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Annual Report 2012

World Vision in Albania and Kosovo



**MOBILISING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
COMMUNITIES**

Welcome Letter from Rein Dekker

National Director of World Vision in Albania and Kosovo



As the new National Director for World Vision in Albania and Kosovo, it is my privilege to present to you our story of 2012.

Before joining World Vision in October last year, I worked with another agency to support war-affected children in Sudan and South Sudan. Until then, I was deeply involved with minority communities in Southern Africa around the questions of land, identity, culture and poverty.

Eight years ago I made several visits to Albania and vividly remember the openness and warmth of the people. I had been interested for some time to working with World Vision. Its significant field presence in a dozen areas in Albania and Kosovo now provides me with an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and young people in vulnerable communities.

Looking back over 2012, I am grateful what World Vision, in collaboration with national and local partners, has been able to achieve.

Some of the highlights of the past year were:

- Launching the Child Protection and Participation Learning Hub which is a region-wide initiative that enables replication of field-based success for the improved well-being of children. Also next year will launch a new learning hub focused on Gender.
- Young people prepared and presented a special report on child rights to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Joined the National Referral Mechanism for cooperation on anti-trafficking.
- Research about the situation of children with disabilities and also on the topic of sex-selective abortions. These will be followed by activities in response to the findings.
- We have actively supported the establishment of 8 new Child Protection Units.

Of course we face challenges in the year ahead, such as developing income sources beyond the base of private donors; determining how to increase the scale of successful local projects or further increase opportunities for economic development.

In 2013 we will also be reviewing our national strategy. This will help us to renew our focus and increase the relevance, coherence and depth of our current programmes.

Together with our great team of 300 staff, we look forward to continue our collaboration with all our partners and make a sustainable difference in the lives of children, families and their communities.

Sincerely,
Rein Dekker



Who we are and What we do



Core Values

- We are Christian
- We are committed to the Poor
- We value People
- We are Stewards
- We are Partners
- We are Responsive

Vision

Our Vision for every child, Life in all its fullness...

...Our prayer for every heart, The will to make it so.



WorldVision International is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization founded in 1950. World Vision is dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide to help them reach their full potential by directly addressing the causes of poverty and oppression. WorldVision works in 98 countries around the world, serving all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

WorldVision's emergency relief operations have gradually transitioned into sustainable development programs in eleven areas in Albania and the "Kids for Peace" program in Kosovo.

Today, WorldVision's goal in Albania and Kosovo is to empower communities to bring about change that will lead to social, physical and spiritual transformation. We are committed to challenge unjust structures and advocate for a better life for the poor among whom we work, especially for the most vulnerable people.

World Vision started its work in Albania and Kosovo in 1999 and 1998 respectively, as an emergency response to aid persons displaced by Kosovo's war that was raging at the time.



Mission

WorldVision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.



World Vision in Albania and Kosovo works through:

- Child Protection
- Education
- Health
- Youth
- Christian Commitment
- Emergency Response
- Peace Building Projects

Where we work ...

Today World Vision in Albania works alongside children, their families and communities through Area Development Programmes (ADPs) in Lezha, Vlorë, two in Elbasan, Kurbin, Tirana, Shkodra, Dibra, Korça, Librazhd and Durrës. We work in Kosovo as well with a peace building project.

SHKODRA

Area Development Programme
Started in 2007, serving over 1200 registered children (Rrethina and Bardhaj communes, and the Guerrila and Iliria quarters of Shkodra city).

DIBRA

Area Development Programme
Started in 2008, serving around 4000 registered children in the Dibra district (Tomin, Kastriot, and Maqellar communes).

LEZHA

Area Development Programme
Started in 2001, serving more than 2200 registered children in the Lezha District (Kolsh, Zejmen and Balldren communes).

LIBRAZH D

Area Development Programme
Started in 2007, serving more than 4000 registered children in Librazhd area (Qendër, Hotolisht and Qukës communes).

KURBIN

Area Development Programme
Started in 2006, serving more than 4200 registered children in Kurbin district (Milot, Mamurras, and Laç communes).

ELBASAN

Area Development Programme (ADP 1) - started in 2001, serving over 3400 registered children (Bradashesh, Labinot fushë, Shushicë and Gjinar communes).
(ADP 2) - started in 2003, serving over 3100 registered children (Paper, Shirgjan, Gjergjan and a village of the Gostimë commune).

