

This annual report provides an overview of the impact of the work done by World Vision Afghanistan from October 2019 to September 2020. Content Providers: Monitoring and Evaluation Team and Sector Leads

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National Director's Message

Together, we have made a difference.

The year 2020 had been a rather eventful year for us. The pandemic has impacted all aspects of our work – from running programs, to planning finances, to coordinating staff, to how the staff collaborate with communities and stakeholders situated across the provinces where we operate. However, we have also realized that these challenges were paving the way for new opportunities and innovative ways of working in the sector – a chance to renew how we tackle global problems together as a community. In spite of all these challenges we had many achievements and have made progress on several fronts.

World Vision Afghanistan (WV Afghanistan) is working around the clock to ensure that the health and well-being of children are protected. We invite you to review our results from 2020 and to be assured our work is going full force in 2021, adapting as needed to new realities and committed to doing whatever it takes to give children the childhoods and future they deserve.

The pandemic is leaving a trail of destruction for marginalized communities and their children. But I have faith that with you by our side, we'll be able to do everything we can to help them survive and thrive, even in a COVID world. This may be the toughest crisis that we'll face in our lifetimes, but together, we can ensure that coming generations continue to hope for a brighter future. We realize our increased responsibilities and the role of WV Afghanistan will become even more meaningful in the times to come.

On behalf of the Management Team, I would like to thank the team at WV Afghanistan for working so tirelessly and thank the World Vision partnership for supporting us through the crisis.

Our affiliation with them has helped us stay in tune with the global trends and best governance practices. This helps us in building trust with both our donors and the communities that we serve.

Finally, I would like to thank our donors, our government representatives, and our Afghan community members for their continuous support towards the implementation of WV Afghanistan's meaningful programs across Afghanistan. We achieved tremendous results for children last year. Together, we have reached 642,761 individuals (299,605 children and 343,156 adults) through our different interventions such as health and nutrition, water and sanitation, education and more. In these difficult times, we thank you more than ever for your compassion, generosity and determination to ensure children in Afghanistan survive, learn and are protected. They need us now more than ever – and they deserve the best we have to give. We hope you enjoy reading about some of our notable achievements as summarized in this report — and that you, like us, will feel inspired and hopeful that ultimately we can find ways to rebalance every immune system back to health. We're well aware that some changes or restrictions may be with us for quite some time yet. For now, we will keep working closely with our communities to be agile and resilient, so that together we can find safe and innovative COVIDfriendly ways to move our programs forward.

Thank you so much for standing by us as we continue on this journey of transforming children's lives!

Asuntha Charles National Director World Vision Afghanistan



Who We Are

In 2001, World Vision began its operation in Afghanistan with an emergency response to address the urgent needs of children and families affected by natural disasters and decades of conflict. More than a decade later, World Vision Afghanistan expanded to long-term development programming in the western part of Afghanistan.

WV Afghanistan strives to ensure all children experience good health; are educated for life; and are cared for, protected, and participating in efforts to achieve those basic needs. We are proud to say that we have an excellent reputation among Afghan communities and are privileged to be widely accepted in the three provinces in which we work. WV Afghanistan views project implementation as partnership.

Where We Work

Our work is well established in Herat, Badghis, and Ghor provinces in the western region of Afghanistan. We work closely with all levels of society including children, parents, teachers, village councils, religious leaders, ministries, provincial departments, and other national and international agencies.



Our Promise

Our strategy is a promise to the well-being of the world's most vulnerable boys and girls: that we will relentlessly pursue our vision for every child – life in all its fullness – and our prayer for every heart – the will to make it so.

