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in the Holy Land

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Mission Statement

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is:

To follow our Lord and Savior 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

We pursue this mission through integrated, holistic commitment to:

Transformational Development that is community-based and sustainable, focused especially on the needs of children;

Emergency Relief that assists people afflicted by conflict or natural disaster;

Promotion of Justice that seeks to change unjust structures affecting the poor among whom we work;

Partnerships with Churches to contribute to spiritual and social transformation;

Public Awareness that leads to informed understanding, giving involvement and prayer;

Witness to Jesus Christ by life, deed, word and sign that encourages people to respond to the Gospel.

World Vision International Vision:

Our vision for
every child
life in all its fullness;

Our prayer for
every heart,
the will to make it so



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Front cover: Little boys in Wadi Fuqeen playing on the local kindergarten's lawn which is the only playground in the village.

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Three Decades of Dedicated Work

In the last three decades World Vision has been able to serve hundreds of thousands of people by supporting civil society, working with communities on development priorities and advocating an end to conflict and the poverty it causes.

World Vision's work began in 1975 when it partnered with Bible Lands Society UK co-sponsoring Palestinian children.

From the outset the organisation focused on Palestinian youth and their education, in the solid belief that today's children are tomorrow's leaders. World Vision continued to expand into the next decade and in 1985 ended its partnership with the Bible Lands Society.

A year later the organisation was running 35 projects. Before 1987 everything was run from headquarters in Cyprus by Regional Director Len Rodgers, but operations had grown to such an extent that Bill Warnock was appointed the first National Director, heading up a new Jerusalem office.

By the end of the 1990s, World Vision had opened a second office in Gaza, was sponsoring 8,600 children and had almost doubled its projects to 65.

In 1998, under the leadership of Tom Getman, the organisation launched its flagship Area Development Programme (ADP). Three villages in West Bethlehem were given the chance to form and implement a plan to improve every aspect of their community from schooling to employment. By 2002 there were five ADPs up and running.

The outbreak of the second Intifada (uprising) in September 2000 brought a huge increase in the humanitarian need. During the tenure of Dan Simmons, World Vision was able to meet the new challenges by responding with emergency relief as well as development.

In the summer of 2004 Charles Clayton was appointed World Vision's new National Director. Under his leadership World Vision in the Holy Land has continued expanding its ADPs and has re-focused the work through a comprehensive National Strategy so that World Vision Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza can work towards a "generation transformed."



Fadwa bakes bread in the shop she runs with other women from the Jabalya Deaf Centre.

One story of how lives are changed

As a child, Fadwa could not communicate with people around her and always dreamt of an education and success.

In 1990 she enrolled in the Jabalya Deaf Centre, a World Vision supported programme.

Fadwa learnt sign language and went on to teach it to her own mother. She says, "The sign language I learnt helped break the walls of silence around me." The centre's vocational training programme helped Fadwa again when it assisted her and other women open a shop selling home baked pastries and sweets.

Letter from the National Director

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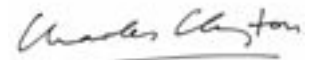
Another year of hard work

An amazing number of people have been engaged in World Vision's work here over the last thirty years. Staff and volunteers have dedicated their time and talents. Community leaders have created new hope in towns and villages. Teachers have brought new standards of professionalism into the classroom. Engineers have designed and built water cisterns, community halls, land conservation systems, clinics, schools, playgrounds and much more. Farmers have worked in the hot sun or the cold winter to improve agriculture and bring food security. And of course, thousands of friends around the world have sponsored children and supported our work in other ways.

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A donor writes: "I find a particular joy in supporting the development work of World Vision in the Holy Land. It combines the God-given privilege of helping the poor and aiding those affected by conflict in a land I love."

So I want to add my own appreciation for all those people who contribute so much in order to bring fresh hope to this land. We thank God for each one, and we look forward to continued work together to see "a generation transformed".



Charles Clayton



Wafa (4) was a troubled child when she first arrived at the World Vision supported Holy Child Programme in Beit Sahur. She was traumatised when she saw her father bleed to death after being shot during an Israeli army incursion in May 2002. Thanks to the project, she can now smile and interact with other children.

Sponsoring Children

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Improving their communities for a better future for all

A child-focused organization, World Vision works to improve life for children in deteriorating political, economic, and social conditions.

The Child Sponsorship Programme was first introduced in the Holy Land in the mid-1980s.

Every donor pledges money once a month and is linked with a Palestinian child whose personal development they can track through letters and reports.

