

World Vision Afghanistan

Sustained Humanitarian Response (WVA-SHR)

Situation Report 06 | Period: 1 August – 30 September FY25

SITUATION OVERVIEW AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Compounding the effects of slow-onset emergencies such as this year's drought, Afghanistan was affected by multiple crises during the reporting period. Cross-border clashes with Pakistani forces began to escalate during August. In the last minutes of 31 August local time, an earthquake exceeding Magnitude Six struck Kunar province, affecting Nangahar and Laghman provinces also, with nearly 2,000 fatalities. 7 September saw the imposition of a ban on Afghan women working for UN agencies attending offices. After several days of internet disruption due to an official instruction to disconnect fiberoptic broadband and disrupt 'immoral content', 29 September saw the start of a two-day total telecommunications blackout.

In the midst of this, NGOs continued to operate more or less as normal, responding to significant humanitarian need despite constraints upon resources following sudden aid cuts earlier this year, and in the context of inconsistent bureaucratic impediments such as delays with Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).

OVERVIEW

World Vision responded swiftly to the earthquake emergency in Kunar, working with partners with which it has an established relationship via existing consortia.

[WV Afghanistan's Eastern Afghanistan Earthquake Response \(EAER\)](#) reflects its ongoing commitment to delivering an integrated, flexible, and locally led humanitarian strategy that prioritises saving lives, restoring dignity, and supporting community recovery.

Meanwhile, WV Afghanistan continues to deliver coordinated assistance in health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security, protection, and education, focusing on the most vulnerable children and families in Badghis, Faryab, Ghor and Herat. In recent months, WV Afghanistan has scaled up efforts to assist communities affected by the influx of returnees from Iran, combining mobile health and nutrition services, emergency cash assistance,

WASH rehabilitation, and psychosocial and protection support. These actions ensure a timely and coordinated lifesaving response while strengthening local systems for sustained recovery.

Grounded in the Humanitarian–Development–Peace (HDP) Nexus, WV Afghanistan's approach connects immediate relief with longer-term resilience and community stability. The organisation's strong field presence, trusted partnerships, and adaptive management enable rapid reprogramming and flexible response to emerging needs. Working closely with UN clusters, government counterparts, local NGOs, and community structures, World Vision ensures alignment, accountability, and inclusion across all interventions. Guided by its core principles of localisation, safeguarding, and gender equality, WV Afghanistan continues to support communities by protecting lives, empowering families, and restoring hope for those affected by conflict, disasters, and economic hardship.

FUNDING

During the reporting period, World Vision Afghanistan:

- **Secured** 719,781 in Private Non-Sponsorship Funds from WVUS, WVNZ, WV Korea, WVHK, WV Japan, WV Taiwan, and WV Germany.
- **Are anticipating** up to 2,868,591 from WV Singapore, WV France, EOM (a media outlet from the Netherlands), and the Government of Hong Kong.
- **Submitted proposals** in pursuit of up to 4,650,000 from WVHK, ADA-Austria, WVUS, and WV Australia.

REACHED

365,969 individuals

STAFFING

No. of current total staff

638 (383 male, 255 female), including 555 nationals (12 new hires), seven expatriates, two deployments)

Regular staff: 262 Stipend staff: 305 Daily staff: 62

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

EAER and WAFRR

Details of operations delivered under the [East Afghanistan Earthquake Response](#) and the [West Afghanistan Forced Returns Response](#) are given in dedicated Situation Reports.

Health & Nutrition

During this reporting period, World Vision Afghanistan continued implementing health and nutrition interventions across our operational areas, reaching a total of 133,760 individuals (23,123 girls, 22,905 boys, 64,081 women, and 23,651 men), including under-five children, school-aged children, and women of reproductive age. Services were delivered through 73 health service points, comprising 39 Static Health Centres (SHCs), 22 Family Health Houses (FHHs), and 12 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs).

- **104,811 individuals** (19,018 girls, 12,518 boys, 17,691 women, 55,584 men) participated in health education and awareness sessions, improving knowledge of disease prevention and health practices.
- **108,321 individuals** received outpatient consultation (OPD) support, ensuring access to essential medical services.
- **5,511 children and women** received vaccination services, strengthening disease prevention efforts.

- **24,061 women** received maternal and child health support (9,586 antenatal care, 2,323 postnatal care, 3,103 family planning, 379 deliveries, and 8,670 nutrition screening and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling).
- **21,410 children under five** (10,099 girls, 9,207 boys) and pregnant women were screened for malnutrition (158 referred for complications, 2,527 admitted with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), and 2,025 pregnant and lactating women received nutrition support).
- **4,375 individuals** (3,416 women, 959 men) received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through counselling and immediate interventions.
- **182 staff members** received training in various health and nutrition topics.
- **88 Community Health Workers (CHW)** received training on health and nutrition topics, as well as case finding, and PFA to strengthen service quality.
- **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.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Three water systems were rehabilitated, and two Reverse Osmosis (RO) water treatment plants were constructed in Badghis Province, improving access to safe and clean water for 18,684 individuals (4,759 women, 4,497 men, 4,758 girls, 4,670 boys).

In addition, five health facilities in Badghis received WASH upgrades, including the construction of sanitation and handwashing facilities, waste management systems, and the installation of water services at points of care. These improvements will enhance the quality of healthcare services and outcomes while reducing public health risks.

WASH assistance for returnees from Iran **reached 12,605 individuals** (3,602 women, 3,580 men, 2,877 girls, and 2,546 boys) through hygiene awareness sessions conducted at the Islam Qala border. The sessions focused on small group engagements, the use of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, and demonstrations of hygiene best practices.