2020 at a Glance







Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition

that benefits girls and boys under 5



950 pregnant women

attended by a skilled birth attendant



2,425 children under 5

admitted for treatment of acute malnutrition and were discharged as cured



33,227 individuals

participated in community health and awareness sessions



1,157 children under 5

received the vaccine for diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus



41.613 individuals

received mother and child health services such as antenatal and postnatal care, delivery, family planning, and infant and young children feeding services



15 Family Health Houses

established, while 253 Family Health Action Groups and 30 World Vision trained midwives deployed in their communities, providing services to mothers and children



16,083 individuals

health professionals, community members and leaders, community health workers, and school staff received health education sessions



5,564 individuals

received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services



10,396 malnourished pregnant and lactating women

provided with Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food- micronutrients



138 Out Patient Departments

established and operational in providing services for treatment of acute malnutrition



Impact

- **2,050** children under 5 admitted for treatment of Severe or Moderate Acute Malnutrition (ECHO funded project implemented in Herat)
- **91.6%** of children under 5 are fully immunized, which means more families and children have access to vaccination now
- Exclusive breastfeeding is practiced by 100% (baseline = 67%) of the sampled household mothers
- Prevalence of diarrhea amongst under-5 children decreased from 64% to **39%**
- **85.1%** of mothers reported that they initiated breastfeeding within one hour after delivery to the new-born (Area Integrated Program [AIP] evaluation report)

Partners

- Department of Public Health in the respective provinces
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
- European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

Core Project Models*

- Provision of Primary Health Care through Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams
- Full implementation of the Integrated
 Management of Acute Malnutrition approach
- Implementation of Infant & Young Child Feeding in Emergencies
- Community Midwifery Education
- Home-based Lifesaving Skills approach
- mHealth (mobile health)

* Project models are sets of evidence-based practices for improving child well-being. They are made up of processes and interventions that have been found to work across a variety of contexts to design and implement programmes, that are cost-effective and deliver sustainable results.





Education

with an emphasis on reading and writing skills for primary school age and out of school children – especially girls



650 students

in grade 3 participated in child mentorship



1,128 teachers

trained in various training approaches and topics



640 adolescents

trained to have the ability to be change agents for community mobilisation



20 Early Child Development centers

established and providing ECD in targeted communities



102 youth clubs established with 2,540

established with 2,540 members undertaking peer-to-peer education activities



240 female caregivers

ready to generate income for their families through vocational skills training



45 ECD management committees

established and operational in targeted locations, and 225 member of the committees trained on community change model



620 community members

reached through awarenessraising sessions and access to information on education



570 children

graduated from Early Child Development (ECD) and successfully transitioned into primary school; 810 children are currently attending ECD classes







Livelihoods and Food Security

that enable families to feed and provide for their children's needs, particularly related to their health and education



884 women farmers sold produce in the market



7 irrigation infrastructures rehabilitated



30,530 households provided with livelihood productive assets/inputs



1,549 farmers trained in marketing skills



46,582 households benefited from irrigation infrastructure improvements



31,687 farmers trained in agriculture practices/technologies



28,838 farmers
had a harvest (out of those
who were supported in
agriculture production)



7 local producers groups

formed to promote agriculture production and marketing



460 community members

trained in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR); 74 DRR toolkits distributed to the established committees



20 governmental extension workers

identified and trained in improved agriculture technics



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Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) that benefits schools and communities with latrines, hand-washing

facilities, and clean drinking water



16,094 students reached with six clean drinking water sources



616 taps installed from successful water supply systems in the communities



62 boreholes completed and commissioned in the communities



137,021 people participated in community hygiene behavior change programming sessions



10,735 students provided with access to basic sanitation facilities in three schools



21 water points from non-functioning water sources rehabilitated, including for primary use by education facilities



11 water points from non-functioning water sources rehabilitated in the communities



67,918 people provided with access to an improved drinking water source in communities



81 WASH committees

formed and trained with a resource mobilization system set up for maintenance and repair



