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Our National Impact Report 2022

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We all witnessed in 2022, how the lives especially those of children and youth were affected directly by critical events. They have experienced the psychological, social and economic effects of the humanitarian crisis of the war in Ukraine, the 2019 earthquake and Covid-19 pandemic.

While World Vision International is offering support to lighten the effects of these events, World Vision Albania continued to work in some of the most

affected areas and communities, who are experiencing deprivation, discrimination, abuse or natural disasters. Even though the vulnerability factors are persisting, the inspiration to continue this mission comes from Savina, Bledar, Antoneta, Ivana and thousands more children and adults, who work with World Vision in bringing transformation and wellbeing of children and communities. They are people who serve, people who find hope in serving others and go beyond what is expected.

In this report you will not find only figures and numbers, but also real life stories of transformation. Stories of children and family members who were positively impacted by the work of World Vision Albania. I invite you to read through and get inspiration from the joint work of many people who care and are doing concrete and meaningful actions for the wellbeing of the children and youth, especially the most vulnerable ones.

I thank from the heart each and every one who joined World Vision's work in 2022, the children, the youth, the family members, the child sponsors,

the school teachers and principals, child protection workers, public officials from the local, regional and central government, the donor agencies, civil society organizations, faith-based organizations, corporate representatives, academics, experts, volunteers, service providers, Albania citizens in and outside the country, the World Vision Albania team members, the advisory council members, the World Vision colleagues from various parts of the world. God bless your efforts and commitment.

At World Vision Albania we are committed to continue our efforts and promise to give every child the chance to enjoy life in all its fullness. The journey continues.

Eljona Elmazi
National Director
World Vision Albania

Impact Report 2022 - Foreword

A photograph of four children of different ages sitting against a light blue wall. From left to right: a baby in a pink top, a young boy in a white t-shirt with a red graphic, a boy in a blue tank top with a yellow trim and a cartoon character, and a toddler in a blue t-shirt and striped shorts. All children are smiling or looking towards the camera.

Hope, Joy, and Justice for ALL Children

We are **World Vision**

A global relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to give every child the chance to enjoy life in all its fullness.

For the past 70 years, our Christian faith has inspired us to protect and care for the most vulnerable children around the globe.

Overview of Albania priority sectors

At World Vision Albania, our strategic priorities from 2018 to 2023 embody the core of our mission: Children and Adolescents, Child Protection, Inclusive Education, and Livelihood. These priorities steer our efforts as we relentlessly strive to make a profound impact on the lives of children and communities.

As we progress, we remain resolute in our belief in the transformative power of our work. At World Vision Albania, we strive to build a society that is stronger, more compassionate, and more equitable for all.

Sector programming



Children and Adolescents



Child Protection



Inclusive Education



Livelihood

We deliver our programming by:

- ✓ Enhancing sustainable impact for vulnerable children
- ✓ Securing diverse and sustainable funding sources
- ✓ Promoting operational excellence and strategic positioning
- ✓ Fostering people development and deepening Christian Identity

Cross cutting / Enabling



Gender Equality and Social Inclusion



Disaster Risk Reduction



Faith in Development



Advocacy

Children and Adolescents program stands as a cornerstone of our work, empowering young individuals aged 12 to 18, with an unwavering focus on those who are most vulnerable. Through the implementation of our IMPACT+ project model, we have witnessed extraordinary transformations and unlocked the immense potential that resides within these young individuals.

Child Protection is an area where we spare no effort. Our primary objective is to enhance the safety and well-being of children by addressing physical and psychological violence. By utilizing the Child Protection and Advocacy methodology, we work diligently to strengthen child protection systems and families, creating an environment where children can flourish and thrive without fear.

