Goal
Provide 25 million* people with access to clean water—halfway toward our 2030 goal

*Includes $500 million from World Vision U.S. donors in addition to revenue from outside World Vision U.S. as part of the global WASH business plan.

Progress
23.5 million people reached from October 2015 through March 2022

Investment
$500 million (fiscal years 2016–2023)
Committing to help end the global water crisis

Every day, more than 800 children under 5 die from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation, and unsafe hygiene practices. And the daily walk for water is robbing women and girls of their futures. One in 10 people on the planet still have no access to clean water. That’s 771 million people.

In September 2015, World Vision and our partners made an extremely ambitious but achievable plan to reach 50 million people with clean water by 2030—everyone, everywhere we worked, based on our footprint at the time. We’re on track with this commitment, having already empowered over 23.5 million people with lasting access to clean water since October 2015.

What is our approach?

World Vision is a leading nongovernmental provider of clean water in the developing world, with 1,200 water, sanitation, and hygiene professionals who live and work in the communities they serve. To ensure access for people in most need, we focus on the extremely poor—including those with disabilities—in rural areas with the greatest disease burden. And we help not only households get clean water, but also schools and healthcare facilities.

Clean water

World Vision ensures clean water access through right-sized equipment and use of appropriate water sources, manual drilling to reduce costs, and mechanized wells with solar pumps. In 2022, we are installing more than 100 water points per day.

Sanitation and hygiene

Communities lead the installation of latrines and handwashing stations, as well as hygiene behavior-change efforts, to help eliminate open defecation and prevent the spread of deadly infectious diseases.

Solutions that last

We strengthen local water system management so communities can sustainably fund, repair, and maintain their water points long after World Vision’s work is done.
We’ve obtained an additional $4 in leveraged funds for every $1 given to our Global Water Fund. This means that every $1 investment will have an impact of $5.

Proven 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 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 non–World Vision-installed wells are not repaired 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 maintain them.

A promising “big bet” in philanthropy
Forbes ranked a $40 million grant from Dana and Dave Dornsife to World Vision’s water, sanitation, and hygiene work in Africa as one of 2016’s five most promising “big bets” in philanthropy for social change. Forbes’ independent panel of experts cited the clarity of our goals and plan along with the realism of our strategy, and awarded the strength of the relationship between World Vision and the Dornsifes the highest score possible.

“World Vision stands apart in their commitment to self-evaluation and reflection and to progressively improving service delivery to those that are hardest to reach.”
—Dr. Aaron Salzberg, director, University of North Carolina Water Institute
Every 10 seconds, World Vision reaches one new person with clean water and one new person with a handwashing facility.

High-impact partners

We're able to reach more people, and your investment is leveraged for greater impact, because of our local and global partnerships within the private and public sectors.