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for **Life**

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who we are

*“Let my heart be broken with the things
that break the heart of God.” – Bob Pierce*

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. We are dedicated to working with and serving the world’s most vulnerable people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision is both local and global, working at the grassroots level in countries all around the world!

Our vision

for every child, life in all its fullness.

Our prayer

for every heart, the will to make it so.



about us

COMMUNITY

Strengthening the resilience and capacity of communities and partners to respond to present and future challenges to child well-being, including disasters, in ways that are environmentally sustainable.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Working to ensure that systems, structures, policies and practices (local, national, regional and global levels) support and protect the well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable.

World Vision’s approach to development is focused on improving the well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable. A commitment to sustainability is at the heart of all we do.

Building on local assets in collaboration with communities and partners, World Vision contributes to the sustained well-being of children by working at four levels:

CHILDREN

Empowering children with good health, spiritual nurture, and basic literacy, numeracy and essential life skills. These skills enable children to be productive, contributing citizens and agents of change throughout their lives.

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES

Improving household resilience by increasing livelihood and caregiving capacity. Caregiving includes physical, psychosocial and spiritual care, as well as issues of resource allocation and gender equity within households. This ensures that increased income and assets lead to improved child well-being for both boys and girls.



Child Well-being

“I have come so that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

World Vision’s work is focused on ensuring the sustained well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable. We work with families, communities and partners to ensure that children:

- Are cared for, protected and participating
- Enjoy good health
- Are educated for life
- Experience the love of God and their neighbors

Our child-focused approach prioritizes the poorest and most vulnerable children, and empowers them together with their families and communities to improve their well-being.

To reach this goal, World Vision works to support children to be healthy and strong, well-fed, immunized and have access to clean water. We also work to keep children safe from harm, protected against abuse, neglect and exploitation. We strive to enable children to become equipped for life with knowledge, skills, confidence and hope. We believe children deserve to live in thriving families. We seek to improve the livelihoods of families so that they are able to provide for their children’s needs and to live their lives in its fullness in body, mind and spirit. We also help children to survive disasters with life-saving supplies, care and support. It is our hope that children will live in a fairer world that makes the right choices for them.

Country Facts

Occupied Palestinian Territory (West Bank and Gaza)

Borders: Mediterranean Sea, Jordan, Egypt and Israel.

Climate: Temperate except in desert areas

Time zone: GMT + 2

Government:

Palestinian Authority, an interim administrative organization with limited jurisdiction intended to govern the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Since 2007, Hamas has governed the Gaza Strip and the Fatah-dominated Palestinian Authority has governed the West Bank.

Capital:

East Jerusalem; administrative headquarters are in Ramallah

Nationality: Palestinian

Languages: Arabic

Religions: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism

Flags: Palestinian

Population

according to PCBS 2013 survey: 4,550,368

Life expectancy: 72.9 in 2013

Unemployment Rate

in WBGS for 2013 according to PCBS: 26.93%

Adult Literacy Rate

Ages 15+ in 2012 according to PCBS: 95.9%



Poverty Rate:

21.3 % (West Bank) and 37.6% (Gaza Strip) (2013)

Population growth rate in WBGS in 2013 according to PCBS (average annual %): 2.9 %

GDP (per capita in 2012 according to UNCTAD report in July 2013): \$2,534 USD

According to the PCBS the GDP per capita in 2012: 1679.3 USD

Average Daily Water Consumption

(per person, per day): 20-70 liters

Ground Water Utilization:

(Israel) 85% (WBGS) 15%

Coastal Water Utilization:

(Israel) 82% (WBGS) 18%

Under Age 5 Mortality Rate:

14.47/1,000 (West Bank)

16.55/1,000 (Gaza Strip)

Settlements & Outposts:

According to PCBS, there are 144 official Israeli-only settlements with government recognition (563,546 Israeli settlers in the West Bank in 2012), 100 unauthorized outposts (9,689 settlers in 615 permanent and 2,454 mobile houses in 2011)

Separation Barrier (upon completion): Length twice the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line) & only 15% will run on the Green Line, while 85% will be inside the West Bank

Currency: New Israeli Shekel (NIS)



World Vision in Jerusalem, West Bank & Gaza



Where We Work



World Vision has been working in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza since 1975, serving and supporting the most marginalized communities, especially children, where it directly touches the lives of a total of 170,000 children. We seek to empower communities to be independent from relief and structural aid while building a better understanding of sustainable development. World Vision is proud to have the opportunity to form meaningful relationships with communities throughout Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

World Vision JWG currently has 49,489 children registered in its program, 41,493 of which are sponsored. World Vision JWG currently serves 141 targeted communities through its Area Development Programs (ADPs), Church Relations and Public Engagement interventions, and supports 521 Community-Based Organizations and schools. World Vision JWG estimates that it has directly touched the lives of over 322,000 people so far..

- Number of ADPs: 14 and one planned in Central Gaza
- Number of Projects: 59
- Number of Full-Term Staff: 145
- Number of Short-Term Staff: 4
- Number of Registered Children: 49,489
- Communities Served: 141 (includes ADP, Church Relations and Public Engagement interventions).
- Direct Beneficiaries: 322,396 of which 170,000 are children.
- Community Based Organizations, Schools & Kindergartens Targeted: 521

Northeast Jenin ADP

Targeted Villages: Jalqamous, Al Mughayyer, Em Al Tut, Raba, Deir Abu Deif, Bait Qad, Jalbun, Faqqu'a, A'rreneh & Al Jalameh
Sponsored Children: 4,682
RCs: 5,041
Direct beneficiaries: 20,164
Indirect beneficiaries: 5,314
Communities: 10
CBOs &/or schools: 71
SO: WV Korea
Staff: 18 full-time staff members in West, Northeast, & South Jenin ADPs and one Project Coordinator
Challenges: Lack of economic opportunities, continued land confiscation

West Jenin ADP

Targeted Villages: Yabad, Kferit, Tura AL Gharbiyya, Tura Al Sharqiyyah, Um Dar, Al Khuljan & Imreha
Sponsored Children: 2,777
RCs: 2,969
Direct beneficiaries: 11,876
Indirect beneficiaries: 6,751
Communities: 7
CBOs &/or schools: 33
SO: WV Canada
Staff: 18 full-time staff members in West, Northeast, & South Jenin ADPs and one Project Coordinator
Challenges: Lack of economic opportunities, continued land confiscation

