

# World Vision Afghanistan

## Sustained Humanitarian Response (WVA-SHR)

### SITUATION OVERVIEW AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

The [Humanitarian Needs Response Plan \(HNRP\) for 2025](#) was published in December and estimates that 22.9 million people are anticipated to need humanitarian assistance in 2025. It calls for USD 2.42 billion in international assistance to cover these needs. Crisis levels of food insecurity (IPC3 or worse) pertain in 31 provinces out of 34. While humanitarian assistance, [modest improvements](#) in household purchasing power, and slightly improved agricultural production have stabilised the deterioration experienced since the economic collapse of late 2021, following the international withdrawal, 14.8 million people (nearly 34% of the population) are classified in IPC Phase 3 or above (Crisis or worse) and will be in urgent need of humanitarian food assistance between [November 2024 and March 2025](#).

Afghanistan's children have continued to bear the brunt of many of these impacts. [The 2024 Global Hunger Index](#) reported that 44.6% of under-five-year-olds in Afghanistan are stunted.

### RESPONSE STRATEGY

In response to complex and evolving humanitarian needs, WV Afghanistan Response strategy follows a multi-sectoral approach that addresses the diverse needs of communities. This strategy integrates interventions across critical sectors such as health, nutrition, WASH, education, protection, and livelihoods, ensuring a comprehensive and coordinated response. The goal is to provide immediate assistance while also laying the foundation for long-term recovery and resilience. WV Afghanistan bases its response on evidence and a thorough assessment of the needs of vulnerable populations.

WVAfghanistan strives to integrate the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management approach to involve communities in decision-making processes aimed at protecting and rehabilitating disaster-affected livelihoods.

In our overall response, safe and accountable programming is foundational. We aim to ensure that service provision does no harm and that robust accountability mechanisms are in place.

accountability mechanisms are in place. These mechanisms allow the community to receive information about services and provide feedback. Systems are also in place to encourage the active participation of the community in these processes. World Vision Afghanistan is:

- Keeping focus on children and the most vulnerable, including women.
- Supporting the localisation agenda and helping local partners play a stronger role and greater leadership in humanitarian assistance, improving the effectiveness of humanitarian aid and ensuring the sustainability of our work.
- The program focuses on gradually testing and piloting area-based and nexus programming in locations affected by the earthquake. It aims to build on the gains made during the emergency response, helping communities recover and rebuild their lives by providing agricultural support, improved inputs, livestock services, knowledge and skills, and disaster preparedness.
- Supporting the local partners through regular capacity building, coaching and mentoring as well as ongoing engagement and regular technical advice.
- Integrating ENOUGH Campaign outcomes into project indicators and activities throughout FY25 and FY26, wherever systemic and household food security and nutrition are relevant.
- Complementing ENOUGH Campaign implementation with appropriate international, in-country, and community-facing advocacy.

### \$ FUNDING

WV Afghanistan surpassed its FY25 funding target of USD50 million, securing 106% of the goal.

### STAFFING

No. of current total staff  
786 (12 expatriates & 688 nationals,  
including 83 new hired)

No. of other staff  
(0 consultants & 3 deployments)



## TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED

**208,786** individuals (51,141 girls, 55,511 boys, 66,169 women & 35,965 men)



## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



### Integrated Health, Nutrition & Well Being Support

WV Afghanistan have continued to provide lifesaving health and nutrition services through the two Mobile Health & Nutrition Teams (MHNTs), 24 Fixed Health & Nutrition Centres (FHCs) and 22 Family Health Houses (FHHs) in the targeted locations. Throughout the reporting period, 132,628 individuals received health and nutrition support.

- **3,890 women** received maternal healthcare care.
- **186 pregnant women** were supported with critical delivery services.
- **4,823 women** accessed family planning services and reproductive health awareness.
- **2,510 individuals** received MHPSS support.
- **1,904 women of childbearing age and children under five** received vaccination services.
- **6,490 children** were screened for malnutrition, with 855 children (212 with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and 643 with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM)) admitted for treatment.
- **2,724 pregnant and lactating women (PLW)** were screened for malnutrition, with 639 admitted for treatment.
- **3,304 PLW received Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)** counselling.
- **32,882 individuals** received health education and awareness-raising support.
- **2,755 individuals** (224 girls 239 boys, 1,338 women, 644 men) participated in various awareness-raising sessions, including parenting skills training, life skills development, counselling, group discussions, and child protection workshops.

- **50 children** (26 girls, 24 boys) received case management and individual protection assistance (IPA).
- **182 committee members** (77 women, 105 men) attended capacity-building training to enhance community protection systems and understand their role in child protection.
- **139 cases** (21 girls, 17 boys, 74 women, 27 men) were identified for distress support and received social assistance.



