National Director’s Message

We are pleased to share World Vision Afghanistan’s Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023 (FY23), covering October 2022 to September 2023. Although FY23 was a year full of challenges, we also celebrate in the impact our work has had on the lives of Afghanistan’s most at-risk children.

In December 2022, the authorities introduced restrictions on women working for international and national non-governmental organisations. This was a heartbreaking development for all - especially our female colleagues, many of whom are the sole breadwinners for their families. Following the announcement of new restrictions, we promptly made the challenging decision to immediately suspend our activities. This decision highlights the vital role women play in our organisation, both as members of the World Vision Afghanistan team and as recipients of our services.

Profound heartbreak, however, can be a driver for an even more compassionate and effective response. After the authorities exempted the health and education sectors from the ban, World Vision Afghanistan resumed efforts to support the most vulnerable children and women in these areas. World Vision Afghanistan remained committed to its humanitarian principles, actively collaborating with relevant parties to navigate the new rules and restrictions. This approach ensured that we did not abandon our female colleagues, while still adhering to the updated guidelines. World Vision Afghanistan identified alternatives for female colleagues to ensure meaningful engagement in activities, whilst adhering to the regulations set by the ruling administration. For example, we established an exclusive workspace for our female colleagues, furnishing it with all necessary amenities to ensure a conducive working environment.

Challenges such as this did not stop our committed and dedicated staff from serving the most vulnerable children and communities in Afghanistan. With their dedication and the generosity of our donors, we were able to positively affect the lives of 2,870,770 people including 1,335,514 children through our activities in health and nutrition; food security and livelihoods; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); education; and child protection in over 4,184 villages of Afghanistan.

We express our deep gratitude to our donors and supporters for their unwavering generosity and commitment, as well as to our World Vision Afghanistan staff for their steadfast dedication. Without such support, transforming the lives of Afghan girls and boys would not have been possible.

As we embark on the new year, our team is filled with hope and a renewed commitment to the children of Afghanistan, their families and their communities. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your support in turning commitment into tangible change.

Thamindri De Silva
National Director
World Vision Afghanistan
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 670 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 23 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, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope. As a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, we have positively impacted the lives of more than 2.8 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, all as a reflection of the unconditional love that is integral to our faith. And we humbly acknowledge that without the goodness of God and the generosity of donors, we would not be able to do what we do.

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### FY23 At a Glance

**Our Staff**

- **418 regular staff**
  - 76% male
  - 24% female

- **240 stipend staff**
  - 55% male
  - 45% female

- **873 daily workers**
  - 72% male
  - 28% female

- **12 international staff**
  - 75% male
  - 25% female

**Programme and Partners**

- **2,870,770 direct beneficiaries**
  - 1,335,514 children
  - 1,535,256 adults

- **36 projects/grants**

- **25 funding partners**
  - Including donors and World Vision Support Offices

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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.
Overview of Afghanistan
Priority Sectors

**Health and Nutrition**

WV Afghanistan’s health and nutrition programming sought to improve the wellbeing of Afghan girls and boys, to prevent and treat malnourishment, and to reduce the occurrence of diseases among children under five, women in child-bearing ages and the wider population where they do not have access to primary of lifesaving health services.

- 479,303 people received basic health care services in WV Afghanistan health facilities or mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs).
- 65,817 women of childbearing age and newborn babies received maternal and child health services.
- 15,932 people received mental health and psychosocial counseling and treatment support.
- 553,217 individuals received health education promotion sessions.
- 115,775 children under five received nutrition screening and treatment services.
- 50,951 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) received nutrition screening and treatment services.
- 676 community health workers (CHWs) and volunteers attended capacity building opportunities and received CHW kits to provide community-based health care activities.
- 654 health workers received capacity building on primary health care, immunization and mental health topics.
- 763,854 people received lifesaving food assistance through cash and in-kind assistance.
- 5,180 people received conditional cash assistance and rehabilitated community livelihood productive assets.
- 19,460 farmers received early recovery agriculture input support.
- 2,100 smallholder livestock keepers received livestock management training, follow-up and linkage support.
- 20 community animal health workers are identified, trained, equipped and linked to livestock keepers to provide technical support.
- 2,100 smallholder livestock keepers received small ruminants, starter fodder and tools.

