



# CLEAN WATER PROGRESS IN ETHIOPIA

The Water Institute at UNC evaluates World Vision's water, sanitation, and hygiene programs



## Partnership: the path to clean water

World Vision reaches one new person every 10 seconds and one more school every eight hours with clean water. And **together with our partners, we're committed to reaching everyone, everywhere we work by 2030.** That's why we invested in a partnership with the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina (UNC) to evaluate and improve our water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs. This is one of the largest evaluations ever conducted of its kind, involving 14 countries, 35,000 households, 2,700 schools, 2,000 healthcare facilities, 2,500 community water points, and more than 11,000 microbial water samples.

## Currents of change in Ethiopia

Together, we've been working with the people of Ethiopia to bring clean water to their communities—and we're seeing the fruit of our efforts! In this country alone, UNC studied **2,681 households, 218 water samples, 172 healthcare facilities, and 198 schools.** Ethiopia is among the top countries where we've invested in WASH, and because of this, communities benefit from better water access in our program areas compared to elsewhere. Take a look at the incredible impact that's possible thanks to committed donors:

- 1 » **Basic water service levels** in homes and schools were significantly better in World Vision areas compared to places we don't work.
- 2 » The majority of **healthcare facilities** had better water and sanitation access.



- 3 » Access to **sanitation services** was significantly higher in areas where World Vision works compared to places without our programs.
- 4 » After testing **microbial water quality**, we found that eight of 10 water points were low-risk, compared to much lower numbers in non-World Vision areas. And the quality was the same across schools and healthcare facilities in our areas, at 80 percent low-risk.

### Looking to the future

As we continue to make progress on clean water access, the path is clear: **We'll focus our efforts going forward on improving sanitation services, hygiene practices, and water quality** in homes and schools. Even clean water can't solve everything when hygiene and sanitation are poor—and good hygiene requires people to make behavior changes that often don't come easily. That's why, with support from our partners, World Vision is training faith leaders on teaching effective behavior change, equipping kids to educate their peers on safe hygiene habits, and building up sanitation infrastructure. Together, we're empowering children and leaders to bring vital transformation.

### How you can make a difference

Clean water is the essential building block of life that allows children and their communities to survive and flourish. Without clean water, it's difficult to make progress in other areas, like health, nutrition, and economic empowerment. But together, we can open the door to a fuller life for kids and families in Ethiopia—and help end the water crisis around the world. **Join us in this transformative work.**



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