The sponsor's contribution, meanwhile, goes towards the development of the child's home community.

This might include building and upgrading school facilities, establishing kindergartens and providing health services in remote villages – facilities not just benefiting sponsored children, but the whole community.

The children also receive annual medical check-ups to ensure good health, which in a number of cases have proved lifesaving.

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Last year Rafah was the most dangerous place a child could be in Palestine



Sponsored children in Rafah get a lot of joy from a little gift

In 2004, World Vision arranged a collective birthday party for more than 1,800 sponsored children from Rafah, Southern Gaza. Rafah was the most dangerous place a child could be in Palestine, with over 100 killed there in the past five years – two of whom were World Vision-sponsored.

At the party hundreds of children performed dances, songs and poetry in front of a large audience. Donors gave additional money to each child for a birthday present and with it a rare opportunity for the children to celebrate in a safe environment.

World Vision Gaza Manager Yasser Toshtash explains, “Most of these children’s parents simply cannot afford to buy them birthday presents or throw a party.

“An event like this makes a real difference to their lives and is something they will remember for years to come.”

- ◆ There are over 60,000 children in Rafah who are 14 and under.
- ◆ 3% of children in Rafah will drop out of school and enter child labour – unprotected by law, often abused and suffering from disease.
- ◆ Those who stay in education will go to schools with poor facilities.
- ◆ The Palestinian Ministry of Education runs 12 Basic Education schools from seven buildings that run on a two shift basis, morning and afternoon.
- ◆ According to an Ard Al-Isnan 2001 report on the Rafah and Khan Younis governorates 3,616 out of 4,122 children were malnourished.
- ◆ During the Israeli army’s Operation Rainbow in 2004 25% of those killed were children.

Hallah (3) says, “I’m happy, happy, happy for the present. I’ll ask daddy to hang the clock above my bed.” Her friend, Sana, also 3-years-old, held her present close savouring the opportunity to open it without the help of others.

Partnering with Communities

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Doing development in uncertain times

Area Development Programmes (ADPs) aim to give people a voice and a hand in how their community is developed.

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Each one targets clusters of villages giving hope for development in the short term and self-reliance in the long term over a 10 to 15 year period.

Five ADPs are now running in West Bethlehem, West Ramallah, East Hebron, Southern Gaza and the Old City of Jerusalem.

It is with these unique programmes that World Vision has positioned itself as a pivotal organization in the Holy Land.



West Bethlehem ADP:

- ◆ The West Bethlehem ADP was the first programme of its kind in the Palestinian Territories.
- ◆ It was opened in three villages in 1998, but now includes six villages with a total population of 20,000 people.
- ◆ In 2005, the ADP had 3,500 children sponsored by Australian donors
- ◆ In six years the ADP's budget increased from US\$20,000 to US\$1.2 million.
- ◆ Four clinics including a maternity clinic were opened in the ADP

Pioneering agricultural project in Aboud **promises community a greener future**

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Farmers from Aboud were left without a livelihood after the Israeli army uprooted thousands of olive trees around their village. In response donors raised US\$36,000 to replace them through World Vision's Gift Catalogue.

But the trees were bought at such a competitive rate that money remained to introduce a new type of farming to the area. In 2004, the West Ramallah ADP constructed four greenhouses in the Aboud valley, establishing a unique agricultural nursery.

Four experienced farmers with small land holdings were selected for the project. Mahmoud al-Khatib (47) contributed 10 percent of the initial greenhouse construction cost on his land.

He says, “In the past, I used to work the land for months to plant just one crop and after the harvest I had to work as a construction worker. The crop was not enough to feed my children. And when the Intifada began four years ago it became much harder to find work. Now, because of the greenhouse, I have a better and more stable income.”

- ◆ Figures from the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee showed agriculture accounted for 16% of the workforce in 2004.
- ◆ During the 1970s agriculture made up 50% of the Palestinian Territories' GNP, by 2004 it had fallen to 10.8%.
- ◆ Agriculture is considered a source of sustainability for other Palestinian industries such as food, fodder, leather, shoes, soap, furniture and cosmetics.
- ◆ The Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs showed 25.2% of all land in the Palestinian Territories was agricultural.



Mahmoud al-Khatib tends crops in his new greenhouse.

Wadi Fuqeen kindergarten brings hope for a better future

A few years ago most toddlers in Wadi Fuqeen, near Bethlehem, had to be kept at home or would just be found playing on the streets.

But after a fundraising drive by World Vision a new two-story kindergarten was built and now fifty children are receiving a quality preschool education they did not have before.

