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# Ghana



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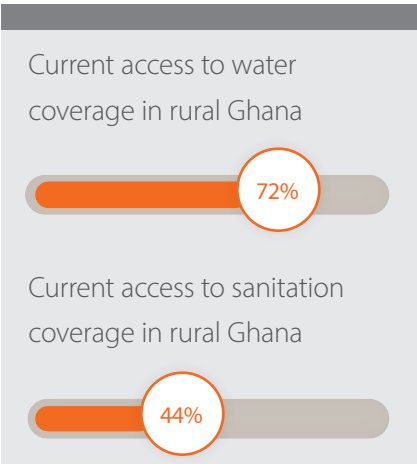


## Finishing the Job

Based on what we learned from our successful Finish the Job plan in Rwanda, we are committed to Finish the Job in Ghana by reaching everyone, everywhere we work with clean water access by 2032—**700,000 people in 23 districts**. We have a clear plan to make this happen, and we hope you will join us.



*Your partnership can help bring clean water as well as healthier sanitation and hygiene practices to communities in Ghana. We're bringing clean water not just to families, but to schools and health facilities, where the availability of water is critical.*



## A VISION FOR CLEAN WATER

For more than 35 years, World Vision has been committed to standing in the gap, leveraging resources globally and working alongside communities to ensure millions of children around the world have access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and healthy hygiene practices. As part of our global vision, World Vision and our partners are committed to reach everyone, everywhere we work with clean water.

## WHY WATER IN GHANA?

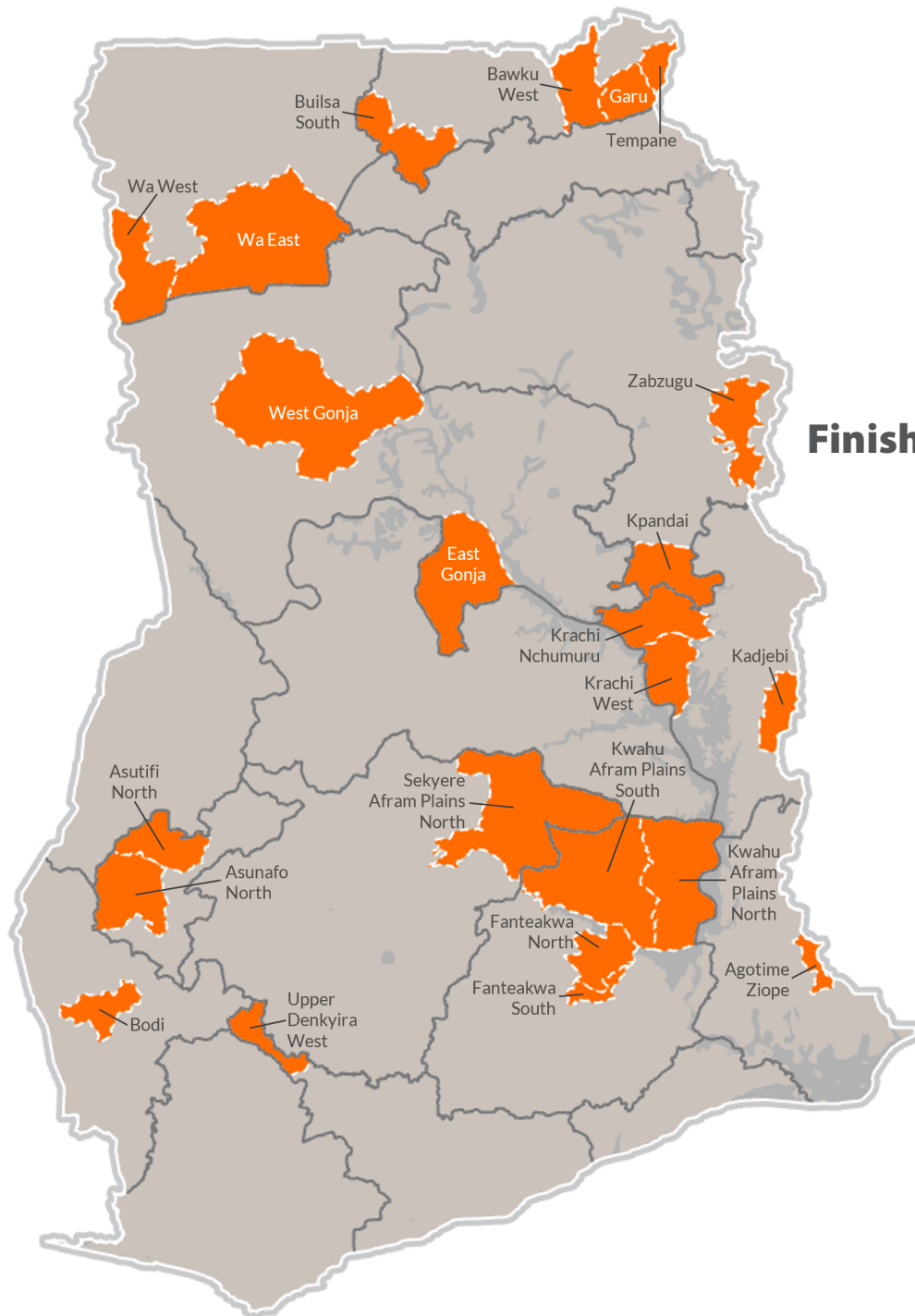
For nearly four million of Ghana's 33 million people, clean, accessible water sources are just a dream. A lack of water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in rural Ghana takes a daunting health toll on the population. Sadly, this toll is borne heavily by children, as 52 of every 1,000 born here die before their fifth birthday, many from water, sanitation, and hygiene-related illnesses. This is why we have made water a priority.

