

Annual Report 2015

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This annual report provides an overview of the work of World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) from October 2014 to September 2015.

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National Director's Message

Within the Afghan communities where we work, the needs are so many, the challenges being faced are so great, that at times we wonder how we can possibly make a major and lasting difference. However, when each year draws to a close and we look back, we also realize that with God's help we have in fact enabled so many vulnerable children and their families to experience a better quality of life. As you will see presented in this annual report that was true of the year 2015 as well.

“Our Vision for every child, life in its fullness; Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.” This statement of World Vision International is the heart beat of our efforts in Afghanistan. But “our efforts” is certainly not limited to the highly committed and competent staff we have here, nor to the helpful people throughout World Vision who provide such valuable support to us. There are many others who partner with us and they too have “the will to make it so.” Our generous donors, committed government officials and staff, local religious and community leaders, national NGO partners, and especially the Afghan people themselves who, given the chance, the knowledge and resources to better their own lives, are eager to do so.

To each of them, on behalf of World Vision Afghanistan I express my deepest appreciation for making 2015 a year for which we can all look back upon with encouragement and thankfulness that so many children now have a greater measure of life in its fullness.



Who We Are

About us

In 2001, World Vision began working in Afghanistan, a country ravaged by decades of bitter war and devastated by natural disasters. For more than a decade, World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) has been providing both emergency relief and longer-term assistance to those affected, as well as supporting those whose livelihoods had been seriously impacted. To date, WVA's programmes have expanded to development sectors such as health, nutrition, WASH, child protection and education, empowering women to engage in civil, and social change through interfaith partnership. WVA targets the most vulnerable in its interventions, including children, women, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and returnee refugees, as well as the most impoverished and marginalized families.

Our Call and Aspiration

Committed to inspiring hope and creating a better future for Afghan children, their families, and their communities.



Six Programmatic Impact Areas



Improve the health status of mothers and children



Create livelihoods opportunities for the poor and marginalized



Improve children's access to quality education



Respond to disasters



Ensure children are protected and cared for



Empower women



A child with his grandmother –
Health Project's beneficiary

Health

WVA's health programme focuses upon lifesaving activities including nutrition, building the capacity of health care providers, providing emergency and primary health care for IDPs, WASH and Sanitation, and psychosocial support to vulnerable people, mostly children and women. The projects implemented include both curative and preventative approaches. The program aims to ensure children are well nourished; that children are protected from infections and diseases, and that they are able to access essential health services. In 2015 the health program reached 1,109,941 beneficiaries (both directly and indirectly) through five ongoing health projects.

2015 Achievements

Nutrition

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| 12 | Out-patient Therapeutic Programme (OTPs) to provide service to malnourished children. | 52 | Nutrition nurses and project staff have been trained on management of severe acute malnutrition. | 3,178 | Children have been cured in more than 130 villages of 3 provinces through Nutrition sessions. |
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WASH

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| 1,500 | Latrines in 44 villages have been constructed. | 35 | WASH groups have been established and 797 people trained on Water and Sanitation. | 23 | Water sources has been rehabilitated which has provided the access of 11,000 of people. |
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Capacity building

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| 523 | Health care providers have received the refresher courses to deliver quality health service. | 28 | Family Health Action Group (FHAGs) established with 308 female members and 794 of members were trained on Infant and youth feeding. | 40 | People have been received individual counseling and 1030 received group counseling. |
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Psychosocial support

Food Security

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| 1,213 | Women have been trained on vegetable growing, composting and vegetable preservation. | 1,213 | Women have been trained on chicken rearing with focus on signs of common chicken pests and disease prevention, feeding and watering of chickens. | 6,240 | Chickens were procured and distributed to 780 beneficiaries. |
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A child with a WVA ECE teacher
– Education Project's beneficiary

Education

The education programme focus on the realization of the full potential of children through developing capabilities and utilizing their skill to enable them to benefit from future opportunities, jobs and success in life. Furthermore, it also strives to build the competencies of children for economic and social resilience to future challenges. To improve preschool opportunities for children and enhance well-being for their care-givers, the education programme implements Early Childhood Education (ECE) in three targeted provinces. Furthermore, in Herat remedial/tutorial education has been carrying out for street children who have difficulties in different subjects. Moreover, the programme provides livelihood and accelerated literacy opportunities where young adults, ages 15-30, have the opportunity to receive income-generating skills and learn to read.

