



**WATER**

## GLOBAL WATER FUND »

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*“You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.”*

*—Psalm 65:9 (NIV)*

### Regular water testing protects communities from contamination

A World Vision water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) team member from Tanzania prepares to draw a sample of water for testing. In FY23, World Vision equipped field offices with portable lab equipment used for field-testing physical and bacteriologic parameters to ensure water from our systems remains safe to drink. Many WASH teams are assigning dedicated staff members to conduct water quality testing in the field. Key contaminants

we test for are coliform and E. coli, the main causes of diarrhea in young children. Regular testing helps us respond quickly to address contamination issues. We also are working to ensure field offices are testing water samples in certified labs. These tests check chemical, physical, and biological standards to determine if the water continues to meet national or World Health Organisation guidelines.







## GLOBAL SUMMARY

This report covers the third year of our Global WASH Business Plan (fiscal years 2021-2025). It also is our first annual report since World Vision committed to reach 30 million people with clean water between FY23 and FY30. And, importantly, this past fiscal year we celebrated achieving our five-year commitment to finish the job of reaching everyone, everywhere we work in Rwanda, with clean water (1 million people).

We are thrilled to share that we have exceeded the commitment we made to our donors, partners, and the government of Rwanda in 2018 to bring clean water to 1 million people by reaching 1,181,958 people, including an impressive 270,084 people in FY23 (128% of target). Over the course of this five-year effort, we have seen the number of people gaining access to clean water increase from an average of 50,000 a year to more than 200,000 each year. Our next Finish the Job country is Zambia, where we aim to bring water to 800,000 people by 2025. We already have reached 644,126, which includes 200,223 this past year (122% of target).

In FY23, we reached 3.1 million people with clean water (102% of target), 2.5 million people with improved sanitation (103% of target), and 2.9 million people with handwashing facilities (91% of target). In response to humanitarian needs created by civil war, drought, and food crises, we provided nearly three-quarters of a million people with emergency water and 1 million people with emergency hygiene supplies. This included extensive efforts in Angola, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, and Somalia.

While overall results were strong, we saw underachievement in some countries. For example, hygiene targets in Sudan were not met due to conflict, school targets in Zambia were not met due to two large piping projects that weren't fully completed, and sanitation targets in Zimbabwe were not met due to high costs of latrine construction. However, our new partnership

with iDE (International Development Enterprises) will help address alternatives in latrine construction.

Consistent with our business plan goals to increase the level of water supply services, only 2% of water points were hand pumps in FY23, while 33% were community taps, and 65% were household water connections. While we surpassed our target for people reached with water, we missed our target for wells and water points built or rehabilitated, at 62%. This is largely because we built more community water points—versus household connections—than originally planned. These community water points deliver water to more people than would household taps.

To support operating and maintaining water systems, we worked with communities to establish and train 5,534 water committees (127% of target). Given their important role as influencers in their communities, we trained 10,466 faith leaders (152% of target) on hygiene and sanitation behaviors. On top of our efforts to deliver clean water to households, we provided 444 health centres and 1,562 schools with access to water, and 626 health facilities and 3,232 schools with handwashing stations.

Another top priority and commitment of our work is to empower women and girls. To that end, we reached nearly 1.5 million women and girls with clean water, saw 2,290 women become active in WASH-related businesses, and trained 4,045 women on advocacy to help ensure the sustainability of water points.

Thank you for your partnership as we help the most vulnerable with life-saving and life-transforming water, sanitation, and hygiene.

# GLOBAL REACH

**3,089,233 PEOPLE**  
gained access to clean drinking water\*

**2,477,586 PEOPLE**  
gained access to improved household sanitation

**2,918,094 PEOPLE**  
gained access to handwashing facilities



## FY23 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

70,775 water points built



474,536 sanitation facilities built



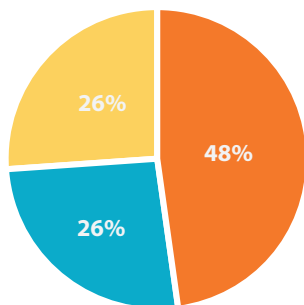
574,963 household handwashing facilities built



5,534 WASH committees formed



## FY23 ANNUAL SPENDING



**\$192 MILLION** spent on global WASH programmes during FY23

- World Vision U.S. and Other World Vision Offices – Private Funding (\$92 million)
- World Vision U.S. and Other World Vision Offices – Sponsorship (\$50 million)
- Government, International, Local – Grants and Resource Development (\$50 million)

\*This figure includes all water participants (3,089,233) in FY23. Of these, 1,374,102 were reached with World Vision U.S. private funding. These 1,374,102 people with access to water represent many of the same participants who received access to sanitation and household handwashing facilities.

## GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENTS

World Vision uses indicator tracking tables (ITTs) to monitor the success and progress of our programmes. Below is the Global WASH ITT for FY23. As seen below, many annual targets were met or exceeded.

OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS	FY23 Annual Target (Global)	East Africa (Achieved)	Southern Africa (Achieved)	West Africa (Achieved)	Latin America and Caribbean (Achieved)	Asia-Pacific (Achieved)	Middle East (Achieved)	FY23 Annual Achieved (Global)	Achieved vs. Target (Global)
<b>Water Supply and Security</b>									
People reached with safer, more accessible drinking water	3,030,781	1,328,394	777,737	541,732	160,412	163,200	117,758	3,089,233	102%
Children reached with safer, more accessible drinking water in schools	810,622	272,952	144,257	72,084	27,262	147,694	11,024	675,273	83%
Successful boreholes completed and commissioned in communities, schools, and health centers	1,331	137	785	256	2	268	0	1,448	109%
Taps installed from successful water supply systems in communities, schools, and health centers	88,467	9,721	8,261	2,511	14,734	15,651	5,447	56,325	64%
Nonfunctioning water points rehabilitated in communities, schools, and health centers	1,437	1,272	730	236	5,991	4,728	45	13,002	905%
Schools gaining access to safer drinking water on site	1,749	386	226	196	168	566	20	1,562	89%
Healthcare facilities gaining access to a basic drinking water service	753	161	64	97	37	77	8	444	59%
<b>Sanitation and Hygiene</b>									
People gaining access to household sanitation	2,410,441	912,304	911,312	463,039	43,031	144,808	3,092	2,477,586	103%
People gaining access to handwashing facilities	3,196,086	1,001,019	884,699	720,630	79,695	230,971	1,080	2,918,094	91%
Children gaining access to sanitation facilities in schools	358,474	219,639	95,652	53,064	20,265	25,866	12,484	426,970	119%
Children gaining access to handwashing facilities in schools	733,938	251,861	274,323	168,939	14,019	128,199	11,345	848,686	116%
Schools gaining access to sex-separated, basic sanitation services (that comply with required ratios)	1,026	275	175	419	106	93	19	1,087	106%
Schools gaining access to improved sanitation for children/youth with limited mobility	931	312	189	141	68	57	20	787	85%
Schools gaining access to improved sanitation for girls, with facilities to manage menstrual hygiene	850	292	188	123	67	57	12	739	87%
Schools gaining access to basic handwashing facilities	3,150	692	724	1,258	120	419	19	3,232	103%
Healthcare facilities gaining access to a basic sanitation service	609	82	45	98	36	44	17	322	53%
Healthcare facilities gaining access to basic handwashing facilities	840	182	90	220	34	89	11	626	75%
<b>Governance and Finance</b>									
WASH committees formed and trained with a financing system in place for maintenance and repair	4,366	1,336	1,591	1,034	203	1,319	51	5,534	127%
Local businesses active in repair of WASH facilities and provision of WASH products	4,291	1,523	1,220	1,129	204	1,565	0	5,641	131%
Faith leaders trained to promote safe WASH practices	6,869	2,787	2,374	2,183	1,823	1,281	18	10,466	152%
Schools trained in planning and budgeting for WASH services	2,844	492	338	529	179	295	26	1,859	65%
<b>WASH in Emergency Settings</b>									
People with access to emergency drinking water supplies	0	592,573	122,170	10,505	0	6,104	0	731,352	N/A
People with access to emergency hygiene supplies	0	652,572	122,137	157,016	7,939	30,826	31,436	1,001,926	N/A
People with access to emergency sanitation systems	0	93,557	93,134	35,545	0	2,327	0	224,563	N/A
People with access to appropriate solid-waste disposal facilities	0	252,985	4,290	0	0	0	0	257,275	N/A

# GLOBAL MAP



## WORLD VISION'S WASH PROGRAMME REGIONS & COUNTRIES IN 2023:

### ASIA-PACIFIC

BANGLADESH  
CAMBODIA  
INDIA  
INDONESIA  
MYANMAR  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

BOLIVIA  
EL SALVADOR  
GUATEMALA  
HAITI  
HONDURAS  
NICARAGUA

### MIDDLE EAST

AFGHANISTAN  
IRAQ  
JORDAN  
LEBANON  
SYRIA

### EAST AFRICA

BURUNDI  
ETHIOPIA  
KENYA  
RWANDA  
SOMALIA  
SOUTH SUDAN  
SUDAN  
TANZANIA  
UGANDA

### SOUTHERN AFRICA

ANGOLA  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO  
ESWATINI  
LESOTHO  
MALAWI  
MOZAMBIQUE  
ZAMBIA  
ZIMBABWE

### WEST AFRICA

CENTRAL AFRICAN  
REPUBLIC  
CHAD  
GHANA  
MALI  
MAURITANIA  
NIGER  
SENEGAL  
SIERRA LEONE

## PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE



### charity: water

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- Partner since 2012
- Areas of focus: WASH infrastructure, sanitation and hygiene promotion
- Locations: Ethiopia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, and Niger

Mali, Niger, and Mozambique are implementing their largest-ever single-year grants, totaling \$7.25 million (Mali was approved for \$3 million; Niger for \$2.25 million; and Mozambique for \$2 million). The Malawi grant of \$900,000, which started in August 2022, was successfully completed and brought clean water to 28,042 people. Favorable exchange rate fluctuations led to funding for an additional 18 water points, bringing the total water points completed to 85.

