

ACCELERATOR FUND: IMPROVED WASH GOVERNANCE AND FINANCING TO REACH UNIVERSAL COVERAGE

**LOCATION:** Indonesia**PROJECT TIME FRAME:** 2022 to 2025**PARTNERS:** Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of National Planning and Development**DISTRICTS:** Ende, Melawi, Nagekeo, Ngada, Sekadau, and Sintang

Overview

With the introduction of the Sustainable Development Goals, World Vision in Indonesia has taken collaborative and bold steps with the government of Indonesia and other development partners to actively work toward achieving the ambitious targets for universal and equitable access to WASH services for all by 2030. World Vision supports government ministries to develop policies, national guidelines, and other WASH-related learning modules and tools, as well as facilitating advocacy events and trainings to improve WASH access.

World Vision determines universal service coverage at the village or kecamatan level. However, a more extensive baseline assessment (at the district level) needs to be conducted to better understand the service gaps and work required to reach universal service coverage.

Given sector-wide challenges with the long-term functionality of rural and small-town water supply services, World Vision has doubled-down on strengthening management systems. In Indonesia, communities manage their water system through community groups called water committees. World Vision, with a focus on sustainability, empowers, trains, and strengthens water committees in matters of community organization and participation, administration (payment of fees), operation and maintenance of the water systems, and protection of microwatersheds, with the objective that the water committee will manage, operate, and maintain the water systems independently.

Objectives

The WASH Accelerator Fund is a strategic funding initiative to accelerate and deepen achievements under World Vision's 2021-2025 Global WASH Business Plan. Motivated by learnings from a smaller pilot project, World Vision launched an accelerator project in Indonesia in 2022.

Objectives of this project include:

1. **Enhance** tripartite partnerships (government, community, and the private sector) to **establish** WASH governance and financing systems
2. **Influence** district and provincial WASH policies and **develop** a transparent monitoring data platform
3. **Improve** multi-stakeholder partnerships to support WASH investments to **reach** universal coverage

Overall this project will strengthen WASH working groups, improve platforms for planning and reporting WASH financing, and encourage collaboration on increasing joint investment toward universal coverage in each district.

BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET: \$850,000**TARGETS:**

- Increase universal WASH coverage in **six** districts in **two** provinces
- Train and equip **six** WASH working groups
- Develop **five** WASH governance toolkits for the government and partners

Goal

Improve WASH governance and financing to reach universal WASH coverage in six districts.

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Project Distinctives

WASH financing models at the district level

This project is working to bolster WASH financing models by developing five WASH infrastructure toolkits. The toolkits are used by the local government and communities to strategically estimate WASH infrastructure financing needs and create a road map on how to reach universal service coverage. World Vision also encourages the district government to update WASH financial planning for health facilities and schools. The project supports the government in identifying funding gaps and filling these gaps by producing a pocket reference guide of WASH funding sources in the district.

Enhanced WASH financial advocacy

World Vision focuses on building the capacity of district and community government staff and advocating for the district government to conduct regular trainings on determining the strategy, timeline, and budgeting needed to fulfill WASH needs. Additionally, local advocacy is needed to emphasize WASH issues as a priority for the government in each level (community, district, and provincial). Meanwhile, digital behavioral research found that digital applications are helpful in the planning and budgeting process, but can be improved to increase monitoring and accountability.



WASH policy dialogue and improvements

World Vision works with the district WASH working groups to monitor existing WASH services, identify improvements, and develop policies that will promote universal access. Joint monitoring and coordination meetings help ensure follow-up actions are taken at each meeting. The district WASH working groups help improve policies and create new policies in collaboration with the National Ministry of Home Affairs, the district government, and the district legislative council. We also facilitate dialogue among the community cadres, water committees, and the district WASH working group.

Key Activities and Preliminary Results

- » Activated six WASH working groups with the local government, established 50 water committee groups at the community level, and connected two regional development banks to all be involved in joint monitoring, routine coordination, and WASH advocacy
- » Developed six draft road maps for WASH financing models toward universal coverage at the district level and five toolkits to be used by the local government, local officials, and local communities to estimate WASH infrastructure financing needs
- » Issued an appeal letter or a policy package signed by the head of the district that supports prioritizing WASH funding and development (in four of the six districts).
- » Established 125 community-level regulations and authority to govern community development, including WASH approaches in Ende district
- » Trained 578 government operators on inputting WASH planning and budgeting data in the Regional Financial System (a planning and budgeting application at the community level) and the Regional Government Information System (district-level application)
- » Increased district-level WASH budgeting from 2020 to 2023 (in five of the six districts), and monitored WASH spending through an annual report published by the district government

"We are optimistic that the existence of community regulations in the next two to three years will increase the certainty and courage of the community to intervene and dedicate resources to provide WASH access in communities."

-Pieter Thomas Tonael,
community government
agency member