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**Annual Review 2013**





Dear Friends,

2013 has been a year of transitions for World Vision in the South Caucasus; transition into a new leadership structure with shared services and a sharpened and strategic outlook. Through the extraordinary work of dedicated and motivated people, we overcame many challenges and changes while remaining focused on the well-being of children and the communities where they live.

This year's highlights presented in this report bear witness to our efforts to: educate children for life, keep them safe, healthy and protected while also building livelihoods and in healing broken hearts for a more hopeful future. We are thankful to our supporters in Australia, Germany, France, as well as institutional donors whose faithful commitment contributed towards these achievements.

Overall, World Vision's 2013 cash income for its ministry in Azerbaijan amounted to \$1,4 million (USD), which has been invested to transform the lives of nearly 10,617 people, including 7,106 children and youth, in some of the most remote and disadvantaged communities in Azerbaijan.

In 2014, we will build on World Vision's greatest asset - 20 committed staff with a passion for children who are determined to embrace the organisational changes to grow and deepen impact of World Vision's work on the well-being of Azerbaijan's children! I am encouraged to be surrounded by such a dynamic, creative and resourceful group of people, as well as committed partners inside and outside of World Vision.

Sincerely,  
Hans Baderski  
World Vision South Caucasus National Director



World Vision Azerbaijan's Call & Aspiration

**Our aspiration is that all boys and girls in Azerbaijan live in caring communities.**

**Our call is to enable the transformation of systems within society to facilitate their access to life-fulfilling opportunities.**

## Child Vulnerabilities:



**490,000**  
children live in poverty

SOURCE: Azerbaijan World Bank Living Conditions Assessment Report, 2010, p29 <http://bit.ly/12QB8w0>; [14.6% is the poverty rate among children under 6 years old]; the poverty



**8,400**  
children die annually before reaching  
age of five

SOURCE: UNICEF 2013, The State of World Children



**9,860**  
children live in residential care  
institutions

SOURCE: Department of deinstitutionalization and child protection, Ministry of Education



**75%**  
of children aged 2-14 experience any  
form of violent discipline: psychological  
aggression or physical punishment

SOURCE: UNICEF, The State of World Children, 2013 based on DHS 2006 data



**175,700**  
youth are not in education,  
employment or training

SOURCE: ILOSTAT 2013, based on Azerbaijan Labor Force survey 2010





Sheki

A Z E R B A I J A N

Baku

Aghjabedi



Operations in Sheki, Aghjabedi, Baku

**10,600**

people reached directly, including  
7,100 children and youth

World Vision Azerbaijan targeted actions:

**Supporting  
Vulnerable Children  
and Families**

**Promoting  
Community Resilience**

**Empowering Young  
People**

**Protecting People's  
Health**



*To date, 2,161 beneficiaries, including 1,115 children, have received assistance according to their specific needs; 512 such cases were supported in 2013*

*Total number of social workers trained in case management, working in 6 regions, increased to 18*

*120 parents were trained to advocate for inclusive education for their children with disabilities*

## Supporting Vulnerable Children and Families

In 2013, World Vision continued its ongoing initiative for vulnerable children and families in the country, complementing the deinstitutionalization programme to which we and the state are committed to see come to fruition over the next number of years. Through the use of case management practices, beneficiaries receive support that is specific to their individual needs. For children with disabilities especially, this can mean a significant change in their quality of life. In 2013, 201 children with different kinds of impairments accessed variety of services, such as referrals to community based rehabilitation centres, treatment/consultation by qualified doctors, official registration of the disability, receiving wheelchairs, joint immobilizers, orthopaedic boots and corsets among other things.

**“Meeting with [the] social worker, Samira khanum, brought me to the Community Based Rehabilitation. There I learnt how to work on computer. I have Congenital Scoliosis and couldn’t socialise with peers and dreamed of a computer. Samira khanum, managed to attract the attention of generous people to help me get the computer. Now, my life is different and I enjoy it,” says Elvin, 14.**

Working closely with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Population as well as UNICEF, World Vision is in the process of mapping the social services available to vulnerable children and identifying the existing gaps. Through conferences, exhibitions and discussions, we have given people with disabilities the opportunity to voice their concerns and explore possible solutions with relevant stakeholders. World Vision organised two regional conferences on the issues faced by people living with disabilities in 2013 – in Ganja in January and in Qakh in July. Additionally, special training sessions and early intervention services for 90 children with disabilities were held in six cities: Sumgait, Ganja, Masalli, Yevlakh, Guba and Sheki.

