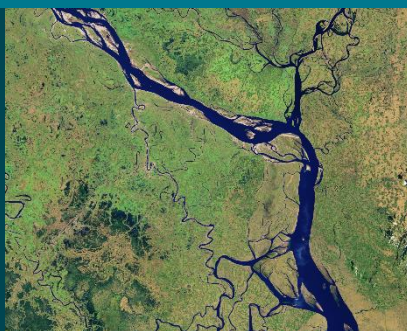




MAPPING
**THE BLUE
THREAD**



2026–2030



World Vision[®] 

Cambodia

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Business Plan

GLOBAL GOALS

Accelerate universal and equitable access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services to improve health, well-being, and livelihoods

Deepen focus on the most vulnerable people, especially in fragile contexts

Demonstrate sustainable impact for increased transparency and accountability

Leverage \$1.5 billion global business plan to mobilize financing for WASH services

\$12.3M

**Total Planned
Investments In-Country**

28

**WASH Program
Locations**

Geographic Area

World Vision's WASH program in Cambodia works in 28 operational areas in 26 districts. The map at right provides an overview of our WASH program geographic footprint.

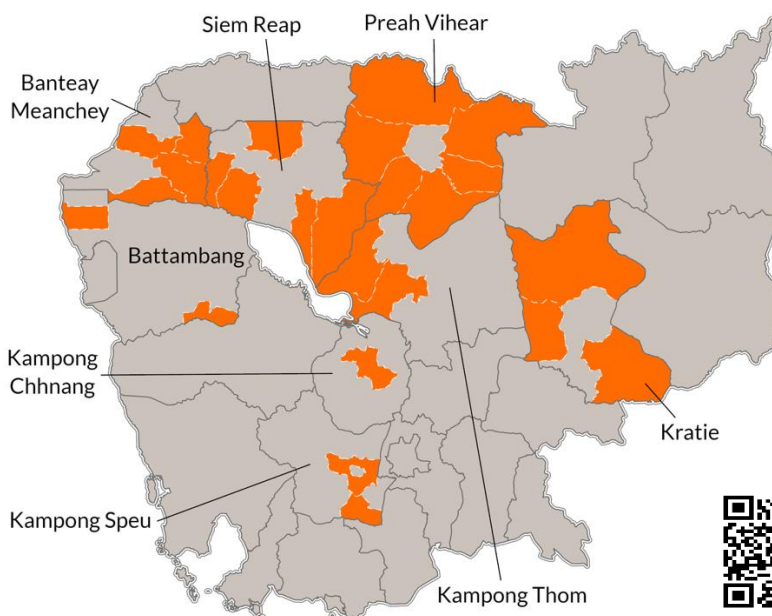
Mapping the Blue Thread

Water is the blue thread of integration connecting people, places, and progress. It is essential to the well-being of children and their communities and creates pathways out of poverty. Water transforms lives by driving economic growth, food security, environmental resilience, safe healthcare, and educational success.

Mapping the Blue Thread is World Vision's 2026 to 2030 global business plan to deliver adaptive water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions for a better, healthier world across 42 countries. Our data-driven approach enables country WASH teams to deliver targeted, location-specific strategies that maximize impact, effectiveness, and sustainability.

Vision for Transformative WASH Impact in Cambodia

The Cambodia WASH Program will continue to grow as a sector leader and partner in the government's National Action Plan for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation. We will support the plan's aim to achieve universal service coverage by 2030, and work toward universal service coverage in Phnum Srok in Banteay Meanchey province—connecting 42 schools and nine healthcare facilities to clean water access. We will improve WASH services at healthcare facilities to reduce disease and improve maternal and child health. We also will enhance school WASH facilities and menstrual hygiene management initiatives to foster better learning environments, especially for girls. To safeguard essential services against increasing droughts and floods, we will prioritize disaster-resilient infrastructure and link WASH services with climate-smart agriculture and water-efficient irrigation. We will partner with faith leaders to promote behavior change and environmental stewardship.