South Jenin ADP

Targeted Villages: Al Asasah, Al Attarah, Al Fandaqomiya, Al Jadidah, Anza, Jaba, Misilya, Silat Ad Dahr & Siris
Sponsored Children: 4,822
RCs: 5,032
Direct beneficiaries: 20,128
Indirect beneficiaries: 13,067
Communities: 9
CBOs &/or schools: 57
SO: WV Korea
Staff: 18 full-time staff members in South, Northeast, & West Jenin ADPs and one Project Coordinator
Challenges: Lack of economic opportunities, continued land confiscation



North Nablus ADP

Targeted Villages: Nisf Jbeil, Sabastia, Talluza, Ijnisinya, Yasid, Deir Sharaf, Burqa, Bizzaryia, Beit Imrin, An Naqura & Qusin
Sponsored Children: 1,943
RCs: 2,319
Direct beneficiaries: 16,951
Indirect beneficiaries: 5,751
Communities: 11
CBOs &/or schools: 42
SO: WV Canada
Staff: 10 full-time staff members in the North, East, and Center Nablus ADPs
Challenges: Poor educational and health care systems, high unemployment rates, encroaching Israeli settlements, continued land confiscation, shortage of water for both domestic use and irrigation, overall difficult economic conditions

Central Nablus ADP

Targeted Villages: Asira Al Qibliya, Awarta, Burin, Einabus, Madama, Osarin, Yanun, Odala, Urif & Zeita Jamma'in
Sponsored Children: 2,181
RCs: 2,315
Direct beneficiaries: 17,043
Indirect beneficiaries: 5,234
Communities: 10
CBOs &/or schools: 44
SO: WV Canada
Staff: 10 full-time staff members in the North, East, and Center Nablus ADPs
Challenges: Poor educational and health care services, high unemployment rates, regular settlers attacks, continued land confiscation, shortage of water for domestic use, environmental pollution

East Nablus ADP

Targeted Villages: Azmout, Deir Al Hatab, Beit Dajan, Salem & Beit Furik
Sponsored Children: 2,238
RCs: 2,366
Direct beneficiaries: 17,792
Indirect beneficiaries: 5,957
Communities: 5
CBOs &/or schools: 37
SO: WV Canada
Staff: 10 full-time staff members in the North, East, and Center Nablus ADPs
Challenges: Poor educational and health care systems, high poverty and unemployment rates, frequent internal conflicts among families, continued land confiscation, overall difficult economic conditions

South Nablus ADP

Targeted Villages: Yatma, Talfit, Qusra, Qaryot, Jalud, Jurish, Majdal Bani Fadel, Ammorria & Assawieh
Sponsored Children: 3,353
RCs: 4,000
Direct beneficiaries: 16,000
Indirect beneficiaries: 19,000
Communities: 9
CBOs &/or schools: 35
SO is WV US
Staff: 12 full-time staff members
Challenges: High unemployment rates, Israeli-imposed restrictions on movement, settlers attacks resulting in casualties, damaged trees and agricultural crops, and destroyed assets. Pollution, ground water contamination caused by settlements waste water, and land confiscation



Southeast Salfet ADP

Targeted Villages: Yasouf, Eskaka, Farkha, Bruqin, Kofr Ad-Deek, Kherbit Qeis & Marda

Sponsored Children: 3,494

RCs: 4,425

Direct beneficiaries: 17,294

Indirect beneficiaries: 3,706

Communities: 7

CBOs &/or schools: 32

SO: WV Taiwan

Staff: 12 full-time staff members in Southeast Salfet and South Nablus

Challenges: High unemployment rates, Israeli-imposed restrictions on movement, settlers attacks resulting in casualties, damaged trees and agricultural crops, and destroyed assets.

Pollution, ground water contamination caused by settlements waste water, and land confiscation

West Ramallah ADP

Targeted Villages: Rantis, Shuqba, Dier Abu Meshal, Kharbatha Bani Harith, Dier Nitham, Budrus & Qibya

Sponsored Children: 3,202

RCs: 4,349

Direct beneficiaries: 15,600

Indirect beneficiaries: 9,200

Communities: 7

CBOs &/or schools: 24

SO: WV US

Staff: 8 full-time staff members and 1 Intern

Challenges: Lack of active CBOs, limited community resources (financial), encroaching Israeli settlements near villages, construction of the Separation Barrier

Bethlehem ADP

Targeted Villages: 11 villages located in two clusters.

Southern Cluster consisting of 9 villages: Wadi Rahal, Wadi Al Nees, Joret Al Shama, Marah Muala, Al Masara, Khalet Al Hadad, U'm Salamuna, Al Manshya & Marah Rabah

Western Cluster consists of 2 villages: Al Walajieh and Nahhaline

Sponsored Children: 3,206

RCs: 3,535

Direct beneficiaries: 5188

Indirect beneficiaries: 14,812

Communities: 11

CBOs &/or schools: 21

SO: WV Australia

Staff: 10 full-time staff members; 1 Project Coordinator and 1 Intern

Challenges: Encroaching Israeli settlements and bypass roads, Israeli settler and military violence, limited health services (particularly medical services for children), limited economic opportunities (particularly for youth)

East Hebron ADP

Targeted Villages: Bani Naim Town, Zedat, Khalet Arabia, El Jalajel, Khalet El Wardah, Khalet Rahib, Al-Udaisseh, Masa'arah, Soar Maeen & Masafer Bani Naim

Sponsored Children: 2,634

RCs: 2,826

Direct beneficiaries: 9,656

Indirect beneficiaries: 15,344

Communities: 10

CBOs &/or schools: 38

SO: WV Canada

Staff: 10 full-time staff members

Challenges: High unemployment rates, high level of food insecurity, Israeli-imposed restrictions on access to natural resources, continued confiscation of land, malnutrition, unhealthy environment, insufficient maternal and child health services

South Hebron ADP

Targeted Villages: Zeif, Al Dirat, Al Bweab, Al Zweydeen, Al Saraya`a, Al Najadah, Al Hathaleen, Al Dgega, Twani, Susia, Ma`een, Al Karmil, Khali Saleh, Khalit il Mayeh & Um Lasafa

Sponsored Children: 1,099

RCs: 3,056

Direct beneficiaries: 9,368

Indirect beneficiaries: 11,632

Communities: 15

CBOs &/or schools: 31

SO: WV Singapore

Staff: 7 full-time staff members

Challenges: High unemployment rates, food insecurity, Israeli restrictions on access to land and other natural resources, malnutrition, insufficient maternal and child health and care services



