Vision Of A Healthy Village

A Healthy Village Is A Thriving 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.

Local villagers are empowered to become health heroes as they receive training to champion sanitation and Providing more than just new water point installation, in our model, local villagers are empowered to become health heroes as they receive training to champion sanitation and hygiene in their own communities. In each area where we work, on average, 150 WASH facilitators will spend over 50,000 hours training their neighbors on safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices. The VHV process takes three years to complete. Read more about the process below.

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90%

We have seen a remarkable 90% or more reduction in diseases related to unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene in areas that have completed the VHV process. Families are healthier and communities are thriving!

HOW IT WORKS

01
SELECTING REGIONS
Local leadership teams choose regions with extensive need for WASH programs. These regions are also rural and eager to invest in their own change process.

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DISTRICT-WIDE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING
Our local leadership teams organize projects by districts, planning ahead 7-10 years. Engineers assess the water problem and plan solutions in every village and school, taking into account factors like water coverage, population density, geographical challenges, and key cultural norms.

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MINISTRY PARTNERS
We partner with churches and ministries in our program areas to serve the vulnerable and provide a tangible expression of God's love through WASH projects. Water for Good serves all families regardless of religion.

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WASH TRAINING
Community-led total sanitation (CLTS) training reveals current practices that are making people sick, opening communities to WASH training, a set of sanitation and hygiene habits known to be critical to one's health.

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HEALTHY HOMES
Field teams work house-to-house helping families adopt practices like hand washing, using a drying rack, building a latrine of their own, and more. Once a home has mastered each healthy habit, they are a certified Healthy Home.

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ACTIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
Communities take ownership by constructing their own healthy home components, adopting health practices, electing water committees, and contributing 10-15% of the cost of the water source construction through monetary means, materials, or labor.

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ODF VERIFICATION
When 90% of households build and use their own functioning latrines, the local government verifies the community as Open Defecation Free (ODF), a major health milestone.

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INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION
Engineers and field teams construct new or rehabilitate existing water sources and latrines. Accounting for factors like water coverage, geographical challenges, and key cultural norms, they carry through with a unique plan of action to best serve local communities and schools.

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HEALTHY VILLAGE CELEBRATION
When 90% of households are certified as Healthy Homes, ODF is achieved, the new village water source and latrines are in place, and a maintenance plan is established, communities are officially designated a Healthy Village and everyone enjoys a celebration!

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SUSTAINABILITY AND MAINTENANCE
For five years or more, Water for Good provides regular infrastructure checks, water quality testing, and maintenance, ensuring that quality care is realized and promises of long-term transformation are kept. Household WASH maintenance is sustained by local support groups such as elders and women's groups.

VISION OF A HEALTHY VILLAGE MODEL

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COMMUNITY WATER SOURCE AND WATER COMMITTEE

Water committees are responsible for managing the community's water source. They ensure its sustainability by overseeing operations and collecting water user fees to fund future repairs, keeping reliable and safe water flowing.

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COMMUNITY LATRINE AND BATHING SHELTER

Clean and dignifying places to use the bathroom and bathe, made from local materials that every family can afford.

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HANDWASHING DEVICE

A device made from local materials that uses a small amount of water, with soap or ash attached to ensure hands stay clean and free from germs.

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WASH FACILITATORS

Local community members trained to share essential health knowledge with village households. They teach safe water practices, sanitation, and hygiene, creating lasting change through trusted, culturally relevant education.

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SCHOOL WATER SOURCE

A safe and reliable water source at the school, ensuring students stay hydrated, healthy, and focused so they are always ready to learn and thrive.

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SCHOOL HEALTH CLUBS

Local schools establish WASH clubs that empower students to adopt and promote healthy habits, creating a ripple effect of wellness within their schools and communities.

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SCHOOL LATRINE AND HANDWASHING

A safe, clean place for students and teachers to use the bathroom. Latrines are an excellent method in encouraging school attendance and are especially impactful for girls, offering the security and sanitation needed to stay in school during menstruation.

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SAFE WATER STORAGE & USE

Households store and use their water safely in clean, covered containers. This may include boiling and filtering drinking water.

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CHURCHES

Partnering with local churches to bring physical and spiritual healing to remote and underserved communities. Through these relationships, we work together to promote health, well-being, and hope.

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DRYING RACK

A clean place high off the ground to dry and disinfect dishes in the sun, away from animals and garbage to keep dishes and cookware safe to use.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Officials are committed to the program and provide support for ongoing maintenance of water sources and school latrines.

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