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How are we planting seeds of change, even in the harshest environments?

Seeds of change were planted this year in a refugee settlement I visited in Uganda. As the biggest hunger crisis in decades rippled across Africa, the added threat of conflict meant people were on the move in search of food and safety. More than a million of those people poured into Uganda from South Sudan, forming one of the biggest refugee settlements in the world.

It was there that I met Charity and Isaac, parents who fled conflict in South Sudan with their five children and two foster children. Like others, their food source has been monthly distributions—by World Vision with support from the World Food Programme—of hard beans, corn soya blend, a little bit of salt and some oil.

But unlike others, that's not all they've been eating. Charity realized that if she saved some of the corn she was given, she could plant it and create a more nutritious diet for their children. When I visited Charity and Isaac, their maize garden was ready to be harvested. World Vision now distributes drought-resistant seeds to help refugees grow and even sell their produce. It's our hope that by helping people like Charity and Isaac regain their identity and provide for their families, they will also regain some sort of normalcy, even in the face of crisis.

Nourishing lives from seed to harvest is about more than food. It's about the steps you've taken to support people like Charity, Isaac and their children with an income, a livelihood and stability.

As followers of Jesus, nurturing this kind of transformation is what World Vision is called to do. We are remaining steadfast to our vision of life in all its fullness for every child. Our hope is for impact to continue to grow, long after World Vision is around. We wouldn't be able to do this without the generosity of Canadians like you.

We've created this report to celebrate the impact you're making. You've helped us remain steadfast to our calling to lift up the lives of vulnerable children, no matter what the circumstance. Together, we're seeing some remarkable achievements.

Thank you for the incredible ways you nourish the lives of children.



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