This provides an update on World Vision water efforts to address the global water crisis.

World Vision Water Update: May 2017

World Vision Partners Make New 2020 Commitment

Based on our remarkable success in 2016, we have revised our goals for 2020. Using our business plan approach for each region in which we work, we have developed a new and more aggressive 5 year plan. Our new commitment is to reach more than 20 million people by 2020.

We have shared and aligned our goals broadly within the water sector including sharing with the World Health Organization (WHO). We believe this unprecedented level of transparency and accountability will not only help World Vision but also help other groups work together to achieve our ultimate goal of clean water and improved sanitation and hygiene for everyone by 2030.

The WHO prepares a summary of the impact and goals of leaders in the water sector and we are pleased that they have prepared a summary of World Vision’s work. We have attached the full summary and excerpted below some of the key elements of their report.

The WHO report includes a focus on our partnership with Grundfos. We were honored to be included in Grundfos’ annual sustainability report (view).
WASH PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

In 2016, World Vision invested more than US$ 125 million in WASH across 60 countries. In the 36 countries where beneficiaries are monitored, World Vision achieved the following in the financial year 2016:

- Total Water Beneficiaries: 4.7 million;
- Total Sanitation Beneficiaries: 1.6 million;
- Total Hygiene Beneficiaries: 3.2 million.

Between 2011 and 2016, World Vision reached the following:

- Total Water Beneficiaries: 10.8 million;
- Total Sanitation Beneficiaries: 8.7 million;
- Total Hygiene Beneficiaries: 11.1 million.

World Vision is continuing to accelerate the scale-up and reach of its WASH programmes. In 2013, World Vision reached one person every 30 seconds with clean water. In September 2015, World Vision announced plans to reach one new person with clean water every 10 seconds by 2020 — eventually achieving universal water access everywhere it works by 2030. World Vision has achieved its 2020 goal in just one year, announcing this achievement on World Water Day 2017. Following adoption of SDG6, World Vision has worked closely with national governments to, wherever possible, ensure that our plans are part of overall government plans to accomplish SDG6 including local government capacity building.

Specific targets

World Vision’s goal is to provide universal access to safely managed services to communities, health facilities, and schools in all programme areas by 2030. The targets below represent World Vision’s targets for 2016–2020. These targets are currently in revision.

Water design and implementation:
- More than 20 million people with access to a basic water source;
- Ensuring clean safe water provision in more than six thousand (6000) schools;
- Ensuring water access in more than two thousand five hundred (2 500) Health care facilities.

Sanitation design and implementation:
- More than 20 million people with access to basic sanitation facilities;
- Fifty five thousand (55 000) improved sanitation facilities in schools;
- Three thousand (3 000) improved sanitation facilities in health facilities;
- More than a million (1.34 million) sanitation facilities in households;
- Twenty-five thousand (25 000) communities certified as open defecation-free.

Hygiene Knowledge and Practice:
- More than 18.5 million people who have participated in hygiene behavior change activities;
- More than 20 million community members trained;
- Ten thousand (10,000) hand-washing facilities in schools and health facilities.

LESSONS/IMPACTS

In 2010, World Vision made a strategic decision to scale up its investment in WASH, making an increased, targeted investment in WASH in 12 countries of high need. Because of this strategic investment, more than 12.5 million people have been reached with clean water alone between 2010 and 2016. Because of strong partnerships and focused planning and investment, World Vision reached its 2020 target in 2017, reaching one person every ten seconds with clean water.

One example of strong partnerships is the Grundfos Project, where World Vision partnered with the world’s largest pump manufacturer, and is increasing the use of a solar-powered, submersible pump that brings water closer to the homes of more people, more quickly. This includes the use of the Grundfos Lifelink — water dispensers that take the form of standalone kiosks in urban areas (where they tap into the main water supply) or communal water points and mini-grids in off-grid areas (drawing water from the ground through solar-powered pumps). To collect water, people charge a smartcard using their mobile phones, insert it into the dispenser and pay for the water they need. Using Grundfos Lifelink, 100 000 people in Kenya have already been able to access clean water through 40 projects, developed in partnership with organizations including World Vision.
Hauling Water

We filmed Neema, a 10 year old girl in Kenya, on the long walk to get water and then sped it up so you could experience it in 60 seconds. We created the video before our recently announced 2016 results of reaching one new person with clean water every 10 seconds. So, now during the time you watch this video we will have provided clean water to six new people like Neema. Enjoy (Link).

Chronicle of Philanthropy Highlights World Vision in Two-Page Spread
Transition Announcement

Sean Kerrigan has been the visionary and strategic leader of our water, sanitation and hygiene programs for 6 years, leading the team to a 20-fold increase in the number of people reached with clean water. We are thrilled for Sean, and World Vision, that his talents and contributions are being recognized in his new appointment as the National Director for Rwanda. This new role will begin on August 15, 2017. The search for Sean’s replacement is beginning now and Sean will remain as the Acting Senior Director until the replacement is announced to ensure a seamless transition of our critical work. In addition, Sean has agreed to host our next Community of Practice meeting in April 2018 in Rwanda to help ensure an effective transition.
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