DURRES

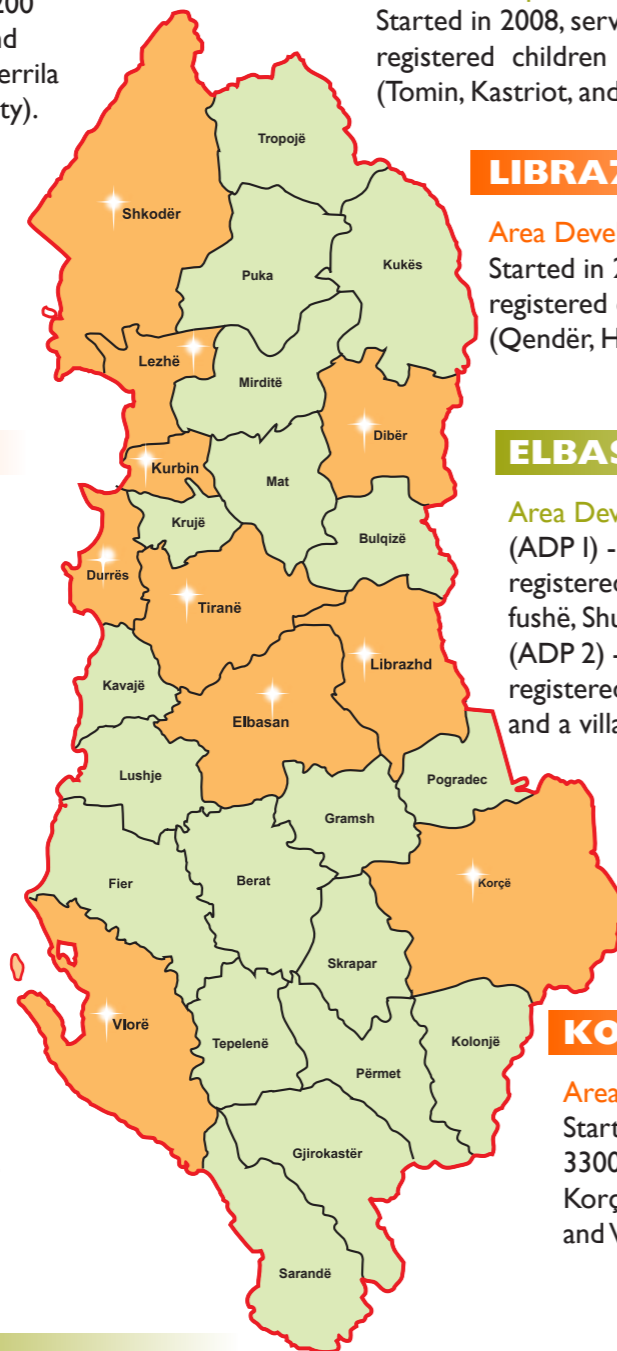
Area Development Programme
Started in 2011, serving more than 1000 registered children, in Keneta and Portoromano areas.

TIRANA

Area Development Programme
Started in 2007, serving about 3900 registered children in the Tirana district (suburban areas of Bathore and Bregu i Lumit).

VLORA

Area Development Programme
Started in 2001; serving about 2000 registered children in 13 villages in the Vlorë District (Novosela and Qendra Commune).



KORÇA

Area Development Programme
Started in 2008, serving more than 3300 registered children, in the Korça district (Maliq, Libonik, Pojan and Vreshtas, Korça communes).



KOSOVO:

Zonal Office
Started in 1998, assisting thousand people affected by the armed conflict in Kosovo. In 2002 the programs transitioned into a peace building project "Kids For Peace" serving to more than 300 children and youth in five Municipalities of Kosovo.



World Vision in ALBANIA and KOSOVO

By Numbers

During 2012:

World Vision in Albania and Kosovo worked alongside **374,132** direct beneficiaries, which resulted in direct help for **32,000** children

Served in **265** communities.

Supported **1500** active young people in Albania and Kosovo with their creative ideas and projects

Served these children, families and communities with **50** well-being projects.

Provided **59** summer camps attended by **16,283** children in 11 areas where we work.

Held Christmas hope activities for **5000** children

Trained **2,200** mothers on various health issues and how to raise their children better.

Improved the professional effectiveness of **430** primary health care workers

Provided emergency assistance to **3,600** people in three areas (Dibra, Librazhd and Korca) affected by this winter's cold and snow.

Nearly **55** children who had dropped out and

now are back in school thanks to World Vision's support.

More than **500** students were intensively educated about organizing democratic elections and trained on their roles and responsibilities in school.

Trained **260** school board representatives (parents, teachers and representatives of school governments on their roles and responsibilities, project proposal writing and fund raising activities. They also started several initiatives to improve the quality of education in their schools.

Trained nearly **300** teachers on child-centered and inclusive teaching methodologies.

400 youth took part of the Annual National Youth Conference in September 2012.

Supported the establishment of **8** new Child Protection Units (CPUs) increasing the total number of CPUs supported by World Vision to **13**.

Around **250** Families from Dibra, Tirana, Elbasan and Lezha participated in programs for family empowerment.

Trained about **300** school and kindergarten teachers to apply positive behavior approaches with children in their schools.

Trained **700** parents about positive child rearing practices, child rights, and child protection.

Around **1800** community members participated in awareness raising activities conducted

by children's groups on child rights, child protection, communication, and use of the referral mechanism.

Increased the knowledge of about **6,000** children and youth in all areas about child rights, peace-building, protection issues and use of the referral mechanism.

Our operations were generously supported by our donors for the amount of **\$6,638,034**

Current World Vision staff total is about **300** staff in Albania and Kosovo committed to working with children to sustainably improve their lives.



They WANTED to kill MY BABY, because she is a GIRL

"My name is Sara*. I'm 18 now and pregnant with my second child. I come from a poor and traditional family in north-eastern Albania. That was the reason of my early marriage.

"I was [only] 15 years old when my parents forced me to marry, but I [agreed] with what they decided for me as our economic situation was not favourable. [At] that time I was planning and dreaming to continue [in] school and become the person I wanted to be. But ever since my dreams started to form, they were also being destroyed.