2 health facilities

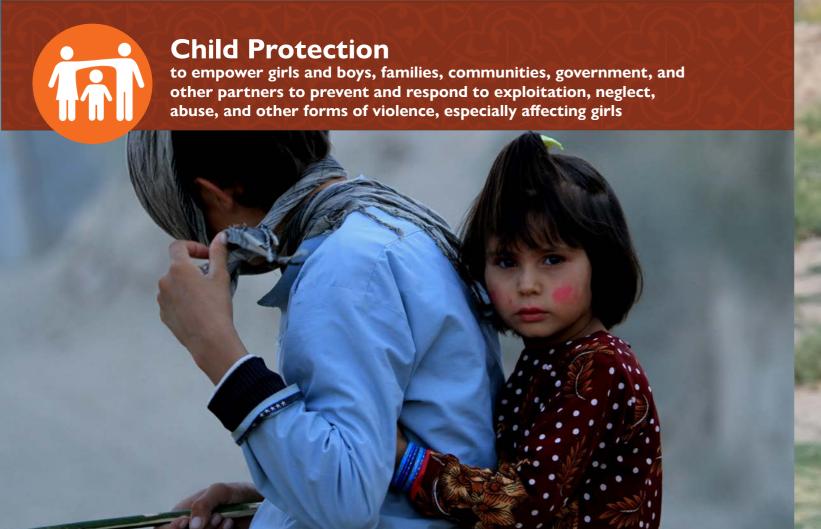
provided with access to an improved drinking water source; 13 water points from non-functioning water sources rehabilitated and for primary use in health facilities



3,341 people provided with access to improved sanitation facilities; these facilities were constructed in 547 households



Impact • 88% of households have access to a drinking water supply of at least 20 liters/day/person within **30** minutes round trip of the household • **52%** of households targeted by the hygiene promotion program store their drinking water safely in clean containers • 84% of people were able to cite at least three out of five critical times for hand washing • 39% (259 out of 660) of households who have a child under 5 reported having cases of children under 5 experiencing diarrhea in the two weeks prior to the evaluation survey; this is 19% lower than baseline value • **72%** of people had access to basic (improved) household sanitation facilities Sorces: "Life Saving Drought Response in Badghis" Evaluation Report (2020), OFDA 1 project implemented in Badghis, and Area Integrated Program [AIP] evaluation report World Vision **Partners** ورلد ويـژن • Ministry and Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Development • Ministry and Department of Public Health ruction of Hand Washing Station Ministry and Department of Education • Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & ساخت مكان مسنن دست ها Livestock Milad, 12, is a student of fifth grade, living in peri urban area of Herat city. His Sesame Workshop school had insufficient WASH infrastructures such as potable water and sanitation Proctor & Gamble facilities. "The toilets were not proper and enough for all students. There were UNICEF no water taps to wash our hands after toilet," says Milad. Addressing the WASH challenges, World Vision provided water and sanitation facilities in Milad's school. **Core Project Models** He was surprised when he returned to school. "The water is clean, not salty. I • Integrated water, sanitation, and hygiene can easily wash my hands and drink the water whenever I need. There are many promotion clean toilets with water taps now. I cannot believe it," says Milad. 22 23



577 children

received remedial education through tutorial classes

4,165 children

learned life skills to make informed choices and participate in decisions affecting their lives through peer learning activities (reached by children clubs activities and peer educators)

1,733 street working children

received problem-solving counselling

actively working in changing negative harmful practices (early marriage, child

> protection issues, etc.) for children

36 community

change group's

9 child forced marriages

were investigated by the police and prosecuted by law, resulting in a conviction

2,177 community leaders/actors

trained on child rights protection issues (violence, early marriage, child labour exploitation, etc.)



2,260 parents/ caregivers received parental

education



2,543 faith leaders

engaged in providing awareness in child protection issues, peacebuilding, and more (through Friday prayers, oneto-one advice, other events)



70 faith leaders

trained on peacebuilding and social norms change curriculums such as gender in Islam, protection, prevention of early child marriage, and Channels of Hope



188,371community members

reached by awareness sessions/events on child rights, child protection, prevention of early child marriage, gender, etc



23 child forced marriages

were solved through community change groups, women Shuras and faith leaders



240 civil society organizations '

staff and targeted key community members (including women leaders) able to participate in discussion about issues that may give rise to tension





Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA) Afghanistan COVID-19, Drought and Flood Response

Health and Nutrition

Livelihood



49,631 individuals

of drought-affected internally displaced persons (IDP) provided with emergency lifesaving health and nutrition services, reached by the mobile health and nutrition teams



