

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Andrew Morley
President and Chief Executive Officer
World Vision International

Dear Mr. Morley:

On August 11, 2023, I sent World Vision a letter with respect to the conviction of Mohammad Halabi for his funneling of \$50 million to the terrorist group Hamas while he was employed as World Vision's head of operations in Gaza.¹ That letter posed six questions, which World Vision failed to respond to all of them fully and completely in its September 9, 2023, letter.

With respect to question one, I requested a copy of the final report for the forensic audit and investigation of World Vision's Gaza operations that was never released to the public. World Vision failed to provide an unredacted copy to the U.S. Congress on the basis that alleged contractual terms with third party firms only allow for copies to be produced to certain government agencies to include the State Department and USAID.² Please provide a copy of the contract so that the restrictive terms are made known to the Congress.

In reference to the investigation, World Vision's letter stated, "the external forensic investigation that we commissioned found no diversion of funds. Although the investigation noted areas that could be improved, we have addressed every recommendation to help strengthen our controls and reduce even the potential for misuse of funds."³ What areas needed to be improved, what recommendations were provided, and what specific steps were taken to make those improvements? Please provide all records.

With respect to question four, World Vision did answer in part and stated that it "has not restarted Gaza operations. We have had no operations there since stopping them in 2016, and have no current plans to further operate there."⁴ In light of recent events and following the Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel, does World Vision plan to operate in Gaza or in any other related area? If so, in what capacity, how many staff will World Vision employ, and do you plan to use U.S. government funds?

¹ Shira Rubin, *Israel Sentences Gaza Aid Worker Convicted of Funding Hamas to 12 Years*, THE WASHINGTON POST, (Aug. 30, 2022), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/08/30/israel-gaza-halabi-world-vision/>.

² Letter from Andrew J. Morley, President, World Vision International, to Senator Grassley, Ranking Member, Senate Budget Committee, at 1, (Sept. 9, 2023), (on file with Comm. staff).

³ *Id* at 2.

⁴ Letter from Andrew J. Morley, President, World Vision International, to Senator Grassley, Ranking Member, Senate Budget Committee, at 3, (Sept. 9, 2023), (on file with Comm. staff).

With respect to question five, World Vision said it paid for Mohammad Halabi's legal defense because of a "mandatory indemnification provision in the WVI Bylaws" and "the relevant provisions of the California Corporations Code."⁵ However, World Vision didn't provide how much money it paid in the legal defense of Mohammad Halabi and where that money came from. World Vision's response letter also raises additional questions. For example, is World Vision paying for the legal expenses related to the appeal of his conviction? If so, how much? Please also provide a copy of the legal defense terms and the relevant California Corporations Code.

With respect to question six, World Vision provided a list of partner organizations but failed to list all subrecipients. World Vision stated, "we have excluded subrecipients from this list where the US Agency has determined, in writing, it must protect the recipient and subrecipient entity information from disclosure due to national security or foreign policy interests of the United States, or that these requirements would cause personal safety concerns." This is not a legitimate basis to withhold information from Congress. As you are aware, Congress has a constitutionally based authority to know and understand how all taxpayer money is spent, and that includes knowing the entities and organizations who have received those taxpayer funds. Accordingly, please list each "US Agency" that requested the information be withheld from Congress and provide a copy of each written request.

Please answer the questions above and provide all records no later than December 15, 2023. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Julian Wilson on my Committee staff at (202) 224-0642.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget

Enclosure: List of Subrecipients

⁵ *Id.*

List of WV’s subrecipient partners who received USG funding during fiscal years 2022 and 2023. We have excluded subrecipients from this list where the US Agency has determined, in writing, it must protect the recipient and subrecipient entity information from disclosure due to national security or foreign policy interests of the United States, or that these requirements would cause personal safety concerns.

