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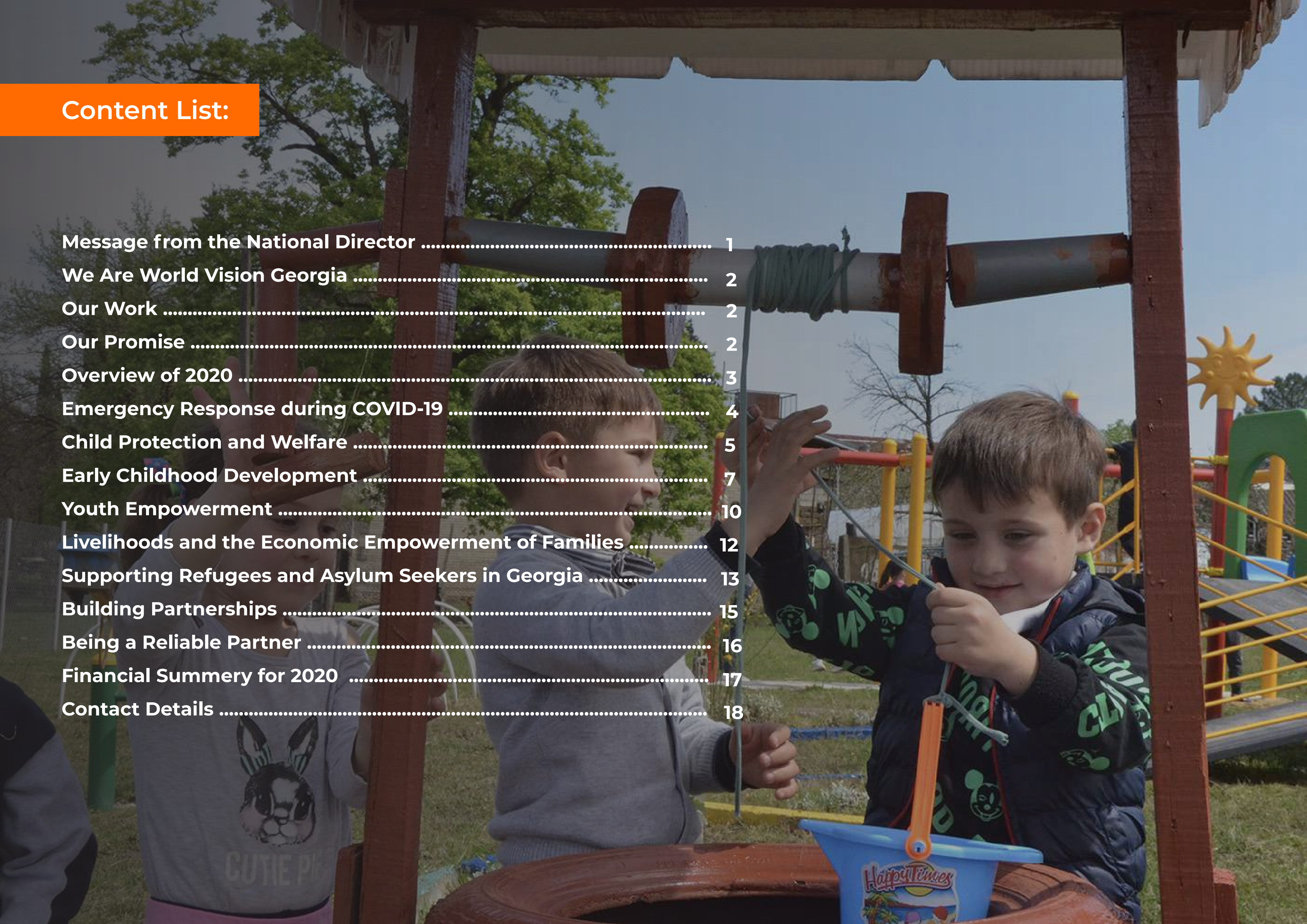
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Message from the National Director

Welcome to World Vision Georgia's 2020 Annual Report!

World Vision in Georgia completed 2020, its 25th year in the country, on both low and high notes. It's been one of the most - if not the most - challenging years we've ever had. After a promising start with positive performance in the first months of the year, our full attention turned to the persistent spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the most vulnerable population. We've all been in lockdowns; we've all had family members or friends sick with COVID-19; we've all been burnt-out from homeschooling our kids while working from home; we've been feeling stressed and stretched at the same time, and in this turmoil, I'm especially proud of what our staff has accomplished together to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children and their families.

With our COVID-19 response programme, in 2020, we reached about 30,000 people directly, including 17,000 children, with our food parcels; we reached about 15,000 children with our educational and developmental resources (laptops, tablets, educational materials, etc.); and we prepared guidebooks for schools and preschools on operating safely and efficiently during the pandemics, to ensure the smooth return of children to school/preschool life.

In 2020, in total, more than 63,000 people benefited from World Vision Georgia's basic material, psychosocial and educational support.

