

WORLD VISION AFGHANISTAN

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

# National Director's Message

## 2024: A Year of Challenges, Resilience and Achievements

2024 was an extraordinary year for Afghans, particularly for humanitarian organisations such as World Vision Afghanistan. We faced unprecedented challenges and emergencies, but these met their match in the dedication, creativity and steadfastness of our team. Therefore, despite the inclement conditions, World Vision Afghanistan's work continues to bear fruit in the lives of the most at risk children and their communities.

Mere days into the financial year, a devastating series of [earthquakes in Herat](#), where World Vision Afghanistan is headquartered, profoundly affected not only the communities we serve but also our Herat-based colleagues. Enduring nights in roadside tents with their families, colleagues came to work to support their neighbours. Imagine leaving your family in a makeshift shelter to help others who are suffering! Due to their commitment, within 24 hours of the first earthquake, World Vision Afghanistan deployed health teams to some of the worst affected villages in Herat province and continued to support at-risk communities with essential assistance throughout the year. I am proud of our team's selflessness and devotion.



As we continued to navigate the aftermath of the earthquake, the government of Pakistan ordered undocumented Afghans to leave its territory, leading to the return of hundreds of thousands of Afghans. Although World Vision primarily operates in the western and northwestern regions of Afghanistan, we extended our support to returnees in Nangarhar province in the east. Our dedicated team worked alongside IOM to expedite the registration process and later distributed winterisation packages while providing essential health and nutrition services to both returnees and host communities through two specialised teams.

Next came unseasonably harsh winter conditions, with heavy snowfall further impacting at-risk, and indeed earthquake-affected, communities, leading to the loss of livestock and critical resources for survival. In response, our teams distributed blankets and firewood, enabling parents to keep their children warm during this difficult season. However, natural disasters continued to afflict at-risk communities, with flash floods in May 2024 affecting over 300,000 people. Once again, these impacts were felt by our colleagues, this time especially in Ghor province, where colleagues lost their homes completely or in part. But once again, our teams resolved to assist their neighbours in the worst-affected communities.

So, 2024 was not just a year of challenges, it was also a year of significant achievements.

By reaching 34 districts and 3,274 villages directly, and 35 villages in 6 districts through our local partners, World Vision were able to:

- support 1.2 million individuals, 46% of them children, through our programmes;
- increase our portfolio by around 41%, enabling us to expand our reach;
- and strengthen our connection with communities through our social media platforms.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of our donors, our partners, World Vision support offices, our dedicated staff, and community members themselves. I especially want to recognise our female colleagues especially in health, who, despite facing many restrictions, played a crucial role in reaching remote communities and delivering vital health and nutrition services to women and children. Their courage and determination inspire us all.

Embarking on FY25, World Vision Afghanistan reaffirms its commitment to #StayAndDeliver in Afghanistan. Together, we will continue to support the most vulnerable children, helping them enjoy their childhood, grow with hope, and thrive. We invite you to stand with us in this mission, ensuring a brighter future for Afghan children and their communities.

Thank you

**Thamindri De Silva**

National Director  
World Vision Afghanistan



A 13-year-old boy plays near his destroyed home in Herat, Afghanistan. The 2023 earthquake displaced over 275,000 people — World Vision is helping families recover through multi-sectoral support.

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# We are World Vision

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every girl and boy has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our more than **877 staff** work hard to empower children to live lives filled with joy and to go further than they could ever have imagined.

Guided by more than 24 years of experience and expertise, our dedicated staff employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

As a leading global partner, we work alongside supporters, stakeholders, faith leaders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope. As a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, with our partners, we have positively impacted the lives of more than 1.2 million children and adults in Afghanistan and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

We are privileged to serve and work, and to see relationships restored and communities transformed. And we humbly acknowledge that without the generosity of donors, we would not be able to do what we do.

Current programming targets:

**5 provinces** (including Nangarhar, where WV supported returnees from Pakistan between November 2023 and April 2024)

**34 districts**

**3,274 villages**



A reverse osmosis system constructed by World Vision in Badghis province, Afghanistan.

