

COUNTRY FACTSHEET

GEORGIA

Children
Benefited:

10,589

Children live
in poverty:

250,000

Children
under 5:

250,000

Children
in Country:

890,000

Programme
Areas:

127

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ABOUT WORLD VISION IN GEORGIA

World Vision began operating in Georgia in 1994 to improve the lives of the children and youth living in poverty through building local capacity to contribute to community-based development and bring lasting changes to local and national policies. World Vision is one of the few international organizations with strong representation and programming in Abkhazia, a breakaway region of the country.

PRIORITY ISSUES



Health



Education



Youth



Disaster



Love of God

Child
Protection

Empowerment Preparedness & Neighbours

WHAT
WE DO

LOOK BEYOND DISABILITIES

World Vision is working with families, communities, medical centres, educational institutions as well as the government to change the value assigned to and treatment of people living with disabilities; advocating for their integration into society and daily life and training others to raise their voices on their behalf as well.

FAST FACTS



67% of children experience **violent discipline** (UNICEF, 2013)



120,000 children are living with **disabilities** (UNICEF, 2012)



1 in 2 children between the ages of 3 and 5 attend **pre-primary education** (UNICEF, 2013)



Children play musical chairs at Kindergarten World Vision supported a youth group video project that advocated for the renovation of the school which was in desperate need of repair. The video encouraged the municipal government and several partner nongovernmental agencies to help fund the renovation of the school. Photo by Michelle Siu, World Vision.

STARTING SCHOOL ON THE RIGHT FOOT

To ensure that all children receive the education they need to succeed, World Vision works to strengthen kindergartens and schools through building the capacity of teachers and school administrative personal as well as improving the physical conditions of educational institutions to make them safer and more learning-oriented places where children want to be and parents feel safe to send their children. World Vision also works to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood education among caregivers.

TAKING SERVICES TO STREET-WORKING KIDS

To address the issue and serve the immediate needs of children living and/or working on the streets, World Vision Georgia has established specialized mobile teams, comprised of youth workers, social workers and psychologists who identify and reach out to children working on the street and work with them and their families to improve their living conditions and ensure their rights (such as the right to an education) as children are respected.

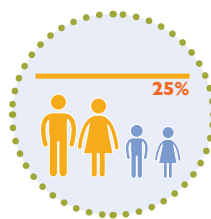
HELPING MOMS MAKE ENDS MEET

Children of single mothers are especially vulnerable and are often among those living in poverty. To help mothers improve the living conditions for themselves and their children, World Vision worked with the local government to establish Day Care Centres where mothers can leave their children (0-3 years old) in a safe environment while they work. While caring for the children, their mothers are simultaneously provided with assistance in microenterprise development, vocational trainings and tailored job placement opportunities be able to properly care for their kids.



World Vision helps children like Mancho, who was born with Cerebral Palsy be able to go to school and study with his with his peers. Photo by Ana Chkhaidze, World Vision.

FAST FACTS



More than **25%** of children live in **poverty** (UN Human Development Report, 2013)



More than **70,000** young people are **unemployed** (ILOSTAT, 2013)



69.5% out of pocket private expenditure on **health** (World Development Indicators, 2013)



121,000 children are involved in **child labour** (UNCIEF, 2013)

IMPROVING HEALTH THROUGH CLUBS

To help increase awareness of maternal and child health issues, including infant, child and adolescent nutrition, World Vision creates clubs where parents are informed about proper health and health care for their children and empowered to share the messages with their neighbours.

TURNING CULTURE INTO CASH

Through a vocational training and spiritual education program for disadvantaged children, World Vision provides training opportunities where traditional handcraft techniques are taught to the younger generation as a form of income generation.

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