2015 Achievements

Early Childhood Education

180

Children of age 5 to 6 years from six learning spaces successfully acquired the expected school readiness skills to enroll into the primary school.

280

Primary school students have been involved and assisted to support early childhoods to transit to primary school through reading story books which in turn build the reading skills of the grade 3 students.

180

Female caregivers of the children attending ECE sessions were equipped with knowledge and skills related to maternal and child health and child protection.

891

Street Children Centre

Street children registered in schools participated in tutorial sessions in the centre. All these children passed their first grade exams with high scores and achieved positive recognition from their teachers.

Literacy

1,200

Youth (1100 women and 100 men) successfully completed life skills and literacy teacher training.

WVA has been actively involved as a member in the National Early Childhood Development and Preschool Steering Committee that is led by the Ministry of Education (MoE). In addition, WVA has also been involved with other INGOs in the working group of preschool curriculum development which currently is led by MoE and UNICEF.



Women in the vegetable gardening training -
Livelihood's project's beneficiaries

Livelihoods

WVA's livelihoods and food security programme focuses upon improving household assets and income, resilience, and strengthening the communities' ability to respond to disasters. We target vulnerable families in these provinces through interventions such as improving agricultural production and diversification of seeds, providing livelihood assets such as poultry and beehives, providing vocational skill training for youth, and constructing or rehabilitating irrigational infrastructure. In all its activities community participation and gender inclusive approaches have been used and thereby allowing all levels of the community to engage in planning and implementation. In 2015 the programme reached 22,956 beneficiaries inclusive of both men and women through its four ongoing livelihoods projects in the three target provinces of Herat, Badghis and Ghor.

2015 Achievements Water Infrastructure

4 Solar powered water wells were established in targeted dry land areas to provide water for 850 farmers and their households to use for cultivation and domestic purposes.

31 Safe water wells were dug to provide clean and drinkable water for 600 families.

Food Security

3,000 Women benefited from support for vegetable gardening, coupled with training on marketing, branding and pesticide control.

7,432 Male farmers benefitted from agricultural production support involving multiple trainings in utilization of organic fertilizers and new planting methods. They also engaged in shared learning and demonstration plot visitation across villages, thus enhancing their practical knowledge of propagating new fruits and vegetables, as well as new varieties of wheat.

Income Generation

240 Women who are actively engaged in 'beekeeping' produced more than 100Kgs of honey during last year. **97%** of them reported an increase in their incomes over the previous year.

1200 Youth, both men and women were trained in vocational skills such as carpet weaving, mobile phone repairing, and dress making, among other skills of their choice. These young men and women are now active contributors to their local economy and also assisting fellow young women and men to do the same.



A family— The WVA beneficiaries

Child Protection

WVA's child protection programme mainly focuses on reducing the risk of children experiencing abuse, neglect, exploitation and other forms of violence. The child protection interventions are mainstreamed as a core part of all WVA projects to empower children, families, communities, government and other partners to prevent and reduce risks to children's holistic well-being, while also promoting an enabling environment for realizing children's rights and strengthening systems to respond to child protection issues. WVA's approach for child protection mainly focuses on mobilizing the community through faith leaders and other influential community groups to improve the awareness of negative attitudes toward child care and protection through using Celebrating Families, Community Change and Channels of Hope Child Protection training modules. In addition, a system for reporting incidents related to child protection infringement has been adopted throughout WVA's operations.

2015 Achievements

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| 879 | Community and religious leaders, Community Development Council members, and Child Protection Action Network (CPAN) members were trained to identify and address root causes of child protection issues, as well as to strengthen social mechanisms to create violent free, caring and protective home and community environments for children. | 4,120 | Street children and 1,681 of their parents/caregivers received psychosocial support through individual and group counselling services. Now they have the skills to better deal with life's challenges. |
| 2,029 | Children benefited from the recreational space through play materials in the Street Children centre. Now these children are able to name three ways of self-protection after the counselling sessions and parents/caregivers are able to handle problem of their children after counselling sessions. | 8 | Youth clubs made up of 300 members were established and equipped in 9 IDP settlements. The youth clubs regularly engage in life skill trainings and peer to peer education sessions. |
| 120 | Male and female teachers received mental health and psychosocial awareness and counselling skills training. | 761 | Parents, children, and governmental and non-governmental department representatives were trained on child protection through ECE Session. |



A WVA Family Health Action Group while counseling a pregnant woman about health related issues

Women's Empowerment

World Vision Afghanistan has gender equality development as one of its main priorities. We work to address the distinct needs of Women and Girls through our programmes. Simultaneously, gender balance in staff recruitment has also been seriously taken in to account. WVA also promotes child rights, specifically the nondiscrimination of girl children through both example and advocacy work in the communities.