# FY24 At a Glance

## Our Staff



**463**

regular staff

♂ 77.1% male    ♀ 22.9% female



**414**

stipend staff<sup>1</sup>

♂ 58.4% male    ♀ 41.6% female



**1,276**

daily workers

♂ 66.37% male    ♀ 33.62% female



**16**

international staff

♂ 75% male    ♀ 25% female

## Programme and Partners



**1,200,300**

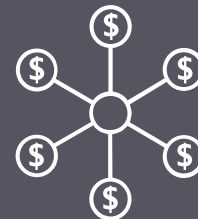
programme participants

(652,351 adults and  
547,949 children)



**28**

projects/grants



**26**

funding partners

including donors and World  
Vison Support Offices

1. Employees hired under stipend contracts are paid a monthly amount for provided services, are only eligible for non-monetary benefits, and are hired only for project activities not for support departments.



## Health and Nutrition

World Vision’s health and nutrition programming focuses on improving the wellbeing of Afghan girls and boys by preventing and treating malnutrition and reducing life-threatening illnesses, allowing children to thrive and lead fulfilled lives. Through comprehensive health services, maternal care, family planning, psychosocial support, vaccinations, and nutrition interventions, the organisation addressed critical health needs and enhanced overall health outcomes in underserved communities.

Our health and nutrition programmes significantly improved access to essential services and the overall wellbeing of vulnerable populations through a comprehensive approach to health and nutrition. The sector maintained and supported 33 static health centres, 22 family health houses (FHH) and seven mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs) in FY24.

### Sector Highlights



**870,649**

individuals, including 516,483 children, accessed health and nutrition support



**487,232**

individuals, including 268,068 children received outpatient consultation



**157,582**

individuals, including 148,710 children, received healthcare education



**88,795**

children under five were screened for malnutrition; 11,464 were admitted for acute malnutrition; 9,186 recovered



**42,445**

pregnant and lactating women received Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling services



**30,751**

women received antenatal and prenatal care, and 1,975 institutional deliveries recorded



**24,886**

women received family planning services



**19,222**

individuals, including 6,347 children, vaccinated with TT2+, measles and PENTA-3 vaccinations



**18,406**

individuals, including 4,563 children, received psychosocial and counselling services



**1,330**

community health workers (CHWs) and volunteers received training sessions on primary healthcare issues

## Impact

Children like 18-month-old Farzana now have access to health and nutrition services in their village, sparing families the burden of traveling long distances for treatment. "Her life was at risk without medication," said Farzana's father, Rozoqullah.

Previously, families struggled to afford costly transportation to Maimana City, often selling belongings to cover their expenses.

With World Vision's support, Farzana's health has improved. "Her weight was 3kg, now it's nearly 7kg," shared Rozoqullah with joy. Families now enjoy better health outcomes and easy access to essential care, allowing their children to lead healthy and happy lives.

Watch Farzana's full story [here](#).

## Voices from the Ground

“I lost my wife in the earthquake and came terrifyingly close to losing my daughter too. After the quake, she was badly injured and became severely malnourished because her mother could no longer breastfeed her. If it weren't for the humanitarian support, the health services and the nutrition treatment, my little girl wouldn't be alive today.”

– Dawood, a father from Herat



Farzana, once malnourished, is receiving life-saving Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) at World Vision's health and nutrition clinic in Faryab.

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## Food Security and Livelihood

World Vision Afghanistan's Food Security and Livelihoods sector provides life-saving support to the most vulnerable and those communities affected by climate shocks and disasters. We address urgent needs through cash and in-kind food assistance while fostering long-term resilience. Our efforts include rebuilding livelihoods, risk mitigation, and restoring infrastructure through cash-for-work programmes. To promote stability, we implement sustainable livelihood initiatives like climate-smart agriculture, improved seed access, veterinary services, and livestock restocking. We also train Community Animal Health Workers to ensure the well-being of livestock-dependent families.

### Sector Highlights



**635,151**

**individuals**, including 380,491 children, received lifesaving support, recovery assistance and resilience interventions



**552,174**

**individuals**, including 331,305 children improved their food consumption scores, reduced negative coping strategies and experienced better household hunger outcomes



**550,074**

**individuals**, including 330,044 children received food assistance



**43,120**

**farm-reliant individuals**, including 25,872 children increased agricultural productivity and resilience through agriculture-based livelihood support



**13,125**

**individuals** participated, in climate-related information and greening awareness sessions



**300**

**households**, including 1,260 children assisted in livelihood workforce development programmes



**360**

**households**, including 1,512 children supported in temporary employment opportunities through local livelihoods rehabilitation and creation and rehabilitation efforts

45-year-old Maryam\*, supported with goats, now receives essential animal feed through World Vision's DRA-funded project in Herat.

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Naim's harvest was affected by climate-related shocks, when World Vision supported him with improved seeds, fertilizer and training.