"Me and my husband got married three years ago. I was 15 and he was 14 years older than me: 29. Our wedding was simple and traditional, maybe not the marriage of my dreams. He stayed most of the time in outside of Albania working in construction and coming here rarely; so I spend the most of the time with his parents: my father and mother-in-law. This kind of life is quite normal for girls like me in this area and we get used to this life when we have enough to eat and raise our children.

"After a year of marriage, we both planned to have a baby, even if I was too young and unprepared as to how to raise them.

"When my husband and his parents learned that the baby was a girl, they were not satisfied. They didn't know the baby's gender before and it was like unpleasant surprise for them to see that the baby was a girl. I had lie to them, saying that the baby is a boy because I was scared knowing their reaction if I would say the truth since the beginning.

"[In Albania] it is a big shame to have only baby girls in the family. Girls are simply "trouble" for their parents. In many communities in Albania, the tradition is that the family line passes through the son and he is supposed to look after his parents in [their] old age – thus a son is better than a daughter.

"[Eventually]", they accepted [her] but they were not pleased. My mother-in-law helped me and taught me how to raise my child. Today, she is 2 years old and my big joy.

"After one year I thought that [the] rough period had gone forever, when one day it appeared again, this time harsher than the first... This happened exactly a when I [became pregnant with] another child. After three months, I was told my second child was a girl too. [This news] was like death for me. I knew my baby would be unwanted by my husband's family. I got very sad and angry with this mentality and with myself. 'That is not fair!' I shouted out angrily. I started to imagine my husband and his par-ents' reaction when I told them the news--The good news that unfortunately sounded like the bad news for them.

"I was preparing myself to hear even the most terrible words from my husband's mouth, but I never expected what he really said to me when I told him the news. During that time, he psychologically abused me daily, [trying to] force me to give up my child through abortion. 'You must abort this child... What will people think of me now?! I am a father with daughters only... and threatened to leave me if I didn't abort the baby.'

"I was scared. I knew abortion was not right and at the same time [I was] thinking what would happen to us [to me and my



children] if he were to leave me. I would be forced to go back to my parent's home. [I knew] they can't afford to maintain me and my two children. As if that wasn't enough, what would people think about my tragedy? They would judge me for sure. This is what I was thinking of in that moment. I felt sorry for my parents, who have a lot of troubles and economic difficulties and if this was not enough, they now had even one more problem.

"Every single night since they, [my husband and his parents] learned the truth, we only argued. The cause was not only between me, my husband and his parents. Among us, was another powerful dark power, very hidden in their minds and souls. Its name is mentality. One of the reasons it was stronger than me is because I was not informed about the problems that come out after an abortion. I was not prepared to convince them that what they were thinking about was completely wrong, a crime [against] an innocent baby. My days got dark and my heart filled with sorrow with no ways of solution.

"I started to have hope again when I first heard about a training in our village [called] "Family Year" organized by World Vision which focused on helping mothers like me and many others in our area about how to raise our children, educate them, how to be positive parents, etc.

"That day the nurse talked about the abortion problems among many other things. I don't know if it was a coincidence or not, but I was surprised. It sounded like it was prepared [specifically] for me. I learned about problems and complications that come up after an abortion and why the baby girls are treated in our area as unequal with boys and how us as mothers should

behave in such circumstances. That was the first time for me hearing about such things. These words gave me wings and power to fight for my baby's cause and protect her innocent life. I never will forget what I learned there. Now that I think about that time I feel absolutely convinced I did the right thing [by] going to that training.

"At the diner time [that night], I immediately opened the topic, but this time I knew I was much more prepared for what I wanted to say to him. 'I won't abort! I won't do so, even if you leave me!', I said. 'Today I learned how precious is my baby's life and how wrong it is to make an abortion. I will take care of my two children myself, even if you still disagree and leave me. I will never take her life away only because you wanted her to be a boy! She is innocent! She will grow big in my belly and I always will be with here, to protect [her] from everyone and everything.'

"He didn't say anything, but I after seeing this, I felt a beautiful relief I had never experienced before.

"Now I have made peace with myself and I feel happy for being able and courageous to act at the right moment for the right cause. I can't imagine what would happen if I wouldn't have raised my voice that time and if I wouldn't have been part of that training, which definitely open my eyes. Maybe my baby would be "killed" and my spirit together with hers. I wouldn't ever forgive myself and it may happen that I also would never be happy.

"As days passed by I managed to convince my husband [to keep the baby].

"I'm holding a beautiful baby girl in my arms now. My baby is healthy and me too. I want both of my girls to grow up happy, get a great education and decide themselves what they want their dreams to be. I want them follow their dreams and not let anyone else to decide for them."

*Sara's real name is changed in order to protect her identity.

SARA, NOT THE ONLY ONE...

The percentage of the selective abortion cases has grown during the recent years in Albania, and this has led to an above-average rate of births of the male children. This trend will disrupt the natural female - male balance in the near future and it will also cause various social problems.

These are some of the conclusions of the recent study "[The unbalanced ratio between the sexes at birth in Albania](#)" conducted by World Vision in Albania in partnership with UNFPA.

According to the study, in Albania, the ratio of male births on record is an average of 111.7 per 100 births of females, for the period of 2008 to 2010. Meanwhile, the global rate is 105 male births per 100 births of females and the study confirms that the balance in Albania is broken precisely because of increasing cases of selective abortion.