A new \$900,000 grant for Malawi was awarded, and this work began in August 2023. Mali, Mozambique, and Niger WASH teams wrote proposals for the 2024 cycle over the summer. Those grants—totaling \$6.3 million—are expected to begin in February and March 2024.



#### Children's Investment Fund Foundation

- Partner since 2018
- Areas of focus: WASH and health
- Location: Ethiopia

The five-year, \$27 million Geshiyaro project to address parasitic worm infections and diseases concluded this year after reaching 2 million people in the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's Region of Ethiopia.

The \$79.8 million Water4Life+ five-year grant began in 2022 with the aim of reaching 1.6 million people by targeting schools, health facilities, and communities with clean water through

396 wells, 50 capped springs, and rehabilitating 48 existing water systems. We managed to drill more than 135 wells and completed 45 water supply systems benefiting 45 schools and 28 health facilities to date. The original design and complex project governance have presented challenges, and unrest in Ethiopia has created operational difficulties. World Vision is working with the Ethiopian government's line ministries and the donor to address these difficulties, and finding a solution that will enable meeting the project's ambitious targets.



#### Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

- Partner since 1990
- Areas of focus: Water supply, WASH in health facilities, governance and finance
- Locations: Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, and Niger

World Vision submitted a three-year, \$4.75 million proposal to the Foundation for the Ahafo Region Integrated WASH Programme in Ghana. The project will focus on scaling up and sustaining gains from the Asutifi North Universal Coverage project, while expanding programming into a second district in Ahafo region—Asunafo North.

The Foundation has recommended approval of a six-month, no-cost extension for the existing WASH in healthcare facilities grant in Niger and the joint Mali and Niger Momentum Grant. This will address future uncertain and volatile security issues that might arise. The SAFE4HCF Ethiopia project has been challenged by high inflation rates and insecurity at project sites, resulting in the need to reduce targets and revise budgets. It is expected that we will complete more activities in Year 2.



#### Desert Research Institute (DRI) and Drexel University

- Partners since 2014
- Area of focus: Capacity building
- Locations: 24 Africa WASH Programme countries, plus Afghanistan, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Nicaragua, and Papua New Guinea

The FY23 WASH capacity-building programme registered 37 students for Drexel Cohort 10, while DRI Cohort 8 registered 40 students. They successfully concluded their in-person residencies and will complete the programme in December 2023. Students need 18 credits to obtain their post-baccalaureate certificate, with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. With the new contract extension being finalized, recruitment for the FY24 WASH capacity-building programme will begin in the first quarter of FY24 and include specialized professional courses run by DRI. Extensive consultation with major stakeholders will be ongoing to help design follow-up to the WASH capacity-building programme for FY26-30.



#### Golf Fore Africa

- Partner since 2012
- Areas of focus: Water supply, sanitation, and hygiene promotion
- Location: Zambia

Golf Fore Africa has renewed its commitment to support our WASH work in Zambia, signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide \$10 million between 2023 and 2027. This funding will support our Finish the Job efforts in the five key area programmes (APs) supported by Golf Fore Africa 2025 (Manyinga, Mbala, Moyo, Mufumbwe, and Nkeyema), and reach new APs in 2026 and 2027. As the



## PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE, CONTINUED

programme is close to achieving our goal of reaching all healthcare facilities with piped water, Golf Fore Africa will shift the majority of its funding to WASH in schools and communities.

In FY23, Golf Fore Africa funded 54 hand pumps and 12 piped-water systems—six at schools and six at health centres. Three of these health centres also gained new maternity wards with piped water and toilets inside the facilities. This summer, Golf Fore Africa hired Chief Executive and Development Officer Catherine Castelluccio, a former prosecuting attorney who began her nonprofit work with the Phoenix Ballet. In the brief time she's been with Golf Fore Africa, she already has displayed impressive and creative leadership skills.



### GivePower

- Partner since 2023
- Areas of focus: WASH and energy, desalination
- Locations: Tanzania and Zambia

GivePower is a leading provider worldwide of desalination systems and solar energy solutions. To support our WASH and energy initiative and meet additional power demands, GivePower signed an MOU in FY23, outlining commitments to co-develop projects to deliver WASH and energy solutions to the communities we serve. GivePower has helped design, vet, and oversee the energy component of our work.

