**Country Brief** 

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# WORLD VISION LEBANON

World Vision started operating in Lebanon in 1975. Since then, it has been assisting Lebanese families and refugees through long-term development projects, emergency relief, and advocacy, complementing the efforts of the government and other humanitarian partners.

World Vision has been working with the poorest communities in Lebanon for nearly 45 years, and has established strong relations with communities and local stakeholders. World Vision's development program focuses on empowering local communities to become agents of change. World Vision programmes in Lebanon are designed to strengthen a child-sensitive social protection system for vulnerable girls and boys, through

staff members

and 300 on call

casual workers

evidence-based interventions in child protection, education, water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH), basic assistance and livelihoods.

Since 2012, World Vision has been responding to the Syrian Crisis by assisting Syrian refugees and vulnerable members of local host communities through humanitarian relief programs across sectors. In 2020, World Vision responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and reached 247,000 individuals including 126,306 children to limit the spread of the virus and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families. World Vision also responded to the Beirut Explosion and delivered assistance to 90,000 beneficiaries including 27,000 children. World Vision previously responded to the 2006 war as well as floods.

## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY20



575,636 beneficiaries including 450,000 children



5 disasters managed including COVID response

300+

local partners:

CBOs, NGOs

schools, municipalities,



17,000 children registered in Sponsorship Programme



\$21,7 million

annual budget in addition to \$182,5 million in cash transfer value



Donors

UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR, EU, PRM, USAID, BMZ, Cyprus MFA, UNDP, SHO, DRA, ADH, GAC

## PRIORITY SECTORS



#### CHILD PROTECTION

World Vision Lebanon is committed to create a protective environment that supports the wellbeing of children, by focusing on:

- Violence Against Children, specifically violent child discipline at home and in schools
- Child Labour especially the worst forms of child labour
- Mental Health psychosocial support to children and caregivers
- Working with faith leaders and key community stakeholders to promote child protection



#### EDUCATION

World Vision Lebanon aims to improve access and quality of education so that children have the skills and knowledge to succeed through supporting:

- Enrolment in formal education
- Non-formal education through learning programs related to Early Childhood Education and Basic Literacy and Numeracy skill growth
- Homework and retention support



## LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC ASSISTANCE

World Vision Lebanon aims to improve economic opportunities for host and refugee communities, by focusing on:

- Food and Multipurpose cash
  assistance
- Cash for work assistance as temporary income generation
- Improved access to the labour market
- Support producers to improve production and access to markets
- Access to finance



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

World Vision Lebanon seeks to address gaps in water infrastructure, basic sanitation facilities and hygiene, by focusing on:

- Humanitarian WASH (water distribution, construction of latrines, desludging etc.)
- Hygiene promotion and community mobilization (including on COVID-19)
- Support the water establishment and other institutions to strengthen infrastructure
- Strengthen water governance

## THEMATIC FOCUS



## HUMAN CAPITAL

World Vision Lebanon is WFP and UNHCR's largest partner in Lebanon for cash programming and is in discussions with the WFP and the Ministry of Social Affairs to align/integrate, the cash & vouchers programming into the National Poverty Targeting Programme, with a multisector approach.

## RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

Since 1975 World Vision has been responding to the pressing and ever-changing needs of the children of Lebanon. Our focus has been on responding, adapting, learning, and reaching millions of vulnerable children and their families affected by crises and helping them on the road to improved and sustained well-being.

## SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

World Vision applies the Citizens Voice and Action methodology in its longterm development programmes to transform the dialogue between communities and government in order to improve services, like child protection and education, which impact the daily lives of children and their families.

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