North Gaza ADP

Targeted Villages: Alsalateen, Albarawi, Aslan, Atatra, Fadoos, Hatabeia, Jameia, Koraa, Share' El'am, Mansheia, Mashroa, Hai Al Amal, Banat, Alnady, Alghboon & Al Esraa

Sponsored Children: 2,206

RCs: 2,743

Direct beneficiaries: 4,573

Indirect beneficiaries: 24,380

Communities: 16

CBOs &/or schools: 6

SO: WV Australia

Staff: 16 long-term staff members, 1 short-term and 3 Interns

Challenges: Continued military blockade, unstable security situation, Israeli-imposed restrictions on access and movement, high unemployment rates, limited fuel and power supply

South Gaza ADP

Targeted Villages: Shouka village & Shaboura camp

Sponsored Children: 3,656

RCs: 4,513

Direct beneficiaries: 10,000

Indirect beneficiaries: 50,000

Communities: 2

CBOs &/or schools: 50

SO: WV US

Staff: 8 full-time staff members

Challenges: Unstable security situation, lack of consistent power and fuel supply, military blockade, high unemployment rates, lack of income generating opportunities

Our message



Greetings All!

World Vision sees the world through the eyes of transformation. Inherent in our values, our aspirations, our plans and our very organizational DNA is the belief that transformation is not only possible but a healthy and necessary part of life. We see transformation as personal, community based, organizational and societal.

As an organization we do not exempt ourselves from the need for transformation. This last year has been a year of taking a serious look at ourselves to capture opportunities for transformation. It has included evaluations of our projects, a rethink of our program approaches and designs and detailed cost analysis. All undertaken with a heart to be a better partner in transformation with our communities and partners and ensure a greater positive impact on the wellbeing of children.

Transformation is not an event but rather an ongoing process which WV JWG will continue in FY14.

I would like to thank all of our community members, government and non-governmental partners who have worked with us this year, not only to achieve the programmatic objectives but also to transform ourselves.

I would also like to thank our hard working staff who has not only been committed to the process of transformation but who have managed a 19% growth in program size at the same time – outstanding!

Blessings,

Alex Snary
National Director
World Vision JWG



Sponsoring a Child



Through the unique relationship between the child and his or her sponsor, we help to break free from the clutches of poverty and gift the child a better future full of hope. It is a relationship that extends to the child's family and the community.

Through the child sponsorship program, we tackle the root causes of poverty to sustain the long term positive change in a child's life. More than 49,489 children have been or are being helped through child Sponsorship in our communities.

Through the correspondence between the child and his or her sponsor, we aim to build a long lasting relationship with our donors and help raise awareness of the children's hopes and aspirations. The sponsor is also able to see the impact of his or her contribution through the child's eyes by reading the letters and receiving the Annual Progress Report (APR) that the child fills out.

During FY13, the Sponsorship Department in JWG was able to identify two groups of the most vulnerable children; children with disabilities and children with familial problems (related to divorce and/or missing one of the parents).

Children with disabilities include those who experience physical, mental, or behavioral problems and are frequently excluded from social interactions and lack the skills to participate independently. The Sponsorship program monitored registered children with disabilities and found out, there are 288 cases.

The Sponsorship Department was able to track children with familial problems and found out that of all the registered children, there are 1132 vulnerable children. It is our mission to include all these children in our programming, and to better analyze the impact of our programming on them.

Love God and Neighbours

Children learn more quickly during their early years than at any other time in life. They need love and nurturing to develop a sense of trust and security that turns into confidence as they grow.

Working closely with the Palestinian-Christian community, World Vision Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza (WVJWG) implements various projects and initiatives to support the resilience of this community and improve child well-being (CWB). These programs equip Palestinian Christians with the skills, confidence and resources necessary to understand and actively address various aspects of spiritual life and messages of peace through sustainable community development programs.

Children experience the love of God through walking with Jesus. Spiritual development is one area through which children and youth feel the love of God, which positively reflects on their behaviours, attitudes and vision for their lives. World Vision was able to enhance the teaching of religion through training sessions for about 50 religion teachers. Hundreds of children from the different Christian schools are experiencing and living the word of Jesus through the newly developed skills of their teachers and using the spiritual development materials and supplies WVJWG provided for 10 schools and Christian centres.

"I am glad that we now have those new equipment available at school, I can now practice my hobby during my music class, as my father cannot afford private lessons." said one student of the Shepherds High School in Beit Sahour.



World Vision also supported 567 Christian youth and children who interacted with each other, shared stories, experiences and spent quality time of prayers, reading bible stories, spiritual visits and recreational activities organized in partnerships with the different Christian schools, scouts groups and churches. Through such activities, World Vision aims to help those children and youth live the word of God and experience his teachings of forgiveness, and love. "Jesus gives me strength, peace and the ability to help others, I keep Jesus in my mind and I help my sisters and my family and I serve on Sunday at the Church," said nine year old Lourdes Said.

Unemployed Christian graduates have a vision and hope for their future

With World Vision's support, a pilot placement program was launched in partnership with Bethlehem University that served 16 new graduates by placing them in different institutions for three months. The program gave them the opportunity to link theory with practice and gain experience in their field of study. Eight of the participants were employed by their host institution, a great success for a newly launched program. Lama Bannoura, one of the participants said, "This was a very good experience! Being part of this program helped me get employed. I did not succeed in getting a job after I graduated, but now I am employed. I encourage World Vision to continue with this program and help a lot of jobless graduates." Phase II of this program is ongoing and is serving 16 additional Christian students.

A New Profession, a Brighter Future

Five Palestinian Christian youth with special needs were able to develop professional skills in olive wood carving through participating in a yearlong practical learning process, using the machinery and tools provided by WVJWG.

School principal Father Mamdooh Abu Sa'ada says, "Through this project, we are teaching those youth a profession that provides income for them and their families. As individuals with special needs, they do not have many opportunities in the society, and in many cases are not employed and left jobless. Hosting them in the school, teaching them a profession, and selling their products locally and abroad generates income for them and their families." He added, "Wood carving has been taught for three years in the schools, but this year it has been enhanced and professionalized through the machinery and tools World Vision provided."



