

World Vision Afghanistan

Sustained Humanitarian Response (WVA-SHR)

Situation Report 03 | Period: 1 June – 31 July FY25

SITUATION OVERVIEW AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

As of mid-2025, Afghanistan is grappling with one of the world's most acute humanitarian crises. An estimated 22.9 million people are in urgent need of assistance, driven by escalating food insecurity, the collapse of health services, and critical water shortages. In just the past six months, over two million Afghans have been forcibly returned from Iran and Pakistan. [Projections](#) indicate that by the end of 2025, an additional one million will return from Pakistan and two million from Iran—placing unprecedented pressure on already overstretched resources and host communities.

The crisis has deepened due to a USD 562 million reduction in U.S. Government aid, a 40% cut in World Food Programme support, and the closure of over [420 health facilities](#), leaving three million people without access to essential care. Only 25.7% of Afghanistan's Humanitarian Response Requirement has been funded so far.

Afghanistan is now entering its fourth consecutive year of drought, with anticipating failed harvests and widespread livestock losses.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has warned that severe drought is rapidly spreading across Afghanistan. According to FAO, "50% of Afghanistan is impacted by drought, with 19 provinces already devastated" (Aug 2025). In Badghis province, around 2,750 families in Dara Boom District may be forced to relocate due to critical water shortages, according to Nooruddin Turabi, Head of the Disaster Management Authority. UN-Habitat also raised alarms over Kabul's worsening water crisis, putting six million residents at risk. CNN reported that Kabul could become the first modern capital to run completely dry, with groundwater levels dropping by up to 30 meters and nearly half of the city's wells already dried up.

Though humanitarian operations are going on all over the country, the sector still faces challenges such as restrictions on women working in this sector and bureaucratic impediments.

RESPONSE STRATEGY

WV Afghanistan delivers an integrated, multi-sectoral response that addresses urgent humanitarian needs while building long-term resilience for vulnerable communities, including returnees. The strategy combines life-saving interventions across health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security and livelihoods, and child wellbeing, with targeted support for at-risk groups.

Programming is guided by robust monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) systems, including continuous context monitoring, post-distribution monitoring (PDM) and direct community feedback—enabling timely and adaptive responses to evolving needs.

WV Afghanistan maintains a strong field presence in western provinces (Herat, Ghor, Badghis) and northern areas (Faryab), ensuring rapid response capabilities in hard-to-reach and underserved locations.

The approach is grounded in deep local engagement, working through community-based structures, faith leaders, and national NGO partners to enhance access, sustainability, and accountability. Priority is given to areas experiencing multiple, compounding shocks—such as drought, water scarcity, and large-scale returnee influxes—where increased demand places significant strain on basic services.

WV Afghanistan aligns its programming with cluster priorities and donor requirements, while actively advocating for sustained funding and global attention to Afghanistan's protracted crisis. By linking humanitarian relief with recovery and resilience support, WV Afghanistan aims to protect lives, uphold dignity, and reduce long-term vulnerability.

FUNDING

WV Afghanistan has mobilized USD 41,455,837 of the targeted USD 50 million for 2025 to fund its programs, representing 82.9% of the target.

STAFFING

No. of current total staff

573 (9 expatriates & 546 nationals, including 17 new hired, 1 deployment)

REACH

146,253 individuals (35,580 girls, 30,199 boys, 63,692 women, and 16,782 men) were reached through World Vision's 24 ongoing projects in June and July.

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



Integrated Health, Nutrition and Child Wellbeing Programme

World Vision Afghanistan has continued to provide lifesaving health, nutrition, and psychosocial support through 37 Static Health Centres (SHCs), 20 Family Health Houses (FHHs), and seven Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs), reaching vulnerable communities across Herat, Badghis, Faryab, and Ghor provinces. These essential services form the foundation of our commitment to improving community health and resilience.

Building on this foundation, and in close collaboration with community structures and partners, WV Afghanistan further strengthened child wellbeing and psychosocial support during the reporting period. A wide range of initiatives were implemented to promote children's health, support parents and caregivers, and building community capacity and enhancing their engagement. The highlights below capture key achievements across our integrated health, nutrition, and child wellbeing interventions.

- **126,480 individuals** participated in health education and awareness sessions, improving knowledge of disease prevention and health practices.
- **107,570 individuals** received outpatient consultation (OPD) support, ensuring access to essential medical services.
- **22,281 women** received maternal and child health support (8,121 antenatal care, 2,326 postnatal care, 7,578 family planning and 1,061 deliveries, and 3,195 Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling).
- **15,715 under five** were screened for malnutrition, with 2,584 admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment.
- **4,493 individuals** received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through counselling and immediate interventions.
- **3,402 children and women** received vaccination services, strengthening disease prevention efforts.
- **260 patients** were referred from Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities to secondary-level services.