The kindergarten is one-of-a-kind in the area, providing a safe playground and toys their parents could not usually afford.

But the key to the project's success was community involvement in its creation. Local people donated land, provided labourers and supervised construction.

The project was made possible through a World Vision Australia Sponsorship Programme raising US\$40,000, a generous US\$35,000 gift from a private UK donor and US\$17,500 from the Canadian International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy (IRFAN).

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Shada (5) says, "I like to come because I can learn and play at the same time. It's more fun than home because I have other children to play with." Her mother sent her to the kindergarten for the formal education she cannot receive at home, and sees it as a step to a better future for Shada.



New computer lab helps About schoolgirls get ahead

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School headmistress Intisar Fawadleh knows her pupils could go far in life. But she used to fear that without the right learning opportunities they might never meet their full potential.

“The girls are very eager to learn Computer Science. They are bright young women and know without IT experience it would be impossible for them to get far in any future careers.”

So twice-a-week the girls used to walk to the boys’ school for computer classes. That was until the West Ramallah ADP equipped Intisar’s school with its own computer lab.

She says, “Only around 10 percent of families in the village have computers at home, so the new computer lab is having a very positive impact on our 246 students.”

A grant from the US-based Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development enabled World Vision to buy the lab’s eight computers and provide them with Internet service.

Sarah (16) is happy she can finally use computers at her school. “The internet is very important for my research and studies,” she says. Sarah dreams one day that her father will be able to buy her a computer of her own.



Children with disabilities experience first sense of freedom with new facilities

For over a decade Imad would get acutely embarrassed every time he needed the bathroom.

The 11-year-old from Bani Naim is disabled and had difficulty climbing the three stairs leading to the bathroom in his family home.

He says, “I would have to ask one of my family members to carry me and then they would have to wait near the door until I had finished.”

Once inside the bathroom, its cramped conditions made things even more difficult for Imad.

But in 2004 the East Hebron ADP allocated US\$14,000 to assist 21 families with 28 children permanently using wheelchairs or crutches.

The money went towards widening hallways and fitting ramps and secure handles.

Imad’s bathroom was enlarged and altered for his particular needs.

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Imad (11) can use a specially adapted bathroom after a donation from World Vision.

- ◆ Figures from the most recent Palestinian Authority census, carried out in 1997, showed around 52,000 people – 1.8% of the population – were disabled in the West Bank and Gaza.
- ◆ 36% of disabilities were congenital, while 34% resulted from disease.
- ◆ Some 5.5% – 2,860 people – of the disabled population had injuries caused by war. However, the census was carried out before the second Intifada in 2000.
- ◆ The highest rate of disability – about 1.9% – was found among those living in refugee camps.



Community centres give children safe zones in war-torn southern Gaza

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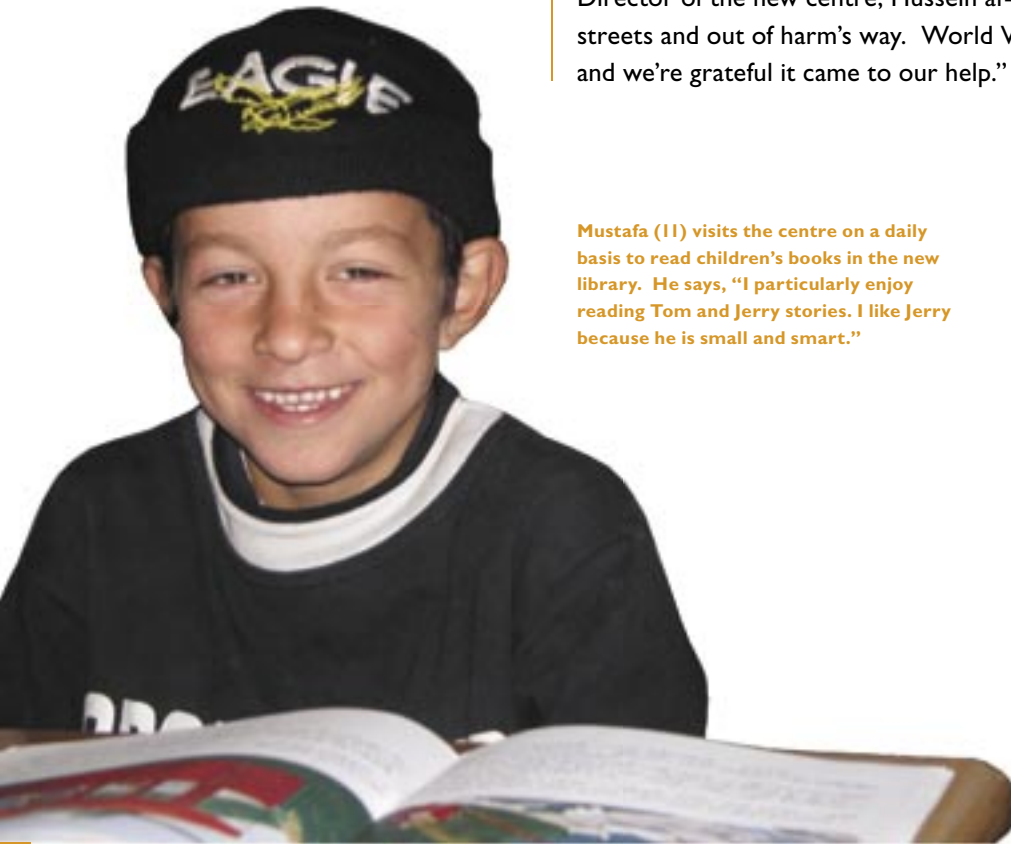
When World Vision opened Shokeh’s first community centre in 2003 it became so popular it was soon overcrowded and families had to be put on a waiting list to join.

