

JERUSALEM - WEST BANK - GAZA

Children
Benefited:

170,000

Children live
in poverty:

347,000

Children
under 5:

620,000

JWG

Children
in Country:

2

Million

Programme
Areas:

91

ABOUT WORLD VISION IN JERUSALEM, WEST BANK AND GAZA

World Vision began working in the Holy Land in 1975, serving the poor and marginalised, focusing on children. Today, we work through area development programmes and government grants to improve infrastructure and continuing to advocate for the improved well-being of children living under Israeli military occupation, while simultaneously empowering Palestinian and Israeli voices that call for peace and justice.

PRIORITY ISSUES



Health



Education

Youth
Empowerment

Advocacy

Love of God
& Neighbours

Resilience

IMPROVING HEALTH

World Vision works to improve health on household, community and national levels by: promoting best practices with regard to maternal and child health and nutrition through equipping Community Health Workers to deliver timely and targeted counsel to pregnant women and young mothers in their villages; organizing and empowering Community Action Groups to respond to the community's needs and act as a link between the communities where World Vision works and the Ministry of Health. As a result, the number of children receiving the minimum frequency of meals increased from 4.2 per cent in 2008 to 75.9 per cent in 2013.

FAST FACTS



Only **27%** of children are exclusively **breastfed** for the first 6 months (UNICEF, 2013)



10.9% of children under five are **stunted** (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2010)



40.7% of children under five suffer from **anemia** (Palestinian Ministry of Health, 2013)

ENHANCING EDUCATION

World Vision renovates and rehabilitates educational facilities in its programme areas, facilitating the access of more than 150,000 children to safe spaces to learn, play and grow. Rehabilitations include creating resource rooms for children with learning disabilities, stocking libraries, updating computer labs, installing playgrounds as well as equipping schools with basic educational tools and toys. To further improve education, World Vision provides training for teachers to ensure they are using the most up-to-date methodologies to ensure that the education children receive is not only fun but also meaningful.

WHAT WE DO



Mothers learn about maternal and child health and nutrition in Bethlehem. Photo by World Vision staff.

HELPING PARENTS PROVIDE

World Vision supports parents and caregivers through facilitating income-generating projects and providing employment opportunities for parents and caregivers, enabling parents to be able to provide, financially, for their children's needs. In 2013, World Vision helped create 1,651 income-generating opportunities and provided 1,454 families with access to agricultural lands. As a result of these and other activities, the head of households in one area reported that their family's income had increased by \$300-375 (USD) a year (representing a more than 10 per cent increase over average GDP).

WASHING AWAY WATER WOES

Lack of access to water networks in the West Bank and Gaza is a major concern. Many areas have limited water access and residents are forced to buy water at four times the rate of that paid in neighbouring Israeli settlements. World Vision is contributing to the rehabilitating and expanding existing water networks to ensure the access to clean water in targeted communities. In areas that have received water support, water consumption increased 8.4 per cent while the cost of water was cut nearly in half, enabling families to use money normally spent on water on other family needs.



Women are trained in beekeeping as part of World Vision's beekeeping project in South Nablus. Photo by World Vision staff.

FAST FACTS



93% of children experience **violent discipline** (UNICEF, 2010)



40,000 children are involved in **child labour** (UNICEF, 2010)



130,000 children are **out of school** (UNESCO, 2012)



272,000 young people are not in **education, employed** or in **training**. (ILOSTAT, 2013)



Only **50%** of special needs children are **enrolled in school** (UNESCO, 2012)

TREATING TRAUMA

In the areas where World Vision operates in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza strip, 42 per cent of the patients treated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for psychosocial trauma are under the age of 9. To help support them and help them overcome the obstacles of growing up in a violent context, World Vision has established or rehabilitated 59 kindergartens and Child Friendly Spaces where they can learn and grow without fear.

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