Creating Support Structures for Children

Child friendly spaces give children a place to spend quality time with their friends, teachers, and family. Children spend most of their time in schools, therefore, providing a safe, fun and recreational environment for those children inspires positive behaviours and relations with both their friends at school as well as at home with their families. With World Vision's support to Christian schools and kindergartens, hundreds of children now have access to healthier and safer indoor and outdoor play environments. "Lunch break for the kids in my class became safer and more fun. I used to spend the break in the nearby clinic almost every day, as many kids get injured when they fall on the concrete floor. But now with the grass, we watch the kids having fun and playing with confidence," explained one of the teachers at the Shepherds Orthodox High School in Beit Sahour.

Resilient Communities

Strengthening community resilience is impossible to achieve without economic development. In this regard, World Vision continues to support the growth of the Aboud Church Olive Oil Soap Factory, by providing it with the supplies needed to improve the quality of the soap and increase the quantity of production. This expansion created more employment opportunities for village residents and especially helped university students who were able to cover some of their expenses from the income they earned in the factory, lifting some of the financial burden off their families. The factory also supports an additional 50 Christian families in the village by purchasing the olive oil produced by those families for the factory use. "We benefited a lot from the expansion of the factory and the new equipment. Now we are able to produce 380 pieces of soap in two hours. Before, it took us four days to produce the same quantity. We can meet market demands with less time and energy while also improving the quality and shape of the produced soap." Said Michael, the Factory Supervisor.



A day by the Sea



This year, World Vision embarked on a new and exciting initiative called “A Day by the Sea” in a small gesture to help the children in our communities achieve one of their simple dreams. Indeed, when asked about their dreams by our National Director or other World Vision visitors, many of the children would immediately say “to see the sea!” Therefore, several ADPs managed to facilitate a trip to the Mediterranean Sea for a group of children last fall, which was a lifetime experience for them. Most of our children have never seen the sea due to the mobility restrictions and their families’ limited resources. “A Day by the Sea” was by far the most exciting activity and the most enjoyable day of the year for the participating children. It was amazing watching their excitement, curiosity, and pure joy as they danced on the beach with their bare feet on the sand and touching the sea water for the very first time.

“I am extremely happy for I have never been on a trip like this before. I usually go to visit Bethlehem city, and I went twice to Hebron, and that's all”. Says Nedal, a 12 year old boy and a sponsored child from Bethlehem ADP, while trying to act seriously, but his big smile full of childhood excitement says that this is a day he will remember for a long time!

Children educated for Life

Resource Room in Central Nablus

One key achievement of the Central Nablus ADP (CNADP) was enhancing the quality of education by improving the physical environment in schools and building the capacity of teachers and school staff. There was a clear improvement in the academic performance of the children, which was expressed to World Vision by various beneficiaries and stakeholders in the community.

The mother of a girl named Haya, a third grader from the school in the village of Awarta who benefited from the newly established Resource Room, expressed enthusiasm over her daughter's progress.

“The improvement in Haya's academic performance was marvelous,” said Haya's mother. She continued, “I used to spend a long time helping her with her homework. Participating in the Resource Room activities this year has greatly impacted her abilities in Arabic and Mathematics. Her grades have significantly improved after the specialized assistance she received through the Resource Room interventions.”



Abu Ammar School in Bethlehem

In Sabeeha, a remote area of Nahhaline village, about 300 children were struggling to get to the primary school in the centre of the village, which is over 2kms away. The temporary solution that the village council came up with, is transforming a deserted factory building into a school, until a new school can be approved and established.

Named "Abu Ammar School", this high ceiling concrete structure consisted of eight rooms; six of which were dedicated for classrooms, and hosted the 300 children, cramping about 50 children in small spaces that had no windows – limited light and no ventilation. The School administration along with the parents (PTAs) managed later to hire four rooms in the basement of the nearby mosque, where World Vision helped prepare these rooms by connecting them with electricity and providing paint supplies, and so around 120 children were moved there.

Reem, an 8 year old girl said about the experience of the new place: *"I feel the air is cleaner now, and I can see the light entering through the wide new windows. I feel happier, because the new rooms are clean and comfortable"*.

200 children were left in the temporary place, and in order to improve the environment a little bit for the remaining children, World Vision set up a ventilation system to allow fresh air into the classrooms, as well as provided paint supplies and mobilized community volunteers to paint the walls with fresh bright colours. This made the place look a little brighter and smell somewhat better.

Through the DRR project, a school safety checklist was done and it raised the urgent need to renovate the sanitary units as they posed hygiene and environmental risks. The ADP rehabilitated the sanitary units, and also transformed a cave; part of the concrete structure, into a library and a computer room. New computers were supplied, along with bookshelves and a thousand books. This created a space for the children to read, play and learn on the computer and have some fun, as they lack an outside playground.

The School Principal managed a smile and said: *"the conditions are much better now for both the children and the teachers. I am trying to add some indoor plants to cover for the dull concrete around. The air circulation, bright colours and new sanitary not only reduced risks, but also gave motivation to children and teachers to come to school in the morning"*

We pray that the community along with the Ministry of Education can establish a new school soon for those children, so they can enjoy a healthy and more inviting teaching environment.

Children Enjoy Good Health

Towards Nourished Infants Project in East Hebron ADP

To ensure the sustainability of the Towards Nourished Infants (TNI) project, the East Hebron ADP mobilized Community Active Groups (CAGs) in the area and worked in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Hebron Health Directorate to build their capacity through various meetings and trainings.

The CAGs work as a connecting point between the community members and the MoH and work together to raise awareness on health related issues such as maternal health care, nutrition and osteoporosis throughout the community, with a special focus on mothers. The commitment of these groups has helped them reach more people in the community and encouraged others to join them as CAG members. Ensuring the inclusion of women in these groups has also instigated a change the traditional role of women in these communities and encouraged those women to lead initiatives in the area.



Basma Manasrah, one of the CAG members shared her story:

“Being part of the CAG has encouraged me to build resilience for my disease as I am struggling with cancer. I wanted to make a difference and promote positive health practices among women. This has built my confidence and has made me feel that I am useful..”

Through the project, Community HealthWorkers (CHWs) have been trained by World Vision on the Timely Targeted Counseling approach (TTC) and have conducted several visits to mothers in their homes to deliver messages on maternal and child health and nutrition issues.

Targeting mothers in the community has helped them change wrong traditional practices and adopt best practices in caring for their children, promoting positive health practices in their community. Maram Hemaidat, one of the beneficiaries illustrates, “Through the knowledge I gained from the CHW home visits, I began to adopt positive health practices such as breastfeeding my newborn when he has mild diarrhea rather than giving him herbs.”