Yes, 2020 was a year of turmoil, but we celebrate our positivity and continued commitment to ensuring that the most vulnerable children and their families are supported and protected. I would like to thank our staff, who have been excellent team players and boldly stepped up during these difficult times of such uncertainty and anxiety. I am excited, humbled, and honored to be entrusted with this important job at World Vision, and enthusiastically look forward to opportunities to collaborate with existing and new partners as we realize our promise to the most vulnerable children of Georgia.

I hope 2021 will bring normality and peace back into our lives.

Ekaterine Gurgenzadze

National Director

World Vision Georgia



We are **World Vision Georgia**

World Vision is one of the leading children's rights non-governmental organizations in Georgia. Throughout its over 20 years of work in the country, the organization has been actively engaged in the strengthening of the child welfare system and creating a healthy and active society for children that is inclusive, tolerant, and provides equal opportunities for all. The organization's long-term presence in the country has successfully positioned it as a reliable development partner for national and local governments, CSOs and other stakeholders.

World Vision recognizes a sustainable approach, whereby the improvement of a child's well-being is inextricably linked to the improvement of that child's family, education facilities and overall community's ability to provide for the child.

As a leading global partner, we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope, and, as a result, all our lives are enriched. Together with our partners, we have positively impacted the lives of more than 17,000 children in Georgia and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

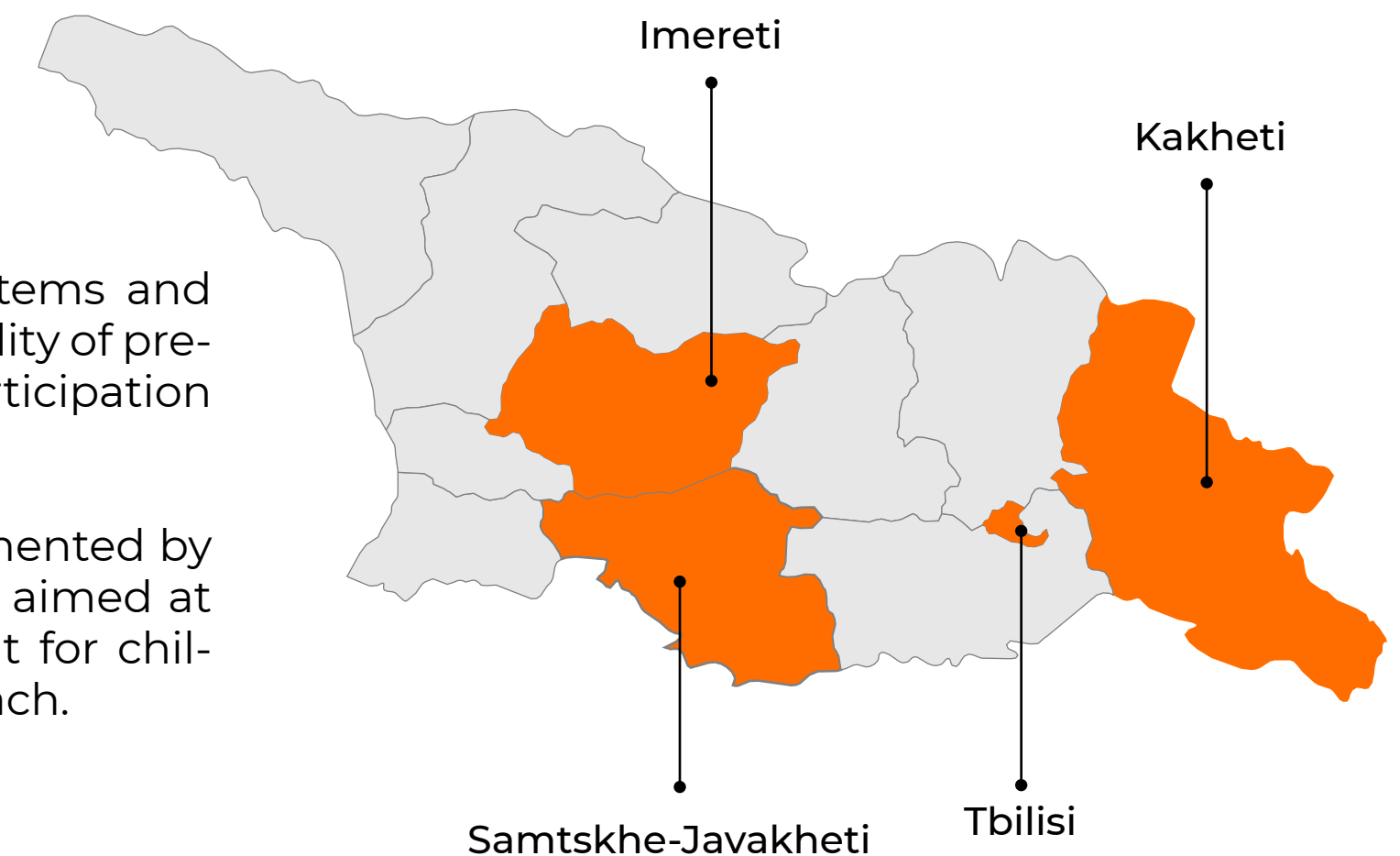
We work in four geographical regions in Georgia: Imereti, Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, and Tbilisi.

