



# Improving water and sanitation services in Zambian healthcare facilities

**World Vision has improved water and sanitation services in healthcare facilities** in collaboration with the Zambian government in Luwingu district in Northern Zambia. Water and sanitation services are critical for effective healthcare, including safe delivery. To protect mothers, newborns, and all patients seeking care at these facilities, World Vision constructed and rehabilitated water systems and toilets in healthcare facilities across Luwingu. World Vision support was associated with higher water and sanitation service levels in healthcare facilities, creating safer health care environments and improving health service delivery.



*“It’s not just about the water. It’s about dignity, about mothers feeling valued and safe as they bring new life into the world.” - Nurse in-charge*

## Key metrics for water, sanitation, and waste management in World Vision-supported health facilities improved from 2019 to 2022.

- **Higher water service quality:** 100% of World Vision-supported healthcare facilities had piped water access, compared to only 33% of facilities in a comparison district.
- **Higher sanitation service quality:** 93% of World Vision-supported healthcare facilities had flush or pour-flush toilets instead of latrines, compared to only 22% of facilities in a comparison district.
- **Improved waste management:** 64% of World Vision-supported healthcare facilities had an incinerator on-site, compared to only 33% of facilities in a comparison district.

**World Vision-supported health facilities had higher-quality water and sanitation services than facilities in a comparison district.**