The CHWs also assisted health providers at the local health clinics to measure the weight and length of the infants and provide them with important information about other services provided.

“As a CHW, I feel that my duty is to help the mothers and health providers at the clinics beyond the life of the project. There is continuous cooperation between us and the health providers and we go to the clinics to help them in the measurements. This makes us feel happy and self-confident to be a focal person in this field,” said Lina Jabareen one of the project’s CHWs.



The voice of the vulnerable can bring a real change

“Though the physiotherapy center in the Salfet Governorate was finally built, the nightmare for the disabled children and their families who started to see light at the end of the tunnel continued for three more years as the center remained closed and inactive due to the lack of resources needed to complete and operate it,” said Kifah Shahin, a 35 year old mother of a five year girl with special needs.

Last summer, the Union of Persons with Disabilities approached the South Salfet ADP for help in activating the centre. Following a needs assessment by the ADP, it was decided to include support for the Union of Persons with Disabilities to activate the center in the ADP FY13 plans.

Furnishing and equipping the center, and employing a Physiotherapy Intern for nine months were among the needed and implemented support. The physiotherapist was meant to open the center on daily basis and provide professional physiotherapy services for disabled children.

“The disabled children were eager for such a center, as it is the only one of its kind in the area,” said Ilene Maraiteh, the appointed Physiotherapy Intern. Ms. Maraiteh added: “I was carrying out more than 100 physiotherapy sessions each month, during the first three months. The number jumped to 150 during the next quarter and reached 200 during the last quarter.”

Building on the successes achieved by the appointed Intern, the ADP started mobilizing the Union of Persons with Disabilities to search for other resources to develop the center. Five months after the physiotherapist’s work began; the Union appointed a speech therapist from the YMCA to work for the Centre for the Disabled. Moreover, the South Salfet ADP managed to mobilize the parents of those disabled children to urge the Salfet Governor to support the physiotherapy center.

Upon an invitation from the Governor, the Palestinian Prime Minister Dr. Rami Hamdallah traveled to Salfet with the Minister of Health and met with the disabled children and their parents to discuss their obstacles and needs. At the end of the visit, the Prime Minister openly pledged to keep the physiotherapy center open and active by appointing a permanent physiotherapist to develop the center and provide services to the children.

“The success we all achieved in this meeting gave us the hope and motivation to keep up with putting the disabled children needs and challenges on top of our priorities. I have actually realized that we as disabled people have a voice that can bring a real change.” said Taha Ali Taha, head of the Union of Persons with Disabilities.



Supporting the Psychosocial well-being of children in Gaza

November 2012, marked the start of the Israeli military offensive “Operation Defensive Pillar” which lasted for eight days, both communities of Beit Lahia in North Gaza and Rafah in South Gaza were again at the front-line of the conflict. The latest escalation has targeted residential properties in Gaza and resulted in a high number of civilian casualties. Children witnessed the fragmentation and displacement of families due to the deliberate destruction of homes and shelters.. It was eight days of experiencing continuous fear and severe physical insecurity life threats.

Through a rapid needs assessment that WV’s two ADPs have launched in North and South Gaza after the ceasefire declaration to determine the scope of the immediate humanitarian impact on the ground, results indicated the need for psychosocial support and intervention for children as a result of accumulative airstrikes, bombings, casualties (especially the death of loved ones/friends/acquaintances), infrastructural damage, and loss of home.

Based on that, and through an Australian aid project funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 10 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) were established, each serving about 100 children, with a total of 1000 children.

Ayesh, is a 14 year old boy from Beit Lahia in North Gaza who joined one of the Child Friendly Spaces in early December 2012, and was suffering a severe difficulty in expressing his emotions or remembering details. Three months later (February 2013), Ayesh was again able to express himself more openly. He has been able to talk about his fears and pains and acknowledge his and other children’s need for psychological support.

“I was very afraid during the war. I have seen houses being targeted and demolished by warplanes. I have seen innocent people get killed in their own homes. We thought they might bomb our house or any of the nearby houses any time. We fled our own house to my uncle’s as we did not feel safe, but we could not feel safe there either.”

Changes have been noticed in children’s behaviour after spending several hours a day in a CFS where they play games, develop other skills including drawing, handcraft, acting and dance. CFSs provided them with a safe place from widespread explosive remnants of war.

“I needed a safe space where I can meet new friends. I have been able to learn and perform the first steps of the Palestinian traditional dance, the Dabka.” Said Ayesh. “I will use my new acquired dancing skills at my cousin’s wedding”, he continues with a smile.

Each of CFS is provided with a PFA (Psychological First Aid) trainer who has been in direct contact with both children and parents providing them with PFA awareness sessions.

Aya El Wadeyya, a PFA trainer at the CFS explained:

“When the project started, our aim was to reach 100 children in each CFS from 6 to 16 years old in each Child Friendly Space. However, as we implemented the project; children started pouring into the CFS and up till now, we are still receiving children who

Children Participating

would like to join”.

While there is still a significant need, World Vision will continue to support the CFSs, assisting them to transition to full community ownership

Children Can Lead the Change

As part of its effort to support communities face challenges and shape their future, WVJWG’s Salfet Office has put child protection and participation at the top of its priorities. “Educating children, promoting their rights, empowering their character, and developing their leadership skills are the most important elements of a comprehensive approach and strategy to empower children and ensuring their well-being.” said Naser Maali, the ADP Manager.

Based on those beliefs, the ADP has taken each and every opportunity to promote children’s rights, participation, and protection.

Translating beliefs into action, the South Nablus ADP established Children Councils within the targeted area. Led by children and consisting of children members only, those councils held regular meetings to discuss the children’s concerns and implement a plan to promote children’s rights, and empower them by promoting their participation on various levels.

Ghada Yousif, a 16 year old Children’s Council member from the village of Qusra said, “Joining the Children Council gave me an opportunity to engage in fruitful discussions around children on matters of child well-being. This greatly enriched my experience and developed my character. I began to value myself and feel that my opinion counts.” She added, “From that point, I decided to do the best I can to spread this feeling to as many children as I can,” Ghada added.

Because of her efforts and the support of the SNADP, Ghada established a Children’s Committee at her school in order to protect children from violence. This committee is led by Ghada herself and consists of children representatives from different grades. “Children are now proactively engaged in discussion around violence and the best approaches to protect children. They reflect and discuss ideas to promote children’s rights,” said Ghada.