GivePower is working with our team in Zambia to develop the design of solar microgrid energy storage systems to meet the power needs of health facilities, schools, businesses, and communities, in addition to pumping water. Additionally, we are looking for opportunities to introduce GivePower's desalination technology where the water quality is too challenging for traditional programming approaches.

**iDE**

Powering  
entrepreneurs  
to end poverty.

### iDE (International Development Enterprises)

- Partner since 2023
- Area of focus: Market-based sanitation and hygiene, research and learning
- Locations: Burundi, Ghana, Mozambique, and Zambia

iDE has been building markets for sanitation and hygiene for more than 20 years, reaching more than 10 million people through WASH marketing programmes in Africa and Asia. iDE has a proven track record of adopting locally driven approaches to create cost-effective sanitation models.

With a strong evidence base, the right product and service mix, and a deep understanding of local markets, an iDE and World Vision partnership will enable us to make sustainable gains in sanitation coverage and attract much-needed investment in the sector. We are collaborating in four countries to develop and pilot innovative approaches to sanitation and hygiene that align with the four pillars of World Vision's sanitation and hygiene strategy: creating demand, improving supply, strengthening governance, and expanding financing.



### Grundfos

- Partner since 2015
- Area of focus: Water supply
- Locations: Chad, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Through our partnership with Grundfos, we have reached approximately 2 million people with basic water access since 2020.

Grundfos is working closely with our teams to develop tailored technical training to build global capacity to improve design and construction of piped-water systems. In addition, we are working with its Safe Water team to identify opportunities to develop innovative country-level WASH programming strategies.



### P&G

- Partner since 2007
- Areas of focus: Water treatment/purification, hygiene promotion, emergency response
- Locations: Bangladesh, Cambodia, El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Philippines, Senegal, and Zimbabwe

In FY23, more than 40 million P&G Purifier of Water packets were distributed in 14 countries, providing safe drinking water to more than 669,000 people. This year, we provided packets following emergencies and natural disasters that included a cholera response project in Malawi and Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar.

This bridge strategy provides packets and training on safe water treatment in the short term, while communities wait for a permanent, sustainable water source. To strengthen this approach, new monitoring tools and surveys were piloted in some countries, and Kenya was the first to report that 22% of project participants (or 22,290 people) graduated from using packets to having access to basic drinking water. In FY24, we will continue to collect data and ensure communities have a path to sustainable water. Additionally, we aim to analyze data to better understand the types of fragility occurring in project areas, and clearly communicate and visualize our achievements to inform stronger programmatic decision-making.



## PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE, CONTINUED



### Sesame Workshop

- Partner since 2015
- Areas of focus: WASH in schools, behaviour change, menstrual health
- Locations: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Syria, Zambia, Zimbabwe

In FY23, efforts began in earnest to expand WASH UP! in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Kenya; and WASH UP! Girl Talk in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Kenya.

World Vision Kenya started 45 WASH UP! clubs, reaching 2,088 children in the second half of FY23. In Zimbabwe, Sesame completed an update of WASH UP! materials, and implementation began in September. Sesame is working on Girl Talk materials for Zimbabwe and Kenya, building on the strong foundation of the first Girl Talk programme in Zimbabwe, and refreshing the materials with updated messaging and additional content for boys.

Research efforts with Stanford University continue for WASH UP! in India. Midline results were finalized at the end of FY23, showing strong potential for the positive impact of WASH UP! and operations and maintenance approaches in schools. The study will



### Strong Women Strong World/Clean Water Here

- Partners since 2021
- Areas of focus: WASH, women and girls' empowerment, economic empowerment

- Locations: Kenya, Zimbabwe, Guatemala, and Honduras

The first full year of implementation of the Strong Women Strong World: Beyond Access programme featured a focus on building positive mindsets through the Biblical Empowered Worldview approach. We worked to ensure communities and schools have basic WASH services, and we mobilized savings groups. This builds a strong foundation upon which to support healthy behaviors and income-generating activities and entrepreneurship.

After completing initial surveys in the first half of FY23, Emory University worked with national offices and local learning partners to conduct field research. Data was collected on our learning themes:

- 1) Understanding women's experiences collecting water and engaging in water activities for their households
- 2) Listening to women on how water access and availability affects their lives, especially in the area of economic participation and empowerment
- 3) Learning how men perceive the programme to learn how to better engage them in women's empowerment programmes



### University of North Carolina Water Institute (UNC)

- Partner since 2015
- Areas of focus: Research and learning
- Locations: Ghana and Niger

UNC and World Vision have been improving supply chains and working with manufacturers to ensure higher-quality parts are available for water systems. We also are working in partnership with the government of Ghana to conduct a field study to identify preventive and remedial strategies to mitigate the impact of lead in drinking water.