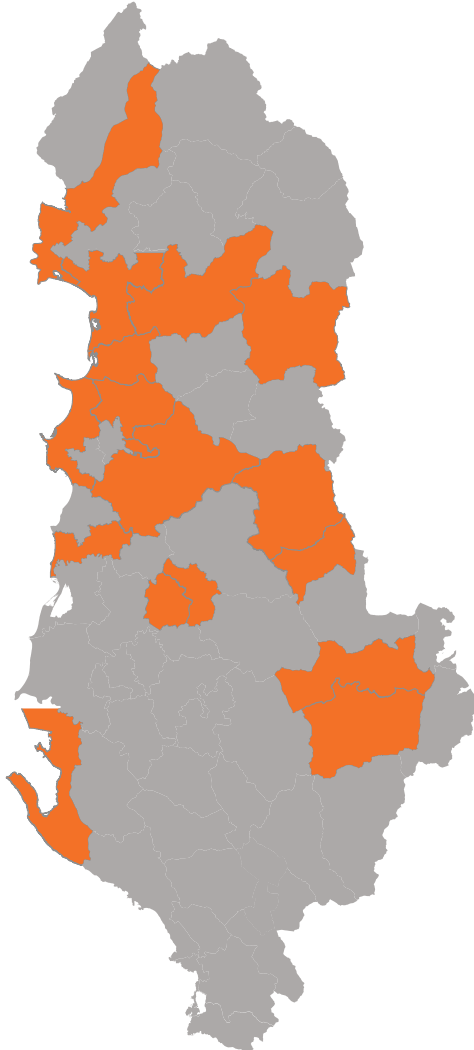
Inclusive Education, we are steadfast in our commitment to nurturing inclusive school and community environments, particularly for children with disabilities. We tirelessly advocate for inclusive education standards, ensuring that every child has equal access to opportunities for learning and growth. By leveraging the transformative Citizen Voice and Action project model, we actively engage communities, empowering them to shape inclusive educational practices that benefit all children.

Livelihood program is dedicated to empowering families, with a keen focus on pivotal elements such as gender equality, social inclusion, and financial literacy. By equipping families with resources and support, we aim to enhance their self-efficacy and economic well-being. Our ultimate goal is to bolster their resilience and self-sufficiency, providing them with the tools to forge a brighter future.



Where **We Serve**

Belsh
Cërrik
Dibër
Durrës
Kamëz
Korçë
Krujë
Kurbini
Lezhë
Librazhd
Maliq
Mirditë
Rrogozhinë
Prrenjas
Shkodër
Tiranë
Vlorë



Child **Well-being** Our **National Impact 2022**

Throughout 2022, World Vision Albania was actively involved in 17 different Albanian municipalities and one in Montenegro. Collaborating with a network of 100 nationwide partners, WVA's initiatives positively impacted 49,738 children via its diverse programming.



2022 IN NUMBERS



38
projects
national wide



18
municipalities¹



100
partners
national wide



25,307
registered
children
in Sponsorship project

60%
of children
reached are the
most vulnerable
in the most remote
areas of Albania



7,326
children
supported with
school sets

933
children,
participated in
summer camps



1,496
children and
adolescents'
part of IMAPCT Club group

4,871
children
participated in activities in
Children's City in Korçë

1. 17 municipalities in Albania and one municipality in Montenegro (Ulqin municipality)



120
children with
disabilities

received 10,090 hours of specific
services the Development

216
children with
disabilities

received 7,835 hours of
therapy in their homes



1,496
children and adolescents'
part of IMAPCT Club group



240
teachers
attended capacity
building events



464
parents
went through the positive
parenting modules



726
small farmers
were supported with
tree seedlings and
equipment's that
facilitate their work
in the farm.



553
farmers
farmers oriented on
local value chain





LIFE STORY

Savina - the 'architect' of women and children's rights²

Savina, a talented 17-year-old high school student from Kurbin, Albania, has transformed her life after joining the IMPACT youth club supported by World Vision. Initially shy and introverted, Savina's involvement in the club has helped her become a great communicator and a powerful voice in her community. With a passion for sciences, painting, and journalism, Savina has taken part in various initiatives addressing topics such as gender equality, women's rights, internet

safety, and children's rights. She believes that women and girls must be heard and included in decision-making processes, and she strives to raise awareness on gender equality in her community. Savina's engagement in school activities extends beyond the classroom, as she and her peers collaborate on projects to benefit their community. Through her involvement in IMPACT groups, she has gained skills to undertake various initiatives that have had a positive

impact on her community. As an inspiring role model, Savina encourages her peers to engage and use their potential to improve their community's social and cultural life. Through her determination, talent, and the support of World Vision, Savina is leaving a life-changing imprint on her community and making a difference for those around her.