Overview of Our Work

Strategic priorities

Our work includes strengthening child welfare systems and services, supporting access to and improving the quality of pre-school education services, and promoting youth participation in civic and economic life.

World Vision Georgia programmes are being implemented by regional offices in five geographic locations and are aimed at creating a healthy, active and inclusive environment for children through a multidimensional and holistic approach.





Overview of 2020

WORLD VISION GEORGIA ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

01/10/2019 – 30/09/2020



6214
CHILDREN

ENROLLED IN WORLD VISION
CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Child-Wellbeing Services
Provided to

1674
CHILDREN



Positive Parenting Trainings
Provided to



1465
PARENTS

Social and Education
Service Provider Capacities
Built Among



862
WORKERS

3



day and night
shelters serves



80 Street
Connected Children



1 day center
serves



25 Toddlers
from the Most
Vulnerable Families



1187

Refugees, Asylum Seekers, et al. Received Empowerment, Integration and Social Protection Services



ULTRA POOR GRADUATION
MODEL PILOTED
75
FAMILIES

30

YOUTH CLUBS
ENROLL
2500
YOUTH



INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED FOR PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND SMALL PUBLIC GARDENS



6
PRE-SCHOOL
INSTITUTIONS

- ROKHI
- ROKITI
- TSNISI
- ZARZMA
- VALE
- MUSKHI



2
SMALL
PUBLIC GARDENS



7



CHILD PROTECTION AND
ADVOCACY GROUPS
WORKING ACROSS THE
COUNTRY

- Guidebook on “Preventing of Bullying from Early Childhood Years”
- The Study of Religious Children Shelters and Boarding Schools, and Unlicensed Institutions Under Local Municipalities

PUBLICATIONS



Emergency Response during the COVID-19 Pandemic

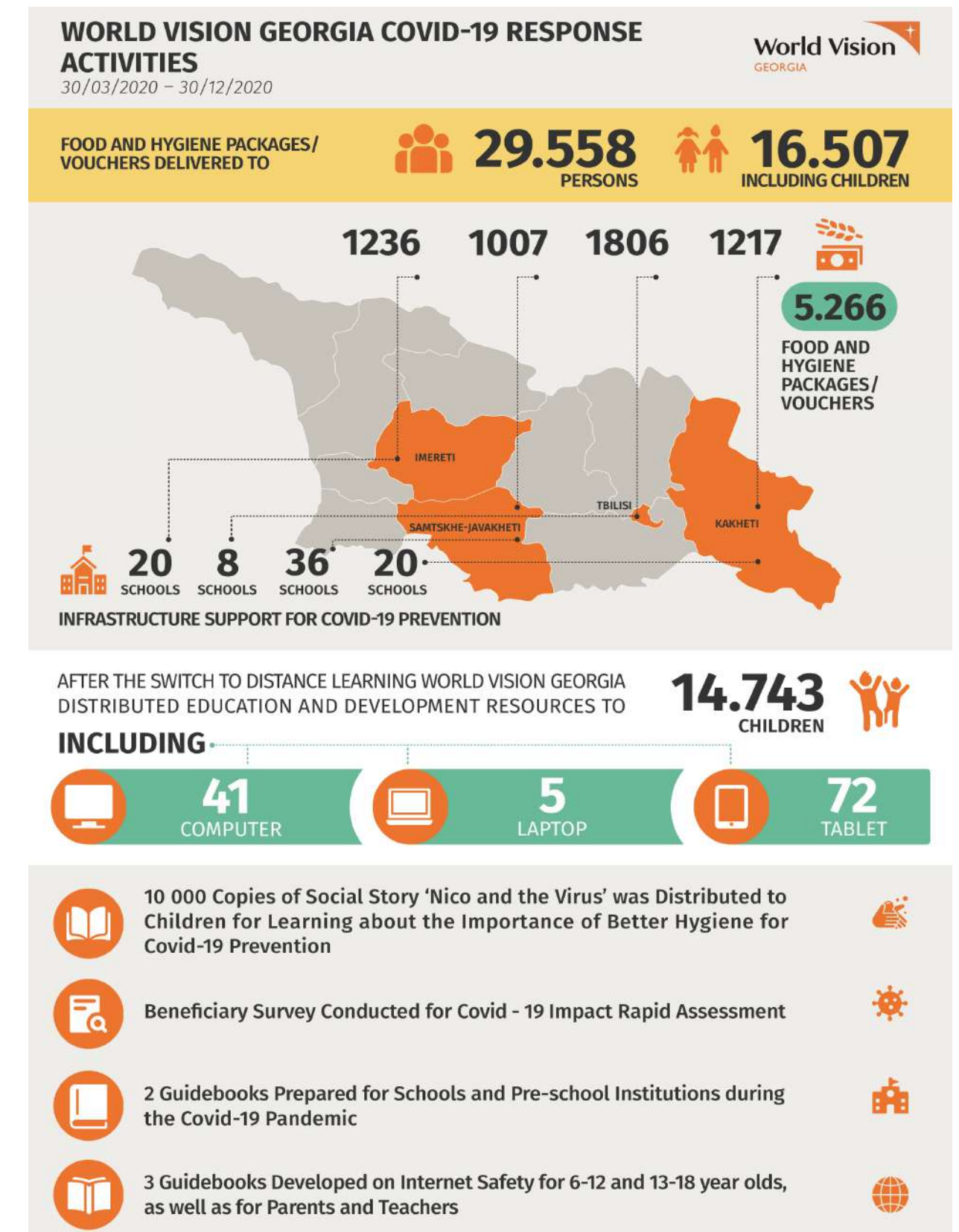
The World Vision (WV) Georgia team has been working to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on more than **16507** vulnerable people, including **29558** children.