- **177 individuals with disabilities** received tailored health and nutrition services, reinforcing inclusive healthcare delivery.
- **1,293 individuals** benefited from counselling and wellbeing support, including 300 through one-on-one counselling, 148 through joint parent-child sessions, 20 families through specialised parent-child counselling, and 825 through life skills and group sessions to strengthen communication and wellbeing.
- **500 children** enrolled in education programmes, with 250 graduated and 250 continuing; additionally, **123 children** attended tutorial classes to improve academic performance.
- **489 individuals** accessed child wellbeing services through home-based activities.
- **308 parents and caregivers** attended parenting sessions to better support their children's wellbeing.
- **160 Community-Based Child Protection Committee members** joined monthly meetings on child protection.
- **32 individuals** joined meetings with community leaders to discuss concerns and strengthen engagement.
- **31 children** received case management services, including individual protection assistance, while one child successfully underwent a critical surgical operation.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Prolonged drought, below-average rainfall, and declining groundwater levels have drastically reduced access to safe water in Afghanistan, particularly in remote and underserved areas. The return of displaced populations has placed further strain on already limited WASH infrastructure and services. Inadequate sanitation facilities and poor hygiene practices are heightening the risk of waterborne diseases, especially among children and the elderly.

An urgent, coordinated WASH response is needed—combining emergency water supply, rehabilitation of water systems, improved sanitation facilities, and hygiene awareness. Such an integrated approach is vital to strengthen community resilience, reduce disease outbreaks, and uphold basic human dignity amid compounding humanitarian challenges.

- **2,158 individuals** gained access to safe water through two new water systems in Faryab province.
- **23 post-construction water quality tests** conducted at water sources and the Islam Qala reception centre confirmed with WHO drinking water standards.
- **390 individuals** attended a community-based handwashing sensitisation event in Badghis, while additional hygiene sessions on personal hygiene, safe water handling, and vector control were delivered through health facilities.
- **36 community faith leaders** in Badghis and Faryab participated in a two-day training on hygiene promotion and Behaviour change.
- **515 individuals** participated in a consultative meeting in Badghis on sanitation marketing, a pilot initiative aimed at strengthening the sanitation and hygiene supply chain. A further assessment will inform the establishment of a WASH Business Centre to advance community sustainability.



Food Distribution, Cash, Livelihoods

Ongoing drought, low rainfall, and declining groundwater levels have severely reduced wheat yields, particularly in rainfed areas. Limited food assistance, due to budget constraints and the USG funding cuts, is further deepening food insecurity across Afghanistan. The situation is compounded by the increasing influx of returnees, straining already fragile local systems and resources.

To address these urgent and complex needs, an integrated response—combining emergency food assistance, cash support, and livelihood recovery—is essential. Such an approach is critical to prevent further deterioration of livelihoods, stabilise communities, and strengthen resilience against recurring climate shocks and socio-economic challenges.

In response to these pressing needs, WV Afghanistan, in close coordination with partners and community structures, provided the following support during the reporting period:

- **300 at-risk households** received life-saving food assistance through cash-based transfers to meet urgent nutrition needs.
- **1,100 smallholder farmers and livestock keepers** trained in Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) to improve productivity and resilience.
- **1,600 agriculture-dependent households** identified to receive drought-resistant seeds in the upcoming planting season.
- **600 participants** attended climate change awareness sessions, strengthening adaptive practices in farming and livestock management.
- **Five women-headed households** received renewable energy cooking kits; plans are underway to extend support to 100 women following assessments.
- **200 households, primarily women**, supported with restocking of small ruminants to boost food security and income.
- **200 households** received support to improve livestock shelter management, enhancing animal welfare and productivity.
- **54 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs)** trained and equipped to provide veterinary services in remote areas.
- **80,000 ruminants** treated against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), benefiting around 4,000 households.
- **Two milk collection centres** established to strengthen dairy value chains and improve market access.
- **140 Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) committees** formed and trained on hazard identification, preparedness, and sustainable resource management.
- **655 households** engaged in cash-for-work activities focused on rehabilitating shared livelihood assets, including irrigation schemes.



Advocacy

- WV Afghanistan met with UNICEF and Action Against Hunger (ACF) nutrition cluster leads in Kabul to outline a roadmap on engagement related to systemic food security and nutrition.
- WV Afghanistan supported WV Nordic Donors engagement at the Swedish party conference season, promoting Afghanistan engagement, and with the Norwegian foreign ministry.