2. WVI (2022). S2.tories: Albania: Savina - the 'architect' of women and children's rights. Available at: <https://www.wvi.org/stories/albania/savina-architect-women-and-childrens-rights>



Children and Adolescents

World Vision Albania empowers adolescents to thrive, preparing them for life's challenges. Children and nurturing their potential as agents of transformation in their communities. IMPACT+ is World Vision Albania's transformative Adolescents program that empowers adolescents as they navigate the transition into adulthood aims to empower children and emerge as leaders driving positive change within their communities. The program consists of two interconnected interventions: weekly club meetings and Community Service-Learning Projects (CSLP).

During club meetings, adolescents aged 12-18 gather in groups led by dedicated Club Leaders, during which they develop competencies in active citizenship, leadership, employability, and entrepreneurship. The Club Leaders receive support from World Vision Facilitators who provide training and guidance. The second intervention, encourages adolescents to identify community problems, collaborate on solutions, and execute impactful projects. Each year, they undertake 1-2 projects that progressively enhance their leadership, project management, and business development skills. These projects serve as practical learning experiences while bringing about positive social change in their communities.

IMPACT+ fosters the three Cs: **Competency,**

equipping youth, especially the most vulnerable, with vital resilience, life skills, knowledge, and attitudes; **Character,** promoting positive identity, empowerment, and foundational values; and Contribution, encouraging active citizenship and driving sustainable community development, and voice through the successful IMPACT+ project model. This approach encourages child participation by sharing power with adults in decision-making processes and promote holistic development for successful transition into adulthood.

Impact

Monitoring of results, with 793 adolescents (520 female and 263 male), from seven areas showed that:

- 65.7% of adolescents believe that can be successful when carrying out a certain task (high level of self-efficacy). This component affects motivation, learning capacity and performance of young people.
- 55% of adolescents report improved decision-making skills during the last year. They consider different option before taking a decision; they evaluate the impact on others and the overall impact of their decision in their own future.
- Around 70% of adolescents work toward completing a specific goal that they set (goal orientation). They report having goals set for their future and it is important for them to achieve those goals.
- 48% of adolescents demonstrate excellent leadership skills within their groups, peers, school and community. They report high level of engagement and eager to take the role of the leader.

- 47% of adolescents report employability skills, which are the transferable skills needed to make them 'employable' in the near future. Writing a cover letter, being part of the project or building a personal development plan are seen more connected with school tasks than initiative to build those skills outside the school context.
- Around 64% of adolescent report high levels of civic engagement attitude and 40% high levels of civic engagement behaviours. They report that feel responsibility to change thing in their community, to be part of meetings and be informed, to meet leaders of local government and be part of decision-making processes.

Contributing Projects

- Children and Adolescent Projects in Dibër, Durrës, Korçë, Kurbin, Librazhd, Shkodër, and Tiranë
- Pathways to Career Development (PCD): Preparing Albanian and Montenegrin Youth for Career Opportunities in the Tourism Sector. The Government of Montenegro, Ministry of Finance of Montenegro - Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds. Cross Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro - Albania 2014-2020 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)
- Improving the Skills of Families to Cope with Emergency Situations. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Albania, Social Inclusion Programme: Earthquake Social Protection Response (ESPR).
- Returnees reintegrate and reinvest within country. BMZ's Program "Returning to New Opportunities".

1,496 children and adolescents (930 female and 506 male) actively engaged in IMPACT Club groups.

159 IMPACT Leaders dedicated their efforts to supporting and guiding these young individuals. An impressive total of 91 active IMPACT groups were formed throughout 2022.

Children and adolescents benefited from **10 captivating learning topics focused on leadership and employability.**

Members of the IMPACT Club successfully undertook 14 initiatives under the "I Goal4Impact" theme, spanning across seven area programs in **10 municipalities.**

Four initiatives were led by IMPACT Clubs members, focused on improving sport facilities in Fushë-Krujë schools.

130 youth received comprehensive training in personal and professional skills, including soft skills development and vocational education courses.



LIFE STORY

To a family that radiates love³

Bledar and Antoneta, a married couple from Librazhd, Albania, share their transformational journey through World Vision's family-focused programs. Despite living in a village with limited opportunities and struggling with traditional gender roles that placed Bledar as the sole decision-maker, the couple joined World Vision in 2019 and participated in the three-day training program "Celebrating Families."

Through the program, Bledar and Antoneta learned to build positive relationships and foster open communication within their family. As they attended

meetings and connected with other couples, they overcame prejudices and the restrictive mentality of their region. Bledar, a military man, now expresses his love for Antoneta and their children by spending more time with them, discussing various topics, and making decisions together.

