

WASH in Healthcare Facilities

THE NEED



One in four healthcare facilities in the world lack basic water services, and one in five have no sanitation service—impacting 2 and 1.5 billion people,

respectively. Two in five of these healthcare facilities have no soap or water in patient care areas.

Imagine if your doctor or nurse didn't have a way to wash their hands between seeing patients. It's not a surprise that infections spread, including antimicrobial-resistant infections. For many, what should be a joyous occasion—the miracle of birth—too often becomes a death sentence for the newborn baby and even the mother.

Improving hygiene in healthcare facilities could save the lives of I million newborns every year (World Health Organization, April, 2019).

WHAT IS WORLD VISION DOING?

World Vision, along with our donors and partners, is scaling an approach to effectively and sustainably provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services in **800 healthcare facilities in three years** (2019–2021). This can include:



Clean water directly on the premises



Handwashing stations in all patient areas



Trash segregation for sharps, hazardous, and non-hazardous waste



Gender-specific latrines



Staff training focused on infection prevention and control

For those in the U.S., childbirth calls to mind clean spaces and trained professionals.

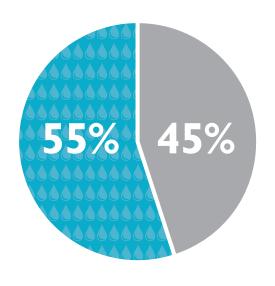


But in developing countries, there are no guarantees. Moms may have no option but to give birth in cramped, dirty places—even sometimes without any trained professionals.



Even at clinics in developing countries, moms can't count on access to clean water. Many have to bring their own water to wash themselves and their newborns after giving birth.





Almost half of the clinics in the developing world don't have clean water.

What can you do to help change this?



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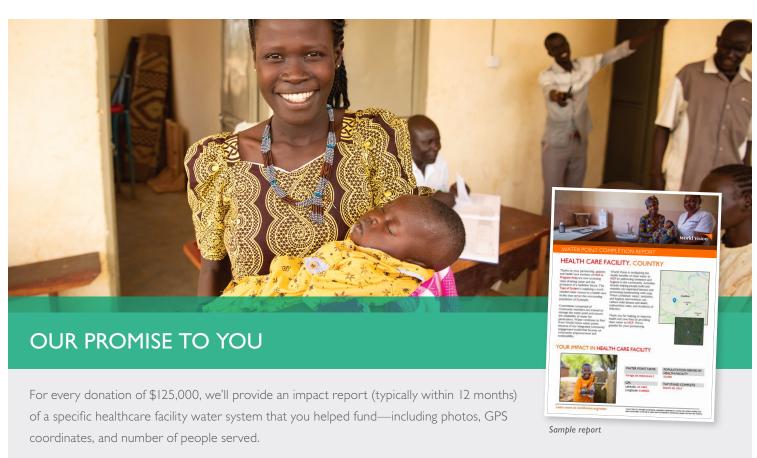
800 rural healthcare facilities



7.2 MILLION people



2021







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