## Impact

World Vision's food security and livelihood interventions empowered parents to provide enough healthy and nutritious food for their children. Naim, a farmer in Herat, faced an 80% harvest loss due to climate-related disasters. "Floods and climate change have devastated us," he shared.

Recognising these needs, World Vision provided improved seeds for replanting and fertiliser, enabling better harvests. "This assistance saved us 12,000 AFN [USD 171]," Naim added, "which we can now use for our children's needs and family expenses." Farmers like Naim now have hope for a better future for their families and communities.

Watch Naim's full story [here](#).

### Voices from the Ground

“The high-quality seeds resulted in a better yield. I can see the difference in my crops because of the superior seeds and the skills I gained through World Vision's training.”

– Wakeel Ahmad, farmer from Herat



# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

WASH interventions provide safe and clean drinking water, handwashing facilities, latrines and essential sanitation and hygiene services in communities, healthcare facilities and schools. Good WASH facilities are a catalyst of survival and thriving in at-risk communities. Significantly reduced waterborne diseases among children caused by unclean water and poor sanitation in turn has reduced disruption to education and healthy childhood development. Likewise, extending and connecting water taps at the household level further reduced the risks faced by women and children who previously had to travel long distances to fetch water, and enabled to repurpose those hours towards safer, healthier and more productive activities such as education and domestic or other labour.

## Sector Highlights



**134,354**

individuals benefited from water, sanitation and hygiene programmes



**15,901**

individuals gained access to basic drinking water services through water supply interventions



**26,350**

individuals benefitted from safely managed water services provided through water supply initiatives (Household water connection)



**62,461**

individuals received hygiene kits and hygiene consumables kits to improve sanitation practices



**1,710**

children accessed basic handwashing facilities at WV Afghanistan-supported educational centres



**26,350**

individuals gained access to household handwashing facilities with soap and water



**1,471**

individuals accessed basic sanitation through household latrines constructed for vulnerable families



**3,826**

individuals accessed safe drinking water after equipping four healthcare facilities with water systems



**18**

water supply systems were supported, including 14 rehabilitated and four newly constructed

## Impact

“Before, we spent hours fetching water and often missed school,” said 11-year-old Majid. “Now, I attend school in the morning and play with my friends in the afternoon without worrying about whether my family has water.” Families in Dawlatyar district, Ghor, have hope for a brighter future filled with health, education, and opportunity thanks to lasting access to clean water, which has increased from 35% to 75% in our operational areas. Children like Majid can now enjoy a childhood free from the burden of unsafe water.

Read Majid’s full story [here](#).

## Voices from the Ground

“With this new water network, we don’t have to walk for hours anymore. Now we have time to go to school and play.”  
– Fahim, a teenager from Badghis, Afghanistan



From walking long distances for water to now having clean, accessible water at their doorstep, children are experiencing better health and well-being.  
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## Education

In alignment with the current regulatory framework, which mandates that education services are implemented through local or national actors, World Vision partners with Afghan NGOs to effectively deliver education interventions where access to good education is difficult or impossible. These support children's physical, cognitive, and psychosocial development while ensuring their protection. WV's "Educating Children for Life" strategy employed evidence-based models and approaches that engaged families, caregivers, and communities to promote children's participation and safeguard educational spaces.

WV Afghanistan's educational efforts enhanced access to education, improved learning quality, promoted school safety and addressed systemic barriers to school attendance.

### Sector Highlights



**3,073**

caregivers received training on the best parenting skills and children's rights



**2,953**

children received quality and inclusive education across the targeted provinces



**2,173**

children attended early childhood development (ECD) centres



**2,160**

students and 72 teachers of ECD centres received hygiene kits



**780**

children attended tutorial classes through the Street Working Children Enrichment Centre



**30**

teachers from government hub schools received child protection training



**72**

ECD classes were established, maintained and supported

## Impact

"I love studying and dream of becoming a doctor to serve my family, society, and country," says 11-year-old Fatima, displaced from Kabul to Herat due to conflict and poverty. Forced to drop out of school after her father was paralysed in a missile attack, Fatima recalls, "We did not have anyone to work for us... so I had to leave school."

World Vision Afghanistan's Street Working Children Enrichment Centre (SWCEC) provided her with books and tutoring, helping her return to school. "I'm not worried about stationery anymore... I study here to achieve my dream," she says. Grateful for the support, Fatima adds, "This centre gave me back my lost hope."

Read Fatima's full story [here](#).