The desire to have at least one male heir in the family is the leading cause of intentional female infants' abortions. In the Balkans Region, which is one of the most problematic areas internationally, Albania takes first place on this indicator.

"World Vision will continue to strongly support the relevant state institutions and the Albanian society, so that this painful phenomenon is fought and reduced," said operational director, Philip Ewert in the Press Conference where the study was presented.



CHILDREN are EDUCATED for LIFE

Education - During Fiscal Year 2012, World Vision implemented Education Projects in 10 of our 11 Area Development Pro-grammes (ADP). The main focus of work was empowering student governments to mobilize education stakeholders to create higher standards for child friendly schools. In addition, the project aimed to work with school boards to mobilize and involve the community of parents and teachers in decision making and school management. Other focus points were capacity building activities for teachers to create child friendly and inclusive education environments as well as to provide; catch up classes for the most vulnerable children. Several education stakeholders addressed many cases of school dropout and worked with multi sectorial groups to focus community attention on the importance of early childhood education.

Key Achievements in 2012:

Intensively involved **44 school governments** (528 children) in organizing democratic elections. They were trained on roles and responsibilities, collaboration with education stakeholders and life skills.

Trained 26 School Boards (260 parents, teachers and representatives of school governments) on their role and responsibilities, project proposal writing and fund raising. They have been taking initiatives that have improved the quality of teaching, created friendlier schools in terms of infrastructure and conducted awareness raising campaigns on the right to education of every child.

Trained nearly **300 teachers** on child centered and inclusive methodologies. This was a new initiative organized jointly with the Regional Education Directorates in the areas World Vision works.

About 55 children who had dropped out of school were identified and supported and all of them **are now back in school**.

Provided support to other groups, to the Ministry of Education and Science about the Pre-University laws which has recently been approved by the Albanian Parliament.

Conducted two research projects that helped the Ministry of Education and Science increase their understanding of problems in **Inclusive Education** for children with different abilities in Albania. These reports increased the understanding of World Vision staff and assisted them with formulating advocacy strategies to influence the decision-making process in Albania.

“ Met has suffered very much from his father's death. But now I see him smiling a lot much more, he does a lot of things with other kids, playing with them, giving answers to questions during lessons. He was so withdrawn within himself and now it is like he has woken up “ says one of the teachers who help in summer camps of World Vision, in Bathore.

“ My son had never been to the sea and now he is drawing it because he is able to imagine it. So I think children need space to spread out their mind to reach their dreams, to help them increase their knowledge to realize these dreams. An event like this one sponsored by World Vision inspires them to value education and to not drop out of school” says Dritan Bresa, one of the parents.

CHILDREN Enjoy Good HEALTH

Health - World Vision's health programme operates in the districts of Shkodra, Dibra, Lezha, Durres, Elbasan, Librazhd, Korca and Vlora and address issues around maternal and child health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and health systems strengthening. Preventive interventions are carried out at the individual/family, community, as well as systems and structures levels in the country. World Vision partners with Ministry of Health and other health actors to reduce inequalities to access quality primary health care, especially for the most vulnerable groups.

Key achievements in 2012:

Working in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Peace Corps in Albania, World Vision organized the first ever nation-wide **Health Fair in 12 different cities of Albania** providing health information materials and opportunities for a closer interaction of health providers. These health fairs drew an estimated more than **3,000** participants.

Consolidated the relationship with the Ministry of Health by in February 2012 signing a memorandum of understanding. The agreement sets forth lines of collaboration in the areas of maternal and child health, enhancement of capacities for primary healthcare professionals and much more.

Collaboration with UNFPA in Albania on a **survey regarding sex-selective abortion** in order to increase the understanding on the phenomenon in Albania and to provide objective evidence for policy development.

Supported the first accredited regional **training of 25 health professionals** from north Albania (Shkodra, Lezha, Dibra and Lac) on prenatal education for pregnant women.

Trained more than 2,200 mothers of young children on different child health issues to improve caring and feeding practices at home.

Trained more than 430 primary healthcare professionals (family physicians and nurses) on different maternal and child health topics ranging from care for pregnant woman to women with children under five.

Supported local community groups in about **120 communities** in Albania in taking initiatives to improve health issues in their areas. These initiatives ranged from cleaning the environment of the village, connecting health facilities and schools to the water supply network, surveying school-age children for spinal defects and rebuilding a village health post to meet community needs.

“ The physiotherapy sessions are too expensive here and I cannot afford them. I have been waiting for so long for someone to help me about this. We were lucky to be part of training sessions in September which World Vision organized. This was where I learned how to help my daughter in the situation she is in” says Fiqarete, mother of Brisilda Zeneli, who suffers from back-bone warping.

“ Alketa was different when participating in World Vision activities. She was happier; and perhaps for the first time ever Alketa was smiling. I have never seen her like this. World Vision helped take away my great anxiety about my daughter.” Fidaie Bajo said she no longer feels uncomfortable because of her daughter's different abilities.



YOUNG PEOPLE

enjoy good health,
are educated for life, are cared for,
protected and participating

Youth - the goal of World Vision's Youth program is to create space for young people (age 13-24) to express themselves freely, build their competencies, and grow up to become healthy, positive, contributing adults. World Vision works with the youth in our area development programs (ADP) and assists them in their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development which will enable them to deal effectively with the challenges they face in everyday life. World Vision believes that empowering and developing youth to reach their full potential is one of the best ways to build a better future for the country.