Antoneta shares that their relationship as a couple has improved significantly, and they now value their children's opinions. By engaging with World Vision's "Positive Parenting," "Celebrating Families," and "Stay at Home, Family Challenge" programs, Bledar and

Antoneta have strengthened their bond as a couple and learned to be more caring and attentive parents. The couple concludes their story with an encouraging message for other families: to love, appreciate, and communicate with each other, and to involve children in their lives and decision-making processes. World Vision's work has had a profound impact on Bledar and Antoneta's family, enabling them to develop deeper connections and foster a more nurturing and inclusive home environment.

3. WVI (2022). Stories: Albania: To a family that radiates love. Available at: <https://www.wvi.org/stories/albania/family-radiates-love>



Child Protection

The Child Protection & Advocacy Project Model (CP&A) implemented by World Vision Albania focuses on mobilizing collective action among formal and informal child protection actors within the community to create a stronger protective environment for children. This approach empowers local communities to analyze risks and threats to children's safety and collaboratively implement evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of violence against children.

The CP&A model adopts a systems approach, recognizing the interconnectedness of different components within the child protection system. It encompasses laws and policies, services for child protection, coordination and collaboration among stakeholders, accountability mechanisms, a supportive circle of care that encompasses protective attitudes, social norms, and behaviors, as well as the resilience and capacity of children to protect themselves and others.

In family level, the program strengthens families' through the Celebrating Families model, a faith-based core project model, which aims that children have positive and caring relationships with families allowing them to thrive spiritually, socio-emotionally and physically

Impact

- Monitoring of results with 271 children (143 female and 128 male) and 339 parents (183 female and 156 male) from seven areas showed that:
- 97.4% of children report experiencing positive and peaceful relationships with their parents. These relationships are characterized by parental warmth, understanding, and encouragement, which contribute to the child's emotional well-being, self-esteem, and overall development.
- 85.8% of parents report high equity over gender equitable attitudes, which are beliefs, values, and behaviours that promote equality and fairness, foster empowerment, and reduce gender-based discrimination and violence.

Contributing Projects

- Child Protection Project in Dibër, Durrës, Korçë, Kurbin, Librazhd, Shkodër, and Tiranë
- Child Sponsorship Management Project in Dibër, Durrës, Korçë, Kurbin, Librazhd, Shkodër, and Tiranë
- Improving the Skills of Families to Cope with Emergency Situations. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Albania, Social Inclusion Programme: Earthquake Social Protection Response (ESPR).
- Returnees reintegrate and reinvest within country. BMZ's Program "Returning to New Opportunities".

Significant Achievements

464 parents participated in positive parenting capacity building events through the "Celebrating Families" (CF) module.

In Fushë-Krujë, 57 parents received training to enhance their skills for positive family relationships and healthy childhood development. Additionally, their children (54 children) were provided with school kits, including school bags and necessary supplies. Support was extended to 7,326 children through the provision of school sets.

933 children had the opportunity to participate in engaging summer camps and daily activities.

1,202 families received support in the form of food packages, clothing, and medical services.

At the Children City Centre in Korçë, **4,871 children aged 3 to 14 benefited from art, sport, and scientific programs.**

These programs not only promote healthy parenting practices and reduce violence but also nurture life skills, talent development, positive role modeling, and active citizenship.

WVA team, in collaboration with Child Protection Workers (CPWs), assisted in 247 case management processes, including the drafting of Individual Protection Plans (IPPs).

The Emergency Centre in Durrës successfully provided emergency services, including protection, safe accommodation, transportation, food, clothing, hygiene, medical care, and psychological support, to 23 children and 11 female parents facing high-risk situations. Additionally, 177 children and adolescents from vulnerable communities participated in capacity building activities to enhance their life skills.

51 child protection professionals received orientation on the Referral and Reporting Mechanism for children in need of protection.



LIFE STORY

See you tomorrow for a book⁴

The bond between nine-year-old Erjon, who has autism spectrum disorder, and his support teacher Vilma demonstrates the impact of World Vision's work in supporting children with disabilities. For over four years, Vilma has dedicated herself to helping children with disabilities at her school, including Erjon, who was initially hyperactive, scared, and unable to follow instructions.