2015 Achievements



165,198

Girls and female adults were supported through our **Health Programming**.



11,182

Girls and female adults were supported through our **Education Programming**.



7,666

Girls and female adults were supported through our **Livelihoods Programming**.

WVA succeeded to secure two women empowerment projects funded by the European Union and the Government of Australia in July and August 2015 respectively. The main objective of the projects is to promote and help facilitate women's political and civil engagement and rights in 8 districts across Herat province. These two projects will also strengthen the role of civil society in promoting women's rights and the needed democratic reform to ensure those rights in 8 districts of Herat Province.

The combined target beneficiaries of the projects are 2,498 individuals, out of which 1,440 are female and 1,058 are male enablers. Both projects work with various stakeholders to enhance and improve their capacities, in particular the Department of Women Affairs, Women Councils at both the district and village levels, and faith and civil leaders.

A water dam establishing by WVA



Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA)

The WVA HEA programme focuses upon disaster risk reduction (DRR), with occasional response to climate related emergencies within our target working areas. Our HEA approach is to develop DRR and emergency response staff capacity in each of our provincial programmes so that they in turn can capacitate community members.

2015 Achievements

8,656 Snowstorm and drought affected people in Badghis were assisted by WVA through distribution of 220 metric tons of food provided by WFP.

2,352 Families affected by flash floods in Badghis were assisted through the repair of water sources and distribution systems.

60 People have been trained in Disaster Risk Reduction. Now, these people know what they should do when a disaster happens.

WVA is a member of the government's Afghan National Disaster Management Team (ANDMT). In addition, WVA attends the UN Cluster meetings as an active member. WVA established Early Warning Systems in Badghis province in the form of community level disaster preparedness training and equipment. Moreover, the Emergency Management System (EMS) was established at the WVA National and Provincial levels with trained staff to respond to emergency situations.



School students participating in one of WVA campaigns.



Advocacy

World Vision Afghanistan focuses its advocacy efforts on its overall strategic goal of improving both the survival and well-being of Afghan girls, boys and their communities. WVA uses advocacy to help achieve specific child wellbeing outcomes in each of its primary programme sectors of health, livelihoods, and education.

Achievements

In Health, through networking with and mobilizing relevant stakeholders together with Ministry of Public Health (MoPh), WVA began developing a nutrition module to be incorporated in the national midwifery and nursing curricula. Once completed, all the children under 5 who are admitted to health facilities will be checked by trained midwives and nurses based on the new curricula. Moreover, to increase community awareness, prevents future acute malnutrition cases and enables the communities to identify and manage moderate malnutrition World Vision has been advocating for inclusion of the Positive Deviance Hearth Model in the Afghanistan National Nutrition Strategy. As a result, the MoPH accepted the Positive Deviance Hearth (PDH) idea, but changed the name to Community Food Demonstration with duration of three days (this is included the MoPH Nutrition Starndard Operation Program), WVA still advocating to increase the length of the Community Food Demonstration to 12 days.

In Livelihoods, to address extreme poverty, food insecurity and low literacy rates in Badghis province, WVA facilitated an effort by a network of 14 key community members to advocate on behalf of Badghis communities for their rights to government assistance. In an unprecedented move. WVA assisted these community representatives to travel to Kabul where they met with ministry officials and demanded more development aid for Badghis province. Today, evidences and facts are available for government to incorporate in 2016 plan from Badghis province. Moreover For the first time, evidence based information shared with Afghanistan Executive director. WVA Afghanistan look forward to spring when government budget will be allocated to Afghanistan provinces in order to see the outcome of this advocacy.

In Education, WVA knows the importance of influencing community members to see the value of educating girls and avoiding early marriage. Therefore we have provided advocacy training for 761 representatives from district and city level departments of labour, education, women's affairs, public health, as well as primary school principals and teachers to encourage local government to pursue national policies that support education for children, especially for girls.