Key Achievements in 2012:

1500 youth are participating in the youth network throughout Albania and Kosovo, taking initiative on building a better life, fulfilling their hopes for their community.

400 youth took part of the **Annual National Youth Conference in September 2012**. The conference is an annual event attended by representatives from all youth groups throughout Albania and Kosovo. The purpose of this event was to share their ideas and experiences, to network and provide them with skills that help them be agents of change in their communities.

Photo Advocacy project with children with different ability in Elbasan ADP. Two groups (20 children) composed mainly from children and youth with different abilities attended photography workshops run by World Vision Albania and an international partner, Photo-Voice. The photos and captions were used to raise awareness on the difficulties that children with different abilities encounter daily. The photos served as a starting point to advocate for rights of children with different abilities, especially in accessing education.

Youth from Albania and Kosovo took part in the **Regional Youth Forum - "The World Youth Want"** and were part of the UN Global consultation on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Post2015 agenda. 4 youth groups from 4 different ADPs were involved.

"Youth Framework" a guiding document is in place serving as a guide for working with youth groups and in scaling up youth programs in order to reach more youth.



"I really enjoyed the time of these children and youth. My dream to be a photographer came true through this project," said Vladimiri who was trained on the basic skills of photography.

"I have a dream and this dream is to heal this land and these people...No matter where I come from, what religion I belong to even if I am white or black. I have a voice and together our voices have power strong to change the world."- this is what said a group of youth from Vlora in front of some of the most well-known media during three days at the World Vision National Youth Conference.

CHILDREN are CARE

for and PROTECTED

Child Protection (CP) - World Vision defines CP as "All measures taken to prevent and respond to exploitation, neglect, abuse and other forms of violence affecting children, especially the most vulnerable" and the CP programming includes projects designed to 'prevent, protect and restore' children with respect to issues of violence, abuse or exploitation. In Albania the Child Protection Program works in 10 areas. CP Projects are being implemented in Elbasan, Vlora, Lezha, Kurbin, Tirana, Shkodra, Librazhd, Dibra and Korca ADPs. Our team work at grassroots level and in collaboration with other Ministries, National Coalition for Child Rights (BKTF) and other International bodies to advocate for the improvement and strengthening of the CP system.

Key Achievements in 2012:

Supported the establishment of **8 new Child Protection Units**; 4 in Elbasan, 1 in Vlora, 2 in Kurbin and 1 in Librazhd ADP, increasing the total of CPUs supported by World Vision to 13.

26 CPUs have been trained by World Vision and Terre des Homes (TDH) through JTiP (an Anti-trafficking Project) project on trafficking issues.

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Ministry of Labor Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (MOLSAEO)** for further collaboration on Child Wellbeing in Albania.

Become an official member of the **National Referral Mechanism for Child Trafficking** alongside with all line ministries and other key actors addressing child trafficking issues.

Developed an **on-line Map for all social services in Albania**, a website hosted by the MOLSAEO official webpage in collaboration with UNICEF and National Center for Social Services.

Advocated through **European Union** for strengthening the CP system in Albania through a progress report.

Working together with BKTF, World Vision facilitated the writing of the **Child Rights Convention report from Children**. The report was presented by Children themselves to the Geneva Child Rights commission in February 2012 and its recommendations were shared with government representatives of Albania in several subsequent events.



Developed and launched the **Albanian Situation Analysis Report 2011** with BKTF and other key members such as TDH and Save the Children.

Completed a study on **Child Protection Units** in Albania with evidences and recommendations, involving 7 ADPs directly in this study and consulting widely with CPUs in Albania Child Protection Reform Network.

Around 300 school and kindergarten teachers participated in capacity-building training to apply positive behavior approaches with children

More than 700 parents participated in the capacity building activities/training for positive child rearing practices, child rights and child protection.

Aproximately 1800 community members participated in awareness raising activities conducted by children's groups on child rights, child protection, communication, and use of the referral mechanism.

Around 6,000 children and youth have participated in awareness raising initiatives, meetings and workshops in 6 ADPs to increase their knowledge on child rights, peace building, protection, use of the referral mechanism.

More than 200 people participated in capacity building training on life skills, peace building, child rights and protection, use of the referral mechanism and safety on-line.

Around 250 families participated in programs for family empowerment giving parents information on child rights, health, education, and protection.

"I participated in last year's training of World Vision, during the "Keeping children safe on-line" project, and there I learned how I can prevent getting offending comments and online anger of others. I learned that my photos could be seen only by my closest friends and this can prevent a lot of problems. It is so important for us to get informed about on-line risks," said Fabiol Xheka, a teenager from Elbasan.

"None children should be discriminated, despised or excluded because of the skin colour, gender, the language he/she speaks, or even [their] faith. This is what I learned during activities on Children Rights Universal Day," says Zgjim Gashi, 14, of Semetisht village, Kosovo.