Legal Name	Awarding Agency	Place Of Performance
Adventist Development and Relief Agency International	USAID	India, Kenya
Agencia Adventista de Desenvolvimento e Recursos Assistenciais do Brasil	DOS	Brazil
Alight (Formerly American Refugee Committee)	USAID	Kenya, Somalia
Alsalam Organization for Rehabilitation and Development	USAID	Sudan
Alsawaid Alkhadara Organization	USAID	Sudan
Altakamol Organization for Peace and Development	USAID	Sudan
Amref Health Africa Inc.	USAID	Ethiopia, Djibouti
Asociación Grupo Ceiba	USAID	Guatemala
Asociación Kemow Eta’Manik Bilingue Intercultural (AKEBI)	USAID	Guatemala
Association of Audio-Visual Reporters	DOS	Armenia
Avsi Foundation	USAID	Kenya
Beacon of Hope	USAID	Kenya
CARE Peru	USAID	Peru
Caritas Rwanda	DOS	Rwanda
Catholic Relief Services - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops	USAID	Multiple
Centre for the Study of Adolescence	USAID	Kenya
Centre Pour La Promotion De L’Allaitement Maternel	USAID	Haiti
Centro de Aprendizagem e Capacitacao da Sociedade Civil	USDA	Mozambique
Centro de Información y Educación para la Prevención del Abuso de Drogas - CEDRO	DOS	Peru
Cheer Up Program	USAID	Kenya
Child Development Foundation	USAID	Armenia
Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations	USAID	Ethiopia
Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc.	USAID	Multiple
CORE Inc.	USAID	Multiple
Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform	USAID	Armenia
eKitabu LLC	USAID	Rwanda
Fondo para la Paz I.A.P.	DOL	Mexico
Fundacion de la Caficultura para el Desarrollo Rural	USAID	Guatemala

Fundacion Fundasistemas	USAID	Guatemala
Fundacion Para el Desarrollo Integral	USAID	Guatemala
Global Communities, Inc.	USAID	India
Great Family Organization	USAID	Sudan
Handicap International Inc	USAID	Rwanda
Humanitarian and Development Consortium	USAID	South Sudan
Humanitarian Forum	USAID	Indonesia
Imbuto Foundation	USAID	Rwanda
Instituto Ethos De Empresas e Responsabilidade Social	DOS	Brazil
International Food Policy Research Institute	USAID, USDA	Ethiopia, Mozambique
International Medical Corps	USAID	Nigeria
International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID)	USAID	Indonesia
International Rescue Committee	USAID	Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya
Ivy League Consult Limited (ILC Africa)	USAID	Malawi
JASMAR Human Security Organization	USAID	Sudan
Juarez & Associates, Inc.	USAID	Guatemala
Kali Sara – Roma Information Center	DOS	Armenia
La Isla Foundation, Inc.	DOL	Mexico
Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service	USAID	Sri Lanka
Medical Teams International	USAID	Uganda
Mercy Corps	USAID	Timor Leste
Musasa Project	USAID	Zimbabwe
National Council of Churches of Kenya	USAID	Kenya
National Humanitarian Aid	USAID	Sudan
Nile Hope	USAID	South Sudan
Organization for Peoples Empowerment and Needs	USAID	South Sudan
Organization for Rehabilitation and Development in Amhara	USAID	Ethiopia
Padare Enkundleni Men's Forum On Gender	USAID	Zimbabwe
Pasos Firmes	DOS	Peru
Redeemed Integrated Development Agency	USAID	Kenya
Research Triangle Institute	USAID	Guatemala
Rochester Institute of Technology	USAID	Philippines
Sadar Development and Resilience Institute	USAID	Multiple
Save the Children Austrailia	USAID	Papua New Guinea
Save the Children Federation, Inc.	USAID	Ethiopia, Nigeria, Niger
Search for Common Ground	DOS	DRC
Sexual Assault Crisis Center	DOS	Armenia

Solidaridad Internacional Kanda, A.C. (SiKanda)	DOL	Mexico
St. John's Community Center	USAID	Kenya
Support for Peace and Education Development Program (SPEDP)	USAID	South Sudan
The Asia Foundation	USAID	Nepal, Mongolia
Verite Inc	DOL	Mexico
Vision Corps Initiative	USAID	Somalia
Vitruvian Consulting, LLC	USAID	Guatemala
Women’s Support Center	USAID	Armenia
World Education Inc	USAID	Nepal
World Food Program	USAID	Bangladesh
Yayasan Cipta Cara Padu Jakarta	USAID	Indonesia
Yayasan Kitong Bisa	USAID	Indonesia
Zemlja djece u Bosni i Hercegovini	DOS	Bosnia