



Country Brief FY24

WORLD VISION Afghanistan

WHO WE ARE

In 2001, World Vision began its work in Afghanistan as an emergency response to address the urgent needs of children and families affected by natural disasters and decades of conflict. A decade later, World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) expanded its operations to deliver long-term development programming in the western region and established its national headquarters in Herat. WV Afghanistan strives to improve the lives of Afghanistan's most vulnerable children and is proud of its strong reputation in some of the country's vulnerable and most remote communities.

WHERE WE WORK


Afghanistan remains one of the countries most in need of humanitarian assistance globally, with an estimated 22.9 million people requiring aid in 2025. Of these, 14.8 million people (34% of the population) are projected to face crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3+) levels of food insecurity in 2025, necessitating urgent humanitarian support. The situation is exacerbated by a combination of factors, including weak economic and health systems, high unemployment rates, natural disasters such as earthquakes, droughts, and floods, forced deportations of Afghans from neighbouring countries,


and declining international support for development initiatives. Climate change is compounding existing vulnerabilities and creating new challenges for its people, particularly farmers and rural communities. Recurring climate shocks, such as prolonged droughts and unpredictable flooding, have severely disrupted agricultural livelihoods, leaving many farmers unable to produce enough food to sustain their families. In 2024, floods affected over 250,000 people around the country including our staff in Ghor. The floods destroyed homes, farmland, and infrastructure, further crippling communities already struggling to recover from years of conflict and environmental stress.

This has not only deepened food insecurity but also contributed to economic instability and forced displacement across the country. To address these needs, WV Afghanistan works in 34 districts and 3,274 villages across Herat, Badghis, Ghor and Faryab provinces. A liaison office in Kabul enhances our coordination at the national level and, at the beginning of FY24, a response office was temporarily established in Nangahar to meet the needs of returnees from Pakistan. We work closely with children, parents, teachers, village councils, religious leaders, local and international NGOs, the authorities and other coordinating bodies such as UN agencies.




 **28**
projects


 **26**
funding partners (including World Vision Support Offices²)


 **877**
regular and stipend staff¹


 **1,204,251**
direct participants, including 547,949 children

 **Donors**
ADA, ADH, BHA, DEC, DRA, FCDO, GAC, GFFO, Hong Kong Government, UNICEF, UNOCHA/AHF


 **US\$50,908,314**
expenditure (Cash & GIK)


 **296,796**
people received food, cash and livelihood assistance

 **169,381**
people accessed to clean water, sanitation and hygiene services

 **18**
water systems constructed/rehabilitated

 **705,133**
people accessed health and nutrition support

 **238,364**
people received various support under emergency responses

 **31,788**
people received well-being support

ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY24

¹ Our Support Offices: WV Australia, WV Austria, WV Canada, WV Germany, WV Hong Kong, WV Ireland, WV Japan, WV Korea, WV Malaysia, WV Netherlands, WV New Zealand, WV Singapore, WV Spain, WV Switzerland, WV Taiwan, WV United Kingdom and WV United States

² Employee 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.

PRIORITY SECTORS

HEALTH & NUTRITION

World Vision's health and nutrition programming improves the wellbeing of Afghan children by preventing and treating malnutrition, reducing life-threatening illnesses, and providing comprehensive health services, allowing children to thrive and lead fulfilled lives.

Through maternal care, family planning, psychosocial support, vaccinations, and nutrition interventions, we enhance health outcomes in underserved communities. In FY24, we supported 33 health centres, 22 family health houses, and 7 mobile health teams, significantly increasing access to essential services and improving the wellbeing of vulnerable populations.



CHILD WELL-BEING

In 2024, Afghanistan faced humanitarian crises, natural disasters, and an influx of returnees, worsening economic insecurity, with 61% of women lost jobs, forcing families into harmful coping mechanisms like child labour and marriage, increasing risks of trafficking and violence.

Displacement left children vulnerable to abuse and distress. World Vision Afghanistan addresses child well-being through Child-Friendly Spaces, case management, and psychosocial support. Parenting sessions strengthened caregivers' skills, while community committees improved local protection systems. Additionally, awareness-raising initiatives educated communities on child well-being risks.



EDUCATION

World Vision Afghanistan operates within local regulatory frameworks, partnering with Afghan NGOs to deliver education in underserved areas. These programmes holistically support children's physical, cognitive, and psychosocial development while ensuring their protection. Guided by the Educating Children for Life strategy, WV Afghanistan employs evidence-based models to engage families and communities, improving access, quality, and safety—especially for girls and marginalised children.