Through regular context monitoring and scenario planning, WV Georgia ensured adequate preparedness and response to the pandemic through the adaptation of programme operations. The approach is aimed at ensuring that the response to COVID-19 is embedded within longer-term plans to protect children and address the socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

At the early stage, our organization carried out a COVID-19 impact rapid assessment that aimed to:

- Assess the general socioeconomic status of the population living within the coverage area of WV Georgia;
- Identify COVID-19-related challenges in distance-learning and child protection;
- Assess the effectiveness of interventions directed at supporting vulnerable children and families.

Through the Area Development Centres, we distributed food and hygiene items in 51 communities of eight target municipalities.



Child Protection and Welfare

WV Georgia maintains a strong position in the field of child welfare through its active work on policy and development of the range of Family Support Services in Tbilisi and the regions with regard to Child Prevention and Reintegration from State Care.

Community driven and national level child welfare initiatives are implemented through the “REINFORCING THE CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION SYSTEM IN GEORGIA” project, which is financed by the European Union and World Vision France.

Key Activities:

- STRENGTHENING CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS AND POLICIES
- ENHANCE SERVICE ACCESS AND DELIVERY TO RESPOND TO CHILDREN’S NEEDS AND RIGHTS FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND PROTECTION
- DEVELOPING FAMILY SUPPORT AND ALTERNATIVE CARE SERVICES

Impact



Vulnerable youth like 17-year-old Vakhtang had few prospects beyond low-paying day labor in the informal sector, but due to the efforts of World Vision Georgia Imereti Development Center today Vakhtang works at the major Automotive Service Centre Mate Motors and supports his family.

The relationship between Vakhtang and our organization began several years ago when World Vision Georgia mobile groups, that search vulnerable children in the streets of Tbilisi and Kutaisi and provide them with direct assistance and appropriate services, met him.

Social worker Maya Qamushadze explains that Vakhtang and his siblings, lived in very poor conditions, they did not have access to health care services, due to the lack of needed documentation. World Vision Georgia Imereti Development Center provided the family with all the needed support to access appropriate services. Family members underwent personal hygiene training and they were provided with needed furniture. As long as the family did not have a stable income it was decided to work on the enhancement of employment opportunities of Vakhtang.

“First he received 6 months of on-the-job training, for that time we could see how motivated he was. Even during the pandemic when there was no traffic, Vakhtang would walk or come to work by bicycle, he has never missed a class. It was one of the reasons why he was offered the job later” -

says Miranda Managadze, Imereti Development Centre Employment Specialist.

She supports impoverished youth to become successful, self-reliant adults, Vakhtang is one of them. Together with on-the-job training, he received training on financial literacy and good saving practices.

Today, the income received from the job is making a difference in Vakhtang’s and his family’s life. As Vakhtang says he enjoys the work and feels happy that it gives him the chance to improve living conditions.

Early Childhood Development

The World Vision Georgia Early Childhood Technical Development (ECD) Programme supports the healthy growth and development of children under eight, considering the significance of early childhood development and care (0-2y and 3-6y), and school (6-8y) inclusion and transition processes. Early years lay the foundation for later school success and the further development of a person.

In 2020, WV Georgia targeted its ECD programming at the most vulnerable children, focusing on advancing the quality of early and preschool services, contributing to the development of inclusive and supportive services, enhancing the positive parenting skills of parents with the youngest children, as well as meaningfully providing the relevant policy and methodological input to the preschool and general education system.

9253 girls and boys and **1857** women and men were reached and impacted directly through ECD programming and resources provided to pre-schools, as well as at home and remotely.

The guidebooks are publicly available online and were delivered to all public schools and preschools through World Vision Georgia and Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia communication channels. The guidebooks were also translated into Armenian, Azerbaijani and Russian with the support of UN RCO.



A social story, 'Niko and the Virus', was created by WVG, aiming to introduce virus-related information to children through a simple story and to help to reduce stress. WVG provided a set containing the storybook, a colouring book, and developmental resources, for about 5000 children. This was also translated into Armenian and Azerbaijani and is available online.