The centre gave children the chance to do simple things like reading or using a computer. But demand soared to such an extent that in 2004 the community approached World Vision and proposed a second centre.

This time it would include a 600-book library giving children unprecedented access to all sorts of literature.

Director of the new centre, Hussein al-Ghisi says, “It helps keep the children off the streets and out of harm’s way. World Vision is the only aid agency active in the village, and we’re grateful it came to our help.”

Mustafa (11) visits the centre on a daily basis to read children’s books in the new library. He says, “I particularly enjoy reading Tom and Jerry stories. I like Jerry because he is small and smart.”



Families in Jerusalem's Old City sleep in healthier restored homes

Jerusalem's Old City offers visitors spectacular historic architecture. But for the people living there that means old buildings, constantly in need of renovation.

In some cases the homes fall into such disrepair it becomes a health hazard to residents. But fixing the damage costs money the families simply don't have.

Identifying the problem the Old City of Jerusalem ADP stepped in to share the cost of renovation.

One hundred and ten people in 28 families now live in healthier conditions due to the work initiated in July and continuing into 2005 with a US\$54,000 budget.

ADP Manager Najwa Sa'adeh explains, "Some places in the Old City were built hundreds of years ago. These 28 families didn't have the means to restore their homes, many of which suffered from acute dampness. In addition, we also helped rehabilitate classrooms in a number of schools."

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- ◆ The Old City is 1km square in area and enclosed by a 12-metre high wall built by the Turks in 1542.
- ◆ It is divided into four quarters: Islamic, Christian, Armenian and Jewish.
- ◆ The Muslim Quarter is the largest and most densely populated with about 23,000 people.
- ◆ The Christian quarter - where the ADP office is located - is the second biggest.

Rania (10) is a sponsored child. She lives with her parents, three brothers and sister in a two-room house. Now she is very happy with the newly renovated room she and her brothers and sister sleep in. She says, "In the past paint and plaster used to fall on my face while I was studying or sleeping. Now I can sleep soundly."



Encouraging Civil Society

Supporting communities to serve the poor

The concept of development rests on enabling people to help themselves.

To achieve this, World Vision supports 23 local organisations in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories in carrying out projects that serve thousands of people.

World Vision advocates the development of every aspect of a child's environment in their community.

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Mysa Amer, 6, with her father Hani, 47, is happy with her new clothing provided by World Vision. An eight-metre high wall separates her family's home from the rest of the village of Mas-hah in the West Bank, making it difficult for Hani to get to his field on the other side, to earn an income and support his family



Helping Gaza women start their own agricultural-based businesses

Nadia al-Lili says every morning she used to wake up wondering how she would feed her children.

The forty-three-year-old's fears were not unique and many women still worry about where their family's next meal is coming from.

But in partnership with a local organisation World Vision has managed to allay the fears of hundreds by training women and giving them means to earn an additional income.

The Rural Palestinian Women's Vocational Training and Income Generation Project provides unique vocational training for women in villages across the Gaza Strip.

Now in its second phase, 603 women in 19 different villages are being given the hope of a new future.

The project was established alongside the Union of Agricultural Work Committees with the help of World Vision Australia and AusAid.

The first phase included training women in bee-keeping, home gardening, rabbit-breeding and environmental awareness.