Within the broader education sector, WV Afghanistan co-leads the Education Cluster and is an active member of the Education Advisory Group, shaping policy and system-strengthening efforts. Through these roles, World Vision aligns responses with national priorities, advocates for inclusivity, and addresses systemic barriers. This dual approach—grassroots implementation and strategic leadership—enhances sustainable impact, ensuring crisis-affected children receive equitable, quality education.



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

In 2024, an estimated 15.8 million Afghans faced food insecurity. World Vision Afghanistan addressed food insecurity and agricultural and livelihood needs through cash and food assistance while fostering long-term resilience. We rebuild livelihoods, restore infrastructure via cash-for-work programmes, and promote climate-smart agriculture, improved seeds, and livestock support. Aligned with World Vision's global strategy, Our Promise 2030, we empower households to produce food, secure income, and protect against risks, ensuring children thrive.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In 2025, 21 million people required humanitarian WASH assistance. Unsafe water exacerbates malnutrition, waterborne diseases, and displacement. In FY24, World Vision Afghanistan improved child health by enhancing access to WASH services. We provided clean water through 18 water networks and sanitation support to households and institutions. Through community engagement with faith leaders, elders, and children, we promoted behavioural change, ensuring sustainable WASH practices in vulnerable communities.



CROSS-CUTTING APPROACHES

HUMAN CAPITAL

To reach vulnerable children and mobilise resources, the Capacity Building project was implemented, benefiting 492 staff members. This project enhanced their performance in ensuring the wellbeing of Afghan children, their families, and communities. Over the course of a year, staff gained confidence and improved their ability to achieve child wellbeing objectives. Trained staff also strengthened WV's collaboration with stakeholders, donors, and communities, leading to long-term impacts.



CLIMATE CHANGE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Recurring climate shocks, including droughts, floods, and extreme weather events, worsen food insecurity and vulnerability. In 2024, natural disasters affected over 280,000 people, damaging over 21,800 homes. Climate-smart agricultural practices, early warning systems, and community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) strategies are WV Afghanistan's approaches for reducing risks and protecting livelihoods from such disasters. Strengthening adaptation efforts—such as drought-resistant crops, water conservation techniques, and alternative income sources—helps communities prepare for and recover from climate shocks.



PARTNERSHIP AND LOCALISATION

World Vision Afghanistan established the Partnership unit and assessed 26 local partners strengthening localisation by identifying and engaging new partners to extend support to at-risk communities. Through systematic capacity-building and improved oversight, partnerships like DAWAM and FRAMES have achieved significant impact. Funded by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the DAWAM project, led by WV and seven partners, reduces morbidity and mortality among women, girls, and high-risk groups in remote areas. Through its holistic approach, the project improves access to healthcare, clean water, and sanitation. The USAID/BHA-funded FRAMES II consortium delivers multi-sector, gender-sensitive support across nine provinces. It addresses WASH, health, nutrition, food security, and shelter, supporting communities affected by conflict, drought, and disasters.

The Afghanistan Joint Response (AFJR) project, which is funded by the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), is a partnership of 12 national and international organisations. The programme aims to address acute humanitarian needs across health, nutrition, WASH, and livelihoods sectors while building resilience, promoting social cohesion, and empowering marginalised groups. World Vision was actively involved in key assessments such as the Quarterly Afghanistan Community Voices survey, AWAAZ satisfaction survey, Monthly Community Feedback Data, and Disability Inclusion AAI survey. Additionally, we contributed to the earthquake and multi-sector needs assessment (MSNA) coordinated by OCHA in the West Zone.



ADVOCACY

World Vision's Advocacy is going beyond the urgent goal of securing the operational space for the humanitarian and development sector in the face of internal and external constraints and aspiring to put the most vulnerable children at the centre of decision makers' agendas. Inside Afghanistan, we are promoting inter-sectoral and holistic support for the most at-risk communities through careful coordination with all decision-makers and stakeholders, and through playing a leading role in the humanitarian system, such as by sitting on the Humanitarian Country Team.

Outside of Afghanistan, WV Afghanistan has been engaging with significant international actors, such as the governments of the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Australia and the European Union to defend and promote humanitarian and development assistance for Afghanistan. Moreover, World Vision's global ENOUGH Campaign is an opportunity to draw attention to urgent and long-term needs, and the importance of coordination between decision-makers and donors, such as through amplifying Afghan voices at the Nutrition4Growth Conference 2025.



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