64,557 individuals

from IDP and host communities received health and nutrition services from mobile health and nutrition teams



30,530 households provided

with livelihood productive assets/inputs, while 28,838 farmers had a harvest

WASH



18,888 people

provided with improved sanitation facilities for emergency settings



259,030 people

provided with access to basic hygiene items in emergency settings



assistance

Education



304 child-based education centres

restablished and providing Community-Based Education (ČBE) in targeted communities

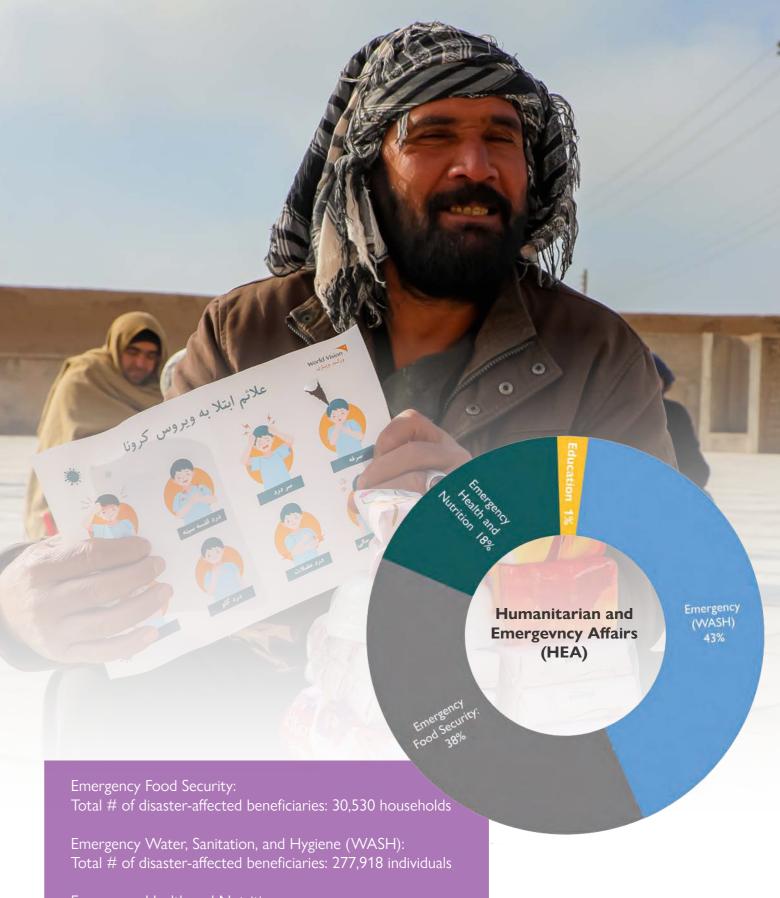


9,961 children

age 7–10 years completed one year of CBE classes and are registered by Department of Education; 300 children are currently enrolled and attending CBE



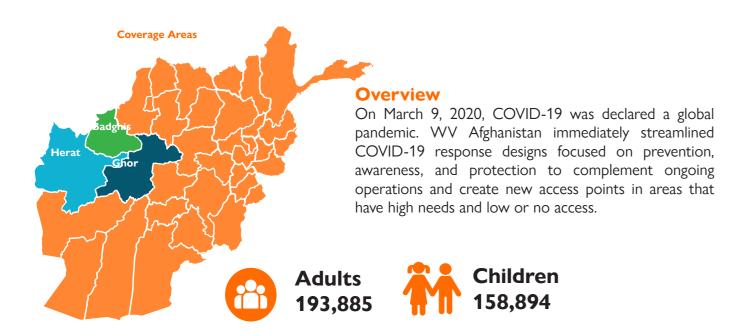
8,835 people received food items/cash



Emergency Health and Nutrition: Total # of disaster-affected beneficiaries: 114,188 individuals

Emergency Education:

Total # of disaster-affected beneficiaries: 9,961



Total Reach: 352,779

Interventions

In coordination with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Vision strategically implemented interventions focused on Health, WASH, and Child Protection, with the focus on screening, awareness campaigns, and increased hygiene promotion efforts. This was done through adding COVID-19 programmatic measures to existing health facilities, setting up of new Mobile Health Teams specifically for the screening and referral of community members, the distribution of hygiene kits, assisting government efforts to isolate suspected cases, expanding general community health messaging, and capacity building of health care staff to mitigate and manage exposure.

