



World Vision



6 Months On Report
Afghanistan Complex Emergency Response

Situation Overview & Context

Afghanistan has always been a complex place for a humanitarian organization like World Vision to operate, but we have been working there since 2001, impacting more than 6 million lives. For 20 years World Vision Afghanistan has worked to address massive life-saving humanitarian needs brought about by conflict, climate change and other disasters. We have worked to protect girls and boys, provide them with an education, promoted better health and sanitation, and helped to build livelihoods.

On August 15, 2021, Taliban took over Kabul and inserted themselves as the power-holder over the entire country. This change has greatly impacted the operations of all international non-governmental organisations (iNGOs) in the country, including World Vision Afghanistan. The period directly after the takeover was titled as “observe and react” since World Vision Afghanistan was not sure about what the new regime and systems would be in place and whether humanitarian space would be given to iNGOs. We also have many questions related to the safety of our staff, well-beings of the children and families we serve, and what would happen to females’ and girls’ rights.

Right after the event on August 15, 2021, World Vision along with other organisations, coordinated by United Nations, had to freeze all operations to ensure that the humanitarian space was secured, females were able to operate as they used to, and no additional requirements and interference from the de facto authorities would be imposed. Regardless of having to make hard decision to suspend activities temporarily, World Vision has always been committed to “Stay and

Deliver” because our only objective has always been to continue serving the children and their families in the four western areas of Afghanistan where we operate.

On August 23, 2021, World Vision declared Category III Global Response for Afghanistan (WV-ACER), and put all needed expertise in place to make sure life-saving humanitarian intervention would be on the right path and delivered effectively. World Vision Afghanistan was ready to operate again, with great support from the Regional Office, Support Offices and donor entities. Along with active operations in the field, strong advocacy and communications efforts were put in place to gain understanding on the real needs of the children and their families. These combined efforts had brought increased funding that has enabled World Vision Afghanistan to do more work and cover wider needs and geographical locations.

Six months after WV-ACER was declared, World Vision in Afghanistan has impacted more than one million lives with live-saving humanitarian assistance. The context is still continued to be very challenging for iNGOs to operate, with constant changes are happening in terms of security, humanitarian space, staffing gap and funding limitations such as sanctions.

The humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan continues to deepen and widen, with more than 24.4 million people are requiring humanitarian assistance to survive. Six months on, World Vision continues to ask for donors to fully fund the Humanitarian Response Plan across all sectors. This must guarantee the inclusion of women in the humanitarian workforce, and address the specific

needs of women, girls and those with disabilities. We also ask all parties to address the barriers to continued provision of principled humanitarian assistance and development aid to people in need, and not to impede the delivery of crucial private sector services to Afghanistan, including banking services, vital imports and humanitarian supplies.



Total Target Participants

1,000,000

people



50% of whom are children

Response Outcomes:

- Food security of vulnerable households is improved
- Acute malnutrition is reduced and the disease burden among affected communities lowered
- Affected households, schools and health care facilities have increased access to sustainable and safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services
- Immediate protection concerns of conflict affected boys and girls are prevented and addressed

Response Goal:

To respond to the acute survival needs and ensure protection of vulnerable children and their families in Afghanistan.



100,000

Child Protection



Target Participants per Sectors



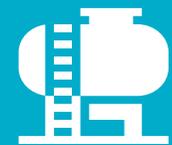
300,000

Health and Nutrition



300,000

Food Security and Livelihoods



300,000

WASH

Response Programming

The programme objectives were drawn from the available current situational analyses (OCHA, IPC), cluster reports and ongoing field assessments conducted by World Vision in target locations. The programme will focus on the provision of immediate humanitarian support to the affected population with the sectoral outcomes covering food security, health and nutrition, WASH and child protection. The planned reach is largely driven by the sharp increase in the number of people in acute food insecurity who require immediate life-saving support.

World Vision will work with communities that are affected by multiple crisis, including the conflict and extreme weather-induced displacements, as well as those who have returned/stayed in their places of origin. World Vision Afghanistan will work with leaders and stakeholders that it has pre-existing relationships with, to identify the most vulnerable participants who require immediate life-saving assistance.



Participants selection criteria



Families with vulnerable caregivers



People living with disabilities



Pregnant and lactating women



Families with children under 5 years of age
(children living in poverty; malnourished children)



Children at risk of abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation

People reached per sectors



1,105,930

In Food Security and Livelihoods

Through:

- Cash and food assistance
- Livelihood recovery assistance



169,356

In Health and Nutrition activities

Through:

- Mobile health clinics
- Family health houses
- Life-saving nutrition services
- Counseling services



54,772

In Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) activities

Through:

- Rehabilitation and construction of water systems
- Conducting hygiene and sanitation awareness training
- Establishment of community water management committees
- Distribution of hygiene kits
- Construction of latrines



6,555

In Child Protection & Education activities

Through:

- Psychosocial support
- Community-based child protection mechanism
- Parenting skill development
- Case management services
- Education in Emergency (EiE) activities





Food Security and Livelihood Interventions



150,342
households provided with food packages



250
women-headed households received poultry kits and fodder



5,000+
households received agriculture-related support (seeds, toolkits, fertilizers, training)



40
women received 8 group greenhouses



5
Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) committees established for total 20 households



2,313
households received cash assistance



300
households received Technical, Vocational and Educational Training and toolkits





Health and Nutrition Interventions



128,892
people received life-saving health services



41
mobile health clinics operated in 420 villages



11
family health houses managed



40,464
children received nutrition screening services



7,543
acutely malnourished children received the nutrition lifesaving services



6,482
pregnant and lactating women received





WASH Interventions



3,851

people benefitted from rehabilitation of 12 non-functional water systems in schools and communities