Voices of our beneficiaries



Health

“Today, Belal is 22 months old and weighs 10.11 kg. You have taught a lot of good things to us,” says Rahima. “You opened our eyes. You helped my child become healthy and made me and other mothers like me happy, so I hope God makes you happy also,” says Rahima. Read more here: <http://www.wvi.org/afghanistan/article/he-alive-thanks-world-vision>



Livelihoods

“I can’t express my feelings through words, but I hope you and those who conducted income generation programmes for the poor and those in need experience success in all aspects of your lives, and that Allah blesses all of you,” added Masoma’s mother. Read more here: <http://www.wvi.org/afghanistan/article/investing-future-afghanistan-increasing-abilities-its-youth>



Education

“I am very proud to be a parent of a child that attended and completed the ECE programme. The programme prepared my daughter for school with indispensable educational knowledge. It also taught her lifelong, everyday knowledge that is essential to surviving in today’s society,” said Nazifa’s mother. Read more here: <https://applications.si.se/EditApplication/90445/7>



Child Protection

“I am happy coming to the Street Children Centre and I wish this centre will be here forever. I want to be a doctor like Mr. Poya. He talked so well with me and my parents. Through talking and painting I have become better. I had never even taken a pencil in my hand, but in here, every day I paint, and learn reading and writing,” says Abdul. Read more here: <http://www.wvi.org/afghanistan/article/life-fullness-%E2%80%93-place-street-children-herat>



Faith in Social Change

“Truly, such training brings happiness and effective changes in our life. I appreciate World Vision and wish they will conduct this training for all of those who have not yet received it.” says Masoma. Read more here: <http://www.wvi.org/article/precious-jewels-hidden-beneath-dust-forgetfulness>