Through patience, commitment, and love, Vilma discovered Erjon's interests in toys and music, which enabled her to connect with him and help him make

progress. With her support, Erjon learned to articulate and write letters. The journey toward inclusion for children with disabilities is often long and challenging, but Vilma's dedication exemplifies the qualities of a successful support teacher.

Erjon's mother, Marsida, faces numerous life challenges, but she remains strong and focused on helping her son to achieve independence. She expresses gratitude to World Vision for providing support classes that have helped her son advance significantly.

World Vision has instructed and qualified support

teachers like Vilma on the behaviour and teaching protocols for working with children with disabilities within the Development Space. This support has enabled teachers to identify each child's strengths and develop customized approaches for their growth and development. In Erjon's case, his inclusion in a classroom with his classmates for two hours every day showcases the progress he has made and the potential for further improvement.

4. WVI (2022). Stories: Albania: See you tomorrow for a book! Available at: <https://www.wvi.org/stories/albania/see-you-tomorrow-book>



Inclusive Education

Inclusive Education program aims to promote and strengthen inclusive school and community environments that facilitate the development and learning of children, particularly those with disabilities. It prioritizes cross-disciplinary partnerships to enhance inclusive practices, the creation of a professional support system for all children in mainstream education, and the establishment of local support services for children with disabilities in rural, remote areas. Tungjatjeta...Jetë! project was tailored specifically for children with disabilities residing in rural and remote areas. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by these children and their families, World Vision Albania seeks to bridge the geographical gap, ensuring that no child is left behind.

Through the effective Citizen Voice and Action project model, the program actively engages at both the local

and national levels, mobilizing communities to advocate for inclusive education practices. By amplifying the voices of children, families, and educators, World Vision Albania works tirelessly to shape policies that prioritize inclusive education, creating an enabling environment where every child can thrive.

Impact – Evaluation of program

The evaluation report of the programme conducted with 1,922 school children (975 female and 947 male), 167 teachers (145 female and 22 male), and 164 parents of children with disabilities (114 female and 50 male) showed that:

- 72.5% of teachers report applying inclusive practises in their everyday teaching.
- 81.1% of children in schools, from a sample of 1,922 children report that have used the Development Spaces in their schools.
- All parents of children with disabilities that attend Development Spaces, and received services from

Hello...Life! mobile unit report improvement in the level of functionality of children compared prior beginning of the service.

- 86.9% of caregivers in Hello...Life! project reported high level of satisfaction with the service provided by the mobile unit to their children.

Contributing Projects

- Inclusive School and Community Environments Project in Dibër, Durrës, Korçë, Kurbin, Librazhd, Shkodër, and Tiranë
- Community Centre for disability services (C2DS) Prrenjas. European Commission, Local level partnerships to advance social inclusion in Albania
- Returnees reintegrate and reinvest within country. BMZ's Program "Returning to New Opportunities".

Significant Achievements

240 teachers have attended capacity building events.

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 Space.

216 children with disabilities received mobile services in their homes in the municipalities of Librazhd, Prrenjas, Lezhë, and Rrogozhinë. **7,835 hours of therapy** have been provided to those children, and more

specifically, **2,962 hours of speech therapy**, **2,770 hours of physiotherapy**, **1,865 hours of development therapy**, and **238 hours of psychosocial counselling**.

19 specialized equipment and wheel chairs were donated to Social Service of the Librazhd Municipality, from which have benefitted **19 children with disabilities part of mobile services in Librazhd**.

14 mini-grants improving their poor school infrastructure in **17 schools through the social accountability approach have been implemented**.

7,334 children have the necessary means to make the hours of sport possible as a result of those mini-grants, in a safe and attractive environment.

28 children and adolescents in Tirana have benefitted from 3-months after school courses in the basic subjects such as math and language.

18 children are supported with additional sessions in maths and Albanian Language, to improve their knowledge and skills in these subjects.