World Vision began implementing large-scale water programming in Ghana in 1985, and since then, we have constructed 4,000 new water points that serve approximately 1.5 million people. We couldn't have done this without the staff, donors, resources, and systems needed to meet our goals. Our technical team of 65 full-time professionals has the expertise needed to implement life-changing programs in water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Our work in recent years has shifted from drilling boreholes with hand pumps to installing piped-water systems that bring water as close to homes as possible. This relieves women and girls of the grueling task of carrying water over long distances. Solar power is providing a sustainable source of energy to operate these systems.

We improve sanitation and hygiene habits using a market-driven approach, which provides jobs for those who make and sell materials needed to build latrines and handwashing stations and supply them with soap.

## WEST AFRICA: GHANA WATER PRIORITY AREAS



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The areas highlighted in orange represent the places where World Vision will focus our water, sanitation, and hygiene work in Ghana through 2032.

## GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

World Vision will seek every opportunity to equip government, community leadership, and private businesses in the countries and areas where we work to serve their citizens. Partnering with the government strategically supports their efforts to bring water, sanitation, and hygiene services to all communities and ensure they have the tools and systems for ongoing operation and maintenance of those services.



*World Vision's water quality lab in Ghana has tested more than 6,000 water points throughout West Africa, ensuring the chemical and microbiological safety of water for 3 million people since 2011.*

## PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOMES

To address the need for improved water, sanitation, and hygiene in Ghana, World Vision focuses on four intervention areas:

### Water Supply

### Sanitation and Hygiene

### Governance and Finance

### Water Security and Resilience

It is our goal that through these interventions we will see:



**500** schools gaining access to clean drinking water on site



**200** healthcare facilities gaining access to water on premises, providing water essential for cleaning and handwashing

Together with the government of Ghana, local partners, and donors, we can provide lasting clean water to **700,000 people** in Ghana along with improved sanitation and hygiene practices. Reaching this ambitious goal is based on funding availability and collaboration with local and national stakeholders.

## OUR APPROACH IN GHANA

### Water Supply

In Ghana, World Vision collaborates and coordinates efforts with local partners to construct water systems that deliver clean water to households, communities, schools, and health centers. As we increase our installation of water systems, our goal is to ensure equal access for women, girls, and people with limited mobility (including participation in community water committees).

Working with communities to facilitate ownership of water systems is vital for long-term sustainability. An independent study funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and conducted by the University of North Carolina Water Institute in the Greater Afram Plains region of Ghana in 2013 showed that nearly 80% of wells installed by World Vision were still functioning at high levels after nearly two decades. In contrast, previous studies have shown that 30% to 50% of wells not installed by World Vision are left unrepaired when they inevitably break down. The reason for this high level of success is that we work with communities to ensure they own the water points and are able to repair them as necessary.