## Voices from the Ground

“With education, I have the tools to succeed. It empowers me in every part of my life.”  
— Zahra, 15, participant from SWCEC, Herat

Eleven-year-old Fatima in her class with quiet determination, dreaming of one day becoming a doctor.

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## Child Well-being

The programme supports vulnerable children at risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence — including internally displaced and returnee children in urban, rural, and hard-to-reach areas. WV Afghanistan links these efforts with its health and nutrition work, recognising that care for children is most effective when integrated across essential services.

### Sector Highlights



**18,599**

children benefited from psychosocial support



**10,630**

parents participated in parenting skills training, learning effective and positive parenting techniques



**4,280**

children attended life-skill sessions



**3,480**

individuals received psychosocial support kits



**942**

children accessed comprehensive case management services



**900**

women received dignity kits



**512**

community-based child well-being committee members engaged in supporting the prevention of, and response to, child protection risks in their communities.



**5**

child-friendly spaces were established in Herat, offering critical support to children after the earthquake

# Impact

The October 2023 earthquake in Herat devastated more than 275,000 people — with children making up 60% of those affected. Among them were Hayedeh, who lost two of her siblings, and Setayesh, who lost her cousin and closest friend.

In the aftermath, World Vision responded by establishing Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) — safe, welcoming environments where children can regain a sense of normalcy, build friendships, and receive psychosocial support. These centres are a core part of World Vision’s integrated health and nutrition response in the most heavily impacted areas.

“Whenever I’m alone with nothing to do, I think about my brother and sister,” said Hayedeh. “But when I come to the centre, I feel better. We play, we learn, and we laugh. It helps.”

Setayesh also found comfort and connection at the CFS after feeling isolated by the loss of her cousin. “Sometimes when I’m by myself, I feel really sad,” she shared. “But when I come here, I feel happy. I made a new friend — her name is Somayah. Now we’re best friends.”

Child-Friendly Spaces do more than offer recreation - they provide protection, non-formal education, and emotional support, helping children feel safe, begin to heal, reconnect with others, and rediscover the stability every child deserves.

Discover Hayedeh’s and Setayesh’s full stories [here](#).

## Voices from the Ground

“Since the day it [Child-Friendly Spaces] was established, I have been coming here to play. The fear of the earthquake is no longer in my mind.”  
— Ruqia, CFS participant from Ghor



Girls from Dolaina district in Ghor province attend a life skills session at World Vision’s child-friendly space.

# Our Impact in FY24



**705,133 people, including 308,934 children, received health and nutrition support.**



**169,381 people, including 82,390 children, access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene services.**



**296,796 people, including 144,028 children, received food, cash and early recovery livelihood assistance.**



**1,153 people, including 536 children, received education services.**



**31,788 people, including 14,437 children, received protection support.**



# Partnership and Localisation

To support localisation, WV Afghanistan has intensified efforts to identify and engage new partners. These partnerships aim to extend World Vision's support to more at-risk communities. Initial consultations were conducted with seven local organisations to assess their alignment in vision, mission, and capacity for collaboration.

To enhance the partnership framework, the team developed a streamlined subgrant agreement workflow and introduced a Kobo-based online database. This system ensures efficient capacity-building by systematically recording daily support activities for partners, improving oversight and coordination.

The DAWAM and FRAMES partnerships are prime examples of success in collaboration.

The DAWAM partnership, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), is a collaborative effort led by World Vision in partnership with Action Against Hunger (AAH), Action Aid (AA), BBC Media Action (BBC-MA), and three national organisations: Nai Qala (NQ), Afghan Women's Education Centre (AWEC), and Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan (AADA). The DAWAM project aims to reduce morbidity and mortality among women, girls, and high-risk groups, including persons with disabilities, in remote Afghan communities. Through our holistic and integrated approaches under DAWAM, the partnership improved access to quality healthcare, clean water, sanitation and hygiene services in underserved communities.

Funded by USAID-BHA, the FRAMES II consortium is a multi-sector, gender-sensitive humanitarian project. Led by World Vision (WV) in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Action Against Hunger (ACF), it delivers lifesaving support across nine provinces in WASH, health and nutrition, agriculture, food security, protection, and shelter. The consortium leverages technical expertise and resources to assist conflict- and drought-affected communities, including those newly displaced by disasters like floods and earthquakes. Addressing severe drought and economic crisis, this initiative supports communities on their path to recovery amid Afghanistan's ongoing economic challenges.

