



STRONGER TOGETHER

World Vision and the World
Bank's Water Forward

About World Vision / VisionFund

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian and development organisation dedicated to working with children, families, and communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision's global partnership operates in nearly 100 countries across six regions with more than 31,000 staff members 95% of whom work in their own countries.

World Vision reaches about 3 million people each year with access to safe water. We implement integrated WASH programmes across 60 countries, including 23 of the World Bank's designated fragile, conflict and violence-affected contexts.

VisionFund International is the inclusive finance arm of World Vision, operating a network of 25 financial institutions around the world. These institutions engage in microfinance and WASH lending along with savings, insurance, and other value-added financial services.

Global WASH Programme

Over the past 35 years, World Vision's work in the WASH sector has grown exponentially. Over the last ten years, we have reached an estimated **34.6 million people with access to clean water**. With more than 1,000 technical WASH staff members guiding our work in 60 countries, World Vision has emerged as a leading actor in support of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: Clean water and sanitation for all.



Since 2016, World Vision has provided access to clean water for 16,456 schools and 5,648 healthcare facilities directly reducing disease, supporting child health, and keeping children in school.

Why World Vision

Partnering with World Vision and VisionFund provides the World Bank with opportunities to improve and scale up the quality, reach, and sustainability of its investments, including those under the Water Forward initiative. World Vision's extensive footprint in delivering WASH services in fragile and conflict-affected areas offers a unique platform to expand reach and impact, particularly in the most vulnerable contexts.

Technical WASH Expertise



More than 1,000 WASH technical specialists work across 100 countries, including many fragile, conflict- and violence-affected (FCV) contexts where needs are greatest and alternative delivery partners are limited.

These teams bring deep expertise in climate-resilient WASH, the humanitarian–development nexus, sanitation and demand-side solutions, hydrogeology and water security.

Last-Mile Reach



An established presence enables World Bank investments to be delivered quickly and effectively, reducing absorptive-capacity constraints that often delay disbursement in the water sector.



A strong community engagement approach reduces implementation delays, particularly in fragile contexts.

Community Engagement and Trust



Strong links with local churches, mosques and community leaders provide a mobilisation asset that private contractors cannot replicate.



All programmes apply gender-transformative approaches and disability-inclusive design as standard practice.

Partnerships



Standing co-financing agreements with national governments in countries such as Rwanda, Ghana and Myanmar demonstrate institutional trust and strong country ownership aligned with the Water Compact model.

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Accountability



Citizen participation in WASH governance is strengthened by empowering communities to engage in decision-making through the proven Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) social accountability mechanism.



Monitoring and evaluation systems generate verified beneficiary data to support impact reporting and performance-based disbursement.

Vision Fund

Closing the Financing Gap



Catalytic financing is deployed as loans or guarantees to rural water operators, enabling system expansion and upgrades.



Financing tools support communities to sustainably cover operation and maintenance costs, addressing one of the most common failure points in WASH infrastructure.



Affordable finance is provided to households that cannot meet the up-front costs of basic WASH solutions.



A Proven World Bank Delivery Partner:

World Bank-funded WASH programmes have been successfully delivered in countries including Angola, Eswatini and Sierra Leone, demonstrating strong performance in disbursement, implementation and results within the Bank's systems.

Mapping the Blue Thread: World Vision's Global WASH Business Plan (2026-2030)

World Vision has committed to invest \$1.5 billion over the period 2026-2030 to extend the impact of its WASH work across 42 prioritised countries in six regions, with an emphasis on reaching the world's most vulnerable, especially in fragile contexts.

To achieve this target and fund WASH actions, World Vision is utilising the flexibility of multiple revenue streams, in particular private resources, while exploring growth of alternative financing options to increase investments across the sector.

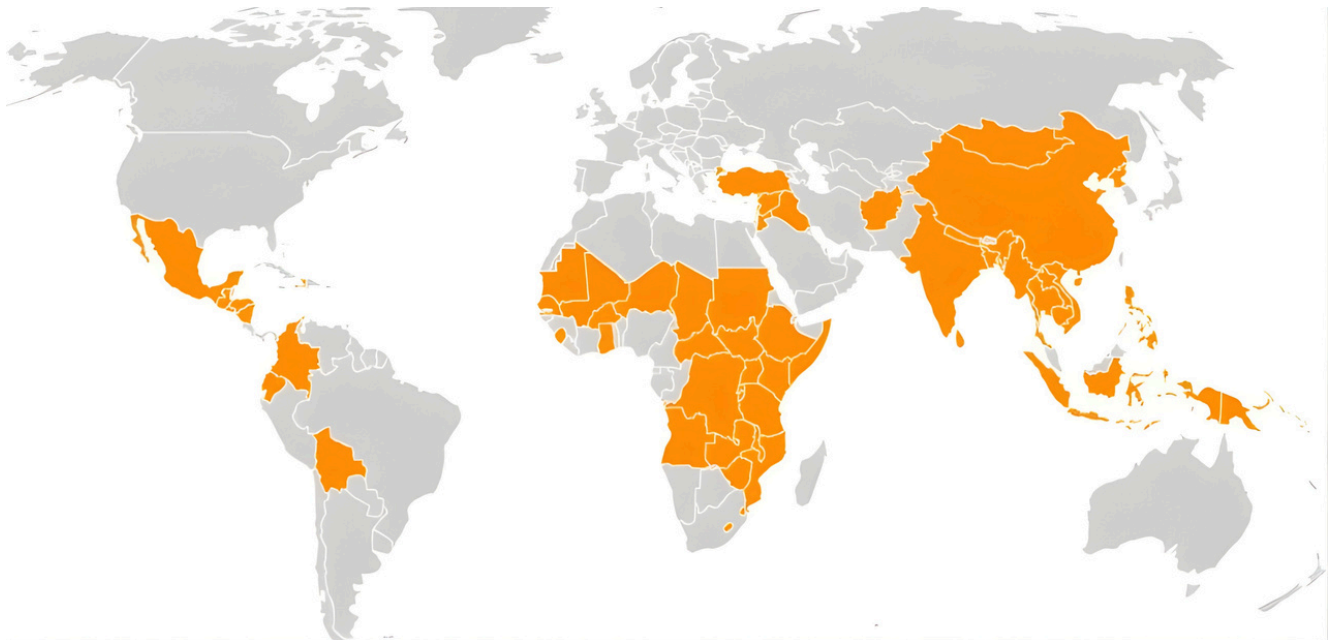
World Vision leverages its large base funding as a catalytic driver to raise additional funding, at a rate of an additional \$4 of leveraged funds for every \$1 of base funding invested. This is achieved also by establishing sustainable partnerships with national authorities, private sector entities and financial institutions

For more information on WASH programming, the latest business plan and recent updates, please visit our digital platform.

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World Vision WASH Countries





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