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- WV Afghanistan briefed the FCDO and other donors, including the French CDCS, on the returns situation at Islam Qala and WV's West Afghanistan Forced Returnees Response (WAFRR), supplying Support Offices and donors with a policy briefing.
- We supplied Support Offices with a letter, jointly signed with Save the Children, promoting funding for demining and unexploded ordnance clearance. WV EUREP directed a version of this letter to the European External Action Service Central Asia Directorate.
- WV Afghanistan participated in an in-person panel at the UK FCDO, hosted by government minister Baroness Chapman and attended by members of parliament and peers, as well as organisations, launching UNICEF's First Foods initiative.
- WV Afghanistan co-hosted its ENOUGH Roundtable with the FCDO in Kabul, focusing on the inclusion of children's voices in nutrition policy. Donors, UN agencies, INGOs, and Afghan civil society attended and pledged further engagement.



Communications

During the reporting period, the Communications Unit continued to amplify the voices of vulnerable communities, highlight World Vision Afghanistan's impact, and support internal and external engagement through strategic communications.

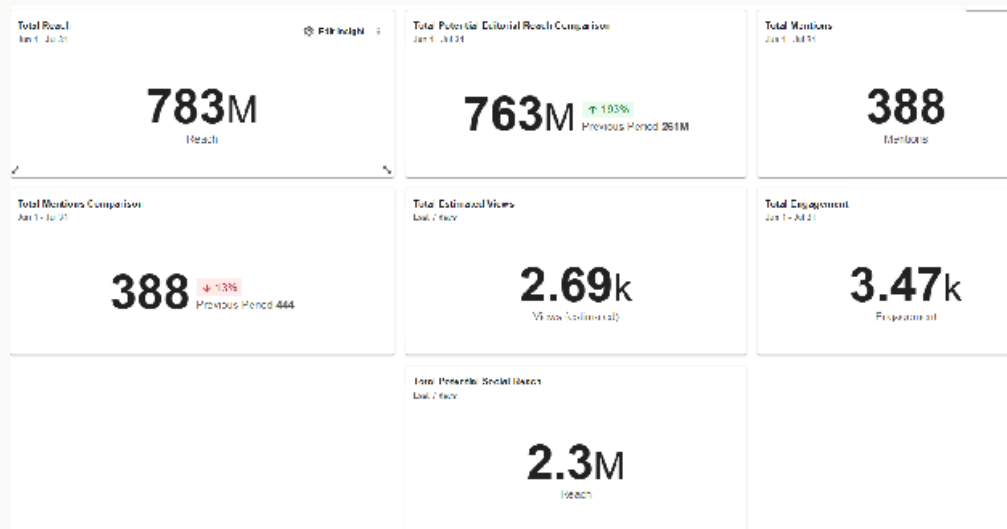
The team produced a range of storytelling content that captured urgent humanitarian needs and organisational response. These included multimedia and written stories on unexploded ordnance (UXO), the hunger crisis and child labour, nutrition interventions, the impact of funding cuts, earthquake response, and the role of community health workers in strengthening local health systems.

Following the forced return of Afghan migrants from Iran, World Vision declared an emergency response—West Afghanistan Forced Returnees Response (WAFRR). The Communications Unit documented this response through two situation reports, two videos, two multimedia stories, and social media coverage, helping raise awareness of the unfolding crisis and WV's rapid intervention.

Media engagement during this period significantly increased, with interviews featured on Al Jazeera and the Associated Press. These efforts contributed to a media reach of 783 million—a 193% increase from the previous period. While mentions decreased slightly to 388 (13% drop), the visibility and depth of the coverage improved WV's media footprint. Additionally, the team had an active presence across social media platforms with daily posts.

To support WV Afghanistan's advocacy efforts, the unit developed a video on the national Nutrition Dialogue and prepared visibility materials for the ENOUGH Roundtable hosted with the UK's FCDO, reinforcing WV's leadership in sector conversations.

Overall, June and July were marked by impactful storytelling, increased media reach, and strong cross-team collaboration, reinforcing the Communications Unit's role in advancing World Vision's mission and message across the country.





Resources

[Bimonthly SitRep](#)

videos

[Cash Distribution \(GFFO\)](#)

[WASH \(FRAMES/BHA\)](#)

[Funding Cut \(FRAMES/BHA\)](#)

[UXO](#)

[Earthquake Response](#)

Written articles

[Community Health Workers](#)

[Hunger, Child Labour](#)

[UXO](#)

[Food Demonstration \(Nutrition\)](#)

WAFRR Resources:

[SitRep01](#)

[SitRep02](#)

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

[Multimedia Story](#)

[Media Engagement \(Al Jazeera\)](#)

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A clinic under the DAWAM project, led by WV in partnership with the Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan (AADA), in Shindand district of Herat province, provides life-saving health services to the most vulnerable.

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