

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) CAPACITY STATEMENT

World Vision works with communities across the globe to transform access to dignified and safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Investing over USD192million annually, World Vision has reached **28.7 million** people in recent years to **access cleaner water, 20.9 million to access improved sanitation, and 34.7 million to adopt safer hygiene practices**. Driven by our global commitment to accelerate universal and equitable access to WASH services in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6, World Vision offers technical excellence and quality, with over 1,200 technical staff supporting WASH delivery across our programmes.

OUR APPROACH AND FOOTPRINT IN EAST ASIA

World Vision partners with local governments and community leaders to drive sustainable improvements in access to safe and dignified water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). **By adopting a multi-sector approach, we deliver integrated social and engineering solutions that address the root causes of waterborne diseases and other WASH-related health risks, ensuring children are protected from long-term harm.**

Our interventions focus on:

- Ensuring equitable and sustained access to safe water
- Providing dignified sanitation facilities
- Promoting lasting, healthy hygiene practices

We prioritize combating the most widespread and harmful diarrheal diseases, alongside neglected tropical diseases and acute respiratory infections.

Through our WASH initiatives, we enhance child well-being by supporting parents and caregivers with improved access to water for livelihoods and household needs. These interventions reduce the time burden of water-related chores, particularly on girls, enabling them to fully participate in education, recreation, and community life while addressing structural gender inequalities.

Our Impact

(Data from 2016 to 2023)

526,589 people
were reached with access to safe drinking water.



88,171 households
were reached with access to sanitation facilities.

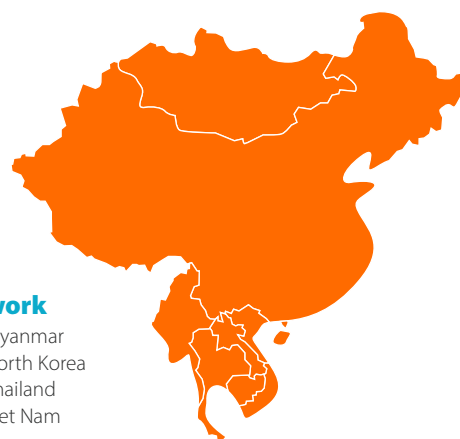


1,680,434 people
were sensitised and enabled to have improved hygiene behaviours.



Where we work

- Cambodia
- China
- Lao PDR
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- North Korea
- Thailand
- Viet Nam



IN EAST ASIA THERE IS A COMPELLING NEED FOR MORE INVESTMENT

Significant progress has been made in East Asia regarding access to basic water and sanitation, with coverage rising from 82% in 2015 to 93% in 2023 (WHO). However, these improvements have not been equally distributed, and **over 24 million vulnerable children still lack access to safe drinking water**. These children remain at high risk of diarrheal and other diseases that can cause lasting health impacts, hindering their potential and well-being (JMP, 2023).

World Vision is working with both global and local partners to extend the reach of safe WASH services to children in need across East Asia, ensuring no child is left behind.

WE DELIVER COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED WASH SOLUTIONS



WATER SUPPLY AND QUALITY

World Vision works to **improve water access at the systems level**, ensuring families can access safe drinking water close to their homes and have sufficient water for hygiene and livelihood activities, including food production. We collaborate with governments and local partners to ensure adequate water access that is free from harmful bacteria and chemical contaminants, from the source to the point of use.

World Vision helps communities upgrade from boreholes with hand pumps to mechanized piped-water systems, saving time and delivering water as close to households as possible. These upgrades enable families to connect directly to the water source, reducing time spent on water collection and minimizing the need for transportation and storage before use.



GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

World Vision adopts a **systems-based approach to ensure WASH solutions are locally owned, governed, and sustained**. We actively seek opportunities to strengthen the capacity of governments, community leaders, and private businesses in the regions where we work, supporting them to effectively serve their citizens. By engaging with local stakeholders, we help establish governance structures responsible for maintaining WASH infrastructure, ensuring long-term access for communities.