CHILDREN experience the love of GOD and their NEIGHBORS

Promoting CHILD FOCUSED

disaster risk reduction

Christian Commitment (CC) - WorldVision's Christian identity and values are at the core of our organizational mission, foundation and purposes. For this reason one of the goals in Christian Commitment project is to equip and strengthen the capacity of staff and leadership for Christian witness with words and actions. Devotions, reflections, Annual day of Prayer. The celebration of Christmas and Easter have brought us together in prayer and thanksgiving toward God for the children and communities we serve. Priests and Pastors from, orthodox, catholic and evangelical churches have been invited to share their messages with the staff, to minister and encourage us to demonstrate Christian values and serve as a demonstration of God's love. 2012 has been a journey of growing in a deeper knowledge about our Christian identity as an organization and as an international partnership of Christians, represented by a variety of church traditions.

Key Achievements in 2012:

In June 2012, World Vision hosted **Marilee Pierce Dunker** in Albania, the daughter of World Vision founder Bob Pierce. She shared with World Vision staff about "Walking the tightrope between work and family," and encouraging us in her special way.

Global Leadership Summit was held in Albania. For the second year this global event focused on empowering Christian leaders. 55 World Vision and 10 VisionFund leaders participated in this event.

Children's Day - Children in the rural areas have very few possibilities to enjoy and celebrate together. For this reason, the Evangelical Church in Fushe Kruje gathered other churches and local organizations from the area to have a special celebration of Children's Day on the 100th anniversary of Albanian Independence.

"House of Pearl" is an interactive radio program aiming to reach out to kids with Biblical truth using media resources. This is a special time, where kids from all over the country can express themselves and their faith in various ways. Last Christmas, for the fourth year, children came to the studios of a local Christian Radio station to record their poems and dramas about Christmas. Through this project children were also taught how to be professional radio speakers.

Marriage week is a movement that aims to 1) highlights the value that a stable and supportive marriage and family has for the individual and society; 2) promote discussion in Albania society about the importance of the family life 3) provide practical help for various couples in order to improve their marriages. Christians from the Orthodox, Catholic, Evangelical churches, as well as members of Youth With a Mission and Campus Crusade came together to contribute toward strengthening Albanian society through our marriages and families.

Summer Camps - From June through September more than 16,000 children participated, played, learned about the following: friendship, how to have a vision for their life, how to respect their family, friends and other different life skills. Evangelical, orthodox and catholic churches, teachers, youth groups and non-governmental organizations led, managed and supported these summer camps. For most of the children, these summer camps are the biggest and most joyful activities of the year.

Youth leaders conference created space for 60 church youth pastors/leaders and children ministers from different church denominations to come together for two day conference. The purpose of this event was to mobilize and help youth within the church to play an active role in their communities and in society.

"Among lots of activities, I mostly enjoyed the moment when the World Vision staff told me the story of Christmas. They explained to me the real meaning of this holiday, I learned about God's gift for all of us," Renisa Osmani, 11, of Bathore said. "I would love to tell that story to everyone, especially to my sister," she ended, smiling.

"I remember at that time lots of young people my age participated in the camp like me. Boys and girls, who also had no information about God. They started to change their attitudes and became eager to know Him. Some of them even dared to pray aloud in front of a big audience of youth, children, World Vision staff. Many of them accepted Jesus", says Lidia Lufi, from Shkodra.

Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA): - World Vision in Albania and Kosovo is committed to respond to any major emergency in cooperation with partner agencies. World Vision responds promptly to emergency situations primarily in its program areas with existing and additional resources and funding. World Vision assists people affected by disasters by providing shelter, food, aid, water and sanitation services to people in need. Emergency response and disaster risk reduction are a crucial part of World Vision's work in Albania. Our disaster risk reduction goal is to make development more sustainable by decreasing the vulnerability of people, and improve livelihoods, especially children and women, as they are likely to be disproportionately affected.

Key achievements in 2012:

Immediate aid response aid during the winter to approximately **3,600** affected people in 3 ADP-s (Dibra, Librazhd and Korca)

Groups of interest, civil society organizations and churches have been engaged in addressing issues related to Disasters

During winter season several initiatives were undertaken in alliance with local communities and local stakeholders to ensure that children continued to attend schools and, kindergartens as well as having access to the health centers during the heavy snowfall emergency period.

Helping children and families to organize educational activities in collaboration with our partners.

Providing assistance to address structural damage to houses during the snow emergency.

"I knew World Vision would come to help. They helped with out hesitation. They were eager and enthusiastic to help my poor community of Selane...", said the head of the village, Xheladin Murrija



Living together PEACEFULLY

Our programme
in Kosovo

Kids for Peace Project - Is a peace initiative founded in 2002 involving multi-ethnic youth affected by conflict. The key focus of this project in the beginning was the facilitation of interaction among children from all ethnic groups, with specific emphasis on stimulating greater communication between Albanian and Serbian children. Now, along with peace education and respect for diversity, Kids for Peace promotes responsible living through, games and range of intervention activities. Skills such as public speaking and leadership skills are also developed with children and young people participating in this project. The project operates in five Kosovo municipalities with 17 Kids for Peace clubs. Around 300 children and youth join in regular activities.

Key Achievements in 2012:

10 clubs had exchange visits for strengthening the relationship.

Opening one new Kids for Peace club, a process organized and led by children themselves with World Vision support.

Around 300 hundred children participated in summer camps. Children helped in organizing the summer camp for the first time in Rugova, a place inhabited with Albanians mainly and having Serbian children participating in it.