More recently the second phase instructed women on small business enterprise and harnessing other rural sector employment opportunities. The project was so successful it received wide coverage in local media.

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Nadia tending to her rabbits

Sponsorship programme helps St. Joseph's school in Ramallah become top school

Thanks to the programme, introduced in 1990, St. Joseph's is now widely considered one of the best schools in Ramallah.

St. Joseph's Catholic School in Ramallah is an example of how the Child Sponsorship Programme can change the lives of all children in a community.

World Vision sponsors 400 of the 720 girls in the school.

With money from sponsorship the school has built two new classrooms and a new playground for the kindergarten, supplied 10 machines to the computer lab and renovated bathroom facilities.

The library, now offering more than 4,000 publications, has been expanded and World Vision has also committed US\$10,000 to help girls in need pay tuition fees.

Next year will see the renovation of the school's theatre, allowing the introduction of extra-curricular activities like acting, ballet and singing that are a rarity in Palestinian schools.

Twelve-year-old Maurine is one student who regularly frequents the newly enlarged library. "It really helps me with research assignments, and when I have time I enjoy taking short stories and novels home to read," she says.



Hearing-impaired children in Bethlehem celebrate Mother's Day with words



With her talent for dancing, six-year-old Dana (centre) was the star of the celebration. Her mother, Katreen, is not worried about Dana's future since her other daughter, Hallah (right), who is also hearing-impaired, has smoothly transferred to a mainstream school. Hallah is now scoring high marks as an honour student.

Hearing your child wish you a happy Mother's day is enough to melt any parent's heart. But for some in the West Bank such simple joys have been out of reach.

The Ephpheta School for hearing impaired children, in Bethlehem, is attended by 150 World Vision sponsored children who have difficulty articulating words.

Using a special style of lip-reading and speech training the children were enabled to say "Happy Mother's Day, Mom," for the first time.

The school aims to progressively integrate children into mainstream schools and eventually the community workforce, challenging isolation the hearing-impaired typically experience.

Thanks to World Vision sponsors in Canada, the school has been able to purchase a minibus, renovate bathrooms and reconstruct the driveway and car park to ensure the children's safety.

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Palestinian children in a remote village enjoy a unique public garden



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Five-year-old Natalie is one of the sponsored children in Aboud who come to play in the garden.

A new public garden established by the West Ramallah Area Development Programme (ADP) has revolutionised recreation for the children of Aboud who had nowhere but the street to play.

“The garden is a suitable gathering place for girls my age. Unlike the boys who play on the street, girls usually stay home. Now we have a place to visit together,” says 13-year-old Rimal, one of 320 sponsored children in Aboud who have benefited from numerous World Vision projects, especially around agriculture and food security.

Construction of new school in Deir Istya provides much needed employment

High levels of unemployment present a constant challenge in the Palestinian Territories and the village of Deir Istya is just one front in the fight to provide local people with opportunities.

World Vision's Job Opportunities through Basic Services (JOBS) programme is a USAID-funded works project that enhances a community's infrastructure while providing people with paid work.

In Deir Istya the construction of a new school supplied 17,000 working days in a place that suffers particularly badly from unemployment, but it also gave 480 pupils a modern, spacious school.

Established in 2001, the programme will generate about 90,000 work days across nine villages in the Salfeet district by 2006.

Aseel (right) and her classmate Ayah (both age 12) say, "The new school is spacious and nice, while the old one was stuffy and dark. During the wintertime, rainwater used to leak through the roof, which made the overcrowded classrooms much worse."

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Aseel (right) and her classmate Ayah

Distributing Gifts-in-Kind

School kits ease burden for 700 Salfeet families

Around 700 families from the northern West Bank district of Salfeet received packages containing children's clothes, shoes, school kits and footballs. The gifts-in-kind (GIKs) worth an estimated US\$290,000 were donated by US companies through World Vision's US office. Packages were distributed to families in the region where USAID, World Vision and local communities have partnered in development and income generation since 2001.

The 12 villages and towns where the gifts were distributed suffer from high levels of poverty and unemployment. Project Manager, Ahmad Hmeidan, notes that these gifts made quite a difference for the families, especially the children.

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Shadi (13) was grateful that his family received the care package. “I have six brothers and sisters, and they will be happy to have new clothes. My father hasn't had a job for a long time and can't buy us new clothes. I can't wait to see what's in the box. I hope to find something nice to wear for school tomorrow!”



