

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Capacity Statement

Who We Are

World Vision International Myanmar (WVIM) is a humanitarian and development organization committed to improving the well-being of the most vulnerable children, their families, and communities across the country. Since 1993, we have worked in both stable and fragile contexts, addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice through long-term community development and life-saving humanitarian response. With nearly three decades of presence, WVM partners closely with government ministries, civil society, faith-based groups, local leaders, and communities to deliver integrated programs in education, child protection, health and nutrition, WASH, livelihoods, and disaster response. Our locally rooted teams ensure culturally relevant, community-owned solutions that support children to thrive. Each year, our programmes reach millions, reflecting our commitment to ensuring children are educated, protected, and cared for in safe and resilient communities.

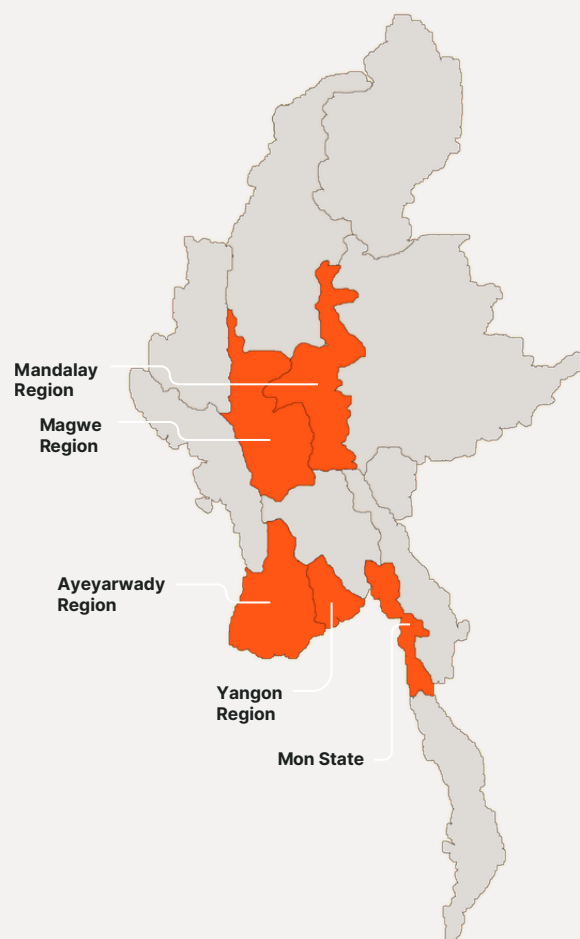
Our Value Proposition

Myanmar's WASH situation is strained by conflict, displacement, climate-induced disasters, and deteriorating services, leaving millions without reliable access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene. These challenges heighten disease risks, undermine child health and nutrition, and weaken resilience in vulnerable, hard-to-reach areas.

We respond through evidence-based, community-driven programming that delivers climate-resilient water systems, inclusive sanitation, and sustained hygiene behaviour change across communities, schools, and health facilities. With over 18 years of

sector experience, we integrate global standards, technical assessments, and local knowledge to ensure equitable, protective WASH environments through emergency and long-term interventions. Our approach delivers value for money, fosters local ownership, and remains sensitive to conflict dynamics, ensuring sustainable impact for children and families.

Where We Work



We deliver WASH interventions across 13 townships in 4 Regions and 1 State.

Main Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Interventions

We customize our programs with globally accepted approaches. We design WASH interventions that are context-specific, child-focused, and aligned with SDG 6, WHO/UNICEF guidelines, and WV's Global WASH Business Plan. Programs are co-created with communities, leaders, and households to ensure ownership and sustainability. With 99% of staff from local communities, we bring cultural sensitivity, trust, and continuity for long-term behavior change. Inclusive consultations elevate voices of women, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups (GEDSI), while accessible feedback mechanisms strengthen accountability (AAP). Conflict sensitivity and Do-No-Harm principles guide every stage, ensuring equitable, responsive interventions.