**“Now, I can walk in the park with my child and he is very happy to contact peers,” says Zumrud, 35, mother of Rasul, 12, who has Cerebral Palsy.**



## Promoting Community Resilience

World Vision is working to increase the role of children in society as potential actors and contributors to community solutions. We are teaching children about important issues, such as climate change, reforestation, tree planting and disaster preparedness, as well as helping them develop practical lifesaving skills, including: first aid, disease prevention and the use of fire extinguishers. By engaging with stakeholders from the local and regional governments, World Vision in Azerbaijan ensures that efforts are part of institutional and sustainable change in the country, not a set of random activities.

**Samir, 8, says: "I have never seen a fire extinguisher before. Participating in live-action sketches, we are familiar now how to use it and give first aid. It is safer to learn and play in secure environment."**

The communities involved in this programme have implemented an impressive range of activities, including planting over 3,300 fruit trees and establishing a drainage system that is 6,270 meters long. Schools were given more resources to improve their fire safety, such as the installation of two water tanks in the Finge community and the provision of fire extinguishers to 8 schools and 2 kindergartens in other communities.

**600 schoolchildren were directly involved in project activities in 2013**

## Empowering Young People


In order to improve their chances for employment and provide skills for earning a living, World Vision is providing ongoing support to young people in four communities near Baku: Sahli, Umid, Qobustan and Alat. We provided community members with sessions on topics such as: personal development, job seeking, teamwork, time management, presentation skills, project writing and more. At the same time, we are working with the Ministry of Education to develop new standards and curricula for professions such as welder, repairmen/ metalworker and web designer, thus creating new opportunities in vocational education.

As part of their training on video production, 20 young people from Alat and Qobustan created a series of films highlighting the social issues in their community and placed them on social media.

Farid, 17, one of the participants remembers: "Producing these videos we were intending to voice our social problems such as: gender inequality, improper parking, unfair employment and etc. World Vision gave us a chance to visualize our concerns to bring more attention to the community's troubles. We received positive feedback from peers, encouraging us to cover more vital complications."

**75 teachers were trained in 2 pilot schools**

**Of the 43 young boys who studied using the new curricula, 65 per cent found appropriate jobs**



*Elnur, 24, says "I have attended CV writing lessons organized by World Vision Azerbaijan and "Young Trainers School" in Alat community. After learning resume writing I have tried my luck to be employed by one of the cafés near my home. It worked. I am earning money for leisure and for further education [costs]."*





## Protecting People's Health

In 2013, one of the major focus areas of World Vision's work in the health sector in Azerbaijan was the support of people living with HIV and AIDS, especially those who are migrants. We have trained young people to act as peer educators, providing them with seven mini-grants to support their work in the communities. We also prepared a public service announcement to raise the awareness about HIV and AIDS which was broadcasted on television. Through another video clip we produced, we highlighted the link between migration and the spread of HIV and AIDS, raising people's awareness of the issue and focusing on solutions to improve the situation. A number of advocacy and awareness-raising events have disseminated the message to a wide audience. We are also working closely with state institutions to finalize the National Strategy Plan on HIV Prevention in the country.

Malik, 54, works as a driver and retailer in Russia. World Vision arranged one-to-one training for migrants in their assembly points, near the state borders. "Crossing over borders and living in another environment exposes us to a variety of health threats. After reading HIV related booklets and manuals I can preserve my peers from imminent hazard sourcing from promiscuous relations."

**2,038 migrant workers and 5,000 family members were involved in HIV and AIDS prevention activities in 2013**

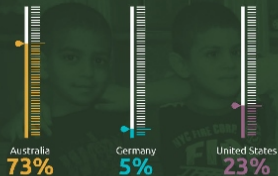
**60 young educators helped promote HIV and AIDS awareness among peers**

**11,200 people were reached through events and awareness raising campaigns**



**Financial Report  
2013**

## World Vision Funds



Total Operational Budget for FINANCIAL YEAR 2013 was \$1,424,966 (USD)

### Total by Funding Source



World Vision Resources

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### Our supporters and partners help make this possible

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