

Southern Africa Dashboard

 \$165M
Total investments

 168
WASH staff

Across the Southern Africa region, national office strategies and WASH staff members are highly committed to supporting efforts to reach universal coverage across districts in their respective countries. These efforts are supported by strong relationships with national and local government, and the region's approach to achieve hygiene promotion and open defecation-free (ODF) sanitation goals in advance of water supply.

Programming is adapting quickly toward the needs of resilience around climate change especially in Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe where seasonal flooding has increased due to extended periods of drought followed by high intensity rainfall. These events have led to a decrease in groundwater recharge which impacts water availability for domestic and productive use.

Challenging economic conditions in the fragile contexts of DRC, Angola, and Zimbabwe have impacted, and will likely to continue to greatly impact, WASH initiatives. In Zimbabwe, hyper-inflation caused by economic instability has affected cost of WASH services and supplies; Angola's economic stability is tied to the volatile global oil market; and internal conflict and prolonged political instability of the DRC has destabilized the already fragile economic conditions where 60% of the population live on less than \$1 per day.

In WASH in schools, SAR exceeds MHM standards, ensuring that schools provide privacy, security, and facilities to hygienically manage menstruation with dignity including waste disposal and water for washing to prevent discrimination.

Geographic Footprint of Active WASH Programming



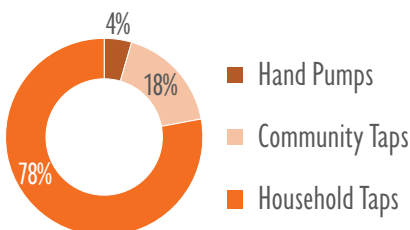
Programming to Watch

- 1 High level of achievement toward universal coverage across Southern Africa with an increase in Safely Managed water services.
- 2 An increased community intensive approach toward governance of WASH services.
- 3 In Zambia, World Vision is piloting insurance schemes to support resilience of piped-water systems.
- 4 Improved sanitation outcomes through contextualized government approaches in Zimbabwe (demand-led sanitation) and DRC (Healthy Villages and Schools).

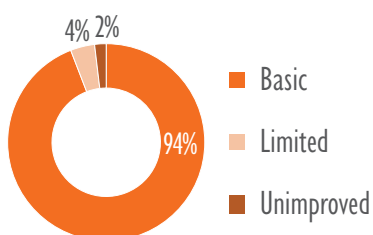
People gaining access to



Community Water Points by Type



Household Sanitation by SDG Service Level



District-Level Plans Developed
37

Schools gaining access to:



Basic Water

863

Basic Sanitation

839

Basic Hygiene

1,829

Training in planning and budgeting of WASH services

1,901

Healthcare facilities gaining access to:



Basic Water

320

Basic Sanitation

321

Basic Hygiene

455

Cleaning policies and protocols

455

Community interventions:



Piped-water systems built

1,127

Faith leaders trained

5,012

Local businesses active in WASH

4,272

WASH committees formed & trained

6,419



Girl Talk: WASH for menstrual health in schools

Girl Talk, a collaboration between Sesame Workshop and World Vision, is a WASH UP! follow-up curriculum that teaches girls' empowerment and menstrual management hygiene, as well as addresses myths and misconceptions about puberty. The program was first piloted in Zimbabwe.

An external evaluation following a two-year Zimbabwe pilot showed significant gains including:

- Increased participant knowledge of puberty and menstruation
- Reported dispelling of common myths and misconceptions about menstruation
- Improved girls' practical knowledge of menstrual cycles

By 2025, Girl Talk aims to reach a minimum of 5,000 girls in Southern Africa including 200 girls per year in the countries of Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.