



World Vision

Burundi

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FROM PREVENTABLE CAUSES  
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**Our program priorities include:** Agriculture and Food Security; Economic Development (small scale enterprises); Health, HIV and AIDS; Nutrition; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene..

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**TOGETHER WE CAN END  
PREVENTABLE DEATHS**

[www.childhealthnow.org](http://www.childhealthnow.org)

## What is the situation?

World Vision International (WVI) is one of the largest child-focused nongovernmental organisations in the world. WVI President Kevin Jenkins made a commitment at the United Nations General Assembly that World Vision will work together with governments around the world to speed up efforts to attain health related Millennium Development Goals 4 (reduce deaths for children under five), 5 (improve maternal health) and 6 (combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases). Last year in Burundi, approximately 81,594 of children under five died from preventable deaths, which translates into more than 224 needless deaths a day. This is disturbing and unacceptable.

This campaign is a fulfillment of World Vision's goal to ensure that every child experiences life in all its fullness. World Vision is working to improve the health of Burundians and others through effective programming. World Vision can increase its impact by lobbying and influencing decision makers to advocate for improved services for mothers and children.

## What is the goal of this campaign?

The goal of Child Health Now Campaign (CHNC) in Burundi is to contribute towards the reduction of under five mortality rate from 96 to 61 deaths per 1,000 live births by the end of year 2015.

## The campaign interventions will lobby and support policy dialogue so that:

- Ministry of Health and HIV (MoH) receives 15 per cent of the government annual budget allocation by 2015
- MoH improves equitable access to quality maternal and newborn child health services. Mechanisms are set up/reinforced to reduce the prevalence of disease and malnutrition are reduced

## How does the campaign intend to achieve its ultimate goal?

The Child Health Now Campaign will employ the following strategies to ensure the goal is achieved.

- Staff capacity building
- Stakeholders mobilization and engagement

- Lobbying
- Community empowerment
- Behavioral Change Communication
- Media Engagement
- Research and Documentation

## World Vision Burundi:

**World Vision** is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to the well being of children. We are committed to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to overcome poverty and injustice.

World vision began working in Burundi in 1963. Operations stopped towards the end of the 1980s but restarted in 1993, in response to the acute humanitarian needs stemmed from the civil unrest. The National Office was opened in Bujumbura in 1995. Currently, World Vision Burundi brings hope and help to over 16,000 children and their communities in 13 Area Development Programs (ADPs) through a range of holistic, integrated projects. This means that communities have access to much needed clean water, education, food, health care and the chance to live a full life.

We work with those who are the most vulnerable - the poor and the oppressed - regardless of the person's religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

Our ultimate commitment is to the well being of children.

