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Water for Good's Proven Model of Change

What Is

VISION OF A HEALTHY VILLAGE?

Vision of a Healthy Village (VHV) is Water for Good's unique holistic model for solving the global water crisis by transforming communities one by one.

Developed from over 45 years of experience in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) work, VHV provides more than just new water point installations. Local villagers are empowered to become health heroes as they receive training to champion, construct, and advocate for sanitation and hygiene in their own communities.

In each area we serve, an average of 150 facilitators dedicate more than 50,000 hours to teach communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

90%

MEDIAN REDUCTION IN CHILDHOOD DIARRHEA ACROSS THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

Over a three-year process, this model transforms behaviors and improves daily life—reducing waterborne diseases by a median 90% or more.

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5 THE FIVE PILLARS OF A HEALTHY VILLAGE

VHV is built on five key pillars that ensure reliable and sustainable access to safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene.

Every certified Healthy Village is composed of these five pillars:

1 Healthy Homes

Local sanitation and hygiene facilitators train households door-to-door, helping families adopt and maintain vital health and hygiene standards.

Families adopt these critical WASH behaviors to earn certification:

- **DRINKING SAFE WATER**
  Using a protected water source or treating water to make it safe for drinking
- **IMPROVED LATRINE WITH DIGNITY**
  Building private, durable toilets that provide safety and privacy
- **HANDWASHING**
  Installing handwashing stations with soap and water near latrines
- **SAFE WATER STORAGE**
  Using clean, covered containers to prevent contamination
- **WASHING DISHES AND DRYING RACK**
  Washing dishes properly and using an elevated rack to dry them in the sun, away from dirt and pests
- **BATHING SHELTER**
  Creating fully private, sanitary bathing areas
- **CLEAN COMPOUNDS**
  Keeping the household area clean by removing waste and feces to deter flies

2 Healthy Schools

With guidance from local, trained facilitators, schools integrate WASH infrastructure and education to create a safe and healthy learning environment providing:

- **SAFE WATER POINTS**
  Reliable and sustainable access to safe water within the school compound
- **APPROPRIATE LATRINES**
  Private, durable facilities for all students
- **PERMANENT HANDWASHING STATIONS**
  Handwashing facilities with soap and water
- **MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT**
  Dedicated facilities and materials for girls
- **CLEAN SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**
  Maintaining cleanliness to promote student health WASH lessons integrated. Teaching safe water, sanitation, and hygiene practices
- **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**
  A sustainable plan in place to keep systems functioning

3 Healthy Health Facilities

Rural health centers need reliable access to safe water, improved sanitation, and proper hand-washing facilities to effectively provide health education and primary health care services in their communities. This includes:

- **DRINKING SAFE WATER**
  Reliable access to safe water within or near the healthy facility compound
- **IMPROVED LATRINES WITH DIGNITY**
  Private, durable facilities for all patients and staff
- **PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL**
  Clearly labeled or color-coded waste bins are available in the main consultation and exam areas for proper waste disposal
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4 Sustainable Safe Water Services

Water For Good is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of rural water systems by addressing financial, technical, institutional, and technological spheres at every water point. To support this goal, each site must meet the following standards:

- **DRINKING SAFE WATER**
  Water points consistently meet safety standards across all quality parameters
- **MONEY IN ACCOUNT**
  Communities collect water fees and save them in a designated bank account for future maintenance and repairs
- **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICE IN PLACE**
  Each water point either follows an active operation and maintenance plan or is enrolled in a local service provider program to ensure reliable upkeep.
- **UPTIME AT LEAST 90%**
  Water points function 90% or more annually, minimizing downtime and ensuring reliable access.
- **FUNCTIONAL WATER USER ASSOCIATIONS OR COMMITTEES**
  Local water committees are active, follow established bylaws, and manage water systems effectively.
- **STRONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT WASH SYSTEMS**
  Local authorities are well-equipped, coordinated, and capable of managing and sustaining long-term WASH services.

5 Healthy Churches

In regions where churches are present, Water for Good partners with local congregations to model healthy WASH practices and support vulnerable households.

- **CHURCH LEADERS TRAINED**
  Equipping leaders to promote hygiene and sanitation within the congregation
- **WASH LESSONS INTEGRATED**
  Sharing sanitation and hygiene messages during church activities
- **CLEAN CHURCH COMPOUND**
  Maintaining a clean, sanitary environment for gatherings
- **IMPROVED LATRINE WITH DIGNITY INSIDE CHURCH PREMISES**
  Private, durable toilets for church members and visitors
- **FUNCTIONAL HANDWASHING FACILITY**
  A permanent handwashing station with soap and water for churchgoers

Becoming a Healthy Village

A Certified Healthy Village:

- Open Defecation Free (ODF) status is achieved and maintained
- At least 90% of households are certified Healthy Homes
- All planned water points are complete, sanitary, and have flowing water
- Each water point has an operation and maintenance plan in place or is subscribed to a local service provider program

The VHV Timeline

Our Vision of a Healthy Village (VHV) program unfolds in several phases. While timing can vary based on community context, the full implementation typically takes about three years.

1. PROJECT PLANNING AND LAUNCH

Project Planning and Launch includes WASH University training for staff for a new program, sub-village research, registration of schools, registration of health care facilities, engineering and construction planning, household survey, registration of religious institutions, community-led total sanitation, and WASH Facilitator training

2. HOUSEHOLD INTENSIVE PHASE

Household Intensive Phase focuses on the registration of Healthy Homes, the achievement of Open Defecation Free status, and monthly community events

3. SCHOOL & HEALTHCARE FACILITY INTENSIVE PHASE

School & Healthcare Facility Intensive Phase focuses on teacher and health worker trainings, monthly school WASH clubs, and quarterly community events

4. ENDLINE PHASE

Endline Phase includes household survey and qualitative data collection; this happens concurrently with a new project launching

5. SUSTAINABILITY PHASE

Sustainability Phase includes monitoring communities after formal Water for Good activities cease; this happens concurrently with activities in other project areas

A Model Healthy Village

Our VHV approach goes beyond infrastructure to create real, lasting change. This holistic approach empowers communities to lead their own transformation, with each element working together to improve health, restore dignity, and build a stronger future for whole communities.

A healthy village is a thriving village

Components of Healthy Villages:

1. Community Water Source and Water Committee
2. Household Latrine and Bathing Shelter
3. Handwashing Device
4. WASH Facilitators
5. School Water Source
6. School Health Clubs
7. School Latrine and Handwashing
8. Safe Water Storage and Use
9. Churches
10. Drying Rack
11. Local Government

Your Support Builds the Next Healthy Village

Today, too many communities still lack safe water, hygiene, and sanitation. Without these essentials, families face preventable illness, missed school, and limited opportunities. Together, we can change that.

Your support can help us launch the next Healthy Village and bring health, dignity, and community-wide transformation to those who need it most. It costs $60 to provide one year of safe water, sanitation and hygiene services to one person.

Join us! Make a donation today at **waterforgood.org** and help build the next Healthy Village.

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