Impact



623 Parents/Caregivers were supported to promote the early development of their children



43 Preschool Institutions established a consultative committee, and local community representatives, as per the Law on Preschool Education, attended CVA and preschool education legislation introduction trainings



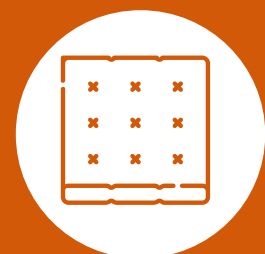
The outdoor spaces of **2 Imereti Preschool Institutions** were organized and equipped



51 Preschool Institutions were supported with capacity-building, infrastructure, material and educational resources;



186 Preschool Workers were trained in preventing bullying from the early years, based on the WVG-developed guidebook with the same title



5 Preschool Institutions in Telavi Municipality were gifted plaids, blankets and mattresses;



10 Preschool Institutions in target communities were gifted toys and other developmental resources;



Two practical guidebooks were developed with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports for schools and preschools, supporting schools and preschools during the COVID-19 pandemic

Community Engagement

World Vision Georgia identifies and trains active community representatives/partners to co-facilitate community engagement process and address local needs of the most vulnerable.

Our Organization enables initiative groups to identify issues of local importance and together with partners plan, implement and monitor response actions. In the end, it increases sense of ownership and responsibility as well as the capacity of local communities.



World Vision Georgia financially supported implementation of **7 micro projects** identified by the local communities in Kakheti, Samtskhe-javakheti and Imereti Regions.



Up to 2000 community members benefitted from those initiatives.



Youth Empowerment

We enhance youth participation and engagement to create positive changes at all levels.

WVG youth-led initiatives provide support mechanisms to foster the individual competencies of youngsters necessary for participation in social, civic, and economic life. Through youth clubs, WVG equips youth with life and technical skills, entrepreneurial business development technics and innovative approaches that bring social change to the community.

Key Activities:

- SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE YOUTH ECO-SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL
- ENHANCE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL
- PROMOTE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC AND ECONOMIC LIFE



"Thanks to SKYE club, we have managed to create a space in our town where youth can engage in different, interesting activities and feel at home. I'll always remember the year spent in SKYE club as the best period for my professional and personal growth."

- Shako Jincharadze, Kutaisi SKYE club leader.

Impact



WV Georgia is member of Eastern Partnership National Platform (Youth Sub-Group) UN Coordination Group on Youth Development EU4YOUTH working Group MoUs with relevant stakeholders.



WVG is piloting Youth Municipal Strategies and Municipal Youth Advisory Council Model



50 SKYE (Skills and Knowledge for Youth Economic Empowerment) clubs help disadvantaged youth to develop the skills, behaviors and attitudes necessary to obtain sustainable livelihoods.



More than **1000 Youth** are equipped with critical life, work-readiness, entrepreneurial business development and technical skills and bring social change in their communities everyday



More than **50 Youth-led Initiatives** supported and implemented by youth



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Livelihood and Economic Empowerment of Families

As in many countries, the pandemic worsened the living conditions of poor people in Georgia in 2020. Through the Ultra Poor Graduation Model, World Vision Georgia started supporting children and families living in extreme poverty by implementing a set of interventions aimed at enabling extreme and ultra-poor households to achieve key milestones towards sustainable livelihoods and socioeconomic resilience, in order to progress along a pathway out of extreme poverty.

World Vision Georgia has been implementing the Ultra Poor Graduation project since 2019. The Graduation Approach is a comprehensive, time-bound, integrated and sequenced set of interventions which enable extreme and ultra-poor households to achieve key milestones towards sustainable livelihoods and socioeconomic resilience, in order to progress along a pathway out of extreme poverty.

In 2020, with the support of the Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti and Imereti Area Development Centres, we involved 105 families in a two-year program and another 120 families are to be involved in 2021.

Ia's Story

The mother of five children, Ia Butsashvili was talented at handicrafts, but needed to develop and refine her skills. Ia was professionally trained and equipped and began to make bags and baskets. Much to her surprise, her work soon became popular in the surrounding area and she is already taking orders.

“I couldn't imagine something I loved doing in my leisure time could one day become a source of income! I'm happy to be able to help my family financially today.” – Ia Butsashvili.

An initial assessment revealed that the family had experience in cattle-rearing, although, due to economic problems, they no longer owned any. In order to provide vital nutrition to 6 children, World Vision bought a dairy cow for the family.

Due to successful advocacy, the local municipality, social workers, and partners of the State Care Agency were actively involved and cooperated with the organization in the process of working with the family and strengthening them.



Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Georgia

Community Mobilization and Participation

WVG, in partnership with UNHCR, is providing support to refugees from different countries who had to leave their own country and find new place to live.

Our joint project “COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND PARTICIPATION” contributes to the realization of the fundamental rights Asylum Seekers, Persons Granted International Protection, Persons in the Stateless Determination Procedure, and Stateless Persons in Georgia, by strengthening community-based protection, and contributing to their peaceful coexistence with the local population, as well as the integration process.

