World Vision Sudan (WVS) is a member of the World Vision International (WVI) Partnership. Established in 1950, World Vision is an international Christian humanitarian, development and advocacy organisation, dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision’s operations in Sudan began in 1983, and were initially operational until 1988. In June 2004, World Vision resumed operations in response to the Darfur Crisis.

Background

World Vision has operations across four states: South Darfur, East Darfur, Blue Nile and South Kordofan, responding to the needs of populations in complex protracted emergency situations, providing both lifesaving and long-term support, complementing the efforts of government and other humanitarian partners.

World Vision effectively manages programs in a range of sectors including health, nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), education, food security and livelihoods, child care and gender. World Vision is positioned to respond to the needs of those affected by natural and human-made disasters.

Technological Sectors Capacity

Food Security and Livelihood

World Vision has diverse experience in supporting communities to strengthen their food security and livelihoods and increase household income. This is through empowering and equipping community members with knowledge, skills and technologies in crop production, establishing community seed systems, agribusiness skills, mechanised agriculture and community savings groups among others.

In Blue Nile state, for example World Vision has partnered with the private sector, including financial institutions to facilitate access to credit services for mechanised agriculture, as the formation of marketing associations and linkages to markets for farmers products. World Vision is also the World Food Programme’s largest partner, providing food, cash or voucher-based assistance to support vulnerable households meet their most urgent needs.

Health and Nutrition

World Vision supports the operation of at least 50 clinics providing Primary Health Care (PHC) services (including IMCI – Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses, Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI); maternal health and laboratory services. We work alongside the Ministry of Health to improve access to health and nutrition services, that include provision of health information and surveillance, construction, rehabilitation and management of public health clinics, capacity building of health staff among others.

We have a team of nutrition experts, providing technical support to nutrition, maternal and child-health programmes. World Vision also works with a network of trained community health workers, midwives, and volunteers.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

World Vision’s WASH programmes seek to address some of the critical gaps in water infrastructure, basic sanitation facilities and hygiene, targeting populations in internally displaced persons camps, refugee settlements and host communities. We work closely with partners to support the Government in policy formulation and reforms in the sector; and leading innovations for sustainable water solutions.

Our team of experienced water engineers, hydro geologists, drilling team, public health officers and technicians are at the core of our operations, designing and implementing quality programmes to support communities’ WASH needs. World Vision has supported communities to establish community-managed water systems, drilling of boreholes, both shallow and deep, including equipping them with solar or diesel-powered pumps, complete with pipeline distribution systems.

Other approaches include establishing of inclusive and safe WASH facilities in schools and health facilities, Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), that mobilises communities to take their own action to eliminate Open Defecation, and behaviour change communication through school health clubs, WASH committees, and hygiene promoters.
Protection

World Vision works alongside key actors to create a protective environment that cares for and supports the wellbeing of children, and this includes working with communities, including community and faith leaders as key influencers, to change attitudes and practices that hinder children from fulfilling their potential. Through collective advocacy at both local and national level, alongside like-minded actors, we are continuously engaging the government to strengthen policy and legal frameworks that support the wellbeing of children.

Education

We seek to support children attain the core skills and abilities they need to be literate, and have access to a productive and quality life. This requires that children have timely quality learning opportunities in their schools, homes, and communities. World Vision has implemented education programmes such as Unlocking Literacy and Education in Emergencies that incorporates school feeding programme for children, increasing their opportunities for school enrolment, retention and completion. In 2019 alone, we improved the quality of education for 35,437 children across Blue Nile and South Darfur states.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Learning through Evaluation with Accountability and Planning (LEAP) is WVS’s approach to programme-level design, monitoring, and evaluation. WVS employs the use of community-based monitoring approaches such as learning through action research, appreciative inquiry, organisational self-assessment, Participatory Learning Action (PLA), and Accountability Learning Initiatives (ALI).

Grants Management

How we manage the funding we receive is extremely important to us, not just for accountability and building of trust with our donors and partners, but more importantly because of our calling to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable. Therefore, one of our top priorities is to be the trusted partner of choice, in the humanitarian sector, and leveraging our financial resources for positive and lasting impact. Additionally, our financial and internal control processes follow a Field Financial Manual (FFM) which provides guidelines on grants management and expenditure, and is based on Generally Acceptable Accounting Principles (GAAPs). Combined with our experience in major donors and partners management requirements, WVS is strategically positioned as an organisation with strong financial management, donor compliance, sub-grantee management; and ensuring the highest levels of accountability and risk management.

Partnerships & Government Relations

Our implementation approach is multi-sector and community based, closely collaborating with a range of government line ministries, UN agencies, both international and national non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations. World Vision is an active member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and clusters at both State and Federal level led by various Sector Leads.

Donors and Partners

World Vision has been able to establish and nurture good relationships with key donors to strengthen its grants portfolio. Amidst a difficult funding environment, World Vision was able to attract funding of an estimated US$52,071,365 between 2016 and 2019. World Vision Sudan also receives funding from its fundraising offices located in Asia, Europe, Canada and the United States in the form of match funding.

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