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Impact Report 2023 – Foreword

National Director's Message

We are pleased to share World Vision Afghanistan's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023 (FY23), covering October 2022 to September 2023. Although FY23 was a year full of challenges, we also celebrate in the impact our work has had on the lives of Afghanistan's most at-risk children.

In December 2022, the authorities introduced restrictions on women working for international and national non-governmental organisations. This was a heartbreaking development for all – especially our female colleagues, many of whom are the sole breadwinners for their families. Following the announcement of new restrictions, we promptly made the challenging decision to immediately suspend our activities. This decision highlights the vital role women play in our organisation, both as members of the World Vision Afghanistan team and as recipients of our services.

Profound heartbreak, however, can be a driver for an even more compassionate and effective response. After the authorities exempted the health and education sectors from the ban, World Vision Afghanistan resumed efforts to support the most vulnerable children and women in these areas. World Vision Afghanistan remained committed to its humanitarian principles, actively collaborating with relevant parties to navigate the new rules and restrictions. This approach ensured that we did not abandon our female colleagues, while still adhering to the updated guidelines. World Vision Afghanistan identified alternatives for female colleagues to ensure meaningful engagement in activities,

whilst adhering to the regulations set by the ruling administration. For example, we established an exclusive workspace for our female colleagues, furnishing it with all necessary amenities to ensure a conducive working environment.

Challenges such as this did not stop our committed and dedicated staff from serving the most vulnerable children and communities in Afghanistan. With their dedication and the generosity of our donors, we were able to positively affect the lives of **2,870,770 people** including **1,335,514 children** through our activities in health and nutrition; food security and livelihoods; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); education; and child protection in over **4,184 villages** of Afghanistan.

We express our deep gratitude to our donors and supporters for their unwavering generosity and commitment, as well as to our World Vision Afghanistan staff for their steadfast dedication. Without such support, transforming the lives of Afghan girls and boys would not have been possible.

As we embark on the new year, our team is filled with hope and a renewed commitment to the children of Afghanistan, their families and their communities. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your support in turning commitment into tangible change.

Thamindri De Silva

National Director
World Vision Afghanistan



We are World Vision

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every girl and boy has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our more than 670 staff work hard to empower children to live lives filled with joy and to go further than they could ever have imagined.

Guided by more than 23 years of experience and expertise, our dedicated staff employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

As a leading global partner, we work alongside supporters, stakeholders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope. As a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, we have positively impacted the lives of more than 2.8 million children and adults in Afghanistan and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

We are privileged to serve and work, and to see relationships restored and communities transformed, all as a reflection of the unconditional love that is integral to our faith. And we humbly acknowledge that without the goodness of God and the generosity of donors, we would not be able to do what we do.


Current Programming Targets


- 4 provinces
- 36 districts
- 4,184 villages




FY23 At a Glance

Our Staff


418 
regular staff
 78% male
 22% female

240 
stipend staff¹
 55% male
 45% female

873 
daily workers
 72% male
 28% female

12 
international staff
 75% male
 25% female

Programme and Partners


 2,870,770
direct beneficiaries
 1,335,514 children
 1,535,256 adults


 36
projects/grants


 25
funding partners
 including donors and World Vision Support Offices

¹ Employees hired under stipend contracts are paid a monthly amount for provided services, are only eligible for non-monetary benefits, and are hired only for project activities not for support departments.

Overview of Afghanistan Priority Sectors



Health and Nutrition

WV Afghanistan's health and nutrition programming sought to improve the wellbeing of Afghan girls and boys, to prevent and treat malnutrition, and to reduce life-threatening illnesses among children under-five, women in childbearing ages and the wider population where they do not have access to primary lifesaving health services.

479,303

people received basic health care services in WV Afghanistan health facilities or mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs).

65,817

women of childbearing age and newborn babies received maternal and child health services.

15,932

people received mental health and psychosocial counselling and treatment support.

553,217

individuals received health education promotion sessions.

115,775

children under five received nutrition screening and treatment services.

50,951

pregnant and lactating women (PLW) received nutrition screening and treatment services.

676

community health workers (CHWs) and volunteers attended capacity building opportunities and received CHW kits to provide community-based health care activities.

654

health workers received capacity building on primary health care, maternal and child health, immunisation, nutrition and mental health topics.



Food Security and Livelihood

To tackle food insecurity and climate change shocks, and to increase the number of well-nourished children, WV Afghanistan supported families in meeting their immediate food needs as well as in recovering and developing sustainable livelihoods.

763,854

people received lifesaving food assistance through cash and in-kind assistance.

9,317

malnourished children and PLW received cash for food assistance.

