

WATER

Finish the Job - Northern Zambia

Annual Report

(October 2022–September 2023)

SUMMARY

World Vision has made significant progress in Northern Zambia this year. In FY23, we reached 108,582 people out of our four-year target of 200,000 people, including 47,225 this year. This was accomplished by installing 800 water points, including 689 taps from piped-water systems, 87 new wells with hand pumps, and 24 rehabilitated water points. These water points are not only serving communities and improving health for families at home; 37 schools and nine health facilities also benefited from clean water, contributing to better learning environments and safer deliveries.

World Vision, in partnership with the Chambeshi water utility company, began a new project in Suwila Area Program (AP), starting construction on a 100-cubic-liter piped-water system. When completed, the system will provide clean water directly to 100 homes (reaching over 5,000 people). We also partnered with the Chambeshi water utility company in Mbala to add 29 more household taps to the existing network, bringing water to the doorsteps of 289 people.

WASH in healthcare facilities remained a priority this year. The team provided piped water to nine health centers through 81 taps, 13 of which provide water directly to the two newly constructed maternity annexes in Mbala district. Access to water will enhance hygiene for pregnant mothers during delivery, as medical staff have handwashing stations in each room, and mothers can take showers and use flush toilets. Having adequate water, sanitation, and hygiene creates a safer environment for patients and staff. This year, five staff houses received piped water from the systems constructed.

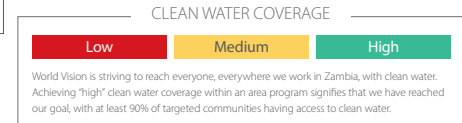
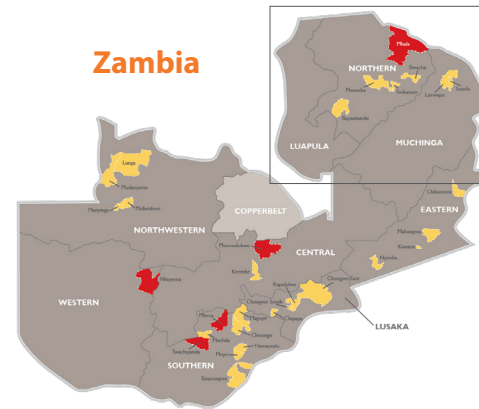
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SPOTLIGHT: MWAMBA AP

- 94 taps were constructed from three systems and 11 wells with hand pumps, reaching 5,891 people with clean water this year.
- World Vision and the district government's WASH sector team lobbied for increased government funding for WASH activities by engaging local and government leaders. Monthly radio programs raise awareness of the importance of WASH activities and the community's rights to access WASH. As a result, the government drilled four new boreholes and plans to construct a new piped-water system with flush toilets at a market in 2024.
- The project partnered with the Ministry of Health and the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities to assess 126 people with disabilities and issue disability identification cards. The assessments helped program staff understand the barriers individuals with disabilities face in accessing WASH facilities or adapting to good hygiene practices. Following these activities, 55 households received disability-inclusive toilets with government support.

FY23 Annual Highlights - Northern Zambia

People gaining access to:



Water
47,225

5,891 from Mwamba



Sanitation
33,065

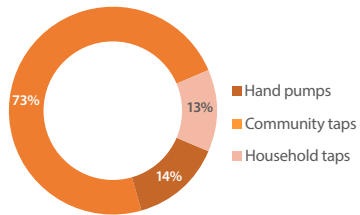
3,147 from Mwamba



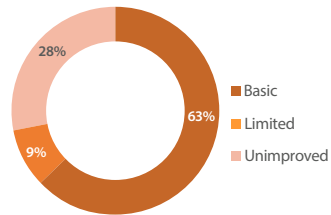
Hygiene
35,785

4,704 from Mwamba

Community water point by type



Household sanitation by SDG service level



Schools gaining access to:



Basic water	37
6 from Mwamba	
Basic sanitation	0
0 from Mwamba	
Basic hygiene	47
11 from Mwamba	

Healthcare facilities gaining access to:



Basic water	9
Basic sanitation	3
Basic hygiene	7

Community interventions:



Piped-water systems built	30
3 from Mwamba	
Faith leaders trained	28
0 from Mwamba	
WASH committees formed	106
14 from Mwamba	

Teachers from 29 schools were trained through the WASH UP! program and formed 15 new clubs, reaching 456 students with sanitation and hygiene messages. Additionally, the program undertook menstrual hygiene management (MHM) trainings for 1,327 teachers and parents in 59 schools. Following this training, 21 MHM clubs were formed with a membership of 988 students (380 boys and 608 girls). Both girls and boys were trained to make reusable pads during club meetings to decrease the stigma around menstruation. MHM activities were also extended to girls not attending school and women in the surrounding communities. A total of 893 reusable pads were made in school clubs, while 487 were made by those in the communities, totaling 1,380 pads made and distributed.

Sharon, a 36-year-old mother of five, including 11-year-old Purity, lives in Malakeni village of Mwamba AP. As seen in the photo on the right, Purity helped her mother collect water from the stream every day before and after school since she was a small girl.



"I stopped school because I always had to spend much time fetching water daily," said Sharon. "If I had the power, I would bring clean water to our village, and I have been praying for my children not to stop school like me because of water problems." Sharon also feared that diarrhea would claim the lives of her children.

In 2023, Sharon's prayer was answered when World Vision drilled a borehole in Malekeni village, a short distance from her home (seen in the photo on the left). "I now go to bed without worrying about water ... it makes me feel like I live in another world," Sharon says. "I don't even remember when my children suffered from diarrhea. I thank God for World Vision donors for blessing us with the borehole that has brought so much peace."

With access to clean and safe water, Sharon has begun to improve her farming and grow her business. Purity, who dreams of becoming a teacher, now has enough time to focus on her education and play her favorite sports, netball and jumping rope, with her friends.



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