LIFE STORY

Ivana - a farmer and a source of inspiration for girls and women⁵

Ivana, a 49-year-old farmer from Maliq, Albania, has overcome numerous challenges to become a successful and inspirational figure in her community. With a strong bond to the land and nature, Ivana has been engaged in raising livestock and growing crops. However, her journey would not have been the same without the support and involvement of World Vision. In 2015, Ivana joined a group of 200 farmers supported by World Vision in her community. Through their trainings, she learned valuable skills, such as sustainable

agriculture, value chain management, natural resource management, business planning, and finding buyers. The knowledge she gained allowed her to not only improve her farming practices but also become one of the 10 leaders of the farmers' group in Libonik village. Now, Ivana trains other farmers on the topics she learned from World Vision. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ivana remained passionate about her work, finding solace in her connection to the land. With the support

of her husband, Ivana defies gender stereotypes and aims for a brighter future. A strong advocate for women's independence and empowerment, Ivana encourages other women and girls to work hard, be courageous, and take initiative. Through her determination and the assistance of World Vision, Ivana serves as an inspiring example of overcoming obstacles and achieving success in her community.

5. WVI (2022). Stories: Albania: Ivana - a farmer and a source of inspiration for girls and women. Available at: <https://www.wvi.org/stories/albania/ivana-farmer-and-source-inspiration-girls-and-women>



Livelihood

Through strategies such as enhancing agricultural production, promoting financial literacy, World Vision Albania Livelihood program seeks to foster self-efficacy and fostering partnerships for market access, we empower economic empowerment of families to increase their income and resilience, moving them from surviving to thriving. With a dedicated, with a focus on gender equality, social inclusion, and financial literacy. By leveraging the program aims to empower parents and caregivers to provide for their children effectively.

Through the innovative Building Secure Livelihood model, we seek the program aims to transform mindsets, create sustainable establish livelihood options, and scale up entrepreneurial endeavors. Our ultimate goal is to improve enterprising efforts. Ultimately, it strives to help parents and caregivers

provide adequately for their children, improving their living conditions and enhance resilience, particularly in rural areas of Albania, by promoting using sustainable natural resource management of natural resources and modern farming practices. By equipping families with the necessary tools and knowledge, we strive to uplift communities, empowering them to build a brighter future.

Impact – Evaluation of program

The evaluation report of the programme with 446 program direct participants (small family farmers, 208 female and 238 male) in four area programmes⁶ showed that:

- The evaluation results showed that only just more than half of the beneficiaries (52.9%) perceived themselves able to provide for all basic items. Data from the qualitative interviews showed beneficiaries had positive perceptions of progress. Caregivers expressed that there had been changes in their household's capacity to cover for the basic

needs such as food and education. While citing that the project helped them to have a mean of livelihood to provide better for children there is a notable concern in terms of ability to afford all living expenses and provide for all needs in a context of increasing prices in the past years.

- There is significant improvement on the use of sustainable agriculture techniques with majority of farmers (74.2%) in end line (2022) versus 34% in 2021 reporting to use sustainable agriculture techniques. The specific techniques most reported were the use of natural fertilizers followed by pruning, weeding, and tiling.
- The majority of the farmers (84%) surveyed reported that the trainings provided by WV were very useful for improvement of agriculture techniques. Similarly, in the qualitative interviews, farmers reported that the trainings on agriculture techniques, the support with technical expertise through extension workers and technical experts

Significant Achievements

553 farmers oriented on local value chain for selected products in their community.

262 farmers completed business related trainings and financial literacy (in Dibër, Korçë, Kurbin, Librazhd and Fushë-Krujë)

115 farmers (113 women and 2 men) were taught on the cultivation of the medicinal plants and the protection of the Korab-Koritnik National Park.

88 farmers (24 females and 64 males) of the beekeeping profile and fruit tree cultivators (in the product line of walnuts/hazelnuts) were trained

by specialized experts on product quality and the latest techniques of bee treatment and fruit tree cultivation in Librazhd.

379 farmers were supported with walnuts, hazelnuts and chestnuts seedlings (196 families in Dibër, 165 families in Librazhd, and 18 families in Thumana and Fushë-Krujë).

332 farmers were equipped with chemical fertilizer, bags for packaging and other products that facilitate their work in the farm (209 farmers in Korçë, 75 farmers in Kurbin, 38 in Librazhd and 10 farmers in Fushë-Krujë).

15 families in Fushë-Krujë were supported with goats.

31 returnee families were supported and engaged in income-generating activities.

63 returnees (30 women) were supported with theoretical knowledge on how to run a business, through "The Competency-based Economies through Formation of Entrepreneurs" curriculum. From this group, **37 participants were supported** to develop their ideas in business plan and received material support to start their business.

6. Dibër, Kurbin, Korçë and Librazhd.

provided by World Vision amongst the most successful aspects of the project as it helped them to increase production and preserve natural resources.