Building on this success, Ghada insisted on taking it a step further when a great idea came to her mind. "To realize my dream of bringing about child wellbeing and protecting children, I continued to think of new ideas to help disadvantaged children in my school." Ghada said. As a result of her continuous work, Ghada was able to set up a savings trust fund to assist students in need. Donations were collected from students and staff on monthly basis to fund the trust. "Though it may seem like a small initiative, this fund has helped many poor students in my school purchase stationary, shoes and clothing. It brings tears to my eyes when I see the smile on the face of a child we helped," said Ghada.

Children's Council Initiative in South Hebron

"By being part of the Student Council, my friends and I are able to help other children in our school. We compile annual plans based on the students' needs in our school and we implement them. At first, I was afraid of being part of the council and I had concerns about my ability to help, but after the capacity building trainings conducted by World Vision, I felt confident that we could make a change and improve our schools." said Munjed Adara, a 15 year old child from a school in the village of Zeif.

South Hebron ADP focuses on mobilizing Student Councils to increase children's participation and ensure their voices are heard. Therefore, the ADP team in partnership with the MoE and the local community started to promote this idea in a community where a child's right to participate is new. To promote democratic principles, the Student Council members were selected through a well-organized election process conducted by the students themselves.

Fatima Harb, Al-Karmel school headmaster explained, "The elections process increased the students' confidence and enhanced their roles as active participants in the decision making process since they got the opportunity to identify their needs and elect the best candidates who, in their opinion, can make a change."

After forming the Student Councils, the members participated in leadership trainings that included planning, democracy and civic



engagement. Those trainings helped the students develop their skills, have confidence and apply the knowledge obtained to improve the learning process at their schools.

Huda Abu Aram, a Student Council member, said, "The training enabled me to fearlessly express my opinion. It equipped me with better communication skills."

In order to better respond to the students' needs raised through the assessment process conducted by the Student Councils, the councils were divided into small sub-committees according to the concerns, needs, and interests. For example, the Student Councils at the Zeif School include a cultural committee, education and science committee, social committee, sports and arts committee, and health and environmental committee.

To increase the level of participation and enhance the students' decision making process within the schools, the ADP supported the Student Councils initiatives designed, implemented and evaluated by children themselves. For example, the health and environmental committee planned an environmental week in which all students at the school with their parents worked together to clean, paint the school and write statements that encourage students to protect the school environment on the walls of the school. They also conducted a theatre show performed by some students to send a message to other students and the community to protect the environment and plant trees in the school and the village. This created a caring relationship between parents, students and the school staff and strengthened the commitment of different stake holders.

One mother, Sana' Abu Sabha said that her daughter Abeer, who is a member of the Student Council, has become more active in her school and it has motivated her to perform better in school to set an example for other girls.

Building on the success of the Student Council initiative, The Directorate of Education in Hebron indicated that it will apply this module to other schools in the area.



Children are Protected and Cared for

Investing Today for a Safer Tomorrow

In alignment with the Civil Defence Disaster Preparedness strategy to serve the remote clusters in South Jenin, the ADP and local community established Community Based Emergency Centres (CBECs). The volunteers in the three CBECs became the safeguards of the community. During the flooding that occurred in the northern West Bank in January 2013, there were more than 172 cases of recorded lives saved. Furthermore, during the rest of the year, volunteers worked to respond to local level emergencies. There were 98 cases of small fires and other accidents handled by volunteers in the last three months.

In FY13 the ADP supported the establishment and equipping of the CBEC in Jaba village to increase the village and the surrounding areas' preparedness to respond to disasters in partnership with the Palestinian Civil Defence. At the beginning, the Civil Defence provided the needed training for the 10 volunteers on various skills. The number of volunteers is now 20 and continuously increasing. The impact of the centre and other CBECs established by SJ ADP, was presented as a recommended good practice in an article entitled "Investing today for a safer tomorrow: Resilient people, resilient planet," presented to the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland.



Mohammad, a 20 year old volunteer from the Jaba CBEC, was one of the first volunteers trained. He is a sophomore student at An Najah National University, his major is Mathematics.

Mohammad recalls how he joined the CBEC volunteer group, "Last year, I started my undergraduate education, I heard from one of my friends about the Civil Defense training in Jaba. I attended a two months training and completed a total of 80 training hours," says Mohammad. "We were trained to use all the civil defense tools (especially the fire hose), conduct rescue operations, evacuations and first aid response. The training was divided into two main parts: practical and theoretical. The theoretical part was mainly about the bases of rescue operations and the main safety principals that we must follow," added Mohammad.

Mohammad proudly reiterated, "I feel bolder, more self-confident and I have learnt a lot about working as a team member. Each fire is different and we need to develop a new strategy on how to deal with it. My colleagues consider me a hero and continue to ask me about our rescue operations. I value the spirit of volunteerism to develop any community even more. We developed new relationships with people that we helped and with people that we do not know."

A Green Revolution supported by World Vision

With the limited availability of land and the rising cost of food, the North Nablus ADP decided to pilot an initiative to build home gardens on the roofs as part of a "Green Revolution."

World Vision distributed home roof garden packets, including seedlings, pipes, soil, to seven families using compost instead of natural soil to produce organic vegetables.

These families produced organic pepper, eggplant, tomato, various herbs, and parsley. Water and compost were used instead of fertilizers, insecticides or pesticides.

Nisreen, thirty year old woman from the North Nablus ADP area explained, "We used to buy our vegetables from the market with high prices and were forced to buy large quantities, but when I started planting the seedlings distributed by World Vision I was able to meet at least part of my family's needs at a lower cost." Nisreen added, "Looking after our new garden is the responsibility of all our family members and we all enjoy our time working on it together."



Giving their Dreams Wings to Fly

Children from the village of Imreha face unique challenges in the area. Traveling to school every day to the nearby town of Yabad, the children experience fear and injustice on a daily basis. They are required to cross the checkpoint located by the Israeli settlement just to get to school. Their only dream is to live their lives with freedom, a dream made impossible by the current Israeli military occupation. World Vision partnered with the local community to establish the village's first and only Child Friendly Space. The community provided the space, while WV rehabilitated the facilities and provided the furniture, creating a safe area and conducive for children. WV continued to work with space and implemented several extracurricular activities in the facility such as remedial education, leadership programs, and other recreational activities.