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2026–2030 Business Plan

Technical Focus Areas

INTRODUCTION

Technical focus areas ensure WASH programs are technically sound, contextually responsive, and equipped to deliver adaptable solutions across diverse challenges.

Water Supply and Quality brings water closer and safer to people. **Sanitation and Hygiene** strengthens market-based solutions for area-wide coverage. **Governance and Finance** improves policies, planning, and funding. **Water Security** safeguards resources through watershed management and environmental stewardship. **Disaster Management** delivers WASH services in emergencies and programs to build long-term resilience.



World Vision in Cambodia is strategically prioritizing the following technical areas during this business plan period:

WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY

Delivering safe, accessible, functional, equitable, and resilient (SAFER) infrastructure ensures sustainable water services. Quality in WASH infrastructure planning will be strengthened through clear quality assurance protocols. We will monitor water quality in accordance with National Rural Drinking-Water Quality Guidelines. We will require certified laboratory test certificates for construction materials and conduct random sampling upon

delivery to verify compliance. WASH specialists trained on quality assurance protocols and procurement processes will regularly monitor to ensure adherence to standards.

Additionally, WASH staff will facilitate workshops and knowledge-sharing for construction teams to promote continuous learning and improvement.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

Improving systems transforms how WASH services are planned, funded, maintained, monitored, and regulated. As a member of Cambodia's Provincial Working Group for rural water supply, sanitation, and hygiene, we will continue to partner with local government, private companies, and nongovernmental organizations to address barriers to universal service coverage like financing and infrastructure deficiencies. We also will advocate for local government to fund small-scale water providers.

WATER SECURITY

Protecting and managing natural water resources safeguards future water accessibility. World Vision is committed to managing natural water resources sustainably, promoting watershed management, and protecting forests and ecosystems. Addressing risks to Cambodia's priority watersheds will require a dual approach focusing on infrastructure development for water storage and groundwater recharge to ensure long-term water security.

WASH NEEDS

Access to Water

Only 20% of the rural population has access to a safely managed drinking water source. Almost 10% use surface water, like reservoirs and streams, making them vulnerable to waterborne diseases (washdata.org).

Natural Disasters

In 2023 there were more than 1,000 natural disasters, with floods causing almost 90% of disaster-related displacements. Muddy roads make it difficult to transport materials and access communities, especially in rural areas. Increasing floods during the rainy season can also contaminate water sources, leading to outbreaks of disease that place extra strain on WASH resources ([Khmer Times](http://KhmerTimes)).

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Program Fundamentals

INTRODUCTION

World Vision WASH programs are built on 10 fundamentals that promote accountability, guide decision-making, and ensure high-quality interventions. **Community and Government Engagement, Multisector Integration, and Local Partnerships** strengthen local collaboration and program delivery. Investing in **Staff Growth and Engagement** builds capacity, while **Faith Integration** ensures our values guide our work. **Quality Control and Assurance** upholds rigorous WASH standards, while **Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion** improve equitable access for the most vulnerable. **Monitoring and Applied Learning** use data to drive continuous improvement, which supports **Reporting and Communication** to ensure transparency.

	Community and Government Engagement		Local Partnerships
	Staff Growth and Engagement		Faith Integration
	Quality Control and Assurance		Monitoring
	Applied Learning		Multisector Integration
	Reporting and Communication		Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion

World Vision in Cambodia is committed to excelling in the following program fundamentals:

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

 Collaborating with communities and governments aligns WASH initiatives with local needs, priorities, and plans. We will continue to collaborate with the Ministry of Rural Development and Provincial Departments of Rural Development to design and implement all WASH interventions. At the community level, we will help form and train user groups and water management committees to oversee water system operations and mobilize resources for maintenance. Community user fees will also contribute to social development funds that support WASH services for vulnerable community members.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS



Partnering with local organizations strengthens programs by leveraging local resources and expertise.

