



Word Vision Afghanistan  
Country Strategy  
FY 15-17





# Our New Strategy in Summary

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By 2017, World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) will contribute to improving the well-being of 611,000 boys, girls and their families; including the most vulnerable children and families.



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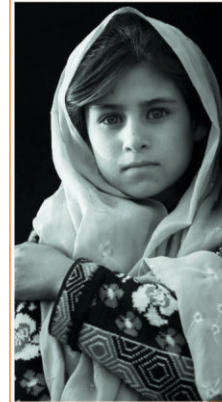


3.2 million Afghan children (50% of children aged 5-14) are in multi-dimensional poverty, experiencing, on average, five simultaneous deprivations out of eight.

## Executive Summary

Children in Afghanistan face some of the worst conditions found anywhere in the world. World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) has proven to be effective in addressing the issues that threaten children's lives and well-being in this country.

At the same time, we face a very challenging security environment. This strategy therefore focuses sharply on those sectorial interventions, programmatic approaches and geographical areas that will enable the best possible results for child survival and well-being, while also managing the associated risks at an acceptable level.





Only 30% of girls have access to education and only 8% of girls in Afghanistan are enrolled in secondary education.

**Our call and aspiration is that we are:**



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

**Responding to the urgent needs of children, our sectorial focus is:**

- **Maternal and child health and nutrition**
- **Education**, with a primary emphasis upon early childhood
- **Livelihoods** that enable families to feed and provide for their children's needs



**Our Goal is:**



Improved survival and well-being of Afghan girls and boys, building the foundations for a better future for them, their families, and their communities.

**Target people groups:** Vulnerable children and their families

**Target Area:** Western region of Afghanistan: Herat, Badghis and Ghor Provinces.





FY 15 – 17 Key objective #1



At least 300,000 children under five years old and 60,000 mothers of child bearing age will be better protected from illness, malnutrition and death through WVA MCHN programming.



## Health Program Strategy

Leveraging WVA's previous strengths and well-established relationships, and recognizing maternal and child health as one of the most urgent needs in Afghanistan, health will continue to be WVA's largest sector in this new strategy period.

Afghanistan has some of the highest maternal mortality and child stunting rates in the world. Because of this WVA interventions will focus on the following issues:

- Access to health and nutrition care for children and mothers
- Increased access to skilled birth attendants
- Improved family health knowledge and practices



WASH will be an area of particular focus and expansion in the coming strategy period.





FY 15 – 17 Key objective #2



At least 60,000 children under eleven years old will have improved access to enriched basic education and life skills development through WVA education programming.

### Education Program Strategy

Among the three program focus areas of health, education and livelihoods, education is where we want to invest heavily to create better balance between all three.

To increase technical and program capacity, we have hired an expatriate child education specialist who will lead the program expansion effort, beginning with a full situation analysis in the first quarter of FY15 and the development of a long term strategy and technical approach by the end of the year.

Go Baby Go (GBG) is another model we are planning to introduce, integrating psycho/social development with our health programming.





FY 15 – 17 Key objective #3



At least 35,000 vulnerable families (70,000 adults, 175,000 children) will have improved means to increase household assets through WVA livelihoods programming.

### Livelihoods Program Strategy

The FY15-17 strategy will be:

- Interventions for conserving natural resources while increasing income
- Interventions for improving women's livelihoods
- Interventions to improve agricultural techniques and access to markets
- Interventions to improve nutrition through agriculture products



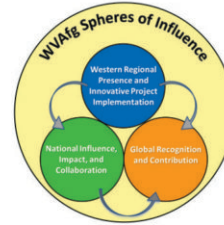
All agriculture projects will consider sustainability issues (e.g. land conservation, natural resource management, and training of young farmers); this is important to address the extreme vulnerability of Afghanistan to climate change and environmental degradation.





FY 15 – 17 Key objective #4

At least two national or regional/provincial government policies or strategies will be changed, developed or influenced in support of improving child well-being in each program sector as a result of WVA's advocacy efforts.



## Advocacy

Each program sector will develop a three year strategy and first year action plan to engage in advocacy within each sphere. Our advocacy efforts will spring forth in a progressive manner from the innovative programming we carry out in our community working areas. Lessons learned, best practices, strategic issues identified, evidence based demonstration models which have scale up potential will provide the rationale behind what we advocate for at all levels identified in the diagram.

This includes advocating for further collaboration within the WV partnership and among other agencies in Afghanistan:

**governmental** and **non-governmental**





Each year 3,271 Afghan women die of pregnancy/birth related causes per 100,000 live births, compared to 11 women who die in the US.



Through Our key FY 15-17 objectives, we will directly address several of the World Vision Child Well-Being (CWB) Aspirations including the four Partnership CWB targets as our priority:

- Increase in mothers and children who access essential health services
- Increase in children who are well-nourished (ages 0-5)
- Increase in children protected from infection and disease (ages 0-5)
- Increase in children who can read by age 11
- Increase in children's experience of well-being



Everything

World Vision does is focused on one

goal

the sustained well-being of children  
especially the most vulnerable.



# *Our Work for Children*



