

This provides an update on World Vision water efforts to address the global water crisis.

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## *World Vision Water Update:* November 2017

### Newsflash: Article on World Vision Partnership by Mashable



How World Vision uses partnerships to meet ambitious water, sanitation, and hygiene goals around the globe (Paid Content by Kohler)

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### **How World Vision uses partnerships to meet ambitious water, sanitation, and hygiene goals around the globe**

Imagine delivering a child in a place where you're required to bring your own water to the delivery room, in a healthcare facility in which there's no viable way for the staff to wash their hands before bringing your baby into the world.

This scenario, says Dr. Greg Allgood, the vice president of water at World Vision, is more than simply a disturbing hypothetical. In fact, he explains, it's the reality for



more than a third of healthcare facilities in the developing world. A lack of latrines and education about proper sanitation leads to rampant disease (and often death) in these rural communities, particularly among young kids.

One of the largest relief and development organizations in the world, World Vision aims to combat water shortages and health-compromising sanitation practices such as open defecation. World Toilet Day, coming up on November 19, is a prime opportunity to examine these types of initiatives — and the partnerships that make them possible.

Read the [full article here](#).



## Helping Those Who Need it Most

I'm often asked where's the biggest need for clean water. With 844 million people still lacking basic access to clean water, the need is essentially global. However, the way that I usually answer the question is to focus on the places where people are living in "fragile" countries. There's no single definition of a fragile country but it typically includes a weak government, current or recent violent conflicts, mass displacements of people, large natural disasters such as famines, and prolonged and extreme poverty. Many families

living in these countries are often living on the edge of survival and having to search for clean water is a large part of their problem. In these situations, it's children who suffer the most because of their own fragility.

Because World Vision's mandate is to reach those most in need, three-quarters of our global water, sanitation, and hygiene work is in 31 of the 56 countries typically considered "fragile." In fact, just in these fragile countries, last year we reached one new person every 10 seconds with clean water. We've prepared a shareable [two-pager](#) to further explain our water, sanitation, and hygiene work in fragile contexts.

The two biggest global crises currently are the East Africa famine and the Syrian refugee crisis, both occurring primarily in fragile countries. Our response in providing clean water in these crises is significant. In 2017 to date, working across South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda, we have provided 691,230 people with clean water, hygiene and sanitation services as part of our response to the famine. Working directly in Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon, we plan to reach 6 million people with clean water by 2020 while providing 200,000 hand washing facilities. Our [Sesame Street WASH UP!](#) program is also a part of our work in the Middle East.

We're thankful to our donors and partners who are helping us reach people who desperately need our help. It's in these places that we're saving the most lives. The [East Africa Famine](#) and [Syrian Refugee Response](#) need more support. We're grateful for every dollar provided and have been successful in leveraging private donor funding to secure government funding, resulting in 5 to 10 times the net resources.

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## Dear Water Performed by Kenyan School Girls

These Kenyan school girls will delight you with their poem about the need and the blessing of clean water. It's worth the 60 seconds investment to be charmed by them. [Watch this video now!](#)



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