38,700

people benefitted from construction of 28 new solar-powered water systems



5,067

people benefitted from construction of 3 gravity-fed water networks



6,300

people benefitted from construction of 1 Reverse Osmosis (RO) unit to address the high salinity and nitrate levels detected through water quality tests to ensure beneficiaries access safe drinking water



44

water management committees were reactivated/ established with a total of 778 members who were trained on operation and maintenance of water systems for sustainability



33

community WASH groups were formed and trained



12,006

people reached through hygiene and sanitation promotion campaigns





Child Protection & Education Interventions



2,875

children reached through psychosocial support interventions



18

Child Protection Committees formed with 196 members



1,980

community members received awareness-raising messages



196

parents and caregivers received parenting training



359

children received case management services



60

World Vision staff received training on delivering child protection services



700

community-based education classes conducted for 20,084 students



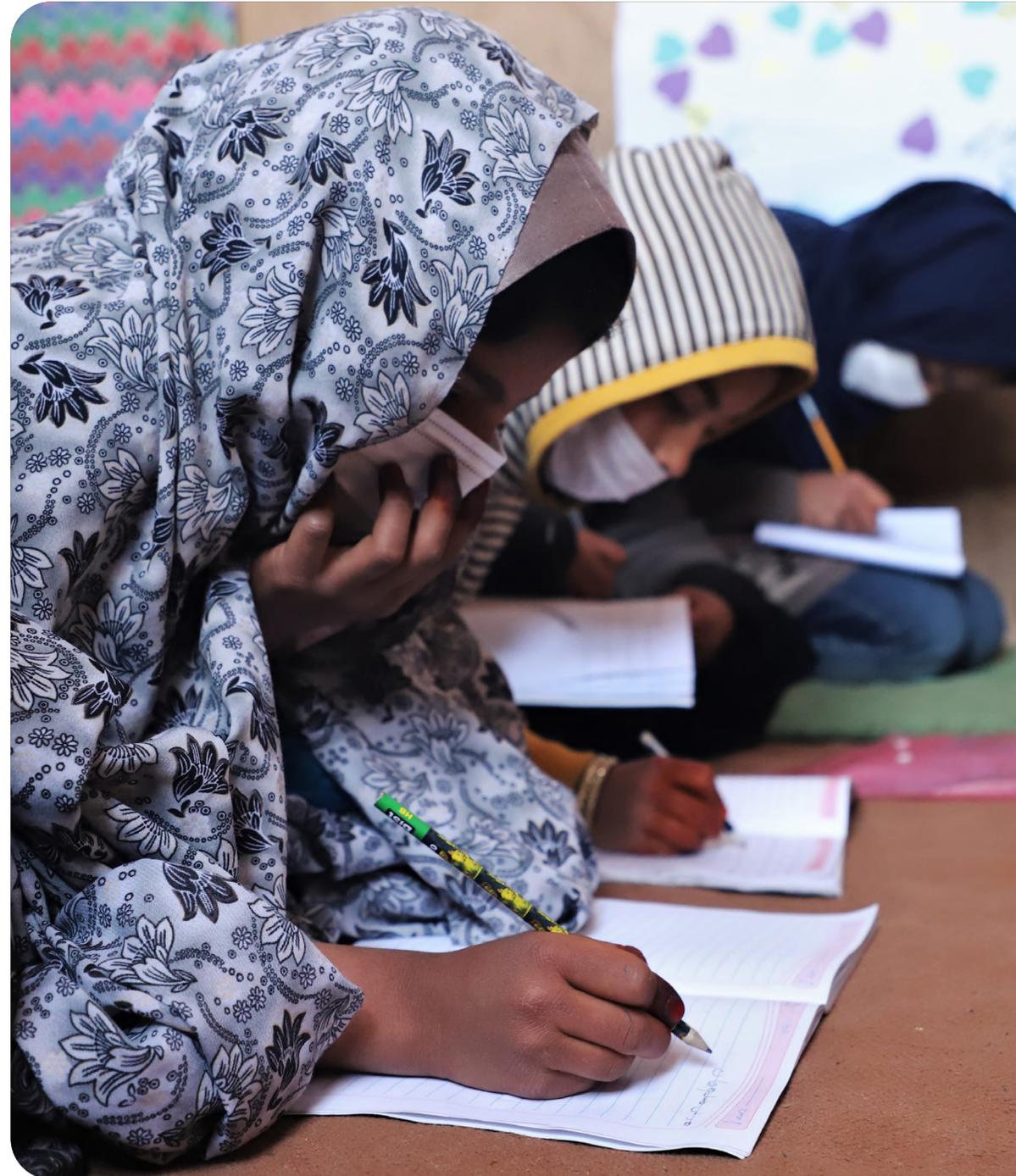
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early childhood education classes for 1,277 children



Looking ahead

- World Vision Afghanistan is moving forward and will keep on serving all children and their families in the areas where we have been operational.
- There will not be any extension to new provinces during fiscal year 2022. However, World Vision Afghanistan will continue to try to reach new districts and more people in need. Towards mid fiscal year 2023, World Vision Afghanistan will explore possibilities of moving into new provinces and introducing localisation as a mode of project implementation.
- World Vision will continue to strengthen its capacity and capabilities to provide more support through the recruitment of needed local and international expertise. Building the capacity of national team will be one of strong focus for the national office.
- World Vision Afghanistan will continue to strengthen its partnerships with UN-OCHA and other iNGOs and NGOs in order to unify the efforts needed to keep humanitarian space flexible and available to operate and deliver aid, respecting the Humanitarian principles.
- World Vision will keep its advocacy efforts both within and outside of Afghanistan to ensure that the Afghan Crisis is still gaining international attention and support.
- Internal coordination efforts will be conducted to determine the way forward for the Response and for the whole operations of World Vision in Afghanistan.



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