We are still working with UNC in Niger to determine the best way forward for research around WASH in health facilities, specifically operating and maintaining WASH systems. The Niger project is going through budget revisions, and next steps on research will be determined after project activities are finalized.

### Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ)

- Partner since 2021
- Areas of focus: Research and learning
- Location: Zambia

CIDRZ has been evaluating the use of Citizen Voice and Action to hold local governments accountable to improve WASH conditions in health facilities. It has finished its data collection and is preparing a final report. With this information, we plan to improve the quality of our WASH advocacy work and expand these learnings to other countries.

### University of Toronto

- Partner since 2022
- Areas of focus: Research and learning
- Location: Zambia

The university is consulting on the design of large-scale systems, as well as evaluating how existing systems function under stress, such as during seasons when water is scarce. We also are working with the university in Zambia to collect data to help us better understand availability of piped water throughout the day. This research will help us decide how to modify programmes to better promote equitable distribution of water in rural piped-water systems.

# EAST AFRICA

**1,328,394 PEOPLE**

*gained access to clean drinking water*

**912,304 PEOPLE**

*gained access to improved household sanitation*

**1,001,019 PEOPLE**

*gained access to handwashing facilities*



## REGIONAL SUMMARY

After five years of hard work (FY19-FY23), World Vision has successfully reached more than 90% water access in all 39 sectors that were a part of the Rwanda Finish the Job effort. This is the first country in which we've been able to bring water to all programme areas. But we're not done, as we will continue to provide the support necessary to ensure the infrastructure we built is sustainable, and develop water projects in newly opened APs.

Other successes to note across the region include ramping up use of the Nurturing Care Group model to promote improved sanitation and hygiene practices, and constructing handwashing facilities and household latrines or toilets. Our staff members report that the person-to-person approach of sharing WASH messages is more effective than larger, community-wide events promoting the same things. We're seeing this model being effectively used in places such as Kenya, Sudan, and Tanzania.

Our WASH programmes are trending more and more toward employing private companies or government entities to manage and maintain new water supply systems. In most places, these companies are more reliable and efficient than the committees and boards comprised of community volunteers.

### Innovations and Partnerships

- In **Ethiopia**, a growing number of WASH business centres (43) led to increased sales of sanitation products and 330 households with 1,650 people across three APs moving up the sanitation ladder.
- In **Rwanda**, flourishing partnerships with Sesame Workshop and the government led to training students in 266 schools on good hygiene practices.
- A pilot project with Eco Soap bank in **Tanzania**—Soapplay—used soap made into fun shapes to improve handwashing behaviors for children, and provided training on menstrual hygiene management (MHM), as well as sanitation improvements in schools.
- In **Uganda**, a partnership with the National Water & Sewerage Corporation led to 105 households gaining water connections on site. Another 229 taps from rainwater harvesting tanks and household sanitation improvements were paid for through VisionFund.



*9,721 taps installed from successful water supply systems*



*692 schools gained access to handwashing facilities*



*2,787 faith leaders participated in WASH programming*



*We were missing school a lot, and it was hard to concentrate when we were sick,” said Daisy (above), describing life before World Vision constructed a new water system in her community. “We are no longer falling sick and we can now focus on our studies.”*

*—Daisy, 12,  
Bartabwa AP,  
Kenya*

# SOUTHERN AFRICA

**777,737 PEOPLE**

*gained access to clean drinking water*

**911,312 PEOPLE**

*gained access to improved household sanitation*

**884,699 PEOPLE**

*gained access to handwashing facilities*



## REGIONAL SUMMARY

Our WASH improvements across the region (and across the continent) are funding sustainability through new innovative activities designed to raise funds and provide support for communities.

In the DRC, the programme helped water management and maintenance committees start businesses that will generate income needed to expand water coverage. In Angola, health facilities are keeping their sites sanitary by incinerating waste, and giving the byproduct to local farmers for use as fertilizer. In Lesotho, health facilities now have water for gardens that grow nutritious foods—some for sale in their communities to improve nutrition as well as raise funds for facility support.

Our WASH teams are sharing their knowledge and experience with national governments and other partners to improve WASH services and sustainability. In Zambia, the team helped create a strategy for the Zambia Investment Programme, which focuses on improving funding for water and sanitation. It also helped develop the Eighth National Development Plan by providing guidance on WASH in health facilities.

In Eswatini, we helped write government guidelines on a wide variety of WASH topics, and participated in the WASH Forum, where policies were discussed and adopted.

