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Bosnian Children Photo Exhibit: H Building

Bank Group staff are invited to view an exhibit featuring a collection of drawings and photos of Bosnian children entitled "With Love, From Bosnia," at the H building mezzanine. The exhibit was produced by World Vision, a humanitarian relief and development organization. It will be on display at the Bank through the end of May. It was previously displayed at the White House and, after leaving the Bank, will be at the U.N. in New York for the month of June.

In 1995, World Vision provided point-and-shoot cameras to a group of Bosnian children and asked them to take photos of their everyday lives. The children were then asked to draw the way they envisioned their world. The exhibit juxtaposes the children's camera-caught smiling faces with the graphic reality of their harsh everyday existence.

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ROBERT A. SEIPLE, PRESIDENT

For Immediate Release  
May 1, 1996

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**World Bank Honors World Vision's Bosnia Relief Effort**  
*An exhibit of Bosnian children's artwork and photos will be on view  
for the month of May*

Washington, DC - An opening reception hosted by the World Bank to honor the work of World Vision and other non-governmental organizations in Bosnia will be held from 5:30 pm until 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 1 at 600 19th Street, NW.

"With Love from Bosnia," an exhibit of drawings and photographs taken by Bosnian children and sponsored by World Vision, will be featured in the World Bank's exhibition gallery for the month of May. This extraordinary collection of children's artwork was unveiled at the White House by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in January at a Bosnia relief ceremony, but will be on view for the first time in the gallery space at the World Bank.

"This opportunity offers the international development community an understanding of how essential work in redeveloping and reconstructing a broken country is, partnering with private organizations such as World Vision, says president Robert Seiple. These children's drawings are a testament to the profound challenges we face in this endeavor. Together, and only together, can we make a difference in these most difficult places."

In 1995, World Vision provided point-and-shoot cameras to a group of Bosnian children and asked them to record their everyday lives. In addition, the children were asked to draw on paper the way they envisioned their world. The results produced a juxtaposition of camera-caught smiling faces belying past hurts and future dreads, and their reality graphically depicted in the drawings they created. Five children are profiled in this collection and their stories are shared in touching and direct ways.

World Vision is the largest privately funded relief and development organization in the United States. It is providing relief and development assistance in 101 countries through more than 5,200 projects. Last year, this Christian organization touched the lives of more than 45 million people worldwide.

World Vision has been working in the former Yugoslavia since 1992 providing emergency relief and long-term interventions, including food and medical aid, rehabilitation of housing, winterization projects, trauma counseling and reconciliation training.



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September 18, 1998

Mr. Callisto Madavo  
Vice President - Africa Region  
World Bank  
1818 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20433

Dear Mr. Madavo

From April 29 to May 1, 1999, World Vision United States will gather together in Washington, D. C., some of the most influential and respected opinion leaders in the nation for our eighth annual Washington Forum. The theme will be "Africa on the Eve of a New Millennium: Are We Making a Difference?" It is our intention to address this subject by highlighting several success stories that illustrate signs of hope.

As in past years, we anticipate approximately 200 key donors and individuals whose positions and spheres of influence grant them access to important decision makers in our nation and throughout the world. I am writing to extend an invitation to you to be one of our plenary speakers. Working with governments and multinational organizations, your perspectives and experiences would educate and enlighten our distinguished gathering.

Forums in the past have focused on a variety of subjects, including global population, children and violence, compassion and fatigue, reconciliation, and the girl child. Previous speakers have included Nobel laureate Oscar Arias, James Baker, Al Gore, and Janet Museveni - First Lady of Uganda, among others. Invitations this year have also been issued to Kofi Annan, Caesar Molebatsi, and Mary Robinson.

We would be privileged to have you address this critically important audience who needs to hear insightful and strategic perspectives on this timely subject. It promises to be a powerful and provocative conference. Enclosed is a one-page description that will help shape our program. Our intent is to lift up Africa in the midst of the tremendous challenges it faces and highlight the positive strides being made.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Your participation is extremely important to us, and we hope this will be possible. I have asked Dr. Stephen Commins to call you to follow up this request and provide any additional information you desire.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Stearns  
President

cc: Roger Sullivan

Enclosure

P. S. Enclosed please find a copy of last year's publication produced after The Washington Forum, compiling the major addresses. Each year a similar book is produced, giving our event wider exposure.

# The Washington Forum

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APRIL 29 — MAY 1, 1999

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### NEW PROGRESS, OLD PROBLEMS

Why has Africa enjoyed recent progress? Abundant harvests and firm commodity prices have played a role. But equally important is the investment governments and private donors have made in Africa. Programs targeting food security, microenterprise development, reconciliation, Christian witness, and community development are beginning to unveil their long-term benefits.

Of course, some problems persist. Unspeakable human rights abuses go on untold within the borders of countries such as Sierra Leone, Sudan, and Angola. El Niño has reminded us of the fragile atmospheric balance on which traditional farmers in Africa depend. And AIDS continues to widen its swathe through communities.

### FREEING THE WAY FOR GROWTH

Africa needs our attention and support. Its momentum

can still be slow and fragile. The growing spirit of self-reliance in Africa beckons strategic programs that provide appropriate resources to enable progress. Africa needs partners to help clear the obstacles as it soars to new levels of self-sufficiency, quality of life, and spiritual fulfillment in the 21st century.

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June 10, 1998

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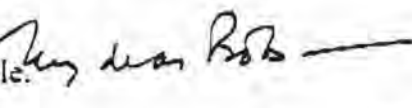
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September 8, 1998

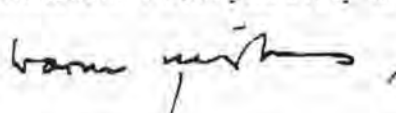
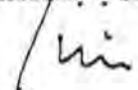
Mr. Robert A. Seiple  
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World Vision  
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Dear Mr. Seiple: 

Thank you for your letter of June 10<sup>th</sup> which for some unaccountable reason has arrived only a few days ago.

I greatly appreciate your invitation to be one of the plenary speakers at the World Vision's annual Washington Forum next spring. The Africa theme is very close to my heart. Much to my regret, however, my schedule will not allow me to join you for that occasion. I understand that Ms. Kris Zedler from our External Affairs Vice Presidency has already been in touch with your office to arrange for an alternative speaker from the Bank to participate in my stead.

Thank you again for your kind invitation. I wish you every success for a fruitful forum.

  
Sincerely yours,  


James D. Wolfensohn