Responding to Emergencies

Assisting the poor and vulnerable of the conflict

The need for humanitarian relief has not subsided in parts of the Palestinian Territories. Israeli army incursions have left some parts of Gaza completely demolished or shelled out. The restrictions on movement in the West Bank and Gaza means unemployment and poverty are high as people lack access to jobs and resources. To address immediate humanitarian needs, World Vision carried out two major relief operations in 2004 and 2005.



Family members in Rafah trying to extract belongings from their demolished home. Out of a population of 123,000 more than 14,000 people have become homeless in the past five years.

Reconstruction of 20 demolished greenhouses in Rafah brings new hope for local community

A small part of Eyad Madee died when he saw what happened to his greenhouse in late May 2004.

Eyad is the only breadwinner in a family of 11 and has been a farmer all his life.

But his income source was wiped out when Israeli army operations destroyed an estimated 800 dunums (200 acres) of agricultural land, including 33 greenhouses in Rafah.

Eyad says, “I felt that something in me was lost, my only source of income was destroyed.”

The area is widely considered the poorest in the Palestinian Territories. The World Food Programme (WFP) estimates 66 percent of the population in the Rafah area is food insecure.

In response the US and UK World Vision offices committed US\$135,000 to rebuild the 1000 square metre greenhouses, which provide 10-15 tons of vegetables per year and generate an annual income of US\$2,000-3000 per family.

Eyad says, “Now, my hope has returned. There are still good people on this earth that give hope to the people who suffer.”

The project has long-term benefits for the whole community because it provides agricultural produce to the local market especially in periods of closure.



Eyad Madee tends to his crops in his new 1000 square metre greenhouse.

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ECHO-funded agricultural project helps alleviate poverty in Bani Naim

The project that was completed in March 2005 will benefit an estimated 5250 people and their families in East Hebron who will now have a brighter future.

The Land Rehabilitation for Agricultural Purposes Project reclaimed 153 dunums (38 acres) and rehabilitated 50 dunums (12.5 acres) generating about 13,000 work days.

The project has also increased water storage capacity in the area by building 94 water cisterns. More than 10,800 trees were planted, more than nine kilometres of agricultural roads opened, and 6,000 metres of land fencing were installed.

World Vision partnered with the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) to rehabilitate rocky land in the area.

ECHO contributed €380,000 (US\$480,000), while benefiting farmers covered 25 percent of the reclamation cost.

East Hebron ADP Manager, Eyad Araj, says, “In addition to being a relief project by offering cash for work, it has long-term benefits to the community by developing roads, farms and water storage capacity.”

About 97 percent of the 2500 sponsored children and their families in the ADP have directly benefited from the project.”

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Ibrahim Ekhdur (45) used to be a construction worker, while at the same time farming his rocky land. Now the rehabilitated land will produce a higher income to support his wife and seven children.

He says, “Now I just need a good market for my products to cover my family expenses. One day I would like to be able to build a greenhouse that would provide me with a steady income.”



Pursuing a just peace

The only way forward for ending poverty in the region

We are dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the underlying causes of poverty. With 30 years of experience working in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, World Vision realizes the great challenges that still lie ahead for ending the violence and reaching that goal.

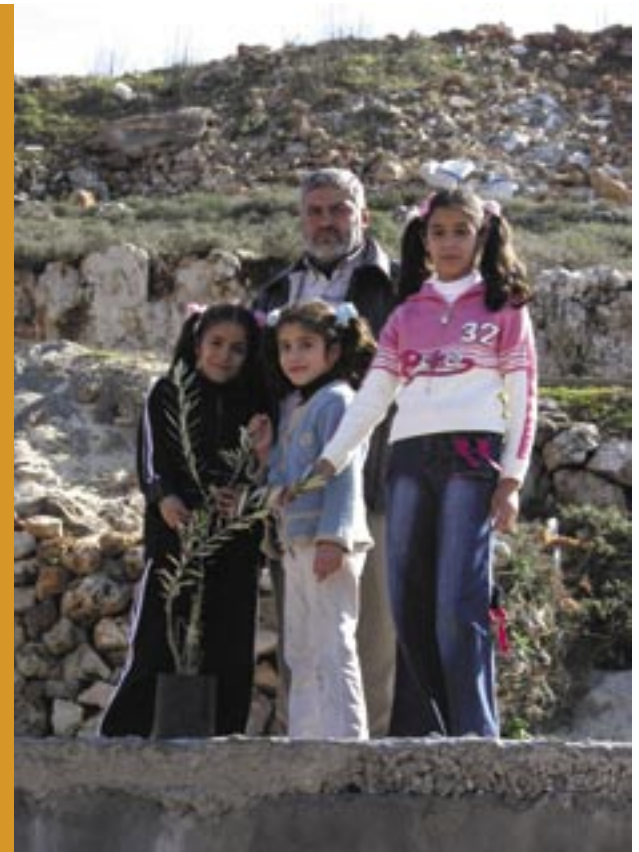
The situation in Palestine and Israel has changed substantially since the beginning of the Intifada five years ago. Trust between Israelis and Palestinians has been severely eroded, and humanitarian conditions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories remain dire.