- There has been changes in the knowledge of financial process. 73.3% of the respondents are able to utilize formal financial services although there are still lower levels of trust in the financial institutions themselves with only about 40% of the respondents expressing trust in the institutions. In the qualitative interviews, participants noted that while financial services are an alternative option, which helps them in their business, they still hesitate to apply for loans seeing that as the last resource because the interest rate is high for small farmers, and they tend not to trust the financial institutions.

Contributing Projects

- Building Secure Livelihood Project in Dibër, Korçë, Kurbin, and Librazhd
- Improving the Skills of Families to Cope with Emergency Situations. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Albania, Social Inclusion Programme: Earthquake Social Protection Response (ESPR).
- No Drugs! Food Hub - A sustainable development alternative for youth and communities in Librazhd. European Commission, EU for socio-economic development (as alternative to drugs cultivation and trafficking)
- Improving livelihoods through Biodiversity conservation of Korab-Koritnik Natural Park – Funded by Prespa Ohrid Natural Trust Fund (PONT)
- Returnees reintegrate and reinvest within country.

- BMZ's Program "Returning to New Opportunities": Pathways to Career Development (PCD): Preparing Albanian and Montenegrin Youth for Career Opportunities in the Tourism Sector. The Government of Montenegro, Ministry of Finance of Montenegro - Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds. Cross Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro - Albania 2014-2020 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)

5 returnees have been employed,

generating sufficient income for their basic living in Albania.

12 projects for income generation and 1 start-up were financed in order to support youth putting in practice their business ideas. Engaged in these **13 project ideas and start-ups were 16 youths (9 boys and 7 girls) from Shkodër and Ulcinj.**

74 teachers (27 men and 47 women) in

seven high schools took part in orientation meetings. They were oriented and provided with materials on how to deliver information to youth from 12 to 18 on the risks of drug abuse and cultivation, as well as on the benefits and natural resources that the Librazhd area offers and how youth can start developing ideas on licit income generation activities at this early age.

Awareness activities were organized with 1,500 young people

(12 to 18 years old, 830 girls, 670 boys) on the topics mentioned above. Adolescents were encouraged to develop their ideas on the area's natural resources and how to develop them further.

Advocacy

Advocacy lies at the heart of World Vision Albania's strategic priorities, encompassing at both national and local levels, as we strive is a strategic priority in WVA's programming, aiming to ensure the promote sustained child well-being of children. Our mission is to. WVA empower children and young leaders, nurturing fostering their active participation as advocates for their rights and catalysts for actors of social change.

At the local level, we employ the Locally, Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) project model, which serves as a powerful tool used to engage stakeholders and enhance increase accountability in service provision. Through the CVA process, we facilitate is a local advocacy initiative that educate initiative where school stakeholders learn about their rights and responsibilities. World Vision equips children and community members, then use that knowledge to demand improvements in municipal council budgeting decisions, thereby fostering a more transparent and responsive environment.

With an unwavering commitment to advocacy, World Vision Albania is dedicated to amplifying the voices of children and driving meaningful change. By empowering them to become agents of transformation, we believe in building a future where their rights are upheld and their well-being is safeguarded.

In 2022, World Vision Albania played a pivotal role in the process of drafting the new National Strategy for Youth, a landmark initiative targeting young people aged 15-29 throughout the country. WVA's contributions were threefold:

1. Engaging Youth for Meaningful Input: WVA actively involved young individuals from IMPACT Clubs, tapping into their valuable perspectives and recommendations to enhance

the strategy document. This inclusive approach ensured that the voices of young people were heard and reflected in the final version.

2. Methodology Development: WVA developed an innovative methodology approach for consultations with young individuals, facilitating an environment conducive to their active participation and input during the drafting process.

3. Facilitating the Consultation Process: WVA's commitment extended beyond concept development, as the organization actively participated in the working group responsible for the logistical arrangements of the final consultation event held in Korça. Supported by partners including UNICEF and RYCO, the event provided approximately 200 children and young people, including IMPACT Club members, with the platform to provide crucial feedback and recommendations across all six pillars of the strategy.