**Food Security and Livelihood**

To tackle food insecurity and climate change shocks, and to increase the number of well-nourished children, WV Afghanistan supported families in meeting their immediate food needs as well as in recovering and developing sustainable livelihoods.

- 763,854 people received lifesaving food assistance through cash and in-kind assistance.
- 19,460 farmers received early recovery agriculture input support.
- 9,317 malnourished children and PLW received food assistance.
- 24,395 farmers received Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) training and follow-up support.
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WV Afghanistan’s education programmes focused on providing children with quality primary education, with an emphasis on reading and writing skills, including for out-of-school girls and boys.

Education

55,509 children benefited from learning opportunities provided by 1,870 Community-Based Education (CBE) and Accelerated Learning Class (ALC) schools.

1,870 School Management Shuras (SMS) were established to support schools’ management and 9,350 school management committee (SMC) members were involved in the management of CBE classes.

1,870 schools received WASH facilities such as hygiene, sanitation and latrines.

Early Childhood Development (ECD) spaces were established, and 2,173 children attended these centres.

72 Early Childhood Development (ECD) teachers were trained in teaching methodology, learning roots and the creation of learning materials through locally available items.

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30 ECD classes were sustained and supported by community.

360 children attended ECD classes.

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31,436 children attended volunteer ECD classes.

12 ECD classes were sustained and supported by community.

3,073 students received ECD kits and school kits.

2,160 students and 72 ECD teachers received hygiene kits.

63,619 people living in emergency settings accessed drinking water services through WASH supply interventions.

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31,436 people living in emergency settings received hygiene kits and hygiene consumables kits.

5,388 children accessed basic handwashing facilities at WV Afghanistan-supported education centres.

39,439 individuals accessed to household handwashing facilities, with soap and water available.

1,996 people accessed basic sanitation through household latrines constructed for vulnerable families.

49 water supply systems were supported – nine rehabilitated and 40 newly constructed.

World Vision Afghanistan’s WASH interventions ensured access to safe and clean drinking water, handwashing facilities, sanitation, and sanitation and hygiene services in schools and communities. Through our WASH activities, we contributed to the reduction of diseases amongst children caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation and hygiene.

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**Child Protection**

Child protection interventions increased the number of girls and boys who have positive and peaceful relationships in their families and communities. WV Afghanistan’s child protection activities also contributed to increasing the wellbeing of girls and boys aged 12-18.

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**Community Voices on Impacts**

**Good Health is a Blessing!**

Sakina, an 11-year-old girl, struggled with severe throat pain while eating or breathing, leading to sleepless nights. She suffered from tonsillitis for several years, with the pain intensifying as she grew older. Her family, unable to afford medical treatment, lived in a village without a clinic. To seek help, they had to travel three hours by donkey to the nearest facility. Despite multiple visits and medications, her pain persisted. Ultimately, WV Afghanistan intervened to facilitate her treatment and surgery. Two months after the procedure, Sakina’s health improved significantly. She now enjoys eating various foods, speaks comfortably, and is free from pain. “Now I can enjoy any kind of food. I can speak properly and am relieved from the pain,” she says. “Good health is a blessing!”

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143 people including 9 children and 134 adults received faith and development services.

137,126 people including 64,077 children received access to clean water and received hygiene services.

26,819 people including 15,497 children received protection support.

1,008,462 people including 542,220 children received food, cash and early recovery livelihood assistance.

Our Impact in FY23

From Dream to Reality

Nayeb, a second grader, often missed school as he had to fetch water for his family. This task required a three-hour daily walk due to the absence of a local water source. Nayeb longed for a water facility in his village to attend school regularly without interruptions.