Palestinian governance structures have been tested, while Israeli settlement, road and separation barrier development in East Jerusalem and the West Bank has increased.

In addition, the future status of six Palestinian villages west of Bethlehem where World Vision partners with communities in development is unclear. With the construction of checkpoints, roadblocks, walls and the continued expansion of the settlement of Bitar Illit, the 20,000 residents of these six villages risk being disconnected from their centre of life in Bethlehem and becoming an enclave isolated from the rest of the West Bank.

To address this issue, World Vision staff have served as community mobilisers and together with the community sought ways to advocate for and empower residents to keep their land. With the help of concerned Palestinian, Israeli and international civil society groups, the community has begun a campaign to protect their land both through legal appeal and by raising international awareness.

Abu Ibrahim is a farmer in Wadi Fuqeen who is now facing a demolition order issued by the Israeli army to destroy the cistern in his land. Nevertheless, he still believes in peace and says that it is the only way for a better future for his children.





The barrier that separates Bethlehem from Jerusalem takes the shape of an eight-metre high concrete wall. The barrier has had devastating economic and social affects on the city and the two neighbouring towns of Beit Jala and Beit Sahur.

Responding to **Children in Crisis**

World Vision advocates for the rights of children in international and local arenas. As in other areas of conflict, children are paying a heavy price in the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. More must be done to ensure they are protected.

In 2004, World Vision commissioned a research project to explore the impact of the Israeli Separation Barrier on Palestinian adolescents in areas where the barrier was fragmenting communities and isolating them from support networks in neighbouring towns.

This initiative was a joint effort of the Jerusalem Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), World Vision and Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Ph.D., a professor of Criminology and Social Work at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and had full involvement of the youth participants from data collection to analysis. Participants contributed written compositions, verbal narratives, and photographs to express their views on the wall and then discussed their analyses in small groups.

The findings of the research suggest that more attention is needed to ensure that psycho-social well-being, education, peacebuilding and social reintegration of children are priorities of humanitarian assistance and development work.

In response to these findings, World Vision has sought to find programmes which support the resiliency of children. One such programme is Right to Play's Red Ball Child Play programme, which focuses on healthy child development by encouraging play geared at five aspects of healthy child development: mind, spirit, body, peace and health. Red Ball Child Play trainings of trainers were implemented in four of our ADP areas in 2005 and hundreds of children participated in the programme in summer camps, clubs and schools throughout the West Bank.

Children are paying a heavy price in the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians

Looking forward...

A new vision for the future

Our vision is to see a generation transformed.

The context of Israel and the Palestinian Territories offers challenges not matched anywhere else on the planet.

Religions are radicalized and politicised; militarization affects everyone, especially the young and global interest is as intense as ever.

Because of all of this the truth can often be hard to find.

The vision will mean two things:

One: Protecting and nurturing suffering children

An increasing number of young people are deprived of their basic right to education, health, food or simply the freedom to play.

Many do not have the chance of a normal childhood but instead are drawn into political conflict at an early age. These children must be protected from physical and psychological harm and nurtured in resilient communities.

Young people today are the leaders of tomorrow. We must invest in them so they can build 'civil society.'

Two: Developing the next generation

Young people today are the leaders of tomorrow. We must invest in them so they can build 'civil society' – a society of civilians – in which they will respect the rights of all human beings and take up the responsibility to develop vibrant communities with non-violent solutions to problems.