More than 300 peers of Kids for Peace members were reached by the summer camps and other proj-

ects planned and implemented by Kids for Peace clubs in their villages.

Kids for Peace youth (Albanians and Serbians) organized a big activity about **Peace Day in Rubovc** (which is an mixed Albanian and Serbian community).

30 teachers and volunteers were trained and assisted with summer camps

Kids for peace clubs raised awareness for more than 200 children on Child Rights.

Awareness rising initiatives from the Peace Clubs on:
1) Doing surveys about child rights; 2) Peace sports tournament; 3) The International Day against Child's Labor; 3) Participating in the 'Let's clean Kosovo' campaign.



“On the International Peace Day 200 children showed that peace is possible. “It was my first time to see Albanian and Serbian children together in Rubovc,” says Suzana Recica, 53, an Albanian mother who came to support her daughter, Xhenetha. “You could not distinguish one [child] from another,” she said. “I did not want to lose this opportunity.”

“I really like that my son, David, is member of [the] peace club,” says Dragan Djokic, father of a Serbian boy. “Even though we live in the same village with Albanians, he has never had an Albanian friend,”.

“We have seen most of these Serbian children in the village and school but we have never said ‘hello’ to them,” says Xhenetha Recina, a young Albanian girl who helped in the organization of the event. “This is the first time for me talking and staying with [Serbian] children.”

GRANTS

Albania and Kosovo

DI (Child Protection Reform Network (CPRN))
Strengthen local and national CP system focusing on CPUs.
National Level, Dibra and Vlora.

JTiP (Justice/Trafficking in Persons)
Project fighting trafficking of children in Albania.
National level, Tirana and Shkodra.

PPA (Program Partnership Arrangement - "Safe & Secure")
Strengthen the local Child Protection system.
In Shkodra and Lezha.

ART (Aware, Raise their voice and Take action)
CP and youth engagement.
In Korca.

LIFT (Livestock Initiative For Transformation)
Local Economic Development.
In Vlora and Elbasan.

Celebrate your Daughters
Gender Based Violence and Abortion.
National level, Dibra and Vlora.

COMBI (Communication for Behavior Impact)
Focused on violence and discipline in school.
National level and in all ADPs.

ED Empowerment
Economic Development Capacity.
National level and in all ADPs.

PPA Kids for Peace
Youth Capacity Building.
In Kosovo.

Youth in Action
Youth engagement
In Kosovo.

Our grants donors:

US government (DoS)

UK government (DIFD)

Australian government (AuAID)

European Commission

Austrian Government (Austrian Agency of Development)

UNICEF or other private donors.

Key achievements in 2012:

\$1.2 million of World Vision in Albania and Kosovo of total budget was funded by non-sponsorship funding.

Cooperates with key donors in Albania, in US, Canada, Austria, Germany, Hong Kong, the UK, Korea, and others.

Collaboration with the European Union as part of the evidence gathering for advocacy in Albania.

National engagement with key partners, in training police officers, Child Protection workers and prosecutors on anti- trafficking.

National studies such as: Successful models for reintegration of trafficked children or at-risk

Child Protection Unit Evaluation Study, Sex Im-balances at Birth in Albania (jointly with UNFPA).

240 Families have increased production for house hold consumption increased market access.

240 Families used improved nutrition and breeding practices for their livestock.



Our PARTNERS Microfinance Institutions



VisionFund Albania

Our in-country partner, VisionFund Albania (VFA), was established in 2001 under the umbrella of the World Vision Albania. At present, it is owned by VisionFund International. It supports small-scale entrepreneurs by making loans with which they can expand their businesses. VFA's works primarily in the areas served by World Vision in Albania (Korca, Elbasan, Librazhd, Lezha and Lac). We also serve to the most vulnerable ethnic minority communities, the Roma and Egyptians living in marginal urban areas.

Key achievements in 2012:

Start of Value Chain Projects in collaboration with the World Vision ADP Areas.

Partnership with KIVA, as a primary lending source.

Partnership agreement with MCE (Microcredit Enterprises), a new source of funding.

Became a member of MFC.

Launched the new website.



KosInvest Kosovo

KosInvest started its operations in October 2001 by providing loans as a Micro Enterprise Development program of World Vision Kosovo. In January 2007 it was registered as a separate NGO under the Ministry of Public Administration. KosInvest provides financial and business development services to marginalized and economically poor families. It is the only micro finance fund in Kosovo that works in rural areas.

Key achievements in 2012:

KosInvest has increased its portfolio and the number of client to 29953 active loans.

Partnership with KIVA Products for Start Up Business loan.

KosInvest was awarded, by Giordano Dell'Amore, a Microfinance.

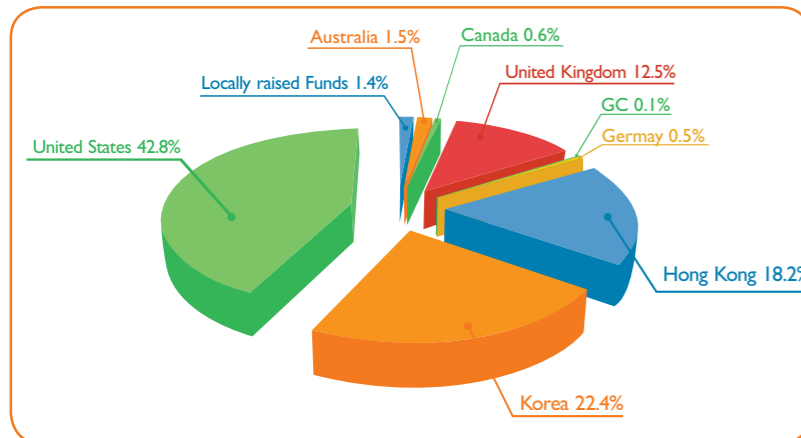
KosInvest has received €50.000 to invest on children and communities where it serves.



