World Vision Afghanistan has been working in hard to reach urban and rural areas of Western Afghanistan for 19 years. Operations are spread across Herat, Ghor, and Badghis and include both humanitarian and long term development programs. On March 9th, 2020, COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic. WV immediately streamlined COVID-19 response designs focused on prevention, awareness, and protection to complement ongoing operations and create new access points in areas that are have high needs and low/no access. To date, the response has reached 310,335 beneficiaries directly.

**TOTAL REACH: 310,335**

- 122,789 women
- 71,096 men
- 80,288 girls
- 78,606 boys

**Intervention**

In coordination with OCHA, WV strategically implemented interventions focused on Health, WASH and Protection with the focus on screening, awareness campaigns, and increased hygiene promotion efforts. This was done through adding COVID-19 programmatic measure to existing health facilities, set up of new Mobile Health Teams specifically for the screening and referral of community members, distribution of hygiene kits, assisting government efforts to isolate suspected cases, expanding general community health messaging and capacity building of health care staff to mitigate and manage exposure.

**Strategic outcomes**

- 222,519 people reached (direct and indirect) with preventative behavior messaging
- 149,670 community members provided with COVID-19 preventative materials
- 85,454 comprehensive hygiene kits distributed
- 1,784 Community Health Workers trained to provide community-based services

**Strategic Response Objectives**

In line with the COVID-19 Multi-Sector Humanitarian Country Plan, the response has supported the following objectives:

1. Risk communication and community engagement
2. Surveillance, rapid response teams, and case investigation
3. Infection prevention and control

**Our COVID-19 Impact (February-September, 2020)**

- 5,067 handwashing supplies distributed
- 73,837 IEC materials printed and distributed
- 30 community level hand washing stations established or maintained
- 2,044 cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities
- 5,081 glove sets distributed
- 789 faith leaders disseminated preventative messaging
- 79 people provided transportation support
- 17 clinics supported
- 3 isolation spaces supported/ rehabilitated
### Areas of intervention

310,355 people were assisted in three provinces of Afghanistan: Herat, Badghis and Ghor