



WATER

World Vision®  water

BRINGING CLEAN WATER
TO ONE NEW PERSON
EVERY 10 SECONDS

Impact in 2017

Access to clean water for
3.2 MILLION PEOPLE

Helped improve sanitation for
3.3 MILLION PEOPLE

Helped improve hygiene for
3.9 MILLION PEOPLE

**6,605 WATER
COMMITTEES** formed
to ensure sustainability



“... I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink ...”

—Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

Every child deserves clean water

We believe we can help solve the global water crisis within our lifetime, and we're focused on providing clean water and sanitation to every man, woman, and child in every community where we work, including the most vulnerable populations in the hardest-to-reach places.

» OUR COMMITMENT

World Vision and our partners commit to continue to **REACH ONE NEW PERSON EVERY 10 SECONDS WITH CLEAN WATER** so that we can reach everyone, everywhere we work by 2030.

» OUR APPROACH

World Vision is the **leading nongovernmental provider of clean drinking water** in the developing world, with more than 800 water, sanitation, and hygiene professionals who live and work in the communities they serve. To ensure access for those in most need, we focus on the extremely poor—including those with disabilities—in rural areas with the greatest disease burden.

CLEAN WATER World Vision **brings clean water access** through right-sized equipment and use of appropriate water sources, manual drilling to reduce costs, and mechanized wells with solar pumps.

SANITATION AND HYGIENE Communities lead **the installation of latrines and hand-washing stations**, as well as **training in hygiene**, to help eliminate open defecation.

SOLUTIONS THAT LAST We **train local people as mechanics** to repair and maintain water points, empowering communities to sustainably manage them long after World Vision's work is done.



An independent study conducted in 2014 by The Water Institute at the University of North Carolina—one of the premier academic groups in water research—showed that nearly eight in 10 World Vision wells studied in Ghana were continuing to function at high levels even after 20 years.

Sustainable solutions

Water continues to flow from World Vision water points because of our integrated community engagement model. One of the premier academic groups in water research, The Water Institute at the University of North Carolina, conducted an independent study examining 1,470 water sources in 520 communities located in the Greater Afram Plains region of Ghana, where World Vision has been providing wells since 1985. Nearly 80 percent of World Vision wells studied continued to function at high levels even after 20 years, thanks largely to our community engagement model.

Consistent with this community approach to sustainability, research showed that an identifiable water committee and evidence of charging a fee for use of the water were the main factors associated with the continued functionality of the water points. These best practices, including training local people as mechanics to repair pumps when they break down, are part of the reason why World Vision wells set the standard for sustainability.

The study found the odds of non-World Vision water sources being functional decreased by 10 percent every five years, whereas the functionality of water sources installed by World Vision did not significantly decrease with age.



Just add water ... change a life.

Clean water frees children from a life spent gathering dirty water, and from a multitude of deadly diseases. It restores health and opens the door to education, a promising future, and a full life—the kind of life God intends.

» A FULL SOLUTION TO POVERTY

We work in thousands of communities worldwide to help people address not only their water challenges but a variety of needs, including health, education, child protection, economic opportunity, and Christian discipleship—partnering with them to deliver a full solution capable of breaking the cycle of poverty.

» HOW YOU CAN CHANGE LIVES THROUGH CLEAN WATER

Please pray for the millions of people in our world who don't yet have access to safe water, and for God to continue providing World Vision with resources to reach them. Every gift makes a meaningful difference.

A few examples of what your partnership can do:

- **\$1,000** can provide four families with clean water that lasts
- **\$3,000** can provide a hand-drilled shallow well to a community of 300 people
- **\$15,000** can provide a deep borehole to a community of 300 people*

**Boreholes are deep wells drilled using heavy machinery*



HELP US BRING CLEAN WATER TO EVERY CHILD.

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