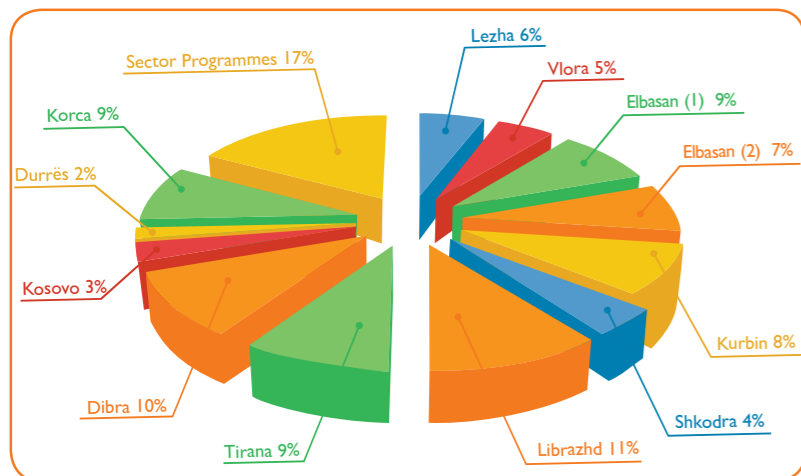
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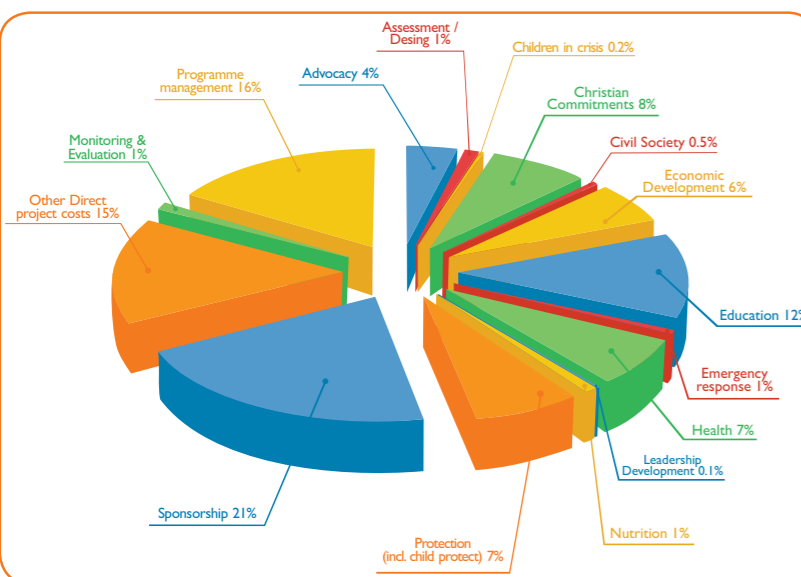
INCOME BY SUPPORT OFFICE



EXPENSES BY PROGRAMME



EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



| Donors | Recieved in FY 12 | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Locally raised Funds | 96,043 | 1.4% |
| Australia | 101,959 | 1.5% |
| Canada | 41,871 | 0.6% |
| United Kingdom | 828,885 | 12.5% |
| WorldVision Global Center | 7,469 | 0.1% |
| Germany | 29,911 | 0.5% |
| Hong Kong | 1,205,152 | 18.2% |
| Korea | 1,484,934 | 22.4% |
| United States | 2,841,811 | 42.8% |
| Total Income | 6,638,035 | |

| Programme | Spent in FY12 (in US \$) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Lezha | 377,105 |
| Vlora | 330,475 |
| Elbasan 1 | 565,402 |
| Elbasan 2 | 495,525 |
| Kurbin | 562,020 |
| Shkodra | 249,806 |
| Librazhd | 739,368 |
| Tirana | 614,856 |
| Dibra | 656,492 |
| Kosovo | 191,708 |
| Durres | 114,512 |
| Korca | 581,078 |
| Sector Programmes | 1,159,690 |
| Total Expenses | 6,638,035 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Advocacy | 4% |
| Assessment / Design | 1% |
| Children in crisis | 0.2% |
| Christian Commitments | 8% |
| Civil Society | 0.5% |
| Economic Development | 6% |
| Education | 12% |
| Emergency response | 1% |
| Health | 7% |
| Leadership Development | 0.1% |
| Nutrition | 1% |
| Protection (incl. child protect) | 7% |
| Sponsorship | 21% |
| Other Direct project costs | 15% |
| Monitoring & Evaluation | 1% |
| Programme management | 16% |
| Total Expenses | 100% |

Our Vision for every child, Life in all its fullness...
...Our prayer for every heart, The will to make it so.



Unë e dua plazhin.
I love the beach.

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