## WASH

The provision of WASH services continued to address the critical needs of the community by supplying clean and safe water, while promoting hygiene and sanitation practices, reaching a total of 50,205 individuals during the reporting period:

- **20,660 individuals** (4,670 girls, 4,627 boys, 5,796 women, 5,567 men) gained access to clean water through the rehabilitation of seven water networks and the construction of one new network. Six of these networks are located in Faryab and two of them are in Ghor province.
- **18,386 individuals** (4,157 girls, 4,118 boys, 5,157 women, 4,954 men) were reached with hygiene best practice messages which positively impacted behaviour in adopting good practices.
- **11,159 individuals** received hygiene kits. Additionally, 1,700 menstruation hygiene management kits were distributed to women aged 15 to 45 years, improving personal hygiene in the targeted areas in Faryab and Badghis provinces.
- To scale up sanitation coverage in World Vision's operational areas, a Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach was implemented in Faryab province. Community members identified barriers to sanitation access and developed local solutions. As a result, 11 communities were triggered and received follow-up support to establish sanitation facilities, increasing coverage from 47% to 100%.



## Food Security and Livelihood

In response to acute food insecurity, agricultural underproductivity, climate shocks, and vulnerabilities, the Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) sector, in coordination and alignment with the wider humanitarian community in Afghanistan, has responded to lifesaving emergencies and recovery efforts. This support has been crucial in ensuring community survival, helping communities adapt, and assisting in the recovery of their livelihoods.

- **51,874 individuals** received lifesaving food assistance through distributions and cash-based transfers, empowering them to meet their specific needs while supporting local markets and fostering economic stability.
- **4,620 smallholder farmers** were trained in improved agricultural practices and provided with drought-resistant seeds and toolkits, boosting productivity and resilience against climate shocks while addressing chronic underproductivity.
- **20 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs)** received follow-up support and provided vital veterinary services to smallholder livestock keepers in remote areas, protecting livestock, reducing livestock disease and mortality while boosting productivity and food security.
- **30 vulnerable households** received winter fodder support, protecting their herds and livelihoods.
- **2,100 individuals** in disaster-prone communities received temporary jobs and support to restore community-shared livelihood assets, using community-led, nature-based solutions to reduce climate-related shocks and economic risks.



## Advocacy

World Vision Afghanistan was elected to the **Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)** in January, providing a platform to support the improvement of coordination and coherence within the humanitarian response, including in the formulation of shared policy priorities and positions.

WV Afghanistan undertook a series of meetings with line ministries to clarify World Vision's mission, adherence to humanitarian principles, and operational impact.

In December, WV Afghanistan met in person with **Emergency Directors Group (EDG)** chair and OCHA Director of Operations and Advocacy, Edem Worsunu, as part of an in-person interagency engagement in Geneva organised by ICVA. WV Afghanistan also met with the EU Mission in Geneva, Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR), and Education Cannot Wait, primarily with a view to shaping their **Geneva advocacy in relation to Afghanistan's nuance, and relationship building.**

WV Afghanistan also spoke at a sector-wide interagency online engagement with the UK Special Representative on Afghanistan, and participated in a bilateral meeting with the head of the humanitarian section, discussing the US Executive Order suspending aid and urging flexibility from FCDO and other donors.

The FSL team engaged with UNFAO at both regional and field levels, continuing the National Director's national-level efforts to rebuild our partnership. This engagement allowed the World Vision team to understand and inform FAO's approaches, project modalities, and targeting strategies, as well as informing World Vision's agriculture-based livelihoods. The collaboration also aimed to enhance cooperation and deduplication of interventions in localities in which both agencies are present.



## Partnership

As part of our commitment to empowering local leadership of humanitarian response, the Partnership team at WV Afghanistan intensified its proactive search for identifying and engaging potential partners, through whom more at-risk people can benefit from the support World Vision has raised. Initial consultations were conducted with seven local organisations. These discussions focused on understanding each organisation's motivations for collaboration, as well as their core values, vision, mission, and potential areas of synergy. As part of the process, due diligence for four organisation was completed and one rapid capacity assessment and one comprehensive organisational assessment for these organisations are completed during the reporting period.

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Currently World Vision has three active agreements under different grants with local partners—Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan (AADA), Vision Development Organisation (VDO) and Organization for Community Coordination and Development (OCCD). In close collaboration of WV, the local partners are implementing a part of the project in 35 villages in six districts of Herat & Badghis provinces.

## Resources

Video: [Every Child Deserves ENOUGH ... | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)

Video: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/hpj47737g1ixl4364w4v8j20332ujo62>

Story: [More than A Midwife | Afghanistan | World Vision International](#)

Story: [Story H-b - World Vision - Ali Story Captionsheet.docx](#)

Photos: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/aafkj65d882g8h6s0df72t4th84pl3d4>

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Children learn and grow at an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre in Herat.

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