



# COUNTRY PROFILE WORLD VISION IRAQ

World Vision Iraq began as a response to the humanitarian emergency caused by the onset of conflict in 2014. Since then we have been assisting and working with internally displaced persons, host communities, and Syrian refugees, helping children survive and then thrive as part of healthy communities.

Over the past ten years we have reached 6,600,084 people including 3,112,123 children with a variety of interventions enabling child protection, livelihoods, climate resilience, improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) access, mental health, and education.

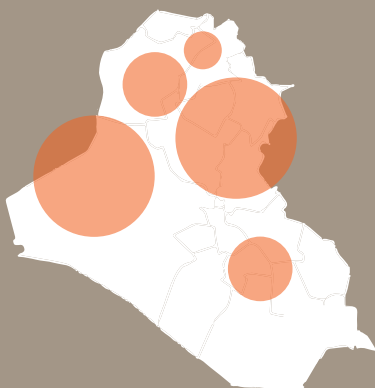
In FY24, we adopted an area based nexus Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus (HDPN) approach incorporate more long-term resilience and recovery programming, enabling us even better to keep children and their families at the heart of our interventions.

The focus is increasingly on the resilience of children, families, and entire communities in the face of climate change, while promoting disaster reduction, adaptation, protection, education, and peacebuilding by addressing the root causes of vulnerability and fragility.

World Vision Iraq aims to expand its operations to support as many Iraqis as possible as they work toward sustainable well-being in the aftermath of conflict and in the face of emerging challenges.

To achieve this, we are actively exploring new operational contexts beyond our existing geographical presence in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, and Anbar. In 2024, for the first time, we expanded our operations to Thi-Qar Governorate to address the issues of climate change.

## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY24



**8,004**  
People benefited from livelihood support



**156,976**  
Participants including 39,152 girls and 36,635 boys



**77**  
Staff members



**1,574**  
Participants reached through protection and MHPSS activities



**76,660**  
People benefited from WASH services



**US\$ 11.8 million**  
Annual budget



**6,657**  
Participants reached through environmental protection and activities



**33,062**  
People reached with Faith & Development initiatives



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# WHAT WE DO

## LIVELIHOODS AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Our livelihoods and economic empowerment initiatives focus on building resilient, self-reliant communities through diverse and sustainable economic opportunities. We support crisis-affected populations with income generation, cash programs, safety nets, skills training, and value chain development. By prioritizing vulnerable groups such as women, youth, and displaced families, we create pathways for economic growth, stability, and long-term resilience. Our approach emphasizes inclusivity, climate-smart agriculture, market access, and private-sector partnerships.



## CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Our climate resilience initiatives aim to strengthen the adaptive capacities of vulnerable communities to mitigate and respond to the impacts of climate change. We collaborate with farming communities to enhance their resilience to climate shocks by implementing approaches such as Anticipatory Action, Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), Climate-Smart Agriculture, Sustainable and Conservation Agriculture, and Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR). Additionally, we promote the adoption of efficient water-use technologies and agro-ecological practices while fostering meaningful community participation in climate action.



## WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

We ensure equitable and sustainable access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and hygiene education for children and families. Our program addresses WASH needs in schools, healthcare facilities, communities, and emergency settings. We prioritize water supply and quality, water security and resilience, governance, and sanitation and hygiene, with a strong emphasis on disability-inclusive WASH services. Additionally, we strengthen gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in WASH, ensuring women and persons with disabilities have equal access and participation in decision-making processes.



## PEACE BUILDING

We prioritize peacebuilding to promote positive coexistence among communities, strengthen relationships between host communities and returnees, and foster reconciliation. By engaging faith actors, youth and women's groups, and community leaders, World Vision Iraq addresses the root causes and triggers of conflict, creating opportunities for dialogue and mutual understanding.

These efforts aim to build trust, reduce tensions, and establish a foundation for lasting peace and harmonious relationships across Iraq's diverse communities.



## MENTAL HEALTH

We intergrade mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) into our programming to provide holistic care for individual affected by crises, and to ensure both physical and psychosocial needs are addressed leading to improve overall well-being and resilience.

Our approaches includes providing psychoeducation, psychosocial support, group problem management plus, and individual counselling sessions. Our comprehensive approach enhances the effectiveness of our interventions, and helps communities recover more sustainably and prevents the escalation of mental health issues.



## EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION

We focus on improving education quality and strengthening child protection systems in communities. Our initiatives provide psychosocial support, protection, and educational opportunities for children and youth affected by conflict and displacement.

At the same time, we build teachers' capacity in pedagogy and child protection. Furthermore, we work to enhance the capacity of community-based child protection committees, creating safe and supportive learning environments.





# CROSS CUTTING THEMES

## FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

We engage with diverse faith leaders to raise awareness of child well-being issues and foster social cohesion. By deepening partnerships with multi-faith leaders, we aim to ignite positive and lasting change driven by shared faith convictions.

Our focus is on integrating faith and social cohesion within our programming and ministry strategy to ensure faith-based actions contribute to building resilient communities and fostering harmony across all sectors of society.



## ACCOUNTABILITY

We are committed to being accountable to all our stakeholders, particularly the children and communities we serve.

