



**WORLD VISION  
ADVANCING CAMBODIA'S  
PROGRESS TOWARD UNIVERSAL  
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE  
ACCESS**

# Advancing Cambodia's Progress Toward Universal WASH Access

World Vision International Cambodia has supported the Cambodian Government's Rural Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) strategy since 2011, delivering services across 8 provinces to improve water supply, quality, security, and sanitation and hygiene practices. These investments have generated measurable impact, including access to clean drinking water, basic hygiene and sanitation services for 92% of most vulnerable children in World Vision Cambodia's operating areas.

As the Government develops its next national WASH strategy for 2026–2033, World Vision is scaling and innovating its WASH programming, creating new opportunities for donor partnership to extend sustainable, high-impact solutions to underserved communities.

World Vision has played a strategic role in supporting Phases I and II of the Ministry of Rural Development's National Strategic Plan on Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (2011–2025). As Phase III (2026–2033) is being developed, World Vision remains an active contributor, working closely with government partners to shape national priorities. In parallel, World Vision is aligning its newly launched 2026–2030 WASH Business Plan, Mapping the Blue Thread, to ensure coherence, scalability, and sustained impact—creating strong opportunities for donor engagement and investment.

## Our Impact

The impact of our work can be seen in both the statistical achievements and testimonies from the people we serve. Among our achievements, 72% of households in the communities in which we work now use basic sanitation services and 92% of our communities' most vulnerable children now have benefitted from clean water, basic hygiene and sanitation services. Mrs. Srey Nom is one of many households who have benefited from the help that World Vision has given herself and her community.



## WASH Results Achieved (Annual Impact Measurement, 2025)



67%

72%

92%

7674

6554



Households  
using basic  
drinking water  
services

Households using  
basic sanitation  
services

Most Vulnerable  
Children benefited  
from clean water,  
basic hygiene and  
sanitation services

Households gaining  
access to a hand  
washing station

Households  
with sanitation  
facilities  
constructed





**Voices from the field: Water is our joy and happiness**

Mrs. Srey Nom lives in Borseth District and is one of the village members selected to maintain the borehole which World Vision helped to provide. She said, "my village is very lucky that World Vision has helped us to drill a borehole here. My neighbours and family are happy that the borehole can provide year-round clean water for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing and cleaning. It is close to my house so from now on my son won't need to miss any classes because of needing to fetch water."

## **Our Approaches**

World Vision's Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Program works to achieve four key outcomes across nine provinces:

### **1. Water Supply and Water Quality –**

World Vision supports the development of safe, sustainable water infrastructure, including boreholes and piped systems, guided by geological assessments and compliant with Ministry of Rural Development standards. In partnership with provincial governments, World Vision strengthens Water User Groups and Water Management Committees to ensure effective operation, accountability, and long-term service delivery.

To enhance evidence-based decision-making and sector coordination, World Vision has invested in MWATER, a global digital platform that improves the measurability, transparency, and sustainability of WASH investments. MWATER enables governments and partners to map the Blue Thread, track progress toward universal water access, and strengthen accountability across the WASH sector.

**2. Governance and Finance** – World Vision strengthens WASH systems to improve how services are planned, financed, regulated, and sustained. As an active member of Cambodia’s Provincial WASH Working Group, World Vision partners with government, private sector, and civil society actors to address financing and infrastructure gaps. This includes advocating for increased local government investment in small-scale water providers to expand equitable access and ensure long-term service sustainability.

**3. Water Security and Resilience** – World Vision strengthens the reliability and safety of drinking water by protecting ecosystems and water catchments through targeted upstream watershed interventions. These investments stabilize downstream water supplies, improve ground water recharge through communal ponds and farm-scale irrigation, and build community resilience to recurring climate and environmental shocks—ensuring more dependable water access year-round.

**4. Sanitation and Hygiene** – Cambodia’s sanitation and hygiene program focuses on ending open defecation, improving solid waste management, expanding handwashing facilities, and increasing access to safe drinking water. Through trained Sanitation Action Groups, communities lead the construction of household latrines and handwashing facilities, driving lasting behavior change and local ownership. In schools and health facilities, World Vision supports inclusive, gender-segregated sanitation infrastructure with menstrual hygiene and accessibility features, ensuring safe and dignified access for women, girls, people with limited mobility. The work to achieve these outcomes takes place through numerous projects in nine provinces using a wide range of funding sources:



Connecting Marginalized Communities to Piped Water in Cambodia

**13,557**

people in 3,250 households gaining access to potentially 'safely managed' drinking water services