We recognize that achieving the SDGs requires a collective effort, as no single entity has the resources to address the sector's challenges alone. Therefore, we work with governments, the private sector, non-profits, and civil society to mobilize additional financing for WASH solutions and their ongoing maintenance.

World Vision also supports governments in developing district-level WASH plans and provides training for leaders on the use of life cycle costing to ensure effective planning and sustainable management of community WASH assets.



SANITATION AND HYGIENE

World Vision prioritizes healthier sanitation and hygiene practices to improve children's health and well-being across communities and families. **Our approach is comprehensive, combining sanitation marketing, demand creation, and financing considerations**. We support system upgrades and promote behavior change—both essential for protecting children from harmful infections.

We employ holistic and innovative behavior-change strategies that are locally relevant and effective, even in challenging contexts such as periods of water scarcity. By building community trust and tailoring our methods to respect local cultures, we facilitate healthy pathways for change and foster lasting social transformation.

Effective hygiene promotion goes beyond educational messaging. It includes behavior-change programming, improved products, enhanced water services, and access to financing. We leverage community trust to adapt our approaches, respect cultural contexts, and promote positive social norms, creating sustainable and healthy behavior changes.



WATER SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

The sustained availability of water in sufficient quantity and quality is essential for the successful expansion of safe drinking water services under SDG 6. **Integrated water resource management (IWRM) strategies** strengthen downstream water supply systems while optimizing the management of finite upstream water resources on which these services depend.

World Vision's approach to water security goes "beyond the pipe," focusing on the broader integrity of ecosystems and catchments, while also addressing water pollution mitigation. We apply a "climate lens" in our WASH programming, helping households, communities, and governments thrive under current conditions while planning for future changes. Resilient WASH service planning includes infrastructure placement in relation to flood zones, increasing water storage for prolonged droughts, and maximizing the use of solar power.

Key areas of focus include:

- Integrating climate change scenarios into infrastructure planning
- Supporting water resource planning and water allocation decisions (water safety planning)
- Advocating for watershed protection and/or rehabilitation



GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GEDSI)

Across all WASH interventions, World Vision strives to **ensure equitable access for all, with a strong focus on addressing the specific needs of women, girls, and communities facing exclusion.** This includes understanding and removing both visible and invisible barriers that disproportionately affect those who face multiple forms of disadvantage, including people with disabilities. Social exclusion is deeply rooted in societal structures and has complex, often interrelated causes.

World Vision conducts local assessments to identify who may be excluded and to find ways of creating sustainable, inclusive change. Through our GEDSI framework, we examine and work to address the root causes of inequity in five key areas: access, participation, decision-making, systems, and well-being.

Our disability-inclusive, gender-sensitive WASH programming aligns with SDG target 6.2, aiming for adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene services that are accessible to all. We are committed to ensuring that all WASH facilities are fully accessible, inclusive, and designed to meet the needs of all, especially women and girls, in the areas where we work.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND LOCAL EXPERTISE

World Vision drives collective action on WASH through strategic partnerships with governments at all levels—national, regional, and local—alongside civil society, the private sector, and community groups such as traditional leaders, women’s groups, and youth organizations. We recognize that sustainable change relies on deep collaboration, shared ownership, and active investment across all sectors.

Our WASH programme extends beyond traditional partnerships, engaging corporations, multilateral organizations, and academic institutions to enhance our impact and complement our strengths. By leveraging our extensive network of relationships and experience across hundreds of local communities and districts in East Asia, we maximize resources and drive efficient, high-impact results.

To support our staff’s professional development, we offer specialized WASH training in partnership with several leading academic institutions, such as Drexel University and the University of Nevada. Our dedicated team of local experts—including engineers, hydrogeologists, public health practitioners, and monitoring and evaluation specialists—ensures the comprehensive, effective delivery of our WASH programmes.

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