

COUNTRY FACTSHEET

ROMANIA

Children Benefited:

291,147

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Children live in poverty:

1.7 million

Children under 5:

1.02 million

Programme Areas:

71

Children in Country:

3.3 million

ABOUT WORLD VISION FOUNDATION OF ROMANIA

Twenty years after the fall of communism, Romania still lacks adequate social services, including education, health and child protection and the gap between urban and rural poor continues to grow. One in four children does not attend high school because of limited resources and disillusioned young people search for a better life abroad and are at great risk of being taken advantage of by human traffickers.

PRIORITY ISSUES



Advocacy



Education



Disaster Preparedness



Economic Development & Neighbours



Love of God



Youth Empowerment

Preparedness Development & Neighbours Empowerment

WHAT WE DO

KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL

Through a unique partnership with the Romanian Orthodox Church, World Vision launched the "Choose School!" project aimed to change mentalities and help parents and youth realize how important it is for children to finish their education. Special programmes were developed and priests and religion teachers received training focused on artistic development and religious expression through the arts. Over the last four years, 29,207 children at risk of early school dropout participated.

Lucian dreams to become a policeman. In order to realize his dream, he does his homework every day, preparing for classes the following day. Photo by Ana Maria Motateanu, World Vision.

FAST FACTS



104,000 children are **not in school** (UNESCO, 2011)



Only 1 in 3 Roma children attends **pre-primary education** (UNDP/World Bank/EC Regional Roma Survey, 2011)



60,000 children are living with **disabilities** (Federatia Organizatia Nationala a Persoanelor cu handicap din Romania, 2013)

INTEGRATING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

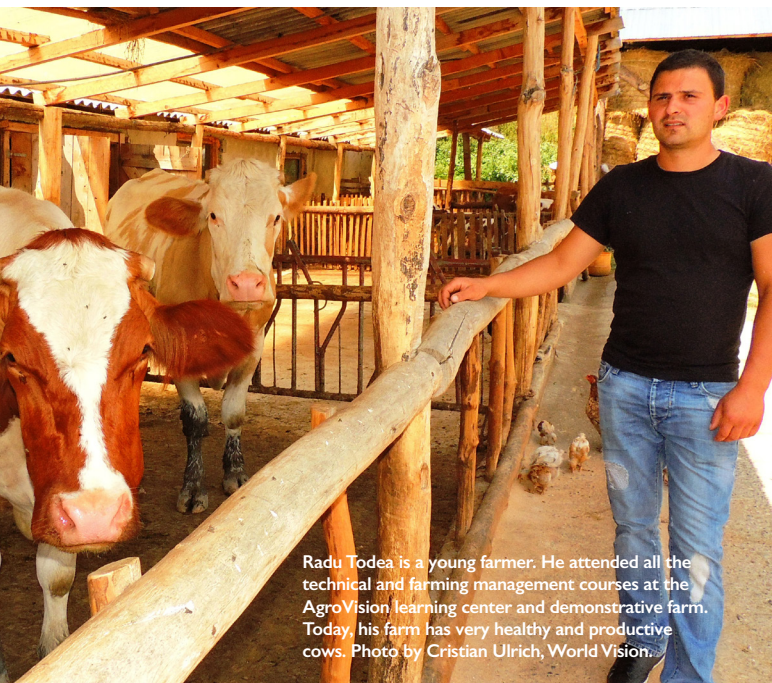
Through the creation of nine multifunctional centres, World Vision helps bring services to children and families struggling with different kinds of disabilities (physical, psychological and social) in both rural and urban areas. In 2013, the centres supported 1,355 children and their caregivers. The beneficiaries include young children as well as their caregivers. Adolescents are also prepared for work opportunities. As a result, more than 87 youth found employment.

GROWING CHILDREN; IMPROVING NUTRITION

World Vision combats child malnourishment through parental education focused on the importance of vaccinations and breastfeeding as well as proper nutrition for children and advocating for improvements to the vaccination systems. As a result, the percentage babies who are exclusively breastfed for the first six months increased from 50 to 66 per cent in recent years.

IMPROVING INCOME AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Lack of sustainable employment is draining the country's talents and tearing families apart. Low wages and high unemployment leave many with no alternative to searching for work abroad. World Vision is helping restore economic hope at home by improving agricultural education to increase the farmers' competitiveness, promoting agricultural development in Romania and also empowering community members to increase their income by educating them on how to apply for other existing development opportunities provided by European Union funds. In 2013, 1,200 people participated in vocational and technical farming training and six per cent of parents reported an increased ability to provide for their kids needs.



Radu Todea is a young farmer. He attended all the technical and farming management courses at the AgroVision learning center and demonstrative farm. Today, his farm has very healthy and productive cows. Photo by Cristian Ulrich, World Vision.

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453,000 youth are not in **education**, not **employed** and not in **training** (ILOSTAT, 2013)



More than **1 million** baby girls have been **aborted** since 2000 (UNICEF, 2013)



84% of children experience **violent discipline** (UNICEF, 2013)



23,000 children live in **residential care** (UNICEF, 2013)



21,000 children involved in **child labour** (UNICEF, 2013)



1.3 million children live **below the poverty line** (UNICEF, 2012)



13% of children under 5 are **stunted** (UNICEF, 2011)