Having access to clean water in communities also dramatically improves children's health and well-being. Our work includes efforts to reduce illnesses caused by contaminated water, including typhoid fever, cholera, and diarrhea. World Vision partnered with the Carter Center, Hilton Foundation, and others in a historic effort to eliminate trachoma—the leading cause of infectious blindness—and Guinea worm from the entire country by equipping communities in Ghana with access to clean water, improved sanitation, and hygiene behavior-change programming, all of which are essential for eradicating disease.

## WATER SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

World Vision's approach to water security goes beyond just installing pipes. We focus on the overall health of ecosystems and catchments, while also addressing water pollution. We work with communities to create plans for dealing with water shortages and managing watersheds. Additionally, we provide families with tools to conserve water.

## Sanitation and Hygiene

Using evidence-based approaches, World Vision provides families with sanitation and hygiene education. And our behavior-change programming helps to tackle behaviors and attitudes opposing safe practices. Families learn to construct and use household latrines and handwashing stations to help prevent contamination of water sources and the spread of deadly diseases, including Ebola and dysentery. We also work with the private sector to develop market-based solutions for latrine improvements and to construct latrines at schools and health centers. To increase water, sanitation, and hygiene knowledge, we work with Sesame Workshop to teach school children healthy habits through curriculums like Sesame WASH UP! and Girl Talk.

## ENGAGING FAITH LEADERS

As a Christian, faith-based organization, World Vision is uniquely positioned to engage and mobilize local religious leaders from across faiths as agents of change and advocates for community ownership and healthy behaviors. Faith communities in Ghana play a key role in promoting sanitation and hygiene behavior change, because communities have already established trust in their faith leaders.

## THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF CLEAN WATER



*"I have so much time to play now!" said Loving, 10, (middle). Having clean water close to my house means I can be a child again. It makes me so happy."*

In the Agotime-Ziope District of Ghana, three resilient girls, Harriet, Loving, and Abigail, once faced daily struggles to gather water for their families. Their stories reflect the harsh realities of life before World Vision, in partnership with the local government and community members, built a new water system.

Years ago, 13-year-old Harriet (in white), feared for her safety on the long walk to a dirty pond. The trek took her across a busy road, where she worried about being hit by a car or motorcycle. Today, with clean water available in her community, Harriet feels a profound sense of safety and relief. "I no longer worry about my safety," she says with a smile. "I can focus on my studies and get to school on time. Clean water has given me peace of mind and more time to learn."

Abigail (at left in the picture) dreaded waking up tired from the exhausting journey to fetch water. She wished she lived somewhere where water was readily available. Now, she wakes up with a smile. "I don't have to go anywhere for water. It's right here," she says. "I feel so much better and more energetic. Clean water has changed my life completely."

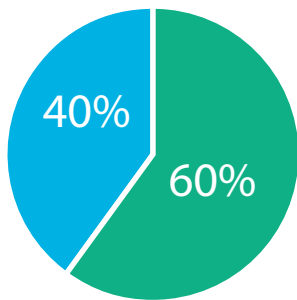


“... I was thirsty and  
you gave me something  
to drink ...”  
—Matthew 25:35 (NIV)



## REQUIRED INVESTMENT

\$80 million from U.S. donors\*



■ U.S. Donors\*\* ■ Leveraged Funding

*\*15% of every gift to Finish the Job Ghana will support our Global WASH Business Plan goals across 43 countries.*

*\*\*An additional \$5 million will be needed from U.S. health donors to train community health workers in 200 health clinics.*

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Before there were formal water programs, there was a simple call to meet the needs of the thirsty, no matter their status. This, then, is the ultimate measure of our success—the faithful adherence to the words of Christ in Matthew 25:35. We are to steward the resources entrusted to us and relentlessly pursue safer water, dignified sanitation, and hygiene services for every vulnerable child, family, and community. And we can do so in a more impactful way by working together. Thank you for choosing to partner with World Vision and helping to Finish the Job in Ghana.



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