We prioritize climate-resilient and inclusive WASH infrastructure in communities, schools, and health facilities. We prioritize technically sound, climate-resilient water systems developed through feasibility studies, technical assessments, and engineering designs, implemented with government authorities to ensure safe water in fragile, flood-prone, and drought-affected contexts. We construct and rehabilitate supply systems, provide context-appropriate treatment technologies, and establish child-friendly, gender-sensitive, and accessible WASH facilities in communities, schools, and healthcare centers. Guided by climate and environmental sustainability, our infrastructure withstands shocks and supports long-term health. All facilities embed GEDSI principles, ensuring safety, dignity, and inclusion for every user.

We collaborate and advocate for broader and sustained impact:

For over three decades in Myanmar, World Vision has built strong partnerships with authorities, community-based and faith groups, village committees, and UN agencies. These collaborations enable resource mobilization, joint planning, and community-driven sustainability. We advocate for improved WASH systems, inclusive policies, and resilient infrastructure to secure lasting wellbeing for children and communities. Rooted in localization and accountability, we strengthen local partners and civil society to sustain WASH efforts. By embedding GEDSI and climate resilience, we ensure equitable, inclusive, and future-proof systems.

Tools and Approaches

Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and Local Sanitation Systems

We apply a structured CLTS model with Training of Trainers and Field Simulations to help communities eliminate open defecation. Households construct latrines through a cost-sharing model (70% community, 30% WV), supported by local artisans for ownership and sustainability. Market-based sanitation links households to local enterprises, stimulating supply and demand for affordable options. WASH committees oversee maintenance and cost recovery, while partnerships with authorities ensure handover, continuity, and long-term sustainability beyond WV's direct involvement.

Hygiene Behavior Change and Safe Water Adoption

Our hygiene behavior change approach combines Hygiene Promotion ToT, peer-to-peer outreach, and Nurturing Care Groups to promote handwashing, safe toilet use, infant feces disposal, and household water treatment. Safe water practices are reinforced through ceramic filters, sand filtration, ultrafiltration, and P&G sachets, paired with monitoring and water quality testing. Sustainability is ensured through community monitoring and integration with health structures. By strengthening household capacity and linking to local supply chains, communities retain long-term access to safe water.

School and Health Facility WASH for Child Health and Learning

We integrate WASH in Schools by constructing child-friendly, disability-inclusive, and gender-sensitive latrines, including menstrual hygiene rooms, and ensuring safe drinking water access. Hygiene education fosters lasting behavior change and reduces disease. In healthcare facilities, we strengthen infection prevention through reliable water, sanitation, and handwashing stations. Sustainability is embedded via WASH clubs, teacher training, and health worker capacity building, enabling smooth handover to education and health authorities.

Climate-Adaptive Outdoor Toilets and Innovative Sanitation Solutions

To address climate-linked risks such as flooding and rising water levels, we develop climate-adaptive sanitation solutions including resilient outdoor toilets and floating bio-septic systems. In stilt-house communities, floating toilets sustain sanitation and protect families during disasters. Sustainability is ensured through local innovation, training artisans and entrepreneurs, and linking communities to disaster-risk management frameworks for continuity.

WASH in Emergencies

In emergencies, we ensure rapid access to clean water and safe sanitation through purification supplies, hygiene kits, emergency water points, and gender-segregated facilities. Hygiene promotion prevents disease outbreaks. Sustainability is embedded via transition planning: linking emergency interventions to recovery programs, training WASH committees and authorities to maintain facilities, ensuring immediate gains evolve into durable community systems.

EVIDENCE OF IMPACT - FY 2025



230,665

people gained improved access to safe drinking water, including 59,840 earthquake survivors who received vital support

100

disability-inclusive, gender-sensitive latrines constructed to expand equitable access to sanitation

279

community sanitation facilities completed, providing basic sanitation services to 1,026 people

56,036

people received emergency basic hygiene support, enabling safer sanitation practices and reducing health risks

2,289

children gained access to basic drinking water services at education facilities

202

healthcare facilities received basic drinking water services, strengthening infection prevention and control

1,497

people gained access to handwashing stations with soap and water, improving hygiene practices

83,289

people benefited from integrated WASH interventions, including water supply, sanitation, and hygiene support

23,846

people participated in hygiene awareness and behaviour-change activities, including emergency hygiene promotion

Our Partners

As a member of the WASH Cluster, our WASH programme also partners with government departments (the Department of Rural Development and the Public Health Department), INGOs, local NGOs, CBOs, and donors.

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