

Country Brief

WORLD VISION
ALBANIA

World Vision started working in Albania in 1999, in response to the Kosovo refugee crisis. For more than two decades, our work has been focused on transformational development and long-standing support of vulnerable children, youth and families. Children's wellbeing is at the heart of World Vision's work in Albania, spread across three key sectors, in protection and social inclusion, youth activism and building secure livelihoods via economic development opportunities for vulnerable families.

During 2022, we have impacted the lives of over 69,610 people, among whom 49,738 children, in 123 communities in Albania.

Disaster management is also a key element of our ministry in Albania as well; as World Vision we are committed to protecting the vulnerable during and after an emergency. In 2020, the country found itself in the middle of two consecutive emergencies: the aftermath of the 6.4 magnitude earthquake of November 26, 2019 and the pandemic of Covid-19. World Vision responded in a multisectorial approach to the devastating loss of Albanian families by reaching approximately 68,373 beneficiaries in 24 municipalities across the country.

ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY22



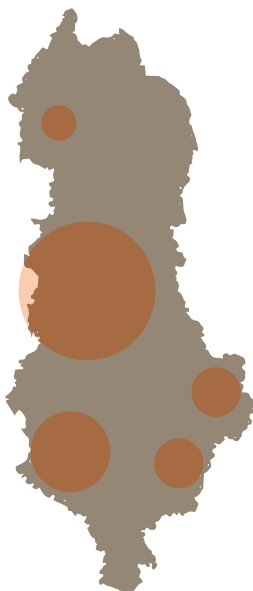
20
projects



19,853
registered
children



108
staff member



69,610
beneficiaries
including
49,738 children



3
integrated community-
based services



300+
local partners; schools,
municipalities, NGOs



60%
of beneficiaries reached were
the most vulnerable children



US \$6.6 million
annual budget from Sponsorship,
Grants, Private non-Sponsorship
and Gifts in Kind



Donors
European Union, GIZ, PONT, CFCU
in Montenegro, UNDP, UNICEF

PRIORITY SECTORS



LIFE SKILLS AND RESILIENCE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

World Vision Albania emphasises children's and adolescents' status as rights holders, and works to improve children's and adolescents' self-efficacy. We use the IMPACT+ an integrated life skills approach to adolescent engagement that addresses key sectoral issues facing adolescents in a holistic way. Our goal is that adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, transition well into adulthood as active citizens empowered with competencies, values, confidence and social connectedness.

- Equipping youth with the experience and the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that prepare them for life and work. Life skills include self-efficacy, decision-making, interpersonal relationships, and goal orientation.
- Working with youth to help them grow in their knowledge and attitudes including gender equitable attitudes, diversity and inclusion, and thematic topics on healthy relationships, health and nutrition, employability, leadership, and social entrepreneurship.
- Building children and adolescents leadership skills.
- Assisting youth and children to take actions that contribute to the development of their communities and beyond.
- Supporting youth to advocate for better services and systems following a child/community led system of care.

During 2022, 1,381 children and adolescents have been part of 87 IMPACT groups. 159 IMPACT Leaders have provided 10 learning topics to children and adolescents on the modules of Leadership and Employability of IMPACT Club curriculum.



CHILD PROTECTION

WVA aims to strengthen child protection system by taking measures to prevent and respond to forms of exploitation, neglect, abuse and all other forms of violence affecting children, by:

- Working with parents and caregivers, and engaging them in dedicated programs which contributes in creating a caring and healthy family environment.
- Working closely with formal and informal actors to ensure that children in need of protection, receive appropriate and dedicated services.
- Advocating and contributing towards improving Laws and Accountability that tackle child protection issues at local and national level.

During 2022, 422 parents were part of the positive parenting capacity-building events through the "Celebrating Families" (CF) module.



BUILDING SECURE LIVELIHOODS

World Vision helps families learn how to increase productivity, profitability, alongside sustainable management of all their resources (natural, social and economic.). We empower people to take control of their own future by enabling them to provide well for their children, achieve and sustain economic wellbeing and freedom. This is achieved through the following approaches:

- We promote sustainable Natural Resource Management, to support increases to sustainable agricultural production.
- Financial literacy education allows farmers and families to take control of their budgets and incomes.
- We develop and encourage key partnerships for good agricultural practice, business skills, and access to markets.
- We promote development of Local Value Chains and Market Systems that work for the rural producers.
- Our Empowered World View approach transforms mind-sets from dependence to empowerment and personal responsibility.
- We help families – and whole communities – to be more resilient.

In 2022 in terms of capacity building, 553 farmers oriented on the local value chain for selected products in their community, and 162 farmers completed business-related training. In addition, 361 farmers were supported with walnuts, hazelnuts, and chestnut seedlings, and 322 farmers were equipped with chemical fertilizer, bags for packaging, and other products that facilitate their work on the farm.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

World Vision aims to ensure that children are developed and learning in an inclusive school and community environment. As of 2020, WVA focused its work in three main directions:

- Increasing the capacity of education practitioners offering their services within school settings and remotely.
- Building and promoting "Development Spaces" for all children in schools, especially for children with disabilities so that they can reach their full potential.
- Improvement of school infrastructure, through Citizen Voice and Action model, in order to make it accessible to all children.

In the last year, the ongoing support of 240 teachers with capacity-building events continued. 120 children with disabilities in 14 schools have received 10,090 hours of specific services, primarily working with the individual educational plan within the Development Spaces. 17 schools have benefited from 14 mini-grants improving their poor school infrastructure where 7334 children benefited.

THEMATIC FOCUS



GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

World Vision Albania has worked towards progressing the systematic integration of gender equality and social inclusion within and across our programming sectors. Recognizing gender-based discrimination and exclusion as important conditions hindering the further development of young people's life skills, confidence and the self-efficacy aspects, WVA has provided opportunities for children, adolescents and communities to advocate for advancing peaceful and inclusive societies and institutions.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As part of our stewardship World Vision Albania is committed to integrate and mainstream climate action activities in our programs. We strive to address the root causes of environmental degradation and climate change, in an effort to contribute to positive outcomes for the most vulnerable and the natural environment.



SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

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