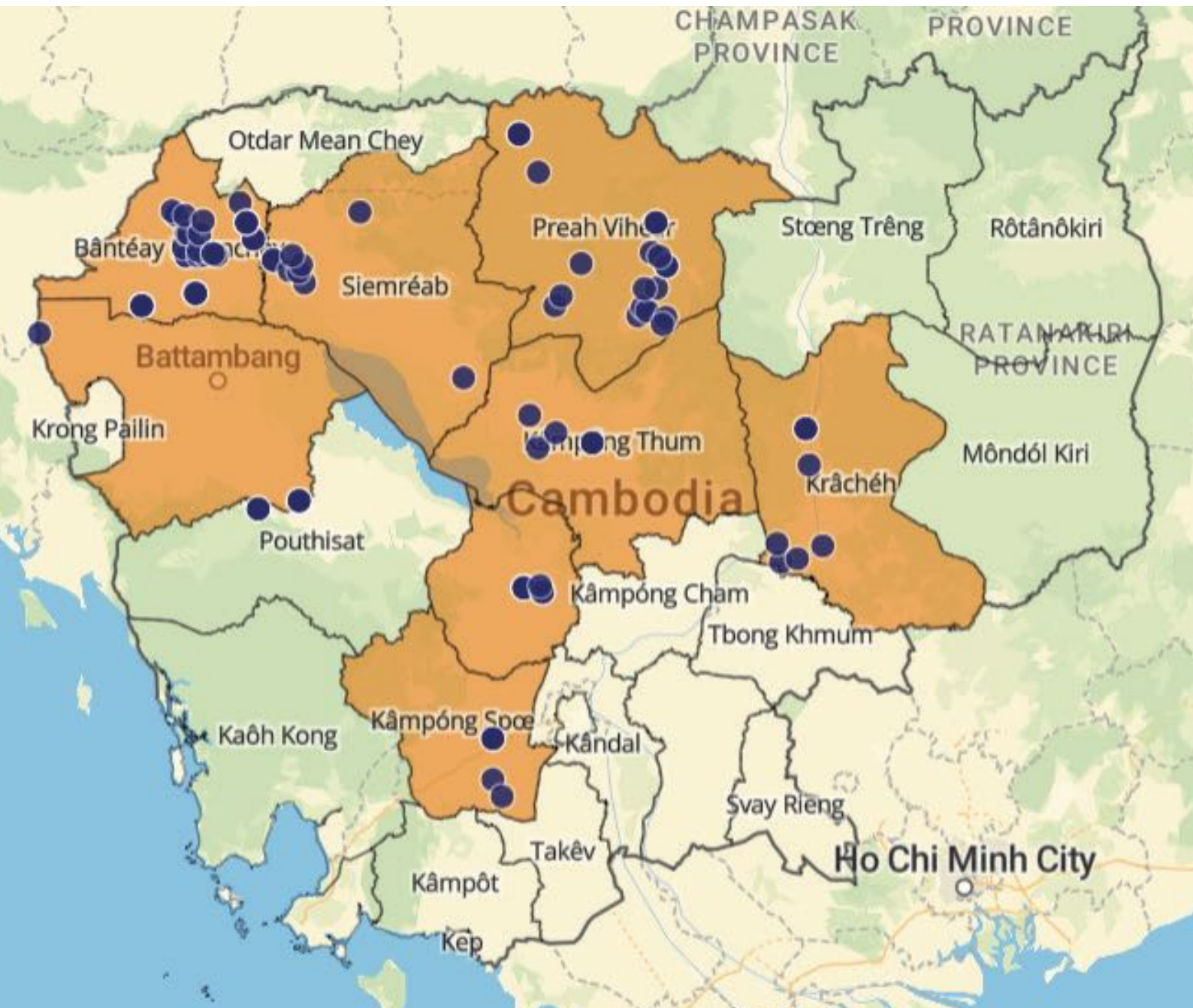
**70**

water systems supported for the water tap connection and piped network expansion



**70**

villages connected in **8 provinces**



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- **27 Water**, Sanitation, and Hygiene projects operated by our Area Programs, which are funded by private child sponsorship from around the world.
- The 'Safe Drinking Water for Cambodia Project', implemented in 5 districts. The project uses water purifiers to enhance safe water use. The Cambodian government has adopted some of these technologies and approaches in its own national guidelines on household water treatment.
- The 'School Feeding/WASH in School Project', which works towards ensuring the quality standards of WASH facilities in **85 target primary schools**.
- The 'Promote the Reading Environment Project', operating in **15 community reading camps in 2 districts**. This project promotes safe water use and good sanitation and hygiene practices to children who come to read books in the community reading camps.
- The 'Sustainable Spring Mountain Management Project', which protects forests and manages water basins in Kulen District.

## Our Partnerships

World Vision's approaches are closely aligned with both Cambodian government priorities and international development best practices. Notably, Pillar One of the Government's Pentagonal Strategy focuses on reducing health risks from waterborne diseases through improved water supply and sanitation systems, while Pillar Five emphasizes sustainable water resource and waste management - both of which directly reinforce World Vision's WASH investments and environmental health outcomes.

In humanitarian contexts, World Vision co-leads the WASH in Emergencies Sector Working Group alongside UNICEF under the Humanitarian Response Forum. Through this leadership role, World Vision coordinates with NGO partners - including Plan International, CARE, Food for Hunger, Samaritan's Purse, and CARITAS - to strengthen preparedness and develop coordinated WASH contingency plans for flood and drought response, ensuring timely, effective, and well-aligned emergency interventions.



# The Road Ahead: Scaling Sustainable WASH Solutions

WVI Cambodia's 2026–2030 WASH Business Plan builds on proven successes while introducing targeted innovations to strengthen impact. The program will prioritize water supply and quality by expanding access to improved water sources, particularly in climate-vulnerable areas, while continuing to strengthen local partnerships, financing mechanisms, and WASH governance.

In parallel, World Vision is scaling and diversifying its WASH portfolio, creating new investment opportunities. This includes the introduction of water quality monitoring and testing aligned with National Rural Drinking Water Quality Guidelines, combining on-site field testing with certified laboratory analysis in Phnom Penh. The program will also expand into Mondulkiri Province, reaching remote and underserved communities with sustainable WASH solutions.



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