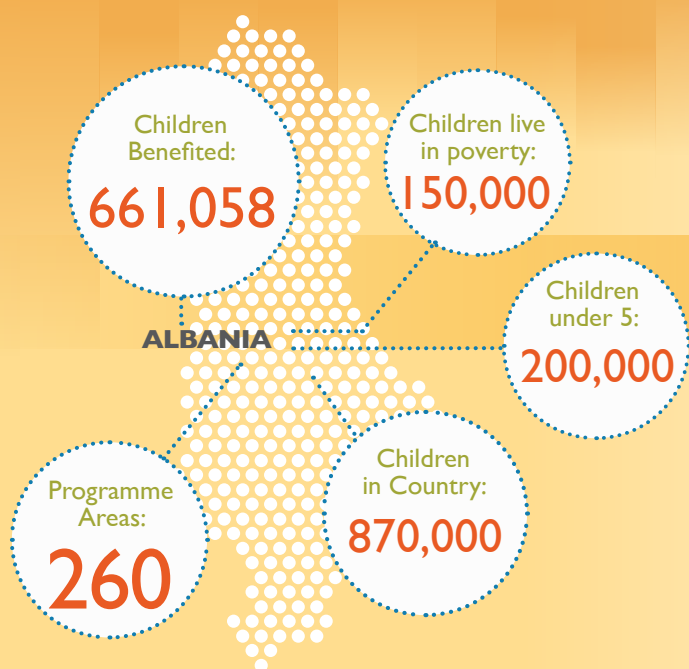


## COUNTRY FACTSHEET

## ALBANIA



## ABOUT WORLD VISION ALBANIA

World Vision began operating in Albania in 1999 in response to the Kosovo refugee crisis. Since then, it has shifted its focus to long-term development and support of Albanians living in poverty.

## PRIORITY ISSUES



Child

Protection



Economic

Development



Youth

Empowerment



Disaster

Preparedness



Health



Education

## WHAT WE DO

## EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

World Vision is equipping youth in Albania to shape their country's future. Through a national-level leadership development programme, socially compassionate young leaders from Albania are supported to become agents of change in their communities and reach out to their peers.

## FAST FACTS



**75%** of children experience **violent discipline** (UNICEF, 2013)



More than **35,000** children involved in **child labour** (UNICEF, 2013)



**42,000** children living with **disabilities**. (UNICEF, 2013)

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

In Albania, children face threats daily. The threats are internal as well as external. World Vision is helping keep children safe at home by informing children of their rights and educating parents about alternative methods of discipline. To help protect children from external threats, such as trafficking, World Vision partnered with Vodafone Foundation and the Ministry of the Interior to create a smartphone application that will disseminate knowledge and enhance community-based protection and response mechanisms.



## IMPROVING EDUCATION

Through student governments and school structures, World Vision is helping improve the quality of and access to education for all, especially those living with limitations. Through the creation and adoption of the Child Friendly School standards: education, protection and access to school have improved for nearly 70,000 students.

## HELPING CHILDREN STAY HEALTHY

World Vision's health projects promote access to every human's needs for equitable access to quality healthcare and help equip parents with the information and tools they need to make sure their children's future is built on a solid foundation of good health. Thanks to World Vision's work, more than 15,200 community members benefit from improved access to health centres, clean water and improved sanitation.

## INCREASED INCOME LEADS TO INCREASED INDEPENDENCE

Economic issues are at the root of many social problems in Albania. World Vision works to help families increase their income so that they can provide for their children through local-level initiatives, such as small-scale farming assistance and micro-credit loans.

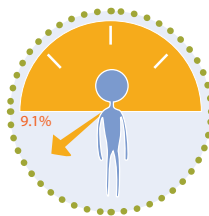


World Vision Albania equips youth and adolescents to transform their communities and their country.  
Photo by World Visions staff.

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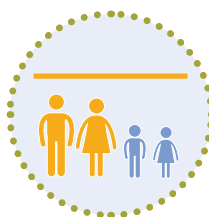
Only **1 in 2** Roma children, between the ages of 7 and 12 **attend school** (UNDP/World Bank/EC Regional Roma Survey, 2011)



**9.1 per cent** of children under five are **moderately to severely wasted** (UNICEF, 2013)



**53,800** young people are **unemployed** (ILOSTAT, 2013)



**150,000** children live below the **poverty line** (UNICEF, 2013)



**15,000** baby girls were estimated to have been killed through **sex-selective abortions** between 2005 and 2010. (UNFPA, 2012)

## SAVING THE GIRLS

Across Albania, sex-selective abortions are commonplace. Many families, especially those living in poverty, see girls as an economic liability instead of an asset. World Vision works with families and communities to help them understand the value and right to life of every child, regardless of gender; and works with families who have girls to ensure they are given the same care and opportunities as boys.

**LEARN MORE:** [www.wvi.org/albania](http://www.wvi.org/albania)

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