

Impact assessment of the COVID-19 outbreak on wellbeing of children and families in Albania

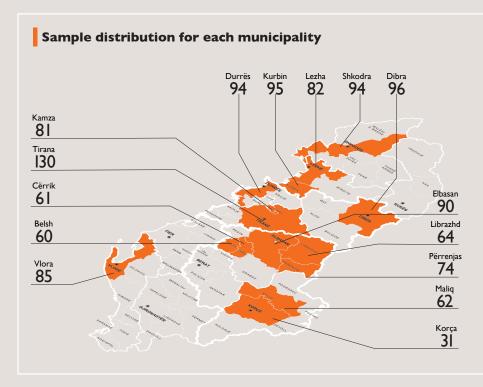
Preliminary findings

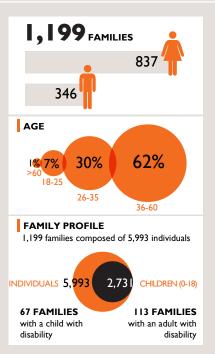
World Vision Albania conducted a rapid assessment to explore on the consequences that families are facing due to the Covid-19 pandemic in Albania. The interviews were conducted mainly in rural areas and the majority of the sample consisted of females.

Data collection was carried out during April 28 - May 8, 2020 and the average duration of each phone interview was 44 minutes.

The assessment will aim to highlight the urgent, medium and long-term needs of families and children in Albania as a result of the new coronavirus pandemic. In spite of the problems, the interviewed families proposed also the most appropriate solutions for the situation.







Source of income before and after COVID-19

Full time employment decreased by

Unemployment increased by + 10%

Occasional work decreased by

Remittances decreased by

Aid from humanitarian organization increased by

Employment and self-employment

68%

of the respondents report that the situation created by Covid-19 pandemic will affect their employment or self-employment.

43%

of the respondents who have agricultural land said that the situation created by COVID-19 has affected the sale of their agricultural products.

Extent to which families fulfil basic needs



of families report that they do not fully meet food needs.



of families report that they do not fully meet needs for disinfectants and face masks.



of families report that they do not fully meet needs for necessary cleaning detergents.



72%

of families report that they do not fully meet needs for necessary hygiene sets.



69%

of families report that they do not fully meet needs for internet service costs.



33%

of families have no possibility to purchase the supplies needed to protect themselves against the novel coronavirus.

Solutions suggested by families

Distribution of food packages

/ Distribution of products for personal hygiene

Distribution of technological equipment

Cash transfer (for food and / Internet

Mental health and domestic violence

Psycho-social support for parents and children is considered as a proper solution to address issues arising from COVID-19 pandemic.



of the respondents report high levels of anxiety and stress



reported that their children have witnessed adults yelling at each-other at home



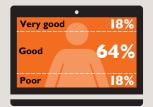
believed that their children are at high risk from browsing the internet for long periods of time.

Children education



I in 10 children could not attend online classes.

5 in 10 children with disabilities could not attend online classes.



Online classes

Parents' perceptions on the quality of education process

Covid-19 spread prevention

Main information channels

As it results from previous studies and reports, television remains the main channel of information in Albania. The data gathered in this assessment shows that the respondents are well-informed on the infections risks and how to prevent the new coronavirus.

Social Media

Television

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