



World Vision Solomon Islands

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Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Projects (WASH)

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Who We Are

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

Inspired by our Christian values, World Vision is dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

World Vision has had 30 years of community development experience in the Solomon Islands. World Vision partners with children, families, communities, government and other partners to improve lives and combat poverty.



Little girl trying out the new water pipe
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World Vision Solomon Islands has five WASH projects in Honiara, Weathercoast, Malaita, Makira-Ulawa and Temotu. Three of them are school WASH projects operating in Makira, South Malaita and the Weathercoast Area Program.

Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Solomon Islands

According to statistics, 70 percent of people have access to clean water in the Solomon Islands and 32 percent to sanitation. However, generally many believe the actual access rates are far lower than this due to water sources not being clean and given many water and sanitation systems are not operational.

Although most communities see a strong need for access to clean water supply, few neither appreciate the need for sanitation nor understand the important linkages between water, sanitation and good hygiene practices.

The Ministry of Health's Rural Water Supply and Sanitation program (RWSS) has limited staff and resources to complete the number of water projects required and has challenges in successfully delivering sanitation and hygiene promotion programs. RWSS is therefore partnering with NGOs including World Vision to address WASH needs nationally.

Funding Resources

World Vision is a global partnership based on a federated model, with country offices in both the developed and developing world.

Contributions come from private donors, businesses, foundations and government grants. Gifts-in-kind such as food, commodities, clothing, WASH materials, and school supplies are also donated by corporations or government agencies to resource WASH and other projects. Supported by various donors, World Vision has channelled more than USD \$6.4 million in 2013 and an estimated USD \$8.2 million in 2014 into World Vision's work in the Solomon Islands.



"Gone are the fearful days when returning from the streams and water holes would be awaited with the unknowns and untold stories. The days when suspicious husbands await with strings of sarcastic questions about marital honesty for spending too long away at these streams— doing laundry, washing cooking and eating utensils, bathing and the normal things women would usually do with water. Often these ended up with some women colleagues getting beaten up and scorned at."

Matilda, Tige Community,
Weathercoast.

Key Partners & Stakeholders

World Vision Solomon Islands partners with a variety of government agencies, NGOs, community groups and churches.

- ◆ Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS)
- ◆ Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)
- ◆ Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD)
- ◆ Provincial Governments of Makira, Malaita, Guadalcanal, Honiara and Temotu
- ◆ Donor/NGO WASH Working Group
- ◆ UNICEF
- ◆ European Union

Our Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Projects

WVSI believes that communities that have access to clean water and sanitation and practice good hygiene will have reduced disease burden and will have more time to fully participate in educational and economic opportunities. With best estimates of current access to improved sanitation in the rural areas of Solomon Islands being around 32 percent, a clear need for WASH assistance exists. Our WASH projects have transitioned from a more traditional focus on infrastructure delivery (WatSan) to more a inclusive participatory, outcomes focused approach including a strong focus on hygiene promotion. All of our projects are used as a basis to guide our advocacy activities to support the Solomon Islands government in the coordination and delivery of best practice across the WASH sector.

Weathercoast School WASH Project

This three year project started in 2011 and aims to deliver clean water and sanitation along with improved hygiene behavior to one school per year. Schools were selected together with the provincial educational authorities to ensure their priority areas were targeted. The focus of the project is on providing schools with infrastructure while involving the wider community to encourage changed behaviors that can be replicated in the home. This project is funded by a private donor from New Zealand and World Vision New Zealand.

Honiara Urban WASH Project

This four year project aims to improve the health and safety of five communities in Honiara through improved WASH practices by 2016. The five communities' are Sun Valley, Burns Creek, Fulisango, Lord Howe and White River. This project was also used to launch the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) methodology nationally. The goal of CLTS is to end the unsafe practice of open defecation and increase people's understanding of how poor sanitation can significantly affect their health, education and financial wellbeing. The Honiara Urban WASH project is funded Australian Aid and World Vision Australia.

National School WASH Project

This four year project aims to protect 8,800 school children and teachers from Water Sanitation and Hygiene related infections and diseases in 16 schools in Malaita and Makira Provinces. The project began in October 2012 and will continue until September 2016. The project is funded by Australian Aid.

Temotu Tsunami Response WASH Project

This one year project aims to deliver clean water and sanitation along with improved hygiene behavior to 25 communities in Santa Cruz Island affected by the 2013 earthquake and tsunami. The focus of the project is on providing communities with infrastructure and training on water system management. The project also aims to encourage changed behaviour to improve sanitation and hygiene using the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) methodology. This will be the second project using the CLTS methodology and continues WVSI and UNICEF's commitment to bringing CLTS to the Solomon Islands. This project started in June 2013 and is funded by the European Union, UNICEF and World Vision Australia.



A school student from Wanderer Bay Community High school demonstrates washing hand. © WVSI



Demonstration of hand washing as good hygiene practice © WVSI



A school student demonstrates proper sanitation © WVSI