### *Innovations and Partnerships*

- In **Angola**, our new model for latrine construction, Special Initiatives for Vulnerable Groups, encourages neighbors to help each other, especially the most vulnerable, such as widows, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Assistance includes financial support and sharing resources to build latrines.
- In **Lesotho**, we worked with UNICEF to support developing, testing, and use of hygiene products, such as soap and detergent, plus educational comic books to teach children about hygiene.
- Fostering productive partnerships in **Mozambique** enabled our programmes to do more to reach more people. iDE helped with research on opportunities for market-based sanitation solutions to prevent latrines from collapsing during storms and heavy rains. Partnering with Be Girl provided 327 MHM kits for girls in Mutarara.



*8,261 taps installed from successful water supply systems*



*724 schools gained access to handwashing facilities*



*2,374 faith leaders participated in WASH programming*



*The risk of cholera and other hygiene-related diseases [at the health clinic] was very high, so I am grateful that we now have safe, dignified toilets and bathrooms.”*

*—Alinafe Mischeck, Kapenga, Malawi*



# WEST AFRICA

**541,732 PEOPLE**

*gained access to clean drinking water*

**463,039 PEOPLE**

*gained access to improved household sanitation*

**720,630 PEOPLE**

*gained access to handwashing facilities*



## REGIONAL SUMMARY

The West Africa region is making progress in shifting from hand pumps to mechanised piped-water systems. The first of such systems was built in the Central African Republic (CAR) this past year, and a large mechanised system in Ghana is providing not only water for drinking, but enough to sustain a 50-acre garden that supports hundreds of growers.

Savings groups are enabling more families to build or improve latrines and hygiene facilities in their homes. We're seeing progress through these small loans in Ghana, Mauritania, and Senegal. In Niger, savings groups are supporting the work of women who make and sell hygiene products in their communities.

Women are taking more responsibility for managing WASH services in their communities. In CAR, they are sitting on water management and hygiene and sanitation committees in growing numbers, and represent more than 40% of community WASH volunteers. In Chad, the WASH team learned that water supply systems are better managed when women are involved in overseeing their operations.

Christian and Muslim leaders continue to be valued partners, providing vital COVID-19 prevention education in CAR and promoting safe hygiene and sanitation practices and constructing household latrines in Mali.

### Innovations and Partnerships

- Our WASH team in **Mali** helped the government develop a road map for Sanitation and Water for All by 2030 and presented it to the Minister of Water Resources during the U.N. International Water Conference in New York.
- The WASH team in **Senegal** partnered with the Livelihoods sector to train 25 women's savings groups on improving household latrines. Each household contributed an average of \$25 to improve latrines, and 696 households took out low-interest loans to finance sanitation improvements. The Sanitation Department trained and monitored masons to help keep up with latrine demand.
- In **Sierra Leone**, the WASH Programme partnered with USAID's Global Development Alliance to provide reliable electricity, internet connectivity, and WASH services for health facilities not on the electrical grid.



2,511 taps installed from successful water supply systems



1,258 schools gained access to handwashing facilities



2,183 faith leaders participated in WASH programming



**For the first time, my neighbourhood has the chance to have a well-equipped borehole and drinking water. We're going to take good care of it so that we and our children no longer suffer from diarrheal diseases."**

—Eva (above),  
Andikama, CAR

## SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

### *Gender Equality and Social Inclusion: Going the last mile*

As we pursue universal WASH coverage in our programme areas, we must ensure the most vulnerable are not left behind. Many variables must be addressed, including human behaviour, political will, and the availability of key resources.

Despite delivering WASH to more and more people, certain places remain difficult to reach. This is our last mile: the hardest-to-reach places affected by conflict, natural disasters, climate change, political instability, poor governance, or extremely constrained resources. The last mile is where we reach those who need support the most.

WASH access is not a silver bullet. It does not solve every problem the most vulnerable face. However, WASH is a crucial key that opens doors to opportunities—doors that would otherwise remain closed. Access to water, dignified sanitation, and healthy hygiene can remove barriers related to time, health, and financial resources. It affirms dignity, equality, and God-given worth. To many, WASH access also creates opportunities for people to make more choices for themselves, start businesses, improve their education, and more.

Within the WASH sector, there is a growing emphasis on seeing women and girls as a vital part of WASH programming.

Other vulnerable and marginalized groups, such as people with disabilities or ethnic and socioeconomic minorities, also experience the disproportionate impact of poor WASH access. This is why gender equality and social inclusion, or GESI, is a priority in our WASH Business Plan.

World Vision is focused on achieving transformation through GESI in two ways:

- 1) The GESI Accelerator Project in Iraq, which aims to:
  - Enhance GESI for women and people with disabilities through improved access to WASH services and equitable WASH systems. This work includes rehabilitating 14 public and 60 household sanitation facilities for disability-inclusive access and updating sanitation facilities for MHM in eight schools and four health facilities.
  - Increase income for women and people with disabilities through WASH entrepreneurship. Activities include financial literacy and life-skills training as well as business development training and providing access to microgrants for 100 women.
  - Increase GESI-transformative change for women and people with disabilities through evidence-driven advocacy and evaluation. A thorough GESI assessment conducted in target communities evaluated deeper barriers, beliefs, and norms to create effective programme activities. Learnings from this assessment were applied to the training tools and methods used with women participants.

