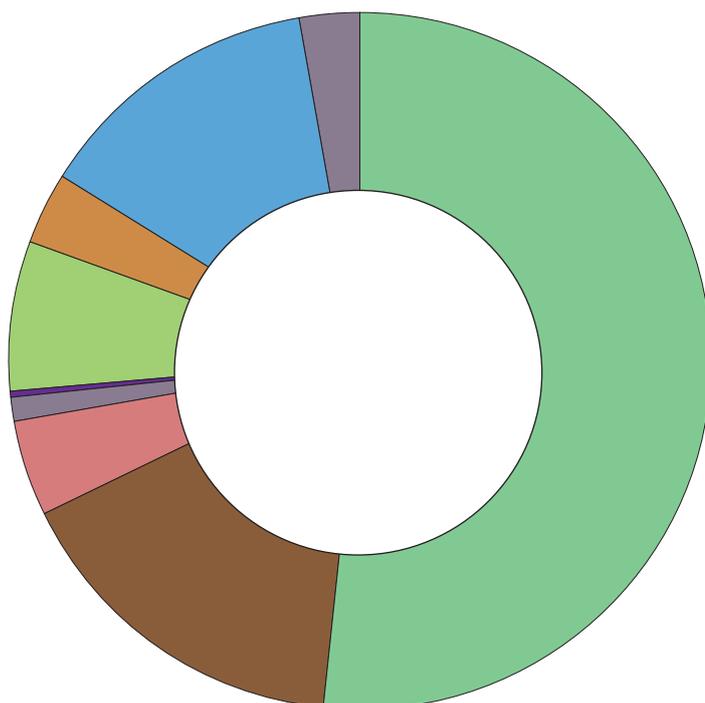


\$2,126,559  
HK\$16,490,373

£1,484,403 / \$2,202,313 / HK\$17,077,807 (2013-14)



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# International Board

## Nicholas Bamber

Head of Corporate DCM, Western Europe, RBS



**Nick chairs Viva's international board,** on the network development and people sub-committees, and on the Viva North America Board. He has worked in the unlisted private placement segment of the debt capital markets since 1996.

## Roy Huang

Alternative CEO, General Counsel and Head of International Banking, CITIC Bank



**Roy chairs the board of Viva Hong Kong.** He has practised law for almost 30 years in the US and Hong Kong, has been a partner at Arthur Andersen and worked in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

## Alexa-Maria Rathbone Barker

European Head of Customer Service, Bloomberg



Alexa joined Viva's board in May 2015 and is on the fundraising sub-committee. She has extensive experience in managing and developing high-performing sales and customer service teams in the financial services sector.

## Dick Hunter

Chief Executive, Molins PLC



Dick chairs Viva's fundraising sub-committee. He joined Molins PLC, an international engineering and service business in 2003 and became CEO in February 2008. He has extensive international management experience.

## Stuart Pascall

Church Leader



Stuart is on Viva's network development and people sub-committee. He has been on the board of several Christian agencies, taught at Moorlands College and most recently was part of the leadership team at Banbury Community Church.

## Scott Hannah

Business Development Manager, Microsoft



**Scott chairs the board of Viva North America** and is based in Redmond, Washington. His work focuses on sales and marketing strategy for hardware products in the Asia Pacific region.

## Miles Buttrick

Retired, former Accountant



Miles is Viva's treasurer, chairs the finance and risk sub-committee and is on the Viva Hong Kong board. He has been an accountant and corporate treasurer for British Gas, Thomas Cook, Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte and Coventry Building Society.

## Minu Chowdhury-Westlake

Fundraising Consultant



Minu is on Viva's fundraising sub-committee. After working in the media and entertainment industry, and in mission work, she has since trained in commercial PR, working in the commercial and voluntary sectors.

## Martin Hull

Research and Evaluation Co-ordinator, Viva



Martin is Viva's company secretary and is on the network development and people sub-committee. He was part of the team that established Viva in 1996 and has since focused on developing the charity's monitoring and evaluation.

## Sarah Powley

Director of Finance and Resources, The Fostering Network



Sarah joined Viva's board in May 2014 and is on the finance and risk sub-committee. She has been an associate director at KPMG, finance director at World Vision, and studied at London School of Theology.

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