Our four key practices include: providing information, consulting with communities, promoting participation, and collecting and acting on feedback and complaints.

We utilize a comprehensive system that ensures transparency and responsiveness, enabling communities to voice their concerns and suggestions freely.

This approach is child-friendly and inclusive of all groups, ensuring everyone's participation and fostering trust and continuous improvement.



## EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

We collaborate with communities to challenge restrictive socio-cultural norms, address unequal power dynamics, and reform disempowering systems. We prioritize women and persons with disabilities in all our programs and ensure that all individuals, regardless of their background, race, or religion, have access to the support and resources they need.

Our approach aims to reduce inequality, promote fairness and justice within affected communities, and foster sustainable change for the children of Iraq.



## LOCALIZATION

We prioritise localization through our Partner of Choice (POC) initiative to promote local ownership and ensure the sustainability of our programs. This involves mapping local partners, conducting due diligence and capacity assessments, and collaborating with local organizations to enhance their technical, operational, and organizational capacities. By encouraging local leadership in program design and implementation, fostering collaboration among partners, and advocating for greater investment in local organizations, World Vision Iraq seeks to develop community-driven, sustainable solutions.

These efforts align with global commitments such as the Grand Bargain, emphasizing equitable partnerships and long-lasting impact.



## RESEARCH

We place a strong emphasis on research as a cornerstone for generating evidence to inform innovative, high-quality program design and to enhance targeted advocacy efforts.

Through partnerships with academic and research institutions, World Vision Iraq strives to produce robust, context-specific insights that tackle pressing challenges and identify effective solutions.

This evidence-driven approach ensures that programs are impactful, sustainable, and attuned to the needs of communities, while also supporting informed advocacy on critical issues.



## CONTEXT MONITORING

We have integrated context monitoring into our area-based programming approach to ensure agility and responsiveness in operations. By continuously analysing and monitoring the dynamic social, economic, and political contexts, the organisation can anticipate and adapt to changes, ensuring programmes remain relevant and effective.

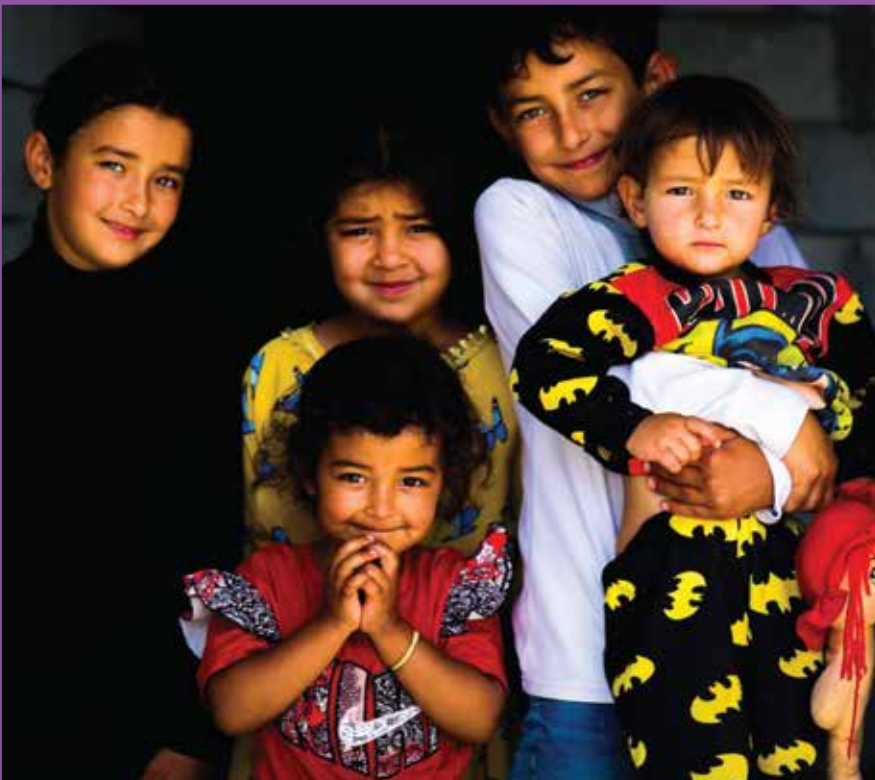
This proactive approach enables World Vision Iraq to address emerging challenges, capitalise on opportunities, and mitigate risks, ultimately enhancing the impact and sustainability of its interventions in an ever-evolving environment.



# HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THIS

World Vision Iraq employs a holistic, participatory, and integrated approach to addressing community needs. It implements its programmes in collaboration with like-minded organisations, government entities, and other stakeholders.

By working closely with these partners and strengthening local community systems, the organisation ensures that interventions are tailored to meet the specific needs of communities and are delivered in a sustainable and impactful manner. This approach focuses on building upon existing structures, fostering community ownership, and leveraging collective expertise to effectively tackle challenges and drive meaningful, lasting change.



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*Our financial situation is very poor. Two of my sons had to drop out of school because we couldn't afford to support their education. I joined a savings group with thirteen other women. We recently moved into this house, inherited from my husband's parents, and have just rebuilt it.*

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