Key Activities:

- BENEFICIARIES ARE EMPOWERED THROUGH ESTABLISHED SELF-SUPPORT MECHANISMS AND COMMUNITY NETWORKS;
- INTEGRATION OF BENEFICIARIES IS PROMOTED THROUGH INCREASING THE CULTURAL SENSITIVITY OF HOST COMMUNITIES;
- ACTIVE, PARTICIPATORY AND EFFECTIVE NETWORKS ARE CREATED THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE;
- SOCIAL PROTECTION AND INTEGRATION IS ENHANCED THROUGH AN EFFECTIVE REFERRAL MECHANISM AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

Impact

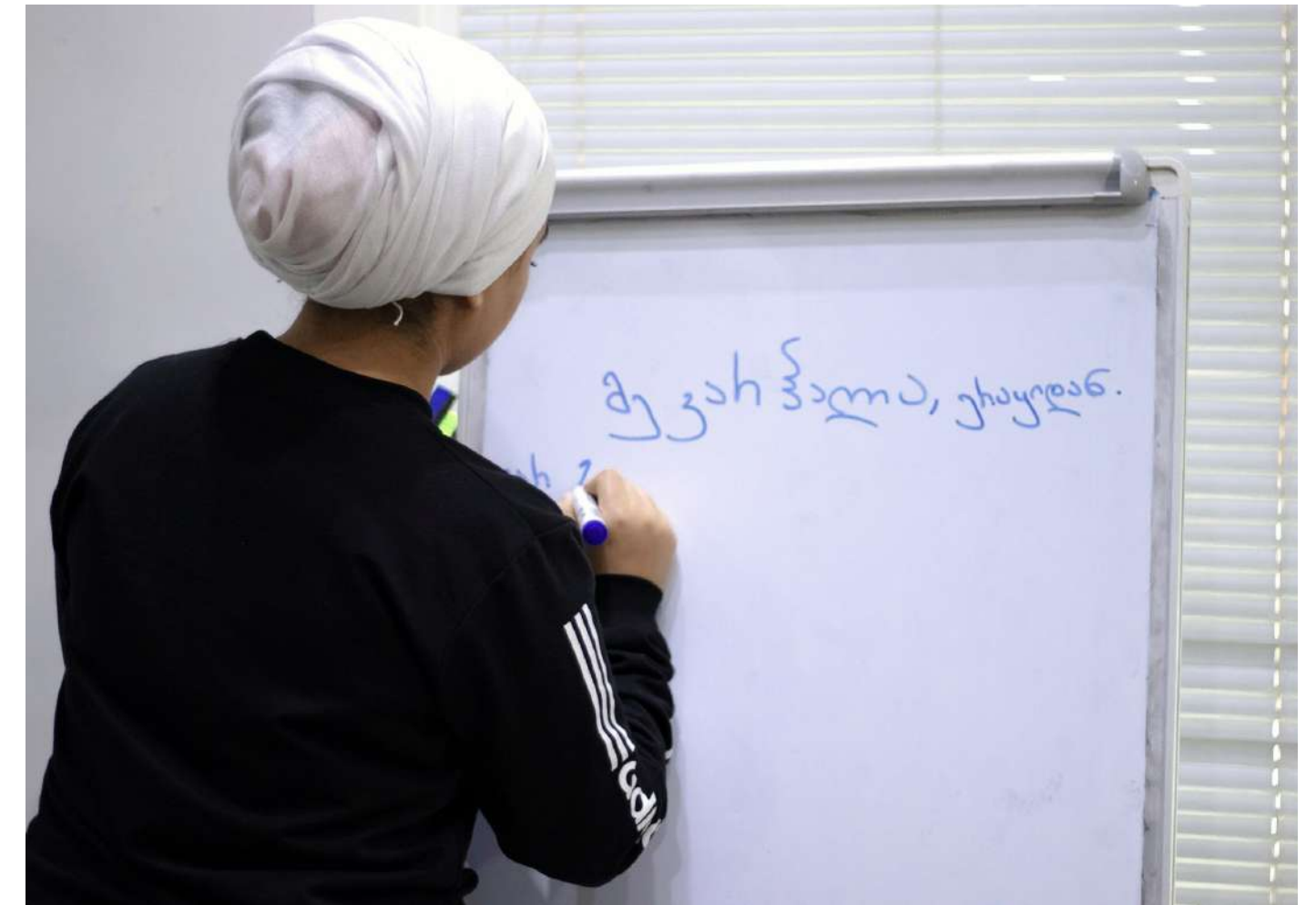
- **1187 direct beneficiaries** are involved in the community-group based programs and trainings.
In total, 524 individuals who lost their jobs due to the pandemic and were unable to pursue economic activities were assisted with the UNHCR cash assistance program.
- **466 Persons of Concern (PoC) / 241 households** were identified, assessed and consulted, as well as referred to the relevant service providers according to their needs.
- **All families with more than 3 children** were supported in applying to the Program for Families with Children in a Crisis Situation.
- **12 asylum seeker children** in the Martkopi Reception Center have been receiving educational services from a childcare specialist on a daily basis, online.
- **340 children** received educational kits.
- **149 most vulnerable children** received winter clothes.