Zaid, a 12 year old boy in the village said, "Our dream is to have basic rights in life just like any other child in the world; right to live without fear, right to education, right to play and to have a place in the village to go to and play. World Vision made us feel like other children for the first time with a nice place to play, learn, and express themselves.

We dream of the day when we can have our own school, roads, clinic, playground, home, and an entrance to our village with no checkpoint."

Mr. Mahmoud Hamadoni, Head of the Village Committee said, "Establishing this facility was a dream come true for the Imreha community, particularly for the children who lived completely deprived of the very basic rights as children. We have nothing in our village; no schools, no clinics, no playgrounds. We used to rely on the neighboring villages for these things. For the first time, we have our own place to host activities."

Many of the children's parents work as daily laborers in the Yabad area sometimes staying away from home for several days at a time. For example, Rawan, a 6th grader whose parents are often away working, was able to attend the opening of the Child Friendly Space despite her difficult family situation. Rawan is often left responsible for caring for her younger brothers and sisters. Rawan was eager to join the activities, particularly the remedial education, to improve her academic performance and to find an outlet to release life's stress and pressures. Rawan says "I brought my youngest brother with me to classes, and was very proud and enthusiastic to learn and make the best use of the time and opportunity. I worked my way to take care of my brother, improve my skills, and learn new things in order to build a good future for myself and my family."

A Fruitful Partnership

We are now empowered women who are committed and work hard to serve our communities. We believe that we can make a change and create a better situation where women and children can thrive," says Manar Manasrah, the Board Director of the Bani Naim Women Cooperative Society (BNWCS). When asked about their partnership with WV she said, "World Vision was with us from the early stages of our establishment in 2011. We value this partnership because we have the space to innovate and respond to the needs of women and children in our communities. This partnership has given us the confidence to depend on ourselves to achieve our goals."

Through this partnership, WV strengthened and empowered the members of the CBO to develop their own strategies and build on their own capacities to achieve sustained child well-being.

Projects were implemented, measured and reviewed by both partners. Those projects were directed to improve the conditions of children in the area by focusing on sectors such as kindergarten, health through the school canteens, economic development and women empowerment via income generating projects.

WV supported the establishment of the kindergarten by providing it with proper educational tools, building the capacity of the teachers, and rehabilitating the classrooms. Abeer Hemaidat, Manager of the Al-Mostaqbal Kindergarten and a Board Member of the BNWCS, elaborated, "This kindergarten was established in one of the most marginalized areas, providing children with the opportunity to participate in early childhood education and to help them be well prepared for school. This kindergarten also provides vulnerable women with employment opportunities and brings income for the CBO with more and more children joining each year."

As one of its main projects, the BNWCS now successfully runs a food processing unit. WV conducted a capacity building training for the women participating in the food processing and provided them with the needed tools for the unit. Through this project, women from the most marginalized families have gained new knowledge that they can apply both at the household-level and through the BNWCS.

Halima Manasrah, one of the participants, said that this project has positively impacted the women's image in the community and stressed their productive role. She elaborated, "This food processing unit has provided me with the opportunity to leave the house, gain new skills and generate an additional source of income for my children."

The CBO is now able to expand its food processing project in the community such by convincing schools to sell healthy food for students in their canteens from their production as well as promote better health practices at schools, which in return provides a sustained source of income for the CBO.

Moreover, the success of the food processing unit has encouraged several WV home garden project beneficiaries to join the BNWCS as full members this year. Becoming full members has given them the opportunity to build their capacity, market their products and generate a sustained source of income. It has also increased the CBO's capital and enabled it to conduct more activities for children and women, including summer camps, awareness raising sessions and other activities for children.

With sustained sources of income, the BNWCS is now able to continue working beyond the WV partnership to serve children and women in their community

Public Engagement

Advocacy and communications is a critical component of World Vision's work in the region, alongside long-term community development and emergency response efforts. Transformative change is impossible without challenging and changing unjust policies, systems, structures, practices, and attitudes that make it difficult for children and their families to escape living in poverty. Informed by our experience working alongside marginalized communities, World Vision advocates at the local, national, regional, and global levels. From lobbying at global conferences such as the G8 to working with children, parents and leaders in communities where we operate, advocacy at World Vision is an integrated effort.

Effective advocacy and communication on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict should not just result in a greater ability to carry out WV's relief and development mandate, but also inspire others to work towards a future in which children on both sides live in peace. World Vision works to highlight the underlying causes and effects of the conflict by empowering Palestinian youth to participate in their communities and give them the tools to advocate on their own behalves. This includes building the capacity of local Palestinian NGOs, encouraging youth to document their history and surroundings, providing photography training to vulnerable communities across the West Bank and Gaza, as well empowering Israeli voices working towards peace and justice in the region.

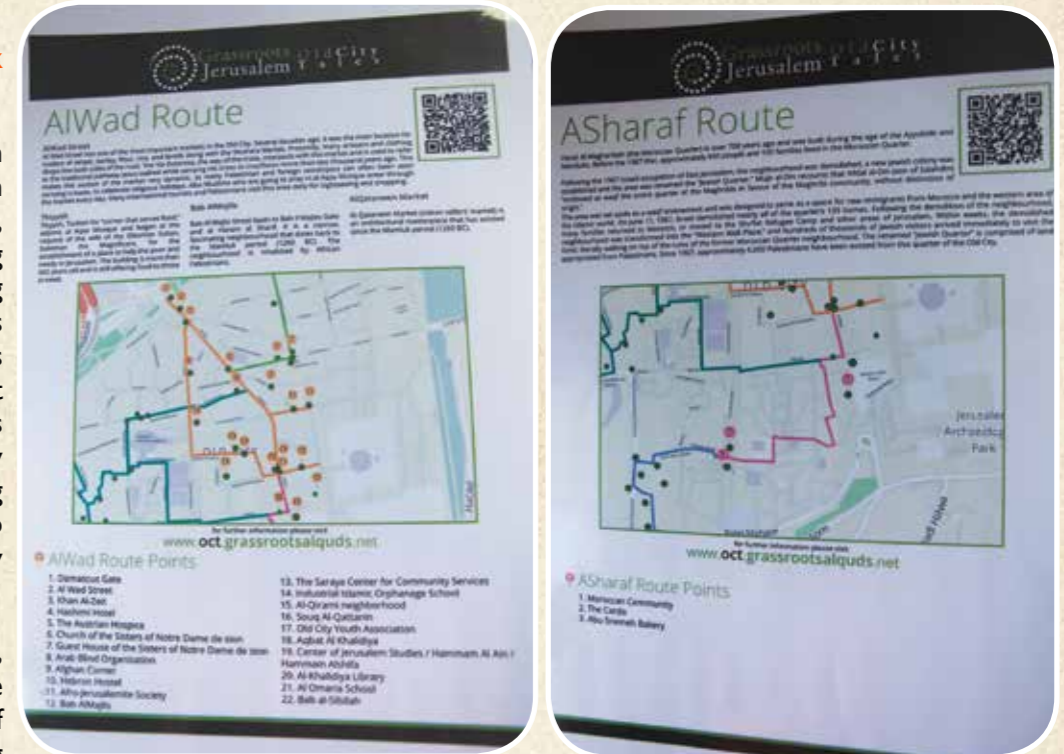
Strategic, well-informed advocacy and communication rooted in programming is crucial for World Vision to properly address the underlying causes of poverty in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Mapping Palestinian Life: A Look at Grassroots Jerusalem