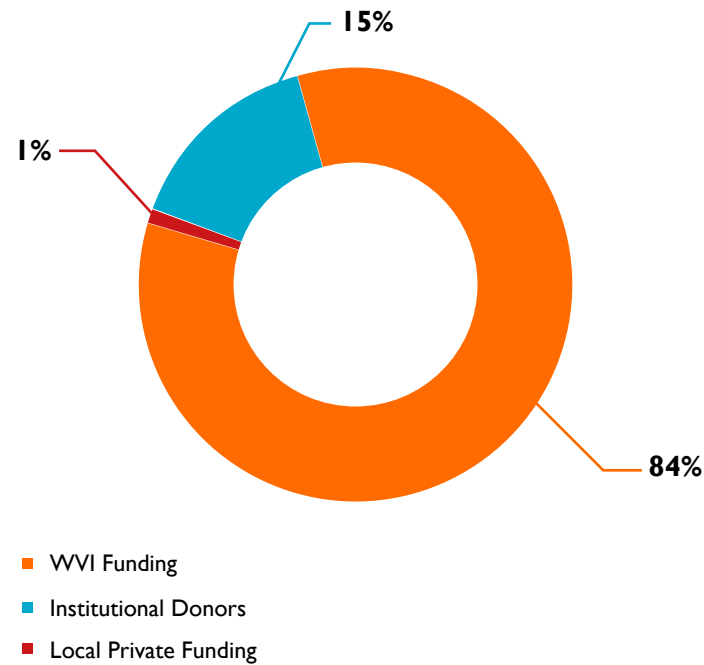
Endorsement of Standards for Social Care: Following two years of dedicated efforts, in June 2022 the Ministry of Health and Social Protection endorsed a comprehensive package of standards drafted by World Vision. These standards include the provision of Emergency Services for children victims of violence, as well as the establishment of Integrated Mobile Services for Children with Disabilities and their families. This momentous step signifies the government's commitment to improving access to high-quality social care services for the most vulnerable children and their families. The endorsement of these standards will serve as a guiding framework for professionals in the field, ensuring the delivery of services that prioritize both quality and long-term sustainability.





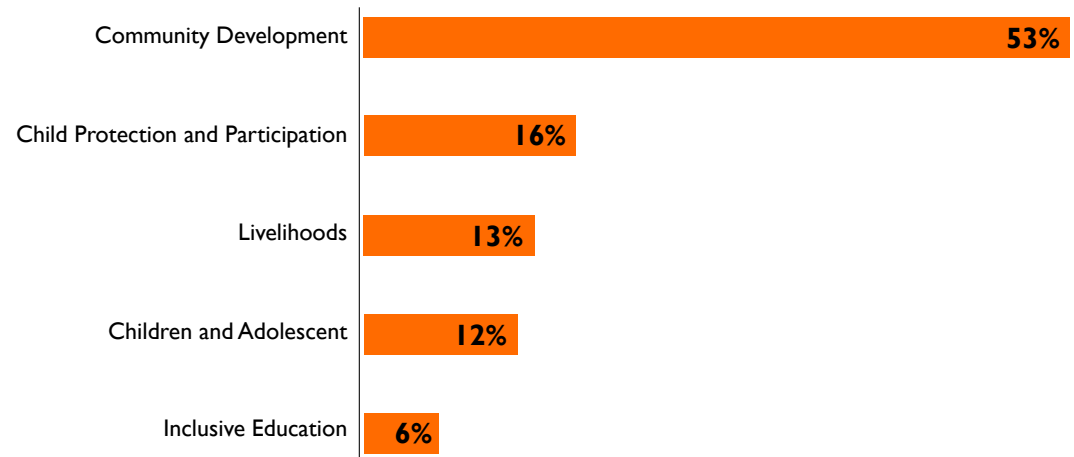
Our Resources

Fig 1. Funding Streams



WVI Funding	\$3,813,800
Institutional Donors	\$688,567
Local Private Funding	\$40,816
Total	\$4,543,183

Fig 2. Funding Expenditures by Sectors



Community Development	\$2,413,387.72
Child Protection and Participation	\$755,186.75
Livelihoods	\$581,463.04
Children and Adolescent Programming	\$532,201.51
Inclusive Education	\$260,943.88
Total	\$4,543,182.90

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Our Partners

ABI Bank	Foundation "Perëndia me ne" Korçë	Municipality of Korçë	Codex	Local Education Office Tiranë	Regional Directorate of Pre-University Education Lezhë
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Our prayer for **every heart**, the **will** to make it so.

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