Adil from Iraq



“I’m Adil Weiss. I’m 66 years old. I left Iraq with my family in 2014, and since then I’ve been living in Georgia with a refugee status. I was a member of the Beekeepers Association in my country. I continued the same activity here and set up hives in my yard. We get different products from bees, but since we only had a few bee families, the volume of production was very low. With the help of World Vision, I got an extra 3 families of bees with their hives. For our family of 9 children, beekeeping is the only source of income, so this support was very important. I expect that from the spring, when the bees wake up, our source of income will increase.”

The project pays special attention to the economic empowerment of refugees and asylum seekers. Small businesses receive the necessary inventory in order to support their development.



Building Partnerships

Through joint efforts, we ensure long-term impacts that benefit communities.

Today, local businesses have a vital role in supporting vulnerable families in overcoming the crisis caused by the pandemic. With the support of foundations, local entrepreneurs and individual donors, we supported multi-child families with products and hygiene packages in Kakheti and Samtskhe-Javakheti.

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is developing in Georgia. For some companies, Corporate Social Responsibility has already become an integral part of their own brand, while others are new to the concept and are just now developing their CSR strategies. WV Georgia is starting to build corporate partnerships with local businesses who see CSR as a core of doing business, based on the right values, to make a special contribution to actual result-oriented corporate social responsibility that will help society, the business sector and the country as a whole, to deal with and recover from the crisis.



Being a Reliable Partner

Being transparent and accountable to our communities, partners and donors enables us to make a difference/positive changes in the lives of vulnerable children and communities.

We are **a trusted partner** of communities, churches, national governments, corporations, UN agencies, the European Commission, and many other international bodies.

We build **long-term partnerships** to ensure a long-term impact.

Through joint efforts, we enable children, with their families and communities, to **build a better future** for themselves.



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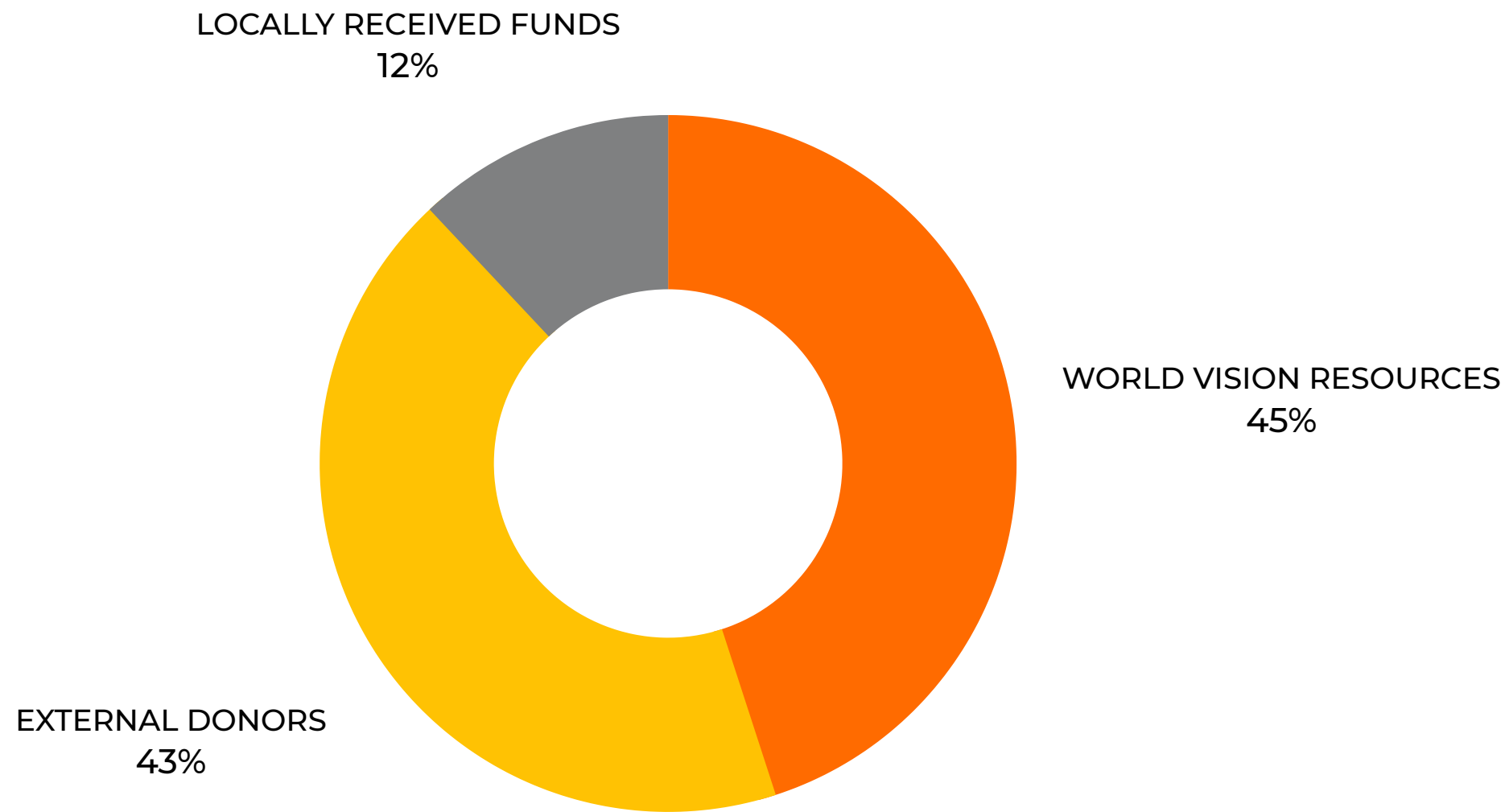
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a difference to the lives of thousands of children