2) The three-year Strong Women Strong World: Beyond Access programme in Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, and Zimbabwe, which focuses on empowering women and girls by working with community members to nurture equitable participation, ownership, and decision-making. Specifically, Beyond Access supports empowerment in three key areas:



*This woman from Samburu county in Kenya has to carry water long distances each day. Thankfully, she lives in a Strong Women Strong World project area, where World Vision is building a sustainable clean water system that will eliminate the need to find water and give her more time to devote to other activities that can improve life for her family.*

- Nurturing healthy mindsets
- Transforming WASH conditions
- Empowering economic growth

This programme, in partnership with Emory University, includes a learning approach to track progress and deepen contextual understanding, evaluate programme implementation quality, and analyze learnings to inform programme approaches.

Prioritizing GESI is essential to creating sustainable, quality programmes that leave no one behind and are suitable for everyone.

# ASIA-PACIFIC

**163,200 PEOPLE**

*gained access to clean drinking water*

**144,808 PEOPLE**

*gained access to improved household sanitation*

**230,971 PEOPLE**

*gained access to handwashing facilities*



## REGIONAL SUMMARY

FY23 saw progress in many areas across the Asia-Pacific region, particularly with access to clean water—reaching 90,314 children in schools (164% of the regional target) and successfully completing 257 boreholes in communities, schools, and healthcare facilities (104% of target). We also trained 1,319 WASH committees (102% of target).

As countries across the region battle the effects of changing weather patterns, our WASH teams are working to help communities prepare for and withstand future climate events. In India, World Vision conducted an assessment of 130 healthcare facilities (HCFs) across 16 districts to evaluate climate-related vulnerabilities. Based on the results, the WASH team developed plans to fortify HCFs against environmental disruptions, ensuring continuity of essential services and the safety of patients and staff.

Papua New Guinea's WAVE project also conducted an extensive climate vulnerability and risk analysis, resulting in plans to work with communities on water resource management, disaster risk management, and climate adaptation measures.



*15,651 taps installed from successful water supply systems*



*419 schools gained access to handwashing facilities*



*1,281 faith leaders participated in WASH programming*

## Innovations and Partnerships

- **Bangladesh's** Rohingya crisis response implemented the Risk, Attitude, Norm, Ability, and Self-regulation, or RANAS, approach in the three refugee camps where we work. The approach has enabled highly effective community engagement throughout the camp by addressing factors that influence individual behaviours related to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Community members have actively participated in WASH activities, taken ownership of the programme, and become advocates for safe WASH practices throughout the camps.
- Water quality testing in **Cambodia** continues to be a high priority. We performed 125 household water quality tests, which all showed that the drinking water was of high quality. This is largely due to the focus on household water connections in the country.
- **Indonesia's** WASH Programme continues to partner with faith leaders to promote hygiene and sanitation behaviour change. In FY23, 497 faith leaders mobilized environmental clean-up campaigns in their communities, which included planting trees near spring water sources and rivers.



*I am happy that my village has this water kiosk and the community people will no longer need to find firewood to boil water for drinking anymore.”*

*—Vin Taing Horn, 37, (above) with her daughter, Phnom Srok AP, Cambodia*



# LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

**160,412 PEOPLE**

*gained access to clean drinking water*

**43,031 PEOPLE**

*gained access to improved household sanitation*

**79,695 PEOPLE**

*gained access to handwashing facilities*



## REGIONAL SUMMARY

Despite challenges including inflation, elections, civil unrest, and difficulty procuring materials, WASH teams in the Latin America and Caribbean region exceeded multiple goals in FY23, such as providing access to clean water (116%), household sanitation (205%), and sanitation facilities for children in schools (137%).

In addition to helping schools gain access to clean water, we prioritize equitable and disability-accessible sanitation and hygiene facilities, including space for MHM in privacy and with dignity. In Guatemala, we partnered with Sesame WASH UP! on hygiene promotion and built sanitation facilities in six schools, including MHM rooms, as part of the Strong Women Strong World programme. Girls attended awareness sessions on MHM and learned how to maintain the new facilities.

Programmes across the region are also focused on building resilience to climate challenges by helping communities become active stewards of natural resources like soil, water, and forests. In El Salvador, farmers worked to improve approximately 15 acres of land by engaging in soil conservation activities and planting trees, which will help protect water sources for current and future generations. In Nicaragua, World Vision trained farmers in 17 municipalities on environmentally friendly farming practices, reforestation, and soil and water conservation techniques.