World Vision has partnered with Grassroots Jerusalem (GJ), a Palestinian platform for community based advocacy, for the past several years, providing support since the early stages. Working together to document Palestinian stories in Jerusalem, Grassroots Jerusalem has become one of World Vision's strongest advocacy partners. "Old City Tales," GJ's most recent initiative, is a participatory multimedia project that taught young Palestinian girls new and creative ways to articulate local culture, history, identity and space.

Using videography and storytelling, participants learned to capture the complex political and cultural realities of the Old City of Jerusalem by conducting interviews and taking a journey into the different neighborhoods within the Old City walls. GJ partnered with the Youth for Jerusalem Association (YFJA) and the Art Lab to train these 19 young girls from Jerusalem. The girls were both able to improve their English language skills, develop creative storytelling and photography skills, and conduct interviews in various neighborhoods of the Old City. The communities displayed included the African community, the Armenian Quarter, ASaaideyeh neighborhood, Bab-Huta, AIWad Street, Bab Al Majlis, Al Qataneen Market, ASharaf neighborhood, Moroccan quarter and of course the Christian quarter.

The participants created a number of media, such as photography, videography and narratives to capture their experience. A map, website and QR code tour with photographs and digital media – describing oppression of families and children in the Old City – was made available to the general public.



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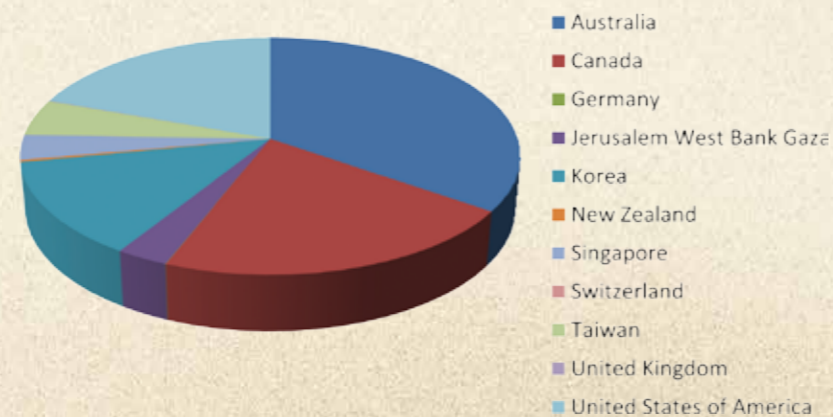
FY13 Approved budget and expenditures

FY13 total approved budget was \$18,364,480 versus the total annual expenditure, \$15,640,486 with under budget execution of 15%

FY13 source of Income by Support Offices

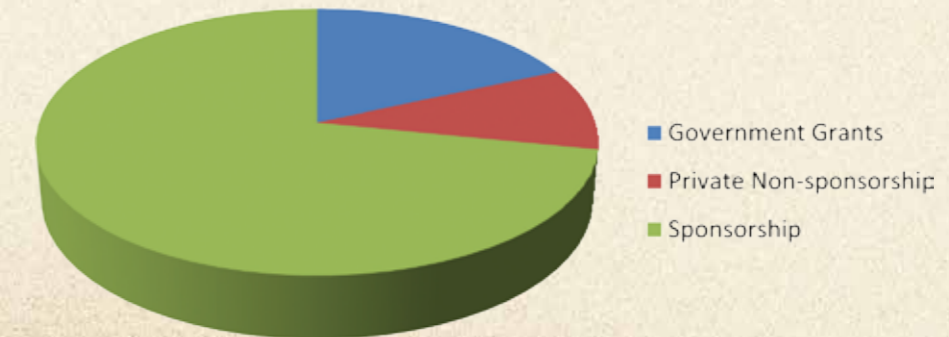
Support Office	FY13 Approved budget by SOs	%
Australia	6,389,193	35%
Canada	3,899,070	21%
Germany	4,241	0%
Jerusalem West Bank Gaza	545,871	3%
Korea	2,376,740	13%
New Zealand	50,000	0%
Singapore	622,317	3%
Switzerland	2,529	0%
Taiwan	915,957	5%
United Kingdom	(11,507)	0%
United States of America	3,570,069	19%
Total	18,364,480	100%

FY13 Approved budget by Sos



FY13 approved budget by funding Type	
Funding type	Budget by funding type
Government Grants	3,355,201
Private Non-sponsorship	1,823,033
Sponsorship	13,186,243
Total	18,364,477

Budget by funding type



Glossary of Acronyms & Terms:

ADP: Area Development Programme

APR: Annual Progress Report

BNWCS: Bani Neim Women's cooperative society

CAG: Community Active Groups

CBEC: Community Based Emergency Centre

CBO: Community Based Organizations

CHW: Community Health Workers

DRR: Disaster Risk Reduction

FY: Fiscal Year

GDP: Gross Domestic Product

JWG: Jerusalem, West Bank & Gaza

KG: Kindergarten

MCHN: Mother & Child Health & Nutrition

MoE: Ministry of Education

MoH: Ministry of Health

PCBS: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

RC: Registered Children

SO: Support Office

TNI: Towards Nourished Infants

TTC: Timely Targeted Counselling

UNCTAD: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNGA: United Nations General Assembly

VTC: Vocational Training Centre

WBGS: West Bank & Gaza Strip





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