Strategic Response Objectives

In line with the COVID-19 Multi-Sector Humanitarian Country Plan, the response has supported the following objectives:

- 1. Risk communication and community engagement
- 2. Surveillance, rapid response teams, and case investigation
- 3. Infection prevention and control

Strategic Outcomes

222,519 people reached (direct and indirect) with preventative behavior messaging

149,670 community members provided with COVID-19 preventative materials

 $85,\!454$ comprehensive hygiene kits distributed

1,784 community health workers trained to provide community-based services



5,067
Handwashing supplies distributed



73,837
Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



3,875
Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities

720



789
Faith leaders
disseminated
preventive measures



1,736Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated



People reached with Information, education, and communication materials about psychosocial support



1,014Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



1,300Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



Medical facilities



32,857Masks and glove sets distributed



US\$89,640
Amount of cash and voucher assistance distributed



9,025
People reached with cash and voucher assistance





Faith and Development

Engagement with faith leaders and faith based-institutions

Religious scholars are highly respected and are the backbone of the Afghan community. It is our hope that they will play a role in all levels of society and work together to help World Vision implement its humanitarian programs to reduce forced marriages and underage marriages, and reduce violence against children and women.

MoU signed with Ministry of Religious Affairs and Haj (MoRA&H)

For effective and meaningful implementation of the programs in the communities, WV Afghanistan has signed an MoU with MoRA&H (Ministry of Religious Affairs and Haj) at the national level.

Strengthen the capacity of faith leaders and community-based structures:

Since then, WV Afghanistan has conducted several trainings for various community members including faith leaders, school teachers, kindergarten teachers, female Shura sand youths on community change for protecting children (CC-4-PC) and Gender in Islam. The figure below shows the details.

Faith and Community Leaders trained in Community Change for Protecting Children and Gender in Islam



Impact

With establishment of the community-based Advocacy Network, World Vision Afghanistan strengthened the community structures approaches to empower community members to act as agent of change in their own communities and advocate with the governmental departments for addressing the challenges/barriers that exist in their own communities.

Mohammad Ahmadi, 28, is a faith leader in Cheghcheran, Ghor. Because of Mohammad's training from World Vision, he prevented a case of exchange marriage amongst his relatives. "I explained that children cannot be committed to marriage as they don't have the maturity to understand the meaning of marriage." He talks about Zahera, who was happy to keep her freedom to be married to someone by her choice and sustain her new life. The story is available here.





Community members recevied messages about Community Change for Protecting Children and Gender in Islam through faith leaders

Men: 63,458 Women: 14,581 Girls: 6,790 Boys: 9,267 Faith leaders trained on preventive messages of COViD-19 (direct beneficiary)

Herat: 120 Badghis: 80 Ghor: 70

Likewise, the trained faith leaders disseminated the preventive message of COVID-19 to other community members in their own communities

Community members trained on COVID-19 (indirect beneficiary)

Men: 63,364 Women: 9,117 Girls: 1,730

beneficiary)

The Faith Leaders Forum achieved to resolve 11 social and child protection related cases such as CEFMs, child selling, and exchange marriage

WV Afghanistan supported the DoRA&H with forming of Provincial Level Faith Leader Forum (FLF) in three target provinces – Herat, Badghis, and Ghor

Herat

Male: 10 Female: 6

Badghis

Male: 14 Female: 10

Ghor

Male: 13 Female: 10

Developing Faith-based Related Modules

With in-depth understanding of the context, WV Afghanistan Faith and Development team developed and contextualized appropriate faith-based related training materials and modules such as:

- 1. WASH in Islam
- 2. Gender in Islam
- 3. Environmentalism in Islam
- 4. COVID-19 Preventive Measure from Faith Perspective



It Takes a World to End Child, Early, and Forced Marriage



The It Takes a World to End Child Marriage of Afghan Girls campaign was launched in 2017 and aims to reduce incidents of child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) in Herat and Badghis provinces. The campaign strives to achieve three key outcomes that contribute to the empowerment of children, community, and State to protect children:

- Increased life skills for both boys and girls to take part in promoting a CEFM-free community
- Transformed cultural norms, attitudes and practices underlying CEFM
- The enforcement of existing laws and policies related to CEFM.