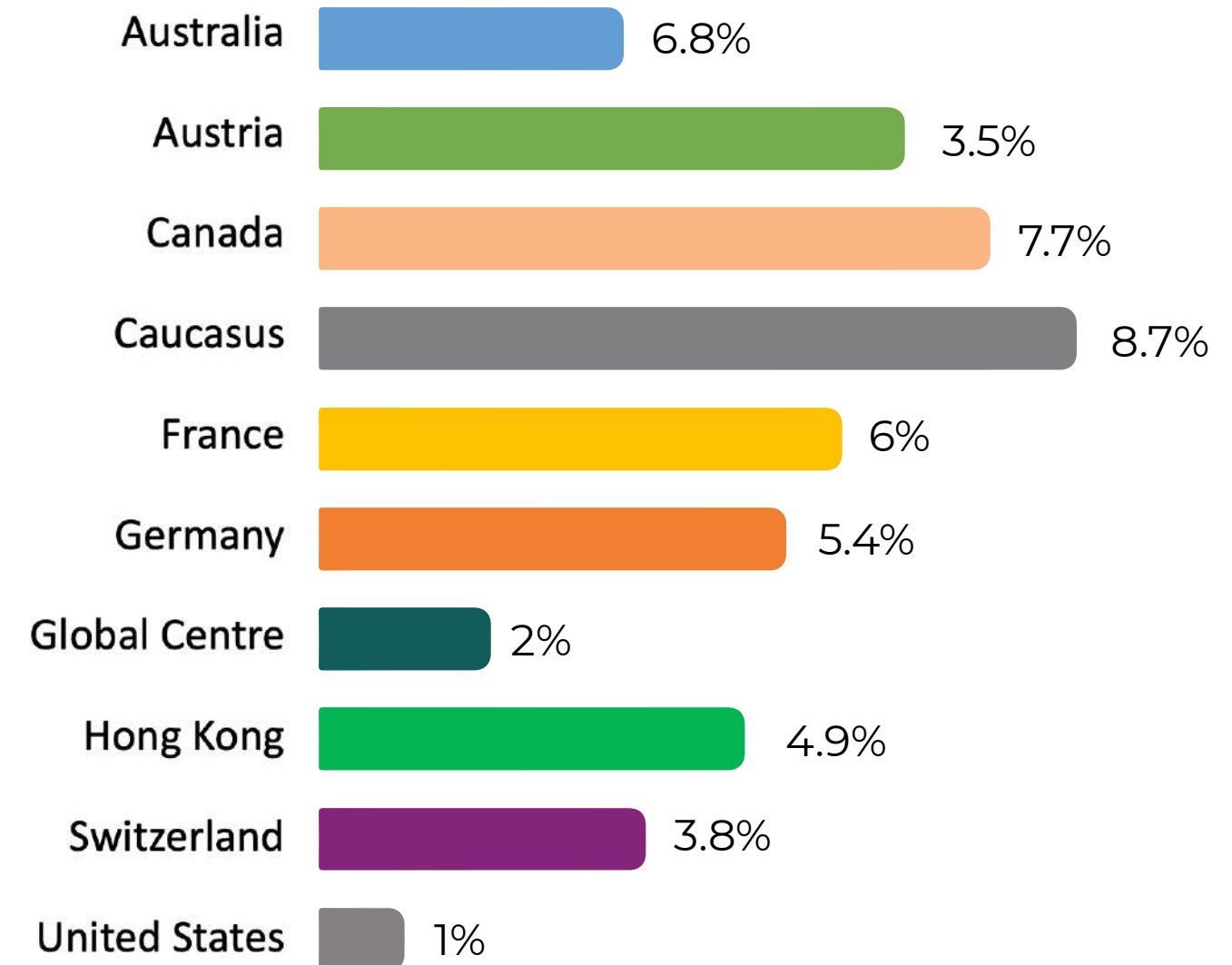
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Financial Summary 2020

TOTAL BY FUNDING SOURCE



FUNDING FROM WORLD VISION SUPPORT OFFICES AROUND THE GLOBE



TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR 2020 WAS USD 4,899,119

Funding Partners/Donors	EU	GEORGIAN GOVERNMENT
	ADA	UNDP
	BPRM	UNHCR
	EMBASSY OF JAPAN	UNICEF/SIDA



We add other donations and institutional grants to the financial contributions of child sponsors for an even greater impact on children's lives.

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