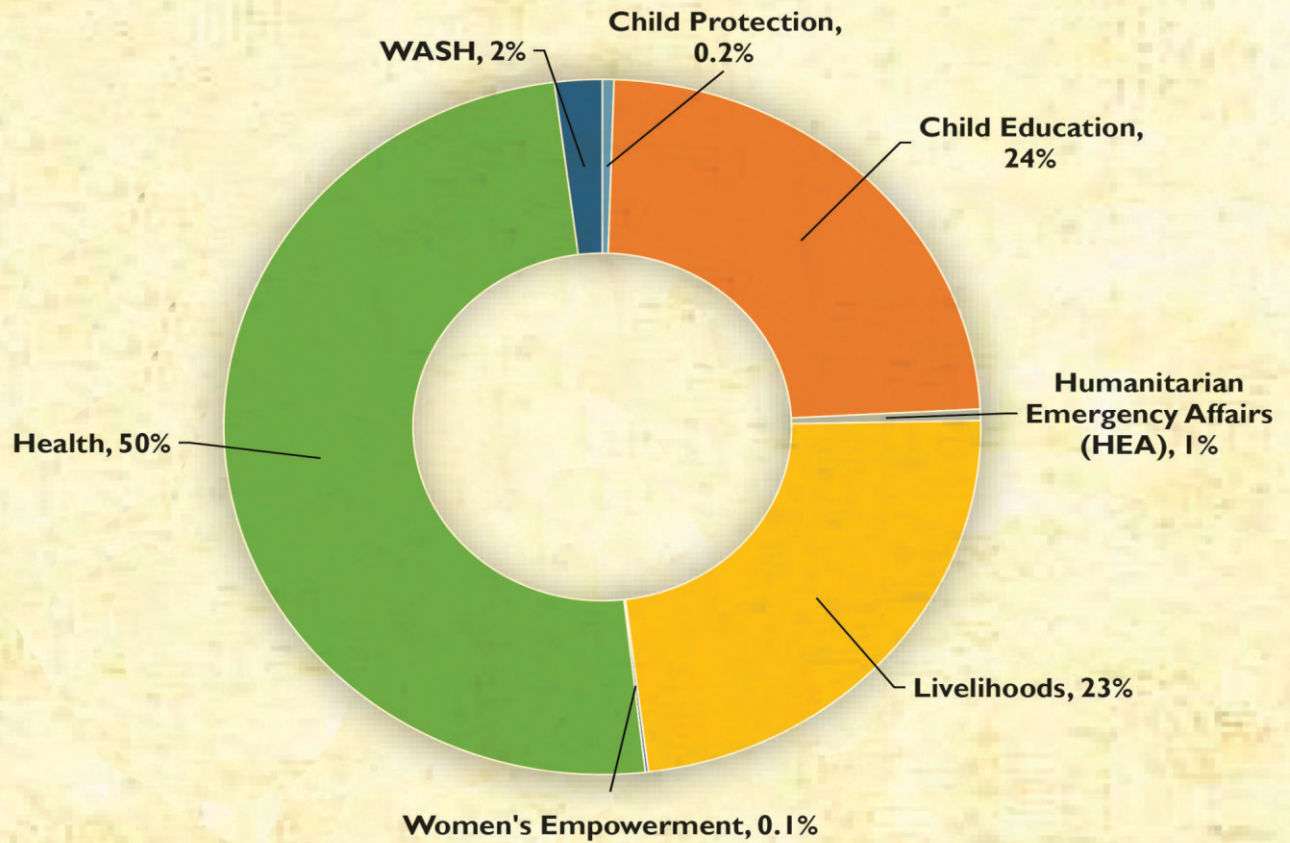
Publications and Research

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1. Herat Citywide Assessment
 2. Youth Economic Livelihoods & Literacy Project Evaluation
 3. Beekeeping Project Evaluation

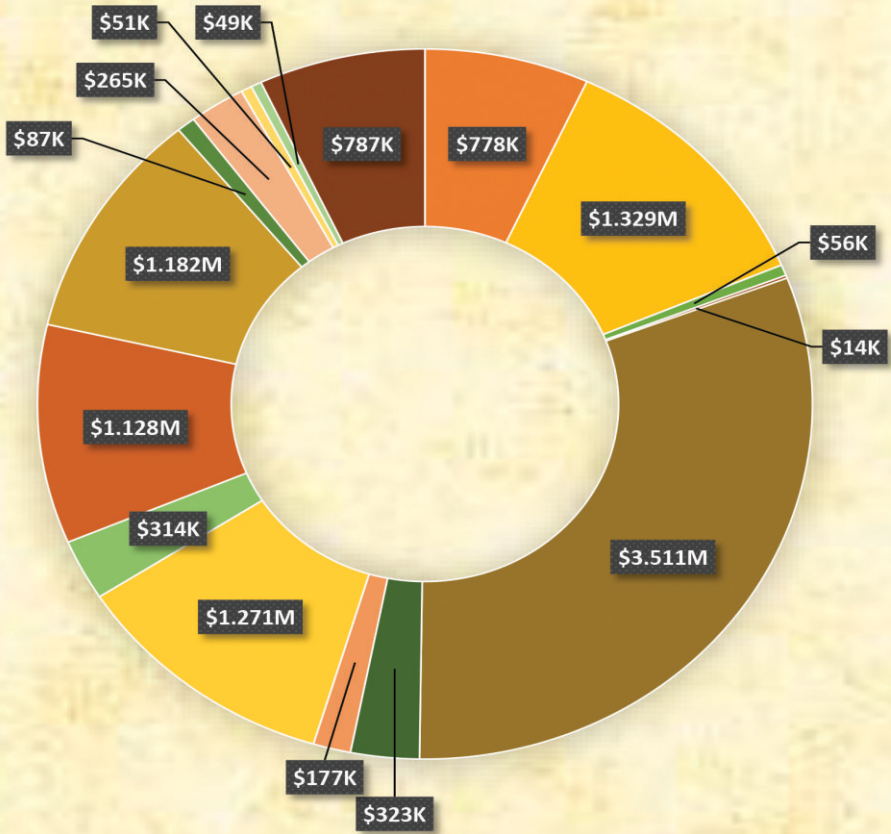
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2015 Budget Allocation



2015 Donors and Partners



- DFATD - Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development
- DFAT - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- UNICEF
- WV Australia
- WFP - World Food Program
- WV United States
- ANCP - Australian NGO Cooperation Program
- JPF - Japan Platform
- USDA
- WV Korea
- OCHA - United Nations Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- WV Japan
- DFID - Department for International Development
- WV New Zealand
- WV United Kingdoms
- European Union

WVA Support Offices

- Australia
- Canada
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- South Korea
- Switzerland
- United States
- New Zealand

Total FY15 Expenditure: \$11.329M

Note: The financial figures include both cash and the cash value of gifts in kind (GIK)

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