Overview of Blue Nile State Programme

Background

Established in 1950 and with operations in nearly 100 countries worldwide, 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 has been operating in Sudan for over 20 years.

In Blue Nile state, World Vision started operations in 2005, implementing programmes that address immediate humanitarian needs of vulnerable communities while building longer-term resilience through recovery interventions. Some of our programmes are delivered through a multisectoral consortium approach.

By 2025, World Vision will have contributed to the well-being of 221,350 most vulnerable children in the state, as direct beneficiaries through both humanitarian and resilience programmes.

Estimated Population

- 1.3 million people
- 44k+ under five children
**IMPACT (PER SECTOR) IN 2020**

**1,300+** people reached through child protection services

**65k+** people reached through food and livelihoods assistance

**80k** people reached with clean water, sanitation and hygiene services

**13k** children reached through education interventions

**97k+** people reached with basic primary healthcare services

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**Food Security and Livelihoods**

*Our interventions mainly focus on:*
- Livestock restocking - this involves distributing goats to vulnerable internally displaced persons and host communities
- Training for smallholder farmers on boosting production and income
- Agricultural support in the form of farm inputs such as certified seeds for smallholder farmers

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**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

*Our interventions mainly focus on:*
- Rehabilitating water systems such as hand pumps and hafirs
- Training WASH committees and artisans in water use and management, as well as maintenance
- Water treatment
- Establishing sanitation facilities in schools and health centres

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**Protection**

*Our interventions mainly focus on:*
- Establishing and training of Community-Based Child Protection Networks (CBCPNs)
- Mobilising and engaging with community leaders, including faith leaders as agents of change
- Awareness raising and educational campaigns in schools through school clubs
- Conducting routine community sensitisation campaigns on Gender-Based Violence and child protection
- Establishment of Child Friendly Spaces and equipping them with play materials

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**Education**

*Our interventions mainly focus on:*
- Providing teaching and learning materials such as book, stationery, chalks, lesson plans for schools in dire need
- Teachers training, focusing on teaching methodology, school and students’ management as well as child-friendly schools
- Construction or rehabilitation of classrooms in schools where learning conditions are dire.

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**Health**

*Our interventions mainly focus on:*
- Staffing health facilities with qualified personnel such as doctors, midwives, vaccinators and pharmacist
- Providing prenatal care services to women, including family planning services
- Management of primary health care clinics including equipping with essential medicines and medical equipment
- Providing appropriate diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases

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**COVID-19**

300K+ people reached with Covid-19 preventive messages and protective supplies
Ahmar Seedak health facility is filled with patients, mostly mothers and their children. Part of the facility, located about 150 miles outside of Blue Nile's capital, Damazine, was constructed by World Vision with the support of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) now USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).

This includes: two units of the clinic and a verandah, meant to further enhance access to quality primary health care (PHC) services in the area. According to Nashwa Izzaddin, the medical assistant in-charge, the clinic receives about 70 patients daily.

The most common ailments include malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia and urinary tract infections. Patients receive medical consultations, essential medicines and equipment, have access to laboratory services as well as antenatal and postnatal care, referral services, clinic outreach, among other services, all for free.

Marwa and her five-year-old son Mohammed, sit contemplatively in the clinic’s outdoor area. Her son had been having a fever and a persistent headache, prompting her to visit the facility just a few miles away. Upon undergoing tests, the medical assistant said the boy had a tonsils infection and was given Azithromycin syrup to manage the infection.

Marwa says the clinic, which opened its doors to the community in June of 2019, is convenient. “We did not have a medical facility around here before,” she notes. Before, people in Ahmar Seedak had to travel long distances on rough terrain to seek medical assistance, the nearest clinic was located 80 miles away.

Funding from BHA has also ensured that the clinic is equipped with skilled medical staff, often seconded from the State Ministry of Health, a critical partner of World Vision. The clinic has a medical assistant, nurse, midwife, lab technician, pharmacist, vaccinator, registrar and health educator, and supported by trained community volunteers.

The funding also enabled the installation of a solar-powered system which supplies the clinic with critically-needed power. Water taps were also installed, ensuring a reliable flow of clean water for consumption and hygiene needs.

Overall, the project granted access to essential healthcare services for approximately 98,500 people (more than half of them children) across three localities. Sheikh Amin Bagadi Salim says that the community is committed to maintaining all the facilities the project has established.

“"The rehabilitation of the clinic and water resources have contributed to improving the general wellbeing of the community."" Sheikh Salim
Our goal is to ensure that we are harnessing the relationships and partnerships we have established to achieve greater impact for children and their communities. Such include our engagement with faith leaders and community resource persons such as Community Health Workers (CHWs) to effectively impact the most vulnerable communities as active participants during the life of the projects.

Additionally, we are continuously engaging local NGO partners as active participants in the day-to-day activities across the different sectors, this includes building their capacity to ensure project activities run smoothly and are sustainable. Their involvement ranges from facilitating community mobilisation and disseminating messages to communities about the programmes being implemented, conducting community outreach, as well as trainings and monitoring of field activities.

World Vision also closely coordinates with the state government, including the line ministries of Health, Education, Production and Economic Resources, Water, Environment and Sanitation (WES), and NGO Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC).

DOLLAR AMOUNT IN THE LAST 2 YEARS

**US$ 10,596,023**

**Per Sector**

- **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene**
  **US$ 3,178,807**

- **Food Security & Livelihood**
  **US$ 2,437,085**

- **Education**
  **US$ 1,271,523**

- **Protection**
  **US$ 741,722**

- **Health**
  **US$ 2,966,886**

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