WV Afghanistan constructed a water network in the village, turning Nayeb’s dream into a reality. “The water tap has come to our house. Because of this network, I won’t be absent from school anymore,” he said. “If we did not have this network, we would have to be moved to another place.”
Advocacy
Engagements

This year, there was an increase in restrictions placed upon Afghan women, especially related to access to education and participation in public life. Most notably, a 24 December 2022 edict severely limited women’s freedom to work and travel. WV has worked closely with national and non-governmental organisations. In April, this was extended to include the United Nations’ female staff. In addition, the authorities’ instruction for education programmes delivered by international organisations to local actors also impinged upon WV Afghanistan’s programming.

Nevertheless, all these restrictions reversed, the single biggest challenge facing Afghans would remain inadequate funding of the humanitarian response, and neglect of longer-term development investment by the international community. As a result, despite the wide range of external and internal challenges that WV Afghanistan has engaged with, the advocacy efforts in FY22 primarily focused on tackling these specific challenges. In the case of in-country advocacy, WV Afghanistan has undertaken this year was oriented towards supporting Afghanistan’s most at-risk people, while fully including women, especially related to access to education and participation in public life.

In November, after significant interagency advocacy with the authorities’ instruction for education programmes delivered by international organisations to local actors also impinged upon WV Afghanistan’s programming. In response to the authorities’ mandate for localising education programmes, WV Afghanistan played an active role in a technical working group, successfully securing an extension to the original 40-day deadline for the transfer of education programming to local entities. This prevented significant disruption to schooling, especially in areas where local entities were not yet equipped to manage such programmes. Internationally, WV Afghanistan collaborated with Support Offices to address the ongoing funding gap, extrapolated by increasing reticence to fund projects in Afghanistan due to the decisions of the authorities. WV Afghanistan advocated for practical and principled collaboration with the ruling authorities to prevent the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, where an estimated 29.2 million people require assistance. For example:

• In December, after significant interagency advocacy effort with which WV Afghanistan engaged via the World Vision’s New York delegation, the United Nations Security Council resolved that humanitarian work will not be subject to sanctions constraints. This has provided significant reassurance to agencies such as WV Afghanistan, as well as banks whose appetites for risk may affect their willingness to facilitate transactions with sanctioned countries.

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On the two-year mark since the Taliban’s resurgence in Kabul in August, there was an opportunity to reinforce the message that there are still significant needs, programming is possible with female colleagues, and that the primary obstacle to fulfilling Afghans’ basic right to life is the lack of sufficient funding for humanitarian efforts. WV Afghanistan garnered interagency support for a letter published in The Guardian that highlighted these issues. This effort was complemented by providing advocacy resources to Support Offices and positioning WV Afghanistan’s National Director, Shamim De Silva, as a spokesperson for media engagements.

In total, an estimated 15,768,000 children are classed in World Vision’s Ministry Indicator 3 (MI3), which is defined as the total number of vulnerable children affected by policy or implementation changes to which World Vision has contributed, and which address the next cause of vulnerability. This number represents 5% of Afghanistan’s children.

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Financial Summary

Total FY23 expenditures (cash funding): US$25,236,857

including contributions from World Vision Support Offices.

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

- Nutrition 3.71%
- Protection 2.06%
- Reserve 5.61%
- WASH 12.95%
- Education 9.44%
- Capacity Building 0.22%
- Faith and Development 0.18%

Sector Spending

- Multi-Sector 40.81%
- Health 5.04%
- Food Assistance 11.83%
- Food Security and Livelihood 8.15%
- Hunger Response 9.0%
- Multi-Support Offices-GIKs 54.4%

Donor Funding

- WV United States 16.0%
- WV United Kingdom 16.8%
- WV United Nations 2.5%
- WV New Zealand 2.5%
- WV Switzerland 1.1%
- WV Canada 5.0%
- WV Austria 4.8%
- WV Germany 4.8%
- WV Korea 4.7%
- WV Ireland 0.1%

Total FY23 expenditures for cash value of the gifts-in-kind (GIK): US$33,615,606

Our Partners

We would like to thank our donors and Support Offices for their great generosity! This support helps to further our mission of bringing hope in the lives of the communities, especially the most vulnerable children in Afghanistan. Your support is invaluable.

A special thank you to our partners and supporters below.

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World Vision is a global relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

**Our vision** for every child, life in all its fullness.

**Our prayer** for every heart, the will to make it so.

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