high education

World Vision
Colombia

about us

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organisation dedicated to support initiatives and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries around the world, without distinction of religion, race, ethnicity or gender, by working in partnership with the most vulnerable communities.

Since 1978, World Vision follows the design and implementation of development projects in poor urban areas of Colombia with particular emphasis on issues affecting children, adolescents and youth. It is currently present in ten places in Colombia: Armenia, Barranquilla, Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Cali, Ibague, Monteria, Medellín, Santander de Quilichao and Silvia.

high education program

In Colombia, World Vision has a deep commitment to transforming the lives of girls, children, adolescents and youth in vulnerable situation, as well as their families and the communities they are part.

This commitment means to support them during their whole education process and provide support to ensure their access to education system, the effective exercise of their right to a quality education throughout their stay in the system, and the completion of their formation.

The choice of World Vision in Colombia is to facilitate the transformation of our society, from the transformation of each one of those who compose it. Is especially here, where education plays a key role as a tool to tackle the rassroots poverty and inequality, in terms of universality, equity and quality.

Since 1991, World Vision created conditions to facilitate access to high education of young people from marginalized communities, who had managed to complete high school.

After twenty years of work in the development of sustainable mechanisms to meet their expectations and those of their families, today reach them through High Education Program integrated by three main areas:

The Commitment Fund of World Vision for the Support of High Education
Serendipity Scholarship
María Consuelo Campos & Felipe Chaparro Scholarships

The High Education Program is aimed at young people in the communities in which World Vision carries out its actions, including provisioing alternatives and support to those wishing to continue their studies and high education.

World Vision's Commitment Fund for Higher Education Support

When a person increases their level of education increases their potential for income generation and family, perfect your skills and knowledge and is more likely to influence the development and improvement of child welfare and family community. Also the increase in the years of schooling -especially women-, produce tangible impact on subsequent generation

These are the general lines that move the actions of Commitment Fund, a fund that provides youth the option of paying their tuition and living expenses in an institution of high education at the professional, technical or technological level

Currently 625 students are part of this fund, which live in extreme poverty and vulnerability conditions in nine urban areas where World Vision operates. Some highlights:

57.6% of students are women (360) and 42.4% men (265)
The 82.72% of students are 18 years old (517).
68.9% of students are enrolled in high private education institutions and 31.04% in public high education institutions.
56.32% of the students (352) are enrolled in professional careers. *Of the 352 students for professional careers, the 49.43% (174) is in public universities and 178 (50.57%) in private universities.*
110 students are advancing technological careers. *Of the 110 who are in technological fields, 18 are public universities and 92 private.*
180 students have chosen engineering, architecture and related studies. *161 have chosen the economy, administration and accounting. Third place is occupied preferences of health sciences with 140 young.*

Serendipity Scholarship

Serendipity is an initiative that unites the will and the association with two visionary Australian Shemar Wikramanayake and Timothy Burke, for whom the future of youth is in education and learning and academic excellence.

The origin of Serendipity is a mixture of fantasy in ancient Persia, flashes of the eighteenth-century British literature and pragmatic definition of modernity.

It is the ability to discover by accident or sagacity, which was not looking.

The concept refers to a situation favoring some purpose, in the sense of creating an opportunity.

Currently a total of 22 young people are active in this scholarship, most of them in Bucaramanga Group, 15 were men and 7 women. Most students are enrolled in a private university.

María Consuelo Campos & Felipe Chaparro Scholarships

These two funds together 7 students in Bogota and Monteria, these philanthropists who support them in achieving their. Felipe Chaparro scholarship accompanies the efforts of three students and the investment of the other four students is conducted by María Consuelo Campos.

The 95.85% of students in higher education program is supported by the FOCAES.
The 4.15% of the students are supported by a combination of national and international scholarship.
Students from the program, most of Monteria (37.69%), Bucaramanga (16.46%), Cali (12.31%), Barranquilla (10.62%) and Santander (10.15%).
The 56.15% of the students are women and men 43.85%.
The 65.85% of students are enrolled in private higher education institutions and the remaining 34.15% in public higher education institutions.

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testimonials

Maroly Paola Varilla Pedraza was a shy a shy and sad girl. Even now aged 19, she only has vague memories of her childhood. Maroly's mother abandoned her and left her under her father's, aunt's and grandmother's care.Maroly says her mother left after her two siblings died a couple of months after being born, and she never knew where she went. A few years later, her father left in search of better job opportunities. Maroly Paola entered World Vision when she was 8 years old. A few months after starting she became part of a children group; there they taught her about values, principles and sharing with other children. When she was 13 years old, she started going to another group called "Jóvenes PAS" (Youth to Love and Serve). It was there that she learned to value herself and set an example for her family and community.

Maroly Paola has been part of the youth leaders group for two years and she is known for participating in different community processes. This has helped her become more communicative and enthusiastic. She has learned to express her feelings and to dream of having a better future.She is in the fourth semester of her degree in Spanish with a minor in Humanities. She feels that through this degree, she will be able to contribute to the transformation of other people in her community, just like she is being transformed

Roxana Barrios Rosales was born into a family where her parents where struggling to support a family, as they had never had stable jobs. She was sponsored as a child by World Vision and she feels this has been a blessing.

Roxanna's family used to live in a house made of inapropriate materials, which just served as a basic shelter against the weather; World Vision helped Roxanna's family build a house made out of brick and they have been living there ever since.

Roxanna was always a very good student and she was specially skilled in mathematics, so she decided to pursue a career in that subject. During the course of her career Roxanna had to study very hard in order to get good grades, she says now that she was taught to face adversity, so she saw her career as a challenge, and she feels triumphant as she's finishing her last semester with an outstanding GPA.