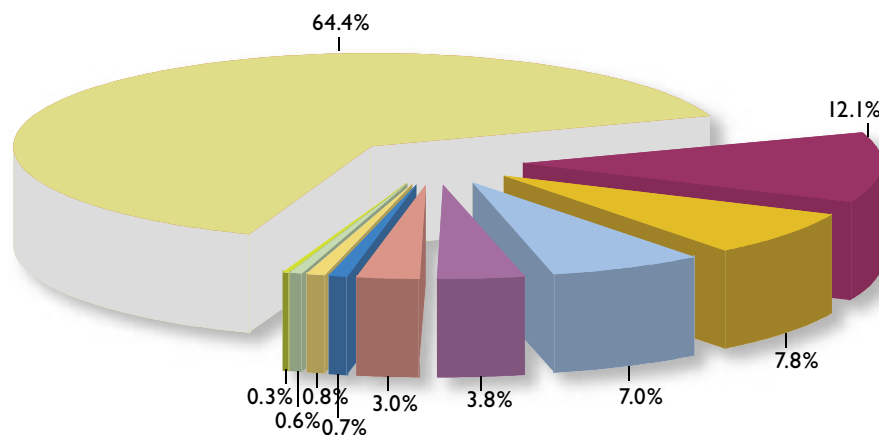
We are focusing on selected population areas where the need for this is greatest and where we can promote the principles of transformational development. We are using a modified version of the Area Development Programme (ADP) where people work hand in hand with dignity towards peace and healing. Truly, it must be nothing less than a generation transformed.



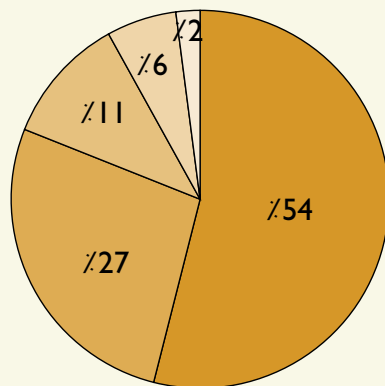
2004 Financial Report

FY04 Income by Support Office

Support Office	Income (USD)	% Share
US	4,340,197	64.4%
AUSTRALIA	816,745	12.1%
CANADA	526,492	7.8%
GERMANY	469,052	7.0%
UK	255,916	3.8%
JERUSALEM	198,888	3.0%
INTER. OFFICE	45,975	0.7%
FINLAND	56,570	0.8%
HONGKONG	40,000	0.6%
MIXED FUNDING	20,000	0.3%
TOTAL	6,739,835	100%



Expenditure

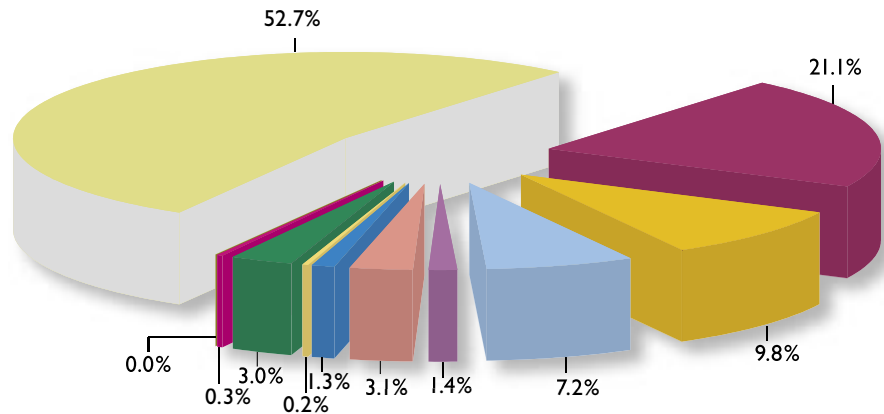


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	Sponsorship 1,673,026
	Relief 674,919
	Management Support 370,311
	Advocacy 127,068

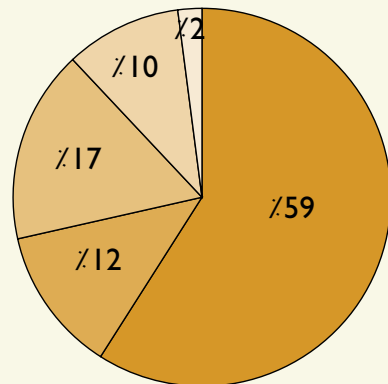
2005 Financial Report

FY05 Income by Support Office

Support Office	Income (USD)	% Share
US	3,356,151	52.7%
AUSTRALIA	1,345,329	21.1%
CANADA	624,734	9.8%
GERMANY	456,738	7.2%
UK	86,191	1.4%
JERUSALEM	192,385	3.1%
INTER. OFFICE	80,040	1.3%
FINLAND	15,385	0.2%
KOREA	192,307	3.0%
NEW ZEALAND	20,000	0.3%
TAIWAN	443	0.0%
TOTAL	6,372,157	100%



Expenditure



	Community Development 3,054,943
	Traditional Sponsorship 644,174
	Relief 855,898
	Management Support 514,868
	Advocacy and Peacebuilding 106,230

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Children enjoying a playground constructed by World Vision

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