A key project which contributed to the campaign was Enhancing Hope for Afghan Girls in Herat Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Sites. The project worked with influential members of the community such as Shura leaders, faith leaders, teachers as well as families and children in order to reduce incidents of CEFM in 10 Herat IDP informal settlements. Within the implementation of the project, World Vision community mobilizers were trained on community change, life skills, and child protection and worked with the IDP communities to mobilize their support to establish of gender segregated youth clubs comprising of 12- to 18-year-old girls and boys.

Community mobilizers directly worked with community Shuras (council), religious and faith leaders as well as teachers to raise their awareness and commitment to end violence against children. An in-depth evaluation of the project showed an increase in life skills amongst adolescent boys and girls plus a changed perception of caregivers related to early marriage, ultimately resulting in the reduction of CEFM cases.



Establishment of District Level Advocacy Networks

In order to support community-based advocacy for child and social protection, and facilitate a forum for communities to have meaningful and sustainable ownership of initiatives for change, WV Afghanistan established district level Advocacy Networks. The Advocacy Networks in Ghor, Badghis and Herat comprise of male and female faith leaders, civic activists, youth, teachers, and CDC members. The network identifies harmful practices or negative behaviors and acts as agents of positive change in order promote peace and social cohesion in their own communities. In 2020, the Advocacy Networks successfully mitigated 11 cases of CEFM.

"I have a better understanding of the rights of the child and feel empowered to make change in my community," says Masouda, Female Faith Leader, Advocacy Network Herat

2020 Budget Allocation

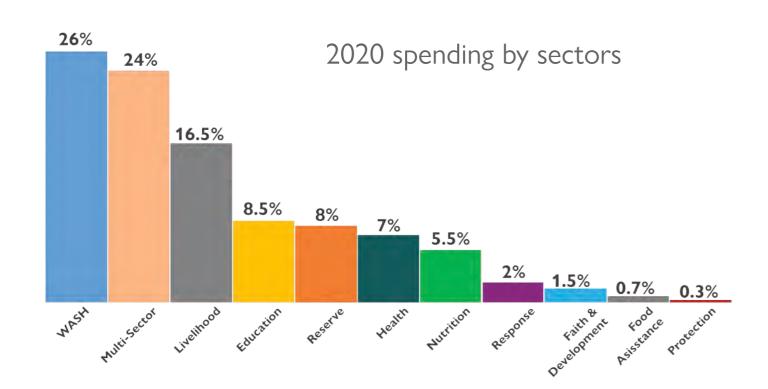


Total Fiscal Year 2020 Expenditure: US\$19,204,571.84 including contributions from World Vision support offices.

Note: The financial figures include both cash and the cash value of gifts-in-kind funding.

COVID-19 Funding Matrix:

Donor Funding (\$3,532,289) Match Funding (\$194,037) Total Field Budget (\$3,226,716)



World Vision support offices active in partnership with World Vision Afghanistan:

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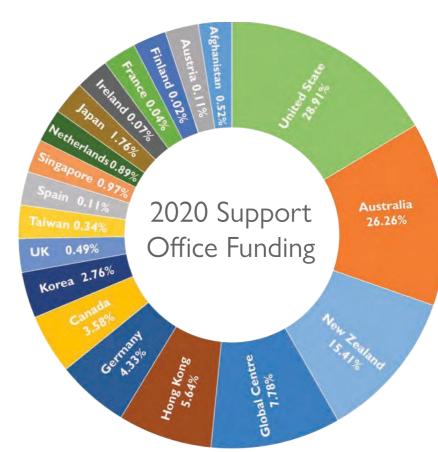
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