To further strengthen its operational capacity and improve outreach to vulnerable children, WV Afghanistan launched a Capacity Building Project benefiting 492 staff members. Over the course of a year, the initiative enhanced staff performance, boosting their effectiveness in advancing child wellbeing. It also improved collaboration with stakeholders, donors, and communities. Additionally, the project helped staff adapt to organisational changes within Afghanistan's fragile context, fostering innovative thinking and increasing awareness of child wellbeing and care.



As part of the DAWAM project, local partner Nai Qala Association conducts sanitation and hygiene promotion sessions in a remote village in Daikundi, empowering communities with essential knowledge for healthier lives.

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# ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS

In FY24, World Vision Afghanistan focused on securing operational space for humanitarian and development work amidst growing constraints. A key success was advocating for the continued use of Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs), which serve approximately 10 million Afghans lacking access to static health facilities. We also collaborated with the Education Technical Working Group to transition education programs from international to local actors, ensuring that up to one million children benefitted from a gradual approach that maintains international capacity-sharing where local resources are limited.

In the international arena, we engaged with key international actors, including the US, UK, EU, and others, to defend humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan. At the beginning of the year, World Vision Afghanistan presented a needs analysis to the FCDO Afghanistan Desk's Away Day, in partnership with WVUK. Later, we co-led the drafting of interagency statements ahead of the Doha III conference and the three-year anniversary of the international withdrawal. WVA also worked with Save the Children to brief the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights, urging focus that includes poverty-driven risks like early marriage, child labor, and migration.

As we enter FY25, we see increased donor support for the idea that long-term development funding is essential for addressing Afghanistan's structural poverty and injustice. World Vision's global ENOUGH Campaign will draw attention to Afghanistan's urgent food and nutrition needs, with a focus on both material and policy responses, beginning in Ramadan 2024.



A child from Amir, the head of eleven family members, displaced in Herat, faced the harsh realities of conflict and home loss, supported with food assistance by World Vision.  
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# Financial Summary

Total FY24 expenditures (cash funding):

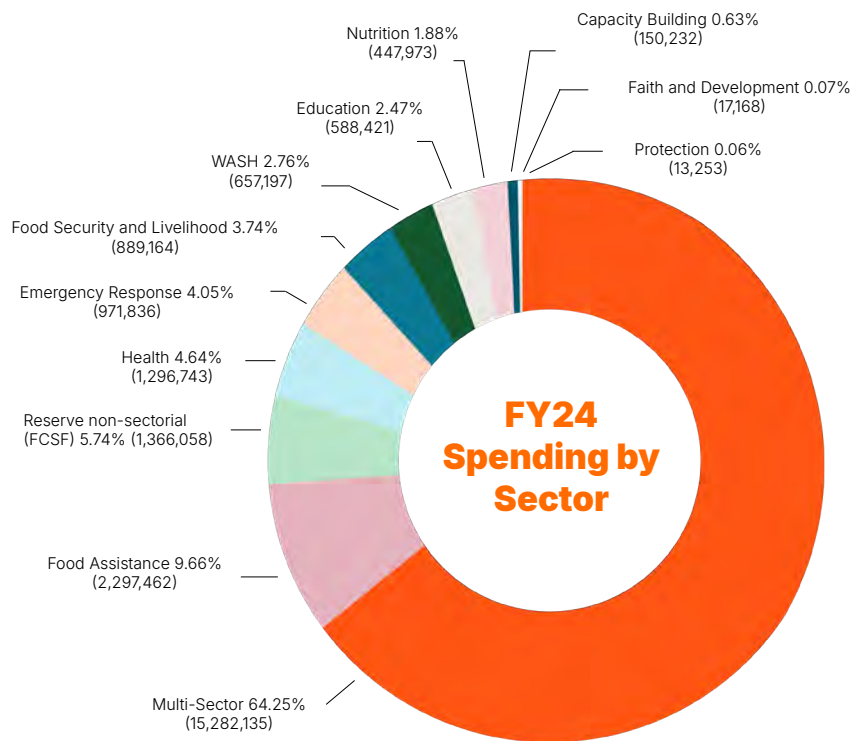
**USD 31,783,404**

including contributions from World Vision Support Offices.

Total FY24 expenditures for cash value of the gifts-in-kind (GIK):

**USD 19,124,910**

Note: The below financial figures include both cash and the cash value of gifts-in-kind (GIK) funding.



“If I didn’t reach the clinic in time, I could’ve lost my child. My baby girl was severely malnourished.”  
 – Fatima, 44, mother of nine from Badghis

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