We will continue to collaborate with businesses, faith actors, and local organizations on long-term solutions that empower communities, prioritize child well-being, and address the root causes of poverty. Formalized partnerships with women's groups and water management committees will also enhance ownership and service sustainability.

MONITORING



Tracking progress supports learning and enables evidence-based programming decisions that maximize effectiveness. We will strengthen our

program monitoring and evaluation by using mWater for real-time data analysis and quick decision-making. We also will conduct regular technical program surveys and field monitoring to ensure quality, address challenges, and provide on-site support.

KEY INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT

Water Resource Management in Sanhkum Thmey

Protecting watersheds, improving source water quality, and mitigating environmental impacts safeguards clean water access for future generations. With a population of over 25,000, Sanhkum Thmey in Preah Vihear province is one of Cambodia's most vulnerable districts. Its geography makes it especially prone to water scarcity as well as deforestation, contributing to the loss of natural water retention. World Vision is working with this community to regenerate forests, restore watersheds, and empower people with the knowledge and skills to manage water resources sustainably.



Program Dashboard

Budget

\$12,285,181



People Gaining Access to

Water **268,331**

Sanitation **109,532**

Hygiene **192,741**



Schools Gaining Access to

Water **378**

Sanitation **385**

Hygiene **406**



Healthcare Facilities Gaining Access to

Water **85**

Sanitation **88**

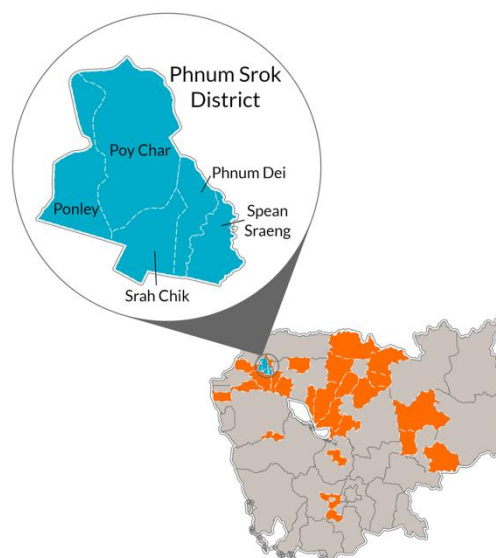
Hygiene **90**



KEY INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT

Universal Service Coverage in Phnum Srok

We will partner with government, district authorities, and local providers to build piped-water systems serving more than 15,000 people in households, schools, and healthcare facilities. Our aim is to increase the coverage rate from 70% to at least 90% of the population of Phnum Srok with access to a basic drinking water service. To achieve this, we will continue to foster strong relationships with all stakeholders, built on trust and joint efforts to address local challenges.



Map of planned universal service coverage locations in Phnum Srok District in Banteay Meanchey province.



Global WASH Program

For more than 40 years, World Vision has been working together with communities around the world with the vision of reaching everyone, everywhere we work with transformational WASH services. Since 2011, we've reached 37.5 million people with safer, more accessible clean water, equipped 30.2 million people with household sanitation, and empowered 45.6 million people to improve their hygiene. World Vision's 2026 to 2030 Global WASH Business Plan builds on this progress, in pursuit of Sustainable Development Goal 6, to support quality WASH services across 42 countries by 2030.

Cambodia WASH Program Background

World Vision's WASH program in Cambodia began in 2007 and currently operates in 26 districts across nine provinces. The program focuses on clean water access, water quality, hygiene education, and sanitation services in schools and communities. It is supported by a dedicated WASH team, including WASH specialists and experienced technical experts skilled in engineering, water supply, monitoring, and research. The technical team provides support to field staff, ensuring regular monitoring and consistent quality implementation across target areas.

In 2025, the WASH program received the highest national recognition from the government following the achievement of Open Defecation Free status in six target provinces and the successful inauguration of 29 piped-water systems. World Vision's contribution represents 29% of all small-scale piped-water distribution systems in rural Cambodia—the highest contribution recorded among development partners.



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