

## Governance and Finance

Improved WASH governance—from re-engineering community-based management approaches to strengthened regulatory oversight—represents one of the most important enablers for achieving progress under SDG 6 and ensuring long-term sustainability of our work.

### OUR APPROACH

Embracing a “systems-based approach” to build sustainable and resilient WASH solutions is linked to the capacities of local stakeholders and national governments as critical components of that system. Government must provide or allow for the enabling environment for WASH services to remain viable enterprises and to expand to meet the needs of the unserved and under-served. The adoption of WHO water safety planning in design, construction, and management of WASH facilities is key to supporting a systems-based approach (i.e. considering safety of water supply from the source to the point of consumption and ultimate disposal).

World Vision will seek every opportunity to build the capacity of government, community leadership, and private businesses in the countries and areas where we work to serve their citizens. Partnering with the government strategically supports their efforts to bring WASH services to all communities and equip them with the tools and systems for ongoing operation and maintenance of those services.

Governments, the private sector, nonprofits, and civil society all need to leverage additional financing for WASH, recognizing that no single actor in the sector has the resources to independently achieve the SDGs. Better understanding and utilization of standard financing is needed, as well as creative financing measures, such as leveraging capital markets,

facilitating public-private partnerships, and tapping microfinance institutions for household connections. World Vision will support the development of district-level WASH plans and use life-cycle costing to build awareness among users of how much funding is needed on an annual basis to keep water systems maintained and operational.

### 2021-2025 areas of focus

- 1 Assist national and local governments to create, adopt, and implement sound policies for the WASH sector.
- 2 Empower government officials to lead in their jurisdictions, collaborating in all aspects of infrastructure financing, planning, management, design, installation, monitoring and compliance with national and international quantitative and qualitative standards.
- 3 Serve as an advocate for the poor, helping to mobilize communities to advocate for the government to more actively embrace their role in sustaining and expanding services, primarily through the Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) approach to social accountability.

### 2021-2025 key targets



346

District-level WASH universal coverage plans created



20,395

Local businesses active in repair of WASH facilities and provision of WASH products

## World Vision Universal Coverage Strategy

**World Vision has committed to support local districts to reach universal coverage of WASH services by 2030 in alignment with SDG 6. Toward this goal of achieving universal coverage in the 2021-2025 business plan period, World Vision is committed to:**

- Collaborating with NGOs, governments, communities, and the private sector
- Facilitating water, sanitation, and hygiene services through developing healthy WASH behaviors and sustainably managed infrastructure
- Building capacity of local stakeholders to maintain the water systems
- Advocating with government for sustainable service provision and ongoing maintenance.
- Mobilizing resources through leveraging funding and partnership with the private sector
- Monitoring program quality and post-implementation sustainability
- Sharing knowledge and learning throughout the Partnership and the WASH sector at large

As national and local governments around the world may strive to reach different service levels on the SDG ladder, to have consistency across global WASH programs, World Vision has established foundational service levels for communities/households, schools, and HCFs. Our committed minimum standard for reaching universal coverage is based on the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) “Basic” standard for all three settings.

Each World Vision national office is responsible to set their own service level targets, which may be higher than these foundational service levels according to their context and national government policy, and all should strive for Safely Managed services where possible. Strategy commitments could go beyond 2030 if necessary and we will continue to support WASH efforts until our goals are met.



## Finish the job: Rwanda Universal Coverage 2024

In support of the Government of Rwanda’s commitment to universal WASH across all districts by 2024, World Vision has pledged to raise and invest over \$50 million across the 15 districts where we have programs.

Investments include co-financing water supply systems with district governments; handing over system operation after one year of functionality to ensure sustainability; as well as supporting Water and Sanitation Corporation and private operators for sustainable management of systems.

With this investment, Rwanda is on target to be the first World Vision country in which we reach everyone in World Vision operating areas. Currently, three additional countries (Ghana, Honduras, and Zambia) are working on plans, in coordination with government and local stakeholders, to reach everyone in districts with World Vision operating areas. We intend to begin implementing these plans during the 2021-2025 time period and will be developing plans for other World Vision offices as well.