World Vision Afghanistan is also responding to the recent earthquake in eastern Afghanistan through the provision of WASH services in partnership with partner organisations. As part of the immediate response, non-food item (NFI) kits, including tents, were distributed to **250 families** (1,750 individuals) in Masood village. Further efforts, including water trucking, installation of communal latrines, and hygiene promotion activities, are underway and scheduled to continue from October.



Food Distribution, Cash, Livelihoods

WV Afghanistan's Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) sector **reached 27,756 individuals** through its multi-sectoral interventions across Herat, Badghis, Ghor, and Faryab provinces. The interventions enhanced household resilience, food security, and income generation through cash assistance, Cash-for-Work activities, and distribution of agricultural inputs such as certified wheat seeds and fertilisers.

Under the FSL sector, Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) were trained to expand livestock support services.

As part of the response to returnees from Iran, women and returnees were engaged in livelihood diversification and small business initiatives to promote economic self-reliance.

During the reporting period, communities also benefited from clean energy cooking solutions, climate adaptation awareness, and the development of Community Action Plans (CAPs) to strengthen disaster preparedness.



Advocacy

WV Afghanistan continued to pursue cluster-based support for an integrated food security and nutrition policy framework at the national level, as part of the ENOUGH Campaign.

In the wake of the earthquake, WV Afghanistan prepared two INSIGHT briefings shared directly with donors and via Support Offices. In addition, WV Afghanistan met in-person with the Deputy Governor of Kunar to discuss the importance of an enabling approach by the authorities and the value of partnership. Informal conversations with existing donors are ongoing, about the need for expanded support, not least for longer-term recovery and disaster risk reduction.

WV Afghanistan contributed to the promotion of a more nutritious, locally sourced Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) Basket, which is now being rolled out. The organisation also engaged the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livelihoods to maximise alignment with their new 15-point development plan while asserting core programming principles, via the sectoral meeting.

Impact

In Gunbadi and the nearby villages of Herat province, families once faced perilous journeys to access medical care, travelling for hours on rough, unpaved roads to reach the nearest health facility. Many lost loved ones along the way, including pregnant women and children.

Zahra, 45, who suffers from low blood pressure and frequent fainting spells, recalls those difficult years. "We would ride motorcycles... and those who didn't have one had to borrow," she says. "It was exhausting and miserable, and sometimes people didn't make it in time."

Today, a new health centre established by World Vision Afghanistan is transforming life for more than 5,000 people across 15 surrounding villages.

The clinic now provides maternal care, vaccinations, nutrition support, and mental health services. "We receive treatment, and my children are healthier now," says Zahra, a mother of three.



Partnership and Localisation

In response to the earthquake in eastern Afghanistan, World Vision expanded its partnerships to ensure a timely and community-driven response. Two national NGOs—Afghan Women's Education Centre (AWEC) and Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan (AADA)—were engaged to lead field-level implementation, enabling the rapid delivery of health services, food assistance, and non-food items (NFIs) to affected communities.

WV Afghanistan continues to advance the localisation agenda as an active member of the Localisation Technical Working Group (LTWG). During the reporting period, WV Afghanistan led the design and roll-out of a national baseline survey on localisation. Developed in consultation with LTWG members, the survey received 125 responses from NGOs and INGOs, generating valuable insights to inform a three-year strategic roadmap for localisation in Afghanistan.

To strengthen local capacity, WV Afghanistan conducted a five-day training for Women-Led Organisations (WLOs) in Herat Province, focused on five key areas: Human Resources, Procurement, Finance, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), and Protection & Safeguarding.

The participatory, gender-sensitive sessions included practical exercises and group discussions. Participating organisations included:

- Afghan Damaged Support Development Organisation (ADSDO)
- Afghanistan Strategic and Policy Studies Organisation (ASPSO)
- Humanitarian Organisation for Sustainable Action in Afghanistan (HOSAA)
- Green Social Research Organisation (GSRO)
- Parniyan Training Centre and Rehabilitation Organisation (PTCRO)
- Green Way Organisation (GWO)
- Health & Humanitarian Support Organisation (HHSO)

Participants reported increased confidence in managing organisational operations, with follow-up mentoring and coaching planned.

Additionally, the MEAL team delivered Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) training for DAWAM and GFFO project partners,

strengthening partner capacity in community engagement, feedback mechanisms, and safeguarding to ensure inclusive and accountable programming.



Resources

- Video: [How DAWAM is changing lives for at-risk communities | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)
- Video: [‘We now live in this tent’ - Kunar villages after the earthquake | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)
- Video: [Afghanistan earthquake: “We’ve seen a number of landslides, which is blocking road access” | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)
- Video: [Born in Crises: Rahmatullah’s Story | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)
- Video: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/vodf0525mywl1n60b0502br087kxghq0>
- Video: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/0mxogfkfhjp06wx83n204i08wd6b1w4r>
- Video: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/t1k1uu585231mysg0ct56c7pfjp233lu>
- Video: <https://www.wvi.org/stories/afghanistan/can-we-afford-walk-away-how-frames-project-saved-lives-afghanistan>
- Written: [Amina’s Journey: Joining World Vision Afghanistan | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)
- Shorthand (multi-media) story: [A child bride becomes a mother | World Vision International](#)
- Shorthand (multi-media) story: [Partnership on the path to recovery | World Vision International](#)
- Shorthand (multi-media) story: [Education in rural Afghanistan: scenes from a learning patchwork | World Vision International](#)
- Shorthand (multi-media) story: [Empty Classrooms | World Vision International](#)

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10-year-old Nasir Ahmad, from one of the earthquake-affected areas of Herat, recovered after receiving multiple wound dressings and medical care from World Vision's mobile health team.

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