### Innovations and Partnerships

- Our WASH team in **Haiti** conducted a sanitation awareness campaign in collaboration with Haiti's National Water and Sanitation Agency, the Ministry of Health, and local churches. As a result, 6,520 households built their own latrines and 72 communities were certified as Open Defecation Free.
- **Honduras** hosted a workshop to launch the WASH UP! Girl Talk programme in partnership with the Ministry of Education, GOAL, Water for People, and Global Brigades. Girl Talk empowers adolescent boys and girls to practice and promote healthy WASH behaviours and helps demystify MHM to create a supportive environment for girls.
- In **Nicaragua**, we implemented the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration methodology. Community members in El Caracol were trained on crop diversification, environmentally friendly farming techniques, reforestation, and more.



*14,734 taps installed from successful water supply systems*



*120 schools gained access to handwashing facilities*



*1,823 faith leaders participated in WASH programming*



*I feel very happy and grateful for my new latrine. I no longer worry about my children's risk of injury when doing their business. Now I teach them to maintain the hygiene of the latrine and wash their hands."*

*—Marta Guarchaj (above), with her son, Joshua, Sololá, Guatemala*

# MIDDLE EAST

**117,758 PEOPLE**

*gained access to clean drinking water*

**3,092 PEOPLE**

*gained access to improved household sanitation*

**1,080 PEOPLE**

*gained access to handwashing facilities*



## REGIONAL SUMMARY

In the midst of conflict, displacement, natural disasters, and drought in the Middle East, our WASH teams press on to provide access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and hygiene to the most vulnerable. We achieved 184% of our target for reaching people with clean water in the region, and surpassed targets for access to sanitation in schools (127%) and healthcare facilities (189%), a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff and community volunteers.

In Afghanistan, we completed 49 water systems in FY23 and formed 48 water committees, which will be responsible for long-term management, operations, and maintenance of the systems. In schools, more than 5,300 students benefited from the construction of disability-inclusive latrines with MHM rooms. Though the government's ban on female staff has created significant setbacks in our WASH programming, we are working to mitigate the impact by integrating WASH in education, maternal/child health, and nutrition projects, where female staff continue to be engaged.

The WASH team in Iraq continues to encourage the inclusion of women, girls, and people with physical challenges in the planning and operation of WASH systems. In FY23, World Vision facilitated MHM awareness sessions, distributed female hygiene supplies, and supported 100 women with business skills training in the WASH sector. These activities, such as making and selling soap and other hygiene supplies like reusable menstrual hygiene pads, create jobs and provide income for women artisans while also providing local, affordable products for communities.

### Innovations and Partnerships

- In **Afghanistan**, we are implementing an adaptation of WASH UP! programming at community gatherings and places set up in emergency contexts to help support and protect children.
- In **Iraq**, World Vision partnered with the University of Kirkuk-College of

Agriculture to implement a new, efficient water use technology, Responsive Drip Irrigation. The system dynamically delivers water and nutrients based on individual plant demand and uses 30 to 50% less water than other forms of irrigation.



*5,447 taps installed from successful water supply systems*



*19 schools gained access to handwashing facilities*



*18 faith leaders participated in WASH programming*



*Now, thank God, the water network has been built and the water tap has come to our house. **Because of this network, I will not be absent from school anymore.** [Watch Nayeb tell his story.](#)*

*—Nayeb (above), 12, Afghanistan*

## PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

At the start of each fiscal year, we bring our country WASH teams together for regional workshops to plan for the year ahead. In FY24, the workshops will focus on four key topics: integrated water resource management, gender equality and social inclusion, creating a culture of quality for our work, and improving sanitation and hygiene strategies to achieve higher levels of service.

After engaging in presentations and hearing from other offices in the region on successes and challenges, we expect to see greater progress on these four key types of programmes in the next six months. In addition, country teams are working hard to finalize all design documents and procurement requests, positioning us to meet or exceed our FY24 goals.

## THANK YOU

World Vision joins millions of people worldwide in thanking you for your faithful support of WASH programming in their communities. We are grateful for your partnership in FY23 and for the progress we have been able to make over the past year, bringing clean water, dignified sanitation, and improved hygiene to the most vulnerable in Jesus' name.

Among the millions of people who have benefited from our WASH programmes are individual men, women, and children (like Boitumelo and his classmate, at right) for whom you have helped create sustainable change that will impact generations to come. May you be richly blessed for sharing your blessings with those in need.



Boitumelo (in the foreground) is thrilled with the new latrines built at Nkola Primary School in Lesotho's Matlamena AP. Prior to World Vision's work at his school, the boys had to share just three latrines, which forced many students to head to the bush to take care of business during school. Sometimes, he and other students would go home to use the toilet, causing them to miss valuable school time. Now, his school has eight latrines and urinals for boys, and nine latrines for girls, with one designated for use by students with mobility challenges. "Now, the cubicles are many, and there is privacy," Boitumelo said.



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