5,180

people received conditional cash assistance and rehabilitated community livelihood productive assets.

19,460

farmers received early recovery agriculture input support.

24,395

farmers received Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) training and follow-up support.

2,100

smallholder livestock keepers received small ruminants, starter fodder and toolkits.

2,100

smallholder livestock keepers received livestock management training, follow-up and linkage support.

20

community animal health workers are identified, trained, equipped and linked to livestock keeper to provide technical support.





WASH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

World Vision Afghanistan’s WASH interventions ensured access to safe and clean drinking water, handwashing facilities, latrines, and sanitation and hygiene services in schools and communities. Through our WASH activities, we contributed to the reduction of diseases among children caused by unclean water and poor sanitation and hygiene.

63,619

people living in emergency settings accessed basic drinking water services through water supply interventions.

39,439

people living in emergency settings accessed to safely managed water services through water supply interventions.

31,436

people living in emergency settings received hygiene kits and hygiene consumables kits.

5,388

children accessed basic handwashing facilities at WV Afghanistan-supported education centres.

39,439

individuals accessed to household handwashing facilities, with soap and water available.

1,996

people accessed basic sanitation through household latrines constructed for vulnerable families.

49

water supply systems were supported – nine rehabilitated and 40 newly constructed.



Education

WV Afghanistan’s education programmes focused on providing children with quality primary education, with an emphasis on reading and writing skills, including for out-of-school girls and boys.

55,509

children benefited from learning opportunities provided by 1,870 Community-Based Education (CBE) and Accelerated Learning Class (ALC) schools.

1,870

School Management Shuras (SMS) were established to support schools’ management and 9,350 school management committee (SMC) members were involved in the management of CBE classes.

1,870

schools received WASH facilities such as hygiene, sanitation and latrines.

72

Early Childhood Development (ECD) spaces were established, and 2,173 children attended these centres.

72

ECD teachers were trained in teaching methodology, learning roots and the creation of learning materials through locally available items.

30

teachers from government hub schools received child protection training.

150

SMC members were trained in community management and responsibilities.

3,073

caregivers were trained on best parenting skills and children rights.

12

ECD classes were sustained and supported by community.

360

children attended volunteer ECD classes.

2,533

students received ECD kits and school kits.

2,160

students and 72 ECD teachers received hygiene kits.





Child Protection

Child protection interventions increased the number of girls and boys who have positive and peaceful relationships in their families and communities. WV Afghanistan's child protection activities also contributed to increasing the wellbeing of girls and boys aged 12–18.

18,599

children and adults received psychosocial support.

10,630

people participated in parenting skills training sessions.

942

children and adults received case management services.

512

community-based child protection committee members have been engaged in supporting the prevention of, and response to, child protection issues in the communities.

3,480

children and adults received psychosocial support kits.

900

women received dignity kits.

4,280

children attended life skills sessions.



Community Voices on Impacts

Good Health is a Blessing!

Sakina, an 11-year-old girl, struggled with severe throat pain while eating or breathing, leading to sleepless nights. She suffered from tonsillitis for several years, with the pain intensifying as she grew older.

Her family, unable to afford medical treatment, lived in a village without a clinic. To seek help, they had to travel three hours by donkey to the nearest facility. Despite multiple visits and medications, her pain persisted.

Ultimately, WV Afghanistan intervened to facilitate her treatment and surgery. Two months after the procedure, Sakina's health improved significantly. She now enjoys eating various foods, speaks comfortably, and is free from pain.

"Now, I can enjoy any kind of food. I can speak properly and am relieved from the pain," she said. "Good health is a blessing!"





From Dream to Reality

Nayeb, a second grader, often missed school as he had to fetch water for his family. This task required a three-hour daily walk due to the absence of a local water source. Nayeb longed for a water facility in his village to attend school regularly without interruptions.

WV Afghanistan constructed a water network in the village, turning Nayeb's dream into a reality.

"The water tap has come to our house. Because of this network, I won't be absent from school anymore," he said. "If we did not have this network, we would have to be moved to another place."

Our Impact in FY23



778,181 people

including 292,969 children received medical treatment.



141,858 people

including 127,773 children received education services through CEB, ALC and ECD centres.



1,008,462 people

including 542,220 children received food, cash and early recovery livelihood assistance.



26,819 people

including 15,497 children received protection support.



137,126 people

including 64,077 children received access to clean water and received hygiene services.



143 people

including 9 children and 134 adults received faith and development services.

Advocacy Engagements

This year, there was an increase in restrictions placed upon Afghan women, especially related to access to education and participation in public life. Most notably, a 24 December 2022 edict severely limited women's freedom to work for non-governmental organisations. In April, this was extended to include the United Nations's female staff. In addition, the authorities' instruction to transfer all education programming delivered by international organisations to local actors also impinged upon WV Afghanistan's programming.

Nevertheless, were all these restrictions reversed, the single biggest challenge facing Afghans would remain inadequate funding of the humanitarian response, and neglect of longer-term development investment by the international community.

As a result, despite the wide range of external and internal audiences that WV Afghanistan has engaged with, the advocacy efforts in FY23 primarily focused on tackling these two specific challenges. Much of the in-country advocacy WV Afghanistan has undertaken this year was oriented towards maximising the space within which organisations can work to support Afghanistan's most at-risk people, while fully including female colleagues in project delivery. WV Afghanistan adopted a problem-solving posture in engagements with the authorities. In all four provinces in which WV Afghanistan is operational, our female colleagues were actively involved in humanitarian response in the allowed sectors. While there are variations from province to province, WV Afghanistan was able to operate in diverse sectors thanks to painstaking local and provincial-level engagement, and full participation in the Humanitarian Cluster Team and interagency groups such as the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief and Development (ACBAR).

Regarding the authorities' imposition of a version of localisation in the education sector, WVA participated actively in a Technical Working Group that successfully secured an extension to the original 40-day deadline for the transfer of education programming to local actors. This avoided significant disruption to schooling, especially in areas where few local actors had been capacitated to deliver education programming.

In response to the authorities' mandate for localising education programmes, WV Afghanistan played an active role in a technical working group, successfully securing an extension to the original 40-day deadline for the transfer of education programming to local entities. This prevented significant disruption to schooling, especially in areas where local entities were not yet equipped to manage such programmes.

Internationally, WV Afghanistan collaborated with Support Offices to address the ongoing funding gap, exacerbated by increasing reticence to fund projects in Afghanistan due to the decisions of the authorities. WV Afghanistan advocated for practical and principled collaboration with the ruling authorities to prevent the escalation of the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, where an estimated 29.2 million people require assistance. For example:

- In December, after significant interagency advocacy effort with which WV Afghanistan engaged via the World Vision's New York delegation, the United Nations Security Council resolved that humanitarian work will not be subject to sanctions constraints. This has provided significant reassurance to agencies such as WV Afghanistan, as well as banks whose appetite for risk may affect their willingness to facilitate transactions with sanction-affected countries.



- World Vision Canada engaged with WV Afghanistan over successive years to secure changes to the Criminal Code that had effectively prevented Canadian assistance benefiting Afghanistan since the change of government in 2021. This year these changes were made.
- World Vision New Zealand built on the visit of former WV Afghanistan National Director Asuntha Charles to advocate for additional humanitarian funding for Afghanistan and were acknowledged specifically for their role in advocating for this support when an additional US\$6.8 million was released by the Government of New Zealand.
- WV Afghanistan supported the World Vision Brussels office in their work to build consensus around more-than-humanitarian programming, especially via the Senior Officials Meeting on Basic Needs in September. Reports indicate that this consensus was emerging by the end of this fiscal year (September 2023).
- As a result of reductions in funding from the United Kingdom (UK), funding for Afghanistan in FY22 was cut mid-year, from £280 to £240 million, before FY23's budget was announced at £100 million. In conjunction with World Vision UK, WV Afghanistan continued to advocate for committed, flexible and predictable funding. WV Afghanistan was pleased to see the UK issue one of the first grant calls following the ban on female non-governmental organisation workers – which incorporated many of the outcomes advocated for. World Vision UK and WV Afghanistan were awarded the funding. The DAWAM project will be worth £14 million over the next two years, impacting over 3 million Afghans, with a possible third year if fiscal and operational conditions allow.

On the two-year mark since the Taliban's resurgence in Kabul in August, there was an opportunity to reinforce the message that there are still significant needs, programming is possible with female colleagues, and that the primary obstacle to fulfilling Afghans' basic right to life is the lack of sufficient funding for humanitarian efforts. WV Afghanistan garnered interagency support for a letter published in The Guardian that highlighted these issues. This effort was complemented by providing advocacy resources to Support Offices and positioning WV Afghanistan's National Director, Thamindri De Silva, as a spokesperson for media engagements.

In total, an estimated 15,768,000 children are classed in World Vision's Ministry Indicator 3 (MI3), which is defined as the total number of vulnerable children whose lives have been positively affected by policy or implementation changes to which World Vision has contributed, and which address the root cause of vulnerability. This number represents 54% of Afghanistan's children.

In conclusion, WV Afghanistan – through media and public engagements, as well as advocacy efforts at the national and global levels – maintained global attention on the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, ensuring increased funding opportunities. This allowed WV Afghanistan to continue addressing the needs of the most vulnerable in FY23.

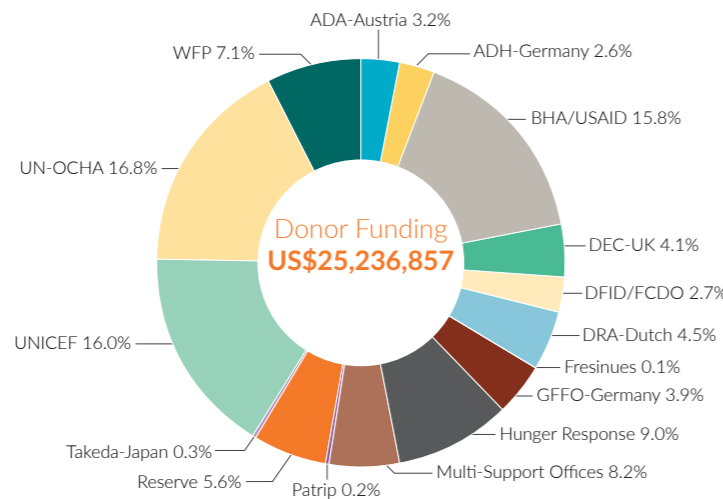
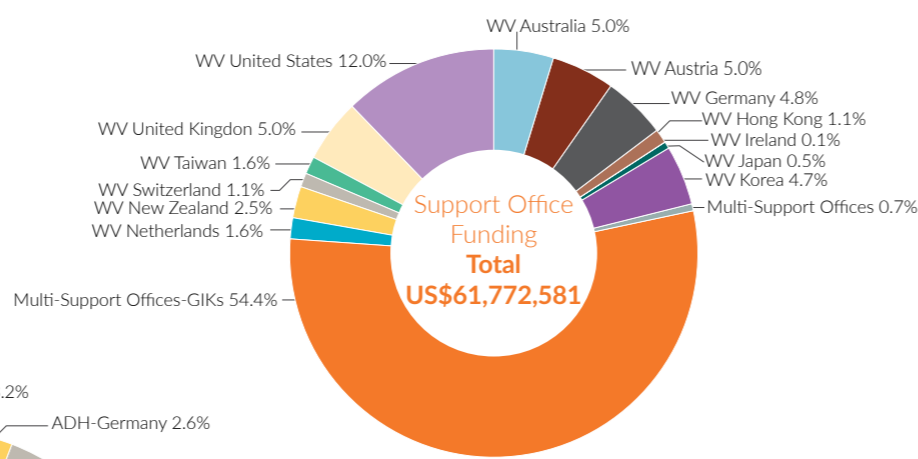
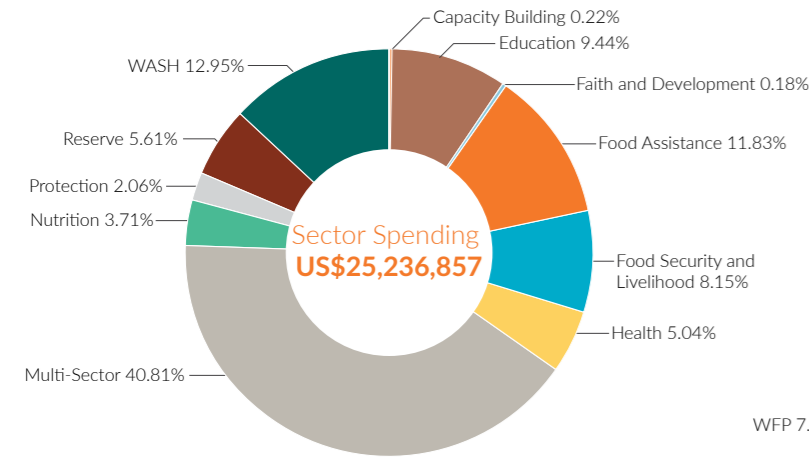
Financial Summary

Total FY23 expenditures (cash funding):
US\$25,236,857

including contributions from World Vision Support Offices.

Total FY23 expenditures for cash value of the gifts-in-kind (GIK):
US\$33,615,606

Note: The below financial figures include both cash, and the cash value of gifts-in-kind (GIK) funding.



Our Partners

We would like to thank our donors and Support Offices for their great generosity! This support helps to further our mission of bringing hope in the lives of the communities, especially the most vulnerable children in Afghanistan. Your support